

### Luka 3:7-18—Ukarimu wa Matumaini

Yohana alihubiri ujumbe wa tumaini-kwa Mungu pekee. Waisraeli katika siku za Yohana walitegemea historia yao ya muda mrefu kama watu wa Mungu waliochaguliwa-kupata mahali pao milele pamoja na Bwana. Yohana Mbatizaji aliwasaidia kuelewa wazazi wao sio ufunguo wa uhusiano sahihi na Mungu, au kuingia katika Ufalme Wake.

Wakati watu waliuliza nini cha kufanya-badala ya kile walichotegemea kwa muda mrefu-Yohana aliwaambia kuishi kwa ukarimu.

Katika kazi yako, jumuiya yako, kanisa lako-kuwa na ukarimu. Ikiwa una nguo, ushiriki ziada yako. Wakati bodi zako zimejaa, kutoa kila unachoweza. Kuwa na maudhui na kile ulicho nacho, kwa hiyo utatambua wakati una ziada. Rasilimali hizo hutoa kwa wale ambao hawana mahitaji ya maisha karibu.

Tunahitaji ukarimu wa Mwokozi ambaye anapenda, hufuata, na hutoa. Advent inatuita sisi kujiunga na Yesu kwa wema ambao hubadilisha hali ya mtu na kuwaambia kuwa Mungu anawapenda.

### Matumaini Kama Njia ya Uzima

Tafuta njia-wiki hii-kuishi kama Yesu. Watu hawawezi kuja kwako kwa uponyaji au kusikia mafundisho ya kidini, lakini watu huja karibu nawe. Unaweza kuonyeshaje upendo wa Mungu na tumaini?

**Kwa kuwa ukarimu.** Ikiwa una kitu cha kutosha, kutoa ziada zaidi. Katika kazi yako na katika kucheza kwako, fanya wengine zaidi kuliko wewe mwenyewe. Ikiwa unahitaji, basi mtu ajue, hivyo mahitaji yako yanaweza kupatikana.

Andika maelezo juu ya nafasi ambazo Bwana huleta njia yako, na jinsi alivyowapa tumaini kupitia kwako. Wiki hii, fanya wingi wako utafsiri kuwa matumaini ya ukarimu kwa mtu mwingine.

**Wiki ijayo:** Jumapili ya 4 ya Advent, Luka 1: 46-55

### Luke 3:7-18—The Generosity of Hope

John preached a message of hope—in God alone. The Israelites in John’s day relied on their long history as God’s chosen people—to secure their place in eternity with the Lord. John the Baptist helped them understand their ancestry was not the key to right relationship with God, or entrance into His Kingdom.

When the people asked what to do—instead of what they had depended upon for so long—John told them to live generously.

In your work, your community, your church—be generous. If you have clothing, share your extras. When your cupboards are full, give all you can. Be content with what you have, so you’ll recognize when you have surplus. Those resources provide for those who are without the necessities of life nearby.

We need the generosity of a Savior Who loves, pursues, and provides. Advent calls us to join Jesus in kindness that transforms a person’s situation and tells them God loves them.

### Hope As a Way of Life

Find ways—this week—to live like Jesus. People may not come to you for healing or hear religious instruction, but people do come near you. How can you demonstrate God’s love and hope?

**By being generous.** If you have enough of something, give the extra away. In your work and in your play, give more to others than you keep for yourself. If you are in need, let someone know, so your needs may be met.

Keep notes about the opportunities the Lord brings your way, and how He gave hope away through you. This week, may your abundance translate into generous hope for someone else.

**Next week:** 4th Sunday of Advent, Luke 1:46-55

**Desemba 16, 2018** Jumapili ya tatu ya Advent

**MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:**

**Leo:** *Zaburi 146 (Uliza Roho wa Mungu kuongea na wewe.)*

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**Jumatatu:** *Luka 1:26-33*

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**Jumanne:** *Ayubu 33: 29-33*

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**Jumatano:** *1 Samweli 3:1-10*

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**Alhamisi:** *1 Samweli 3:11-18*

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**Ijumaa:** *Marko 9:2-8*

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**Jumamosi:** *Yohana 10:1-6*

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*Ahadi ya Mungu:*

"Sitakuacha kamwe au kukuacha." Waebrania 13: 5

*Jibu langu:*

"Moyo wangu umesimama, Ee Mungu, moyo wangu umesimama ...Kwa maana upendo wako ni juu kama mbinguni; Uaminifu wako unaendelea na mawingu." Zaburi 57: 7-10

**December 16, 2018** Third Sunday of Advent

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Today:** *Psalm 146 (Ask God's Spirit to speak to you.)*

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**Monday:** *Luke 1:26-33*

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**Tuesday:** *Job 33:29-33*

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**Wednesday:** *1 Samuel 3:1-10*

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**Thursday:** *1 Samuel 3:11-18*

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**Friday:** *Mark 9:2-8*

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**Saturday:** *John 10:1-6*

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*God's Promise:*

"I will never leave you or forsake you." Hebrews 13:5

*My Response:*

"My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast... for Your love is as high as the heavens; Your faithfulness extends to the clouds." Psalm 57:7-10