

# Growing PRAISE

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

1 — 7 September 2019

VERSES of the week — Psalm 103:12 & Matthew 6:12

***“He has removed our sins as far from us  
as the east is from the west.”***

***“...forgive us our sins,  
as we have forgiven those who sin against us”***

## TABLE GRACE

(tune “Rock around the clock”)

*God is great, God is good  
And we thank him for our food.  
We gonna thank him in the  
morning, noon and night.  
We’re gonna thank the Lord,  
He’s dynamite!  
Amen. Amen.  
Amen. Amen. 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:

*“Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea,  
until they have something to forgive.” - CS Lewis*

*“Forgiveness is a powerful thing.  
It doesn't change what has happened;  
it changes what is to come.” - Janeen Latini*

*“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable  
because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”  
- CS Lewis*

**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 Matthew 6:9-13, Psalm 103:1-5 & 11-19 and Ephesians 1:4-8. What do you notice?
2. Why do you think people are content to live in bitterness & grudge-bearing when the release of forgiveness is available? Why do some people think getting even for an offense makes their hurt at being offended go away? What characteristics in your **life might indicate that you haven't fully forgiven past hurts?**
3. **Are there any who have so deeply wounded you that you feel it's impossible to forgive them?** If so, how do you feel emotionally or physically when you hear their names or have to be in the same room with them? How should a Christian deal with recurring offenses, especially those that open up old wounds?
4. How does unforgiveness affect our prayers? (See Mk 11:25) Read Colossians 3:12-13 & Genesis 50:19. When you are unwilling to forgive, who are you trying to be? How can choosing to bless those who have offended you encourage others in your life to do the same? Who needs to hear a word of forgiveness from you today?

## let's READ

Sunday	Colossians 3:13	Thursday	Isaiah 55:7
Monday	Proverbs 17:9	Friday	Proverbs 28:13
Tuesday	1 John 2:2	Saturday	Acts 13:38-39
Wednesday	Psalm 86:5		

## let's PRAY

***PRAISE GOD for His persistent forgiveness.  
THANK JESUS for giving his life to forgive  
your sin.  
ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to shape in you a  
heart of forgiveness toward others.***

## let's BLESS

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

**(Name), † child of God,  
For Christ's sake,  
you are forgiven! Amen.**

