



Elihu Vedder, "Prayer for Death in the Desert," 1867.

Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center

Continuing Education Series

LIVES OF DEVOTION

Biblical approaches to spiritual life

Led by Bob Neff and Christina Bucher

April 29, 2015 • 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Elizabethtown College, Susquehanna Room

Biblical spirituality ranges from passionate pursuit of God to heated confrontation, from aching lament to simple prayers of petition. Biblical scholars Bob Neff and Christina Bucher take us beyond the Psalter to delve into the Bible's devotional texts and their varied spiritual "dispositions." How do these ancient expressions of piety compare to the modern ones we know best? How can the biblical examples enrich our own spiritual lives? How can they help us to understand religious expressions different from our own?

Participants will study Jeremiah 11 – 20, Job 38 – 42, Song of Songs, and prayers in I and II Chronicles (especially the "prayer of Jabez"). Corinne Ware's work on spirituality in later Israel will be used to guide reflection. The format will include both lecture and discussion, with some questions posed to participants in advance.

Teachers will reference the Bible and the following resources:

- Bailey, Wilma Ann and Christina Bucher. *Lamentations, Song of Songs*. Believers Church Bible Commentary. (Herald Press, 2015).
- Ware, Corinne. *Discover your Spiritual Type: A Guide to Individual and Congregational Growth* (Alban Institute, 1995)
- Wilkerson, Bruce. *The Prayer of Jabez: Breaking through to the Blessed Life*. (Multnomah Books, 2000).

Participants are encouraged, but not required, to purchase these texts.

Cost: \$60 (includes light breakfast, lunch, and .6 CEUs)

Mail completed registration form and payment for **Lives of Devotion** to:

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