# TAKING FAITH HOME



8th September 2013



faith acts in the home



**Share** your highs and lows of the day or discuss some of the questions from the **FOUNCYS** 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 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple
Monday	Matthew 10:34-42	The cost of discipleship
Tuesday	Matthew 16:21-26	Taking up our cross
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-41	Suffering for Jesus' sake
Thursday	Philippians 3:7-14	Sharing in Jesus' sufferings
Friday	1 Peter 4:12-19	Suffering as Christians
Saturday	Psalm 101	Choosing God's law
Sunday	Luke 15:1-10	The lost sheep and the lost coin



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



**PPAY** 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

For the food we share, for loved ones who care, and for days so fair - we thank you, God. Amen.

#### verse for the week

"Choose life! Be completely faithful to the Lord your God, love him, and do whatever he tells you. The Lord is the only one who can give life."

DEUTERONOMY 30:19B-20A (CEV)

#### blessing

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PHILEMON 3



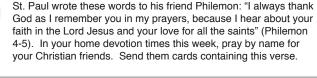
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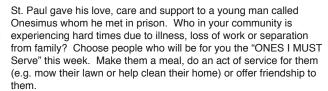


3. service

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is the best thing about being a follower of Jesus? What is the most difficult thing?
- Jesus said that we must "give up everything" to be his disciples.
   How do you understand his words? What has Jesus given up for you?







Jesus said "anyone who does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). This means that we sometimes have to do things that we don't want to do or that are hard. Invite household members to think of one "hard thing" they could attempt this week as a follower of Jesus e.g. be friendly to someone who has no friends, make peace with someone they are fighting with, work on a bad habit. Make small crosses out of wire to carry (e.g. in your clothes pockets) as a reminder of Jesus' words

## Parent Word - Household Spiritual Goal-Setting

Many people make plans for their financial future but few approach their spiritual lives in the same way. In Luke 14 we find Jesus encouraging us to think carefully about what it means to follow him and to plan our whole lives accordingly. Make time this week to talk about your household's spiritual goals. As a community of Jesus' disciples, what would you like to (a) keep doing; (b) stop doing; (c) start doing; (d) do differently? Set one or two goals for your spiritual life (e.g. "We would like to pray together more", "We would like to serve others more"). Brainstorm ideas for working towards this goal and decide on one or more action steps. Print up your goal/s on a poster or large piece and paper and place in a prominent spot in your home. Revisit your goal/s in the coming months.







