



## Optional Scripture Passages for “Experiencing God with the Senses”

### **Matthew 14:22-31 (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

<sup>23</sup> ...When evening came, he was there alone,

<sup>24</sup> but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup> During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

<sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29</sup> "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

<sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

### **Luke 8:22-25 (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out.

<sup>23</sup> As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

<sup>24</sup> The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm.

<sup>25</sup> "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

### **Luke 8:42-48 (NIV)**

<sup>42</sup> ... As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him.

<sup>43</sup> And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her.

<sup>44</sup> She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

<sup>45</sup> "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you."

<sup>46</sup> But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."

<sup>47</sup> Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.

<sup>48</sup> Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."



*Come to the Banquet*  
creative quiet time with God

**John 8:1-11 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>2</sup> At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.

<sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group

<sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

<sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"

<sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

<sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

<sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

<sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.

<sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

<sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

**John 20:1-2, 10-16 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

<sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

<sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes,

<sup>11</sup> but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb

<sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

<sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

<sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).