

Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings *Psalm 99*
Exodus 33:7-11
3 John

Today's Scripture Verse: *Beloved, do not imitate what is evil but imitate what is good. Whoever does good is from God; whoever does evil has not seen God. (3 John 11)*

What it means: The Second and Third Epistles of John have few things to say, and they are both very short. Still, this verse makes two important points. First, it reminds us that we all grow up imitating other people. That's how we learn and develop. Then it tells us to imitate what is good, because whoever does evil has not seen God. Indeed, we start by practicing what is good, and gradually in the practice of imitating goodness we begin to visualize who God is for us.

Our time of prayer: God, we thank you for everyone in our lives who has served as a mentor for us, teaching us to imitate the goodness of their ways. And as we have learned about goodness, we have grown in our knowledge of you.

