

**26 March 2017 - Fourth Sunday in Lent/Good Shepherd Sunday.**

**Readings:** 1 Samuel 16:1–13; Psalm 23; Eph. 5:8–14; John 9:1–41.

**INTRO:** *Anointing Presence* – **Psalm 23:5**, “You have **anointed my head with oil.**” It’s what makes us Christian – “a little anointed one.”



### **I. His anointing ENLIGHTENS us(makes us LIGHT).**

**John 9:5**, “As long as I am in the world, **I am** the light of the world.”

**Ephesians 5:8**, “for at one time you were darkness, but now **you are light in the Lord.**” Cf. Jn. 14:17, “the Spirit of truth...will be **in** you.”



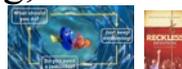
### **II.His anointing TEACHES us.**

**John 16:12-13**, “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.” **1 John 2:27**, “The **anointing** that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his **anointing teaches you about everything**, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.”



### **III.His anointing EMPOWERS us.**

**1 Samuel 16:12-13**, “Arise, **anoint him**, for this is he.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and **anointed him** in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward.” **Acts 10:37-38**, “You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how **God anointed Jesus of Nazareth** with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” **John 9:3-4**, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but **that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works** of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.”



### **IV.His anointing LEADS us.**

**Psalm 23:3**, “He **leads me** in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.”

**CONCLUSION:** *Reckless Devotion*, Day 78, *Are You Blind?* Aldi ☺