Devotional Reflection Questions

Find a quiet space to sit - perhaps your favorite comfy chair, or at a table with a cup of coffee. Have your Bible, a journal, and pen. Light a candle. Choose a passage in scripture and use one of the prompts below to guide your reflection:

**directional questions**

Looking backward: what was being communicated to the original audience of this story or these words?
Looking upward: what does this passage tell you about God?
Looking inward: what might God be saying to you?
Looking forward: what does this passage call you to do?

**fruits of the spirit**

The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Which fruits of the spirit do you perceive in this passage? What might God be saying to you?

**yes or no**

- What is this passage saying YES to?
- What is this passage saying NO to?

For example, the commandment of "You shall not steal" is saying NO to stealing and YES to a safe sense of community.

**finish the sentence**

- What I find most challenging about this passage is...
- What I find most comforting about this passage is...
- The character (if there is one) I admire most in this passage is...
- Through this passage, I think God might be telling me...