

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 7:11-17	Jesus raises a widow's son
Monday	John 11:1-19,32-43	Jesus raises Lazarus
Tuesday	Acts 9:36-43	Peter restores Tabitha
Wednesday	Acts 20:7-12	Paul raises a young man
Thursday	Jeremiah 30:12-15,17-22	God will heal Zion
Friday	James 5:13-16	The prayer of faith
Saturday	Psalms 68:1-10,19-20	God protects the widows
Sunday	Luke 7:36 - 8:3	A woman anoints Jesus' feet



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.

mealt ime prayer

Thank you Lord, for this our meal - for grace and love and gifts that heal. Give us willing hearts to share with those around who need our care. Amen.

verse for the week

The people were all filled with wonder and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people."

LUKE 7:16-17 (NIRV)

blessing

May God show you the special plans he has for you. May Jesus shine through you, today and always. Amen.

GALATIANS 1:15-16

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for practising faith



Discuss in your household or small group:

- Share about a time when you felt sad. What made you feel that way?
- Read Luke 7:11-14. Who was sad? Why? How did Jesus react?
- How does Jesus help us when we are sad?

In your home devotion times this week, pray for those who work with people who are sick. Include in your prayers the doctors, nurses, hospitals and other care institutions in your own community. As a reminder to pray, write the names of people and places on band-aids and affix these to your meal table.

Whom do you know who is unwell? Plan an act of kindness to encourage them e.g. put together a bouquet of flowers, visit with a plate of biscuits, send them a handmade card.

As a young man, the apostle Paul was "extremely zealous" about the "traditions" of Judaism (Galatians 1:14). When Jesus became his Lord he received a new way of life with new traditions. Take some time to talk together about your household traditions. What were some traditions in the parent's homes when they were growing up? What are your household traditions and what makes them special? What are some new traditions you could begin? What traditions show you to be a household set apart by God and called by his grace? (see Galatians 1:15)

Here is a list of some possible household traditions:

- No one can go to bed until they've told each member of the household "I love you."
- Take turns choosing a topic of discussion at the dinner table.
- Have a special dinner plate to be used by a household member who has a reason to celebrate.
- Have a household storytime once a week before bed.
- Go for a nighttime walk on a certain evening each week.
- Keep a household journal, letting everyone write in it.
- For birthdays, each household member chooses his or her favourite menu, then everyone except the birthday person helps prepare the meal.



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