

# Growing PRAISE

**EVERY NIGHT...EVERY HOME...THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IN LIFE**

4 - 10 March 2018

VERSES of the week— Mark 9:24

***"I do believe,  
but help me  
to overcome my unbelief!"***

## TABLE GRACE

Lord Jesus,  
join us at this meal we pray;  
bless our food & work today.  
Help us always live for you;  
take up our cross to follow  
you. Amen.

## 5 POINT CHECK UP

1. Share your highs (good times) and lows (bad times)
2. Read a verse from the Bible.
3. What do you find “best” in the text? What is most confusing or hard to understand? What does God want you to do ?
4. Pray for one another (Praise God, Thank Jesus, Ask the Holy Spirit).
5. Bless one another.

## THOUGHT for the week:

**“I have always failed in my quest for disbelief.**  
For me, the alternative to believing in God  
is to believe in myself  
in some kind of absolute way;  
a loneliness too horrendous to contemplate.  
**I can't live in a space that small”.**  
-- Michael McGirr

Living Water Fellowship, Wagga Wagga

Come...Grow...Go...Show



## let's TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read Mark 9:14-32 & Isaiah 53:2-12. What strikes you as you read these verses?
2. Describe the scene Jesus encounters. What is the issue for the disciples? What does Jesus say is the real problem? What is Jesus' solution?
3. What do you suppose the disciples & Pharisees were arguing about? As the boy's father, how would you feel during this argument?
4. Jesus' response, "If you can?" in 9:23 is almost contemptuous. In the second part of that verse "...him who believes" of whom is Jesus speaking? (A) himself, (B) his disciples, (C) the boy's father, (D) whoever is listening?
5. The response of the boy's father in 9:24 seems to be a contradiction. How can you have faith & not have faith? Have you ever felt like this? How are prayer & faith related? In what area of your life do you struggle with doubt? How has God helped you overcome your unbelief in the past?
6. What does Jesus want the father to recognise, before the miracle? How does this link to what Jesus wants his disciples to learn too?
7. Note vs 32. The disciples still don't quite understand Jesus. Who do you know who struggles to "get" Jesus? Pray for God's wisdom & the chance to share your faith.

### Let's READ

Sunday	2 Peter 3:17-18	Thursday	Colossians 1:19-22
Monday	Romans 13:3-4	Friday	Psalm 34:16
Tuesday	Micah 2:1-3	Saturday	1 Peter 5:8-11
Wednesday	Proverbs 21:15		

## let's PRAY

PRAISE GOD for his strength in every circumstance.

THANK JESUS for defeating sin & evil  
by his death & resurrection.

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to defend you against every  
trick of the evil one.

## let's BLESS

Make the sign of the cross on each other & say:  
**(Name), + child of God, may the Father's love,  
the Son's power and the Spirit's presence  
keep you confident in Him at all times. Amen.**

