

# 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 (**P**raise God, **T**hank Jesus, **A**sk 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**



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## 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

Psalms 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.*

