

TAKING FAITH HOME

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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	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth
Monday	Isaiah 61:1-7	The Spirit of God is on me
Tuesday	Luke 4:31-44	Jesus drives out an evil spirit
Wednesday	Luke 6:6-11	Jesus heals in the synagogue
Thursday	Acts 14:1-7	Paul & Barnabas in the synagogue
Friday	2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5	The power of God's Word
Saturday	Psalms 119:105-112	God's Word gives light
Sunday	Luke 4:21-30	The prophet Jesus is rejected



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, we come together as members of your body. Feed us to work together, so that in us, others may see you. Amen.

verse for the week

The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:12 (NLT)

blessing

May God give you his Spirit. May he bless and strengthen you as part of the body of Christ. Amen.

1 COR. 12:12-13

FOURKEYS

for practising faith



Discuss in your household or small group:

- What would your life be like without a tongue, or fingers or feet?
- The apostle Paul describes the church as a body that is made up of many parts (1 Cor. 12:12-31). What body part do you think best describes the part you play in the church?
- Paul says that the different parts of the body of Christ should have "equal concern" for each other. What does this mean?



Use your bodies and go for a household prayer walk this week! Pray aloud (one at a time!) as you walk, and allow what you see (people, nature, places and signs) to direct you in prayer (e.g. if you pass a school pray for its teachers and students). Don't forget to say a prayer of thanks for your bodies and for your part in the body of Christ.



Paul says that in the body of Christ, the church, we are to care for one another, and treat each other as equally important (1 Cor. 12:25-26). When one part of the body suffers, the whole body is called to share in their suffering. Who is suffering in your church family at present? Plan a way that you, as a household, can show care for them.



When Jesus attended the synagogue in his home town of Nazareth he read to them from the book of Isaiah. Volunteer as a household to lead the Bible readings one Sunday at your church. Practice together at home. Also consider volunteering for other duties at your church e.g. cleaning, serving coffee, ushering, taking the offering.

ParentWord - Parents and Mutual Support

In 2002 the Search Institute and the YMCA conducted a significant survey of parents in the USA. The survey asked about the extent that parents drew upon extended family, friends and community resources for parenting support. The results showed that most parents rarely sought or received support – they were, in effect, "going it alone". This is a call to action - the truth is that it is not God's design for parents or households to ever "go it alone". Parenting is too challenging and important for that!

The survey also found that simply talking to other parents about parenting can make a big difference for parents who feel burdened or pressured. Maybe you, as a parent, could take a step to open up to another parent about your fears and challenges. It could work wonders for you both!



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