



A Visual Faith Devotional for all ages

Prayerful Response to natural disasters and tragic events
(use at home, in children sermons, or other small group settings)

Using images, invite persons to reflect on their own experiences and emotions in response to today's current events. See [Vibrant Faith's visual faith project](#) for more information and tools for this work.

- **Preparation:** Select images to share with persons in your group. Make sure you take into consideration the ages of the persons you will be working with. For youth and adults you will want to select several images for your participants to choose from. For younger persons 2-6 images will suffice. Select images from the news, from your community, or from your facebook page. Again, make sure the photos are age appropriate and that you have copyright permissions to share/use the photos. Visit [Vibrant Faith's visual faith project](#) for photos you can use for this work. This site also offers kid appropriate images too.
- **Invite:** Say- "I have many pictures for you to choose from. I invite you to pick one picture that reflects how you feel in response to (*insert name of disaster*). Remind participants that they will be returning the photo at the end of your time together. Provide ample time for persons to review and choose a photo.
- **Reflection:** When participants return to their seats invite them to share with a partner why they chose their specific photo.
- **Scripture:**
 - Invite someone to read: [Isaiah 43:1-2](#)
 - Ask: "how does your photo reflect God's promise as revealed in the book of Isaiah?"
 - Invite someone to read: [Joshua 1:9](#)
- **Close in Prayer:** God, our creator, redeemer, and sustainer- thank-you for being with us during this difficult time. We ask that you give us courage. Help us to be brave as we seek to follow you in the midst of uncertainty. Comfort us when we feel afraid. Guide us as we seek to care for our bodies and each other. Reveal moments where peace is felt and hope is seen. Encourage us as we find ways to move forward together. It's in your Holy name we pray, Amen.

- **For short moments with children:**
 - **Choose** 4 appropriate images to share with children.
 - **Ask** wondering questions (see examples below):
 - I wonder how these images make you feel?
 - I wonder where God is in these pictures?
 - I wonder where you are in these pictures?
 - I wonder what you want to ask God?
 - I wonder what you want to share with God?
 - I wonder what God is calling you to do next?
 - **Say:** "God is always with us."
 - **Read:** [Isaiah 43:1-2](#)
 - **Pray:** God, thank-you for loving us. Thank-you for listening when we pray. Help us as we help others. Amen.