



# TAKING FAITH home

30 August 2015  
PENTECOST 14B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:  
**Putting God's word into practice**

### mealt ime prayer

Plates of food, gifts from above, signs of a Father's gracious love. Thank you, God! Amen.

### verse for the week

Don't just listen to the word. You fool yourselves if you do that. You must do what it says.

JAMES 1:22

### blessing

May God give you a clean heart, so that all you say, think and do pleases him. Amen.

## FAITH 5



**share** your highs and lows of the day or discuss some of the questions from the **FOURKEYS** Faith Talk.



**read** and highlight a passage of scripture in your Bible. These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23	Authentic religion
Monday	Mark 7:9-20	What makes people unclean
Tuesday	Isaiah 29:13-16	The wisdom of the wise will perish
Wednesday	Isaiah 1:10-20	Stop doing wrong, learn to do right
Thursday	Isaiah 58:1-10	Worship that pleases God
Friday	Colossians 2:6-8,16-23	Christ, not human tradition
Saturday	Psalms 112:1-8	God will bless the just
Sunday	Mark 7:24-37	Christ heals the Gentiles



**talk** about how the Bible passage relates to your highs and lows or discuss some of the ideas in **FOURKEYS** Devotional Practices.



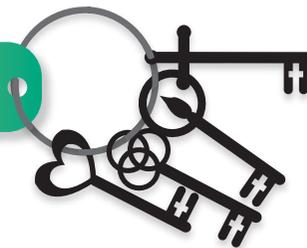
**pray** for your highs and lows, for your family, and for the world.



**bless** one another using this week's blessing or make up your own.

# FOUR KEYS

for the Home



## 1. Faith Talk

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Would you prefer to listen to, play or sing a piece of music? Why?
- The apostle James tells us that, as Christians, we should not only listen to what God's word tells us but also act on it. How do you listen to God's word? In what ways do you put your faith into action?
- What helps you to put your faith into action? What stops you or holds you back?



## 2. Devotional Practices

James 1:26 says, "People who think they are religious but say things they should not say are just fooling themselves." In your household devotion times this week give household members an opportunity to apologise for things they may have said that have caused hurt or offence to others. Then take time to affirm and encourage one another with your words. Pray for God's help to use your tongues in helpful, positive ways.



## 3. Service

The apostle James tells us that true worship of God includes looking after "orphans or widows who need help" (James 1:27). Do you know any single people or people who are isolated from family at this time? Are there ways in which you can support, encourage or assist them? Plan a practical course of action that will show you to be "doers" of God's word.



## 4. Rituals and Traditions

We read in Mark 7 that Jesus accused the Pharisees of setting aside the commands of God to observe their own traditions (Mark 7:9). Take some time to discuss the traditions that characterise your household. In what ways do they reflect God's place in your life together? What is one tradition into which you introduce a faith element, or what is a new faith-based tradition you could make part of your home life?



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