

TAKING FAITH HOME

5th May 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 14:23-29	The sending of the Counsellor
Monday	John 3:1-8	Born of the Spirit
Tuesday	Ezekiel 36:22-31	The Spirit promised to Israel
Wednesday	Luke 12:8-12	Jesus speaks of the Spirit
Thursday	Acts 1:1-11	Jesus taken up into Heaven
Friday	John 13:36 – 14:4	In the Father's house
Saturday	Psalms 143	May your Spirit lead me
Sunday	John 17:20-26	Jesus prays for the disciples



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

Come, Spirit of God,
and on us rest, our table
to grace, and our food to
bless. Amen.

verse for the week

"I give you peace, the kind of
peace that only I can give. It
isn't like the peace that this
world can give. So don't be
worried or afraid."

JOHN 14:27 (CEV)

blessing

May God show grace to
you and bless you. May
he smile on you with
kindness. Amen.

PSALM 67:1

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for practising faith



Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is a teacher? What is a counsellor?
- Share about a good teacher or counsellor you know or have known. What did you like about them?
- Jesus said the Holy Spirit is a counsellor and a teacher (John 14:26). What does this tell us about the Spirit?
- Have you experienced the Spirit teaching or counselling you? Share your experiences.



In Acts 16:13-15 we read that Paul and his companions shared their faith with a woman named Lydia, whose job was selling purple cloth. As a result she became a Christian and was baptised. What people around you do not know and follow Jesus? Pray for them by name in your devotion times this week. Ask God to give you opportunities to share your faith with them through your words and your actions. Place a strip of purple cloth on your meal table to remind you to pray for them.



When Lydia became a Christian she invited the apostle Paul and his companions into her home (Acts 16:15). Plan to provide hospitality to a fellow Christian in your home in the coming week.



This Thursday (9th May) is Ascension Day. In many Christian churches this Day of the church year goes by virtually unnoticed, but it is actually one of the five great festivals of the church, celebrated from the fourth century onwards. Marking the last earthly appearance of the Lord Jesus after his resurrection (Acts 1:1-12; Luke 24:50-53; Mark 16:19; Matthew 28:16-20), Ascension Day falls on the fortieth day after Easter Sunday.

Make time this week for a household outing to a park. Take a blanket to spread on the ground, then lie down and look at the sky. Read an account of the Ascension from a Bible or Bible storybook and talk about what it might have been like to see Jesus ascend to heaven. Pray that you will be ready when he comes again.



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