

## Morning Briefing

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[Daily Bread](#) [11] is a series of short reflections, written by four authors who meet regularly to share the readings. *Daily Bread* is intended to help daily preachers and others who pray from the assigned scriptures each day to orient themselves to the Living Word addressed to the church in the world. It's a great way to begin the day.

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