

## Saturday - April 1

*Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously—take God seriously.*

*Micah 6:8 (MSG)*

### Driven by God's Spirit

John's a preacher's kid who became a recluse wearing worn clothes and eating locusts and honey. The spitting image of the Prophet Elijah. He hated sin but felt called to reclaim sinners. At a river he preached, people repented, and drowned their sins in the water.

One day his cousin showed up. John recognized him as the Messiah and said, "You should baptize me!" but his cousin replied, "No, I need to be baptized just like my brothers and sisters here." So, John did. That's when God took action. The skies opened, the Holy Spirit came swooping down on Jesus, and the wind formed words, "You are my Son, my chosen one, marked by my love, now get to work."

Jesus' mind whirled, "What work? What am I to do?" God's spirit gave him a big shove driving him out into the wilderness for a Lenten's worth of forty days. Alone he fasted, prayed and began to comprehend God's purpose for him. From there he began his ministry of doing justice, showing mercy and walking humbly with God.

Jesus was called into ministry; in turn He calls us. Let's use this Lent to practice the ministry of justice, mercy and humility.

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**Prayer:** Wondrous Lord, drive me through these 40 days, steering me to see more clearly the purpose You have for my life. Amen.