

# Growing PRAISE

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

**Happy Father's Day**

2—8 September 2018

VERSE of the week— *Matthew 13:44-46*

*“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement joy, he hid it again & sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field. Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned & bought it!”*

## TABLE GRACE

(tune: William Tell Overture)

*Be present at our table Lord.  
Be here & everywhere adored.  
These mercies bless  
& grant that we  
may feast in paradise with thee.  
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:

*“Faith is a living, bold trust in God’s grace;  
so certain of God’s favour that it would risk death  
a thousand times trusting in it...Because of it, you  
freely, willingly & joyfully do good to everyone,  
serve everyone, suffer all kinds of things to love &  
praise the God who has shown you such grace!”*

— Martin Luther



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## let's TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read Matthew 13:44-46. What strikes you as you read these verses?
2. What is something you have in your house you consider of great value? Do you **safeguard it in some way? Do you find pleasure & joy in that thing or is it "just another thing?" Can you be indifferent or complacent about something valuable?**
3. What do the Parables of the Hidden Treasure & Pearl of Great Price have in common? **What attitudes characterize the "finder" in the first parable & the "merchant" in the second? Does that attitude describe your relationship to Jesus?**
4. **Two old sayings: "Don't put all your eggs in one basket" "Moderation in all things."** Compare/contrast those to these two parables. What would you say about your **relationship with Christ in that light? Are you more like the "old sayings" or more like the "finder & the merchant"?** Why? **Does something need to change?**
5. What would you say is the main point of these parables? How do they encourage you in your life with Christ? How do they challenge you?
6. How should your position as a child of God & co-heir with Christ affect your values? **How does your current life in Christ's kingdom affect your life? Can you share that?**

### let's READ

Sunday	Philippians 4:8-9	Thursday	Deuteronomy 31:8
Monday	Matthew 16:26	Friday	Psalms 63:7-8
Tuesday	Isaiah 43:1-4	Saturday	1 Peter 1:18-20
Wednesday	Romans 3:25		

## let's PRAY

*PRAISE GOD for claiming you as His treasure.*

*THANK JESUS for offering his precious holy life for yours.*

*ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to claim every part of your life in response to Christ's love for you & his life in you.*

## let's BLESS

*Make the sign of the cross on each other & say:*

**(Name), † child of God,  
May the love of Christ  
be your priceless treasure. Amen.**

