



TAKING FAITH home

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PENTECOST 20B

THIS WEEK'S THEME:
God's word is our greatest treasure!

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Lord, help us to share with others that which we receive, and give gladly to any who are in need.
Amen

verse for the week

God's word is alive and working and is sharper than a double-edged sword. It cuts all the way into us, where the soul and the spirit are joined, to the centre of our joints and bones. And it judges the thoughts and feelings in our hearts.
HEBREWS 4:12

blessing

May God's word be at work in you. May he give you strength in times of weakness and mercy in times of need.
Amen.
HEBREWS 4:12-16

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 10:17-31	A rich man goes away sad
Monday	Chronicles 29:10-20	All wealth comes from God
Tuesday	Matthew 6:19-24	Don't trust in earthly riches
Wednesday	1 Timothy 6:3-10, 17-19	Don't put your hope in wealth
Thursday	Psalms 119:97-104	God's words are sweet
Friday	Psalms 119:105-112	Your word is a lamp to my feet
Saturday	Psalms 49:16-20	Seek understanding, not riches
Sunday	Mark 10:35-45	The Son of Man came to serve



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:

- What is your favourite Bible verse or Bible story? What do you like about it?
- How is the Bible different from other books?
- Hebrews 4:12 says that God's word is "alive and working". How have you experienced this to be true?



2. Devotional Practices

Hebrews 4:12 says that the word of God is "alive and working." Gather together various versions of the Bible. In your household devotion time this week, look up various verses in each of these Bibles, noting what is similar and what is different. Talk about how to read the Bible and aids that are available to help us do that (commentaries, concordances etc.). Share your favourite Bible verses with one another.



3. Service

God's word changes the lives of people of different languages across the world. Find out more about the work of Bible translators e.g. from Lutheran Bible Translators (www.us.lbt.org), Wycliffe Bible Translators (www.wycliffe.org) or United Bible Societies (www.unitedbiblesocieties.org). Write a letter of encouragement to a Bible translator, organise a fundraiser to support Bible translation, or make a household donation.



4. Rituals and Traditions

Select a Bible to serve as your Household Bible. Paste photos of household members on the covers, or decorate with your own drawings of Bible events. Highlight the favourite Bible verses and Bible stories of different household members, as well as any wedding and confirmation texts. Place the Bible in a visible place in your home, as a reminder of the central place of God's word in your life together.



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