

Growing PRAISE

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

21 — 27 July 2019

VERSE of the week — *Jonah 4:2*

**“I knew you are a merciful & compassionate God,
slow to get angry & filled with unfailing love.
You are eager to turn back
from destroying people.”**

TABLE GRACE

(tune - Addam's Family)

*We thank you God for giving,
the things we need for living.*

*So bless us as we eat now
And help our family.*

A-a-a-men (snap snap)

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*A-a-a-men A-a-a-men A-a-a-men
(snap snap)*

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:

**Your life as a Christian should make non believers
question their disbelief in God.**

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*Sometimes we just need a firm kick in the pants.
An unsmiling expectation that if we mean all these
wonderful things we talk about and sing about, then*

let's see something to prove it.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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let's TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read the book of Jonah (**only 4 chapters, 47 verses**). What strikes you as you read?
2. **What do God's initial call & Jonah's response tell us about Jonah? God pursues Jonah.** What does that say about God & you? What sort of prayer does Jonah pray **from inside the big fish**? **Why does he pray as though God has already answered?**
3. The first readers of this story would recognise that Nineveh was the capital of the **oppressive & violent Assyrian empire.** What would it mean for them to **"turn from their evil ways & violence"** (3:8)? **What is God like according to 4:2 & why do you think Jonah has a problem with this?**
4. **Why is Jonah angry with God? Why would Jonah want to limit God's mercy & compassion?** When have you tried to be judge, jury & executioner?
5. How is the last question a profound challenge for Jonah and for you?
6. In what ways do you see in this book the compassion of God that we also see in the **compassion of Christ? To what "Nineveh" can you share that compassion of God that we know in Jesus Christ?**

let's READ - can you memorize these?

Sunday	Revelation 1:5-6	Thursday	1 John 2:2
Monday	1 John 5:11-12	Friday	Hebrews 10:10 & 14
Tuesday	Psalms 9:10	Saturday	1 Peter 3:24
Wednesday	Hebrews 9:27-28	BONUS	Psalms 16:5, 8, 11

let's PRAY

PRAISE GOD that he never tires of loving us.

THANK JESUS that his death & resurrection claim us for the Father forever.

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to move you to share **God's love with someone you know.**

let's BLESS

Make the sign of the cross on each other as you say:

(Name), † child of God,

The Father has chosen you to live in His love! Amen.

