



# Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Connecting with God; Connecting with Others; Connecting others with God*

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## ***DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM PASTOR SELL***

### **Monday, January 17**

I had a Forrest Gump moment a few days ago (OK it was more like 2 hours). I kept thinking about some of the more interesting people I have known over the years:

- I knew a man who spent months in a 'tiger cage' as a POW during Korean War.
- I have known a murderer, attempted murderer, child molesters, and a number of felons.
- I have encountered residents in some of Pennsylvania's notorious State Hospitals.
- One of the forerunners of the Navy Seals and several nuclear scientists were members of congregations I served.
- I knew a daring female doctor and a male doctor who studied infectious diseases at a major university.
- I have known extremely wealthy people and visited those with dirt floors in their homes.
- I have known thousands of really good people and a few scoundrels.

I could go on and on, but the important thing is that each was committed to following and living for Jesus. Some had always been part of the church and others came to Jesus after traumatic life experiences. God called them all in baptism, just as he calls to you "come, follow me."