

How We Learn to Be Brave by Bishop Budde, Feb 25

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Join us on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, from 9 to 10:30 AM in Room 16

We will use the method of Lectio Divina to guide our book discussion. Our process includes listening to the text, one another, and God in a three-stage conversation prompted by questions that bring us to a deeper and deeper revelation where text intersects with our own experiences. And consider joining us every Tuesday, from 9-10:30 AM, as we use Lectio Divina to explore the upcoming gospel text for Sunday.

Lectio Divina: Holy Reading

If you are able, please bring a short passage or quote from the book that resonates with you and your experience. Or bring your copy of the book to read from.

Because we want to maximize the in-person nature of our gathering, there will be time for introductions, unstructured conversation, and prayer.

Guiding questions include: From what you read/heard, what word, phrase, or image jumps out? How does this connect with your life, experiences? What questions arise? and/or What will you take away with you?

About the Book

Bishop Budde explores the full range of decisive moments, from the most visible and dramatic (the decision to go), to the internal and personal (the decision to stay), to brave choices made with an eye toward the future (the decision to start), those born of suffering (the decision to accept that which we did not choose), and those that come unexpectedly (the decision to step up to the plate). Drawing on examples ranging from Harry Potter and Rev. Ernesto Medina to the Gospel According to Luke, she seamlessly weaves together personal experiences with stories from scripture, history, and pop culture to underscore both the universality of these moments and the particular call each one of us must heed when they arrive.

About the Author

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde is the ninth Bishop of Washington and the first woman in that office. In January 2025, Bishop Budde delivered the homily at the interfaith prayer service following the presidential inauguration. Her sermon called for mercy and unity. In 2018, Bishop Budde helped Matthew Shepard's parents safely lay their son to rest by interring his ashes at the National Cathedral - after 20 years out of fear his gravesite might be vandalized.