

TAKING FAITH HOME

20th January 2013



the *faith*5 faith acts in the home



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



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	John 2:1-11	The wedding at Cana
Monday	Isaiah 25:6-9	The finest of wines
Tuesday	Luke 5:33-39	Jesus speaks of new wine
Wednesday	Genesis 2:18-25	God institutes marriage
Thursday	Ephesians 5:21-33	Paul speaks about marriage
Friday	Hebrews 13:1-8	Marriage should be honoured
Saturday	Psalms 36:5-9	Feasting in God's house
Sunday	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth



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



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



bless one another using the following blessing or make up your own.

mealtime prayer

Lord Jesus, as you blessed the feast at Cana, bless our eating and drinking. Make us new people, full of love for you and one another. Amen.

verse for the week

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit. The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4,7 (CEV)

blessing

May the Holy Spirit bless you with faith to believe in Jesus and with many gifts to serve him. Amen.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-11

FOURKEYS

for practising faith



Discuss in your household or small group:

- What are your gifts and talents? What gifts and talents do you see in those around you?
- 1 Corinthians 12 tells us that all Christians have been given special gifts from the Holy Spirit to serve God and others. What different "spiritual gifts" can you name?
- What spiritual gifts do you think you may have? How are you putting these to use to serve God and others?



This Sunday's epistle reading from 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 teaches us that the Christian community is filled with gifts of the Spirit. These gifts enable some of us to be teachers or counsellors, prophets or preachers, healers or leaders.

As part of your household devotion times this week, talk about the gifts of the Spirit you see at work in one another. Which household members reveal these gifts?

- ability to communicate well with others;
- wisdom about how to live;
- a healing touch;
- understanding of others' needs;
- ability to express one's faith.



Who in your community is preparing to be married? Work together as a household to write a prayer for them. Use it this week in your household devotion times. Send a copy of the prayer to them, letting them know that you have been praying for them.



Jesus' appearance at the wedding at Cana shows that God loves weddings, and desires to bless married couples that want him to be part of their lives. This week is a good time for husbands and wives to share with their children or grandchildren about their own weddings, and what part Jesus plays in their marriage. They may wish to show wedding photos and reminisce with their children about the day of their wedding.



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