



DEVOTION: July 7, 2019

The Upward Call of God
Allen James

Recently at the beach, we saw a miracle of nature — baby loggerhead turtles set free. The turtles spent their first 60 days of life buried under several feet of sand. After hatching, they dug upward to escape their nest then made a mad dash across the beach for the ocean. We watched their struggle in amazement. Then, as they reached the water, they began to pick up speed. Despite the waves rolling in on them, they started to swim. They were no longer struggling. They were finally doing what they were created to do — swim in the ocean.

Each of us have been created for a purpose as well. We were created to glorify God. However, despite our new birth, it often feels like we too are struggling across the sand. Through the Gospel, we will one day live completely as we were created to be — image bearers giving glory to God.

Paul reminds us that because Christ has made us His own image, and we can race forward “toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” One day, our striving will end, and we will be all we were created to be.



52 Sundays is produced by the Southern Baptist Stewardship Development Association. Devotional content contributed by SBC of Virginia pastors.



*Coordinates with
Resources: 07A*