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with John Chapman - Friday, April 21 – Sunday, April 23, 2017

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What do these new days call us to do different from that of previous generations? What have two centuries taught us that is timeless for those born in the waters of Baptism? Our time together will include prayerful listening, challenging conversation, and deep silence.

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