Growing PRAISE

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

9 — 15 December 2018

VERSE of the week: Luke 1:31-33

"You will conceive & give birth to a son, & you will name him Jesus. He will be very great & will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

TABLE GRACE

(tune - Little Drummer Boy)

Come, it's time to eat
Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum

We'll have some veggies and meat Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum

We'll drink our milk and water
Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum

And we'll thank God like we oughter Pa-rum-pa-pum-pum, rum-pa-pum-pum rum-pa-pum-pum A-a-a-men.

5 POINT CHECK UP

- 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:

"God doesn't call us to be comfortable.

He calls us to trust Him so completely
that we are unafraid
to put ourselves in situations
where we will be in deep trouble
if He doesn't come through."

-- Francis Chan

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 Isaiah 9:2-7 & Luke 1:26-55. What strikes you as you read?
- 2. Describe different types of "clothes" or "uniforms" that people wear to perform their work. If we are sent with "good news," how ought we to be "dressed?"
- 3. How is Mary an example of both doubt & trust, fear & faith? How are you like that? How does Luke 1:26-45 open the way to the fulfillment of Is. 61? (See also Lk 4:15ff)
- 4. In what area of your life do you need to believe that "nothing is impossible with God?" How is that a word of encouragement that you can share with someone else?
- 5. Read 2 Samuel 7:8-12, 16. How is this prophecy fulfilled in Jesus?
- 6. What do you appreciate most about Mary? about Elizabeth? How does Elizabeth echo Gabriel's greeting? Why is that important? Why does Elizabeth feel herself blessed? How are others blessed when we bring to them the presence of Christ & the promise of salvation?
- 7. **God always begins with "nothing" or with "ruins" to create something for his glory.**Ask God to work in those parts of your life that seem ruined or nothing for his glory.
- 8. How does v 45 relate to our faith in God? Whom can you bless this week with the news of God's saving love as you have experienced it in Jesus Christ?

| A P | Sunday Monday | Isaiah 43:1 | Thursday | 2 Timothy 1:8-11 |
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| 묎 | Monday | John 6:38-44 | Friday | 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 |
| et's | Tuesday | Daniel 12:2-3 | Saturday | Jeremiah 1:5-10 |
| <u>a</u> | Wednesday | Proverbs 2:1-8 | BONUS | Isaiah 43:10 |

let's PRAY

Father prepare me for whatever you require today and lead me in faith wherever you call me to go.

In Jesus' Name... Amen.

let's BLESS

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

(Name), † child of God, May God's power claim you for his work in this world. Amen.

