

# GROWING PRAISE

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

24 - 30 May 2020

## VERSE of the week — 1 Peter 5:8-9

***“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, & be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.”***

### TABLE GRACE

***Gracious God,  
Thank you  
for the food before us,  
the people around us,  
your love between us,  
& your presence among us.  
In Jesus' Name, 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:

***“It doesn't really matter  
if Jesus rose from the dead  
if he isn't risen in you!”***

***– Martin Luther***



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**Come...Grow...Go...Show**

## let's TALK

1. Gather in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Share your highs/lows. Read 1 Peter 4:12-14 & 5:6-11 and Luke 24:1-9. What strikes you as you read?
2. Why would a Christian believe they were supposed to be immune to pain, suffering & struggle in this life? How is rejoicing in suffering different from enduring suffering?
3. When suffering comes, what is the first thing a follower of Jesus can & should do? See vss 16-9...How does prayer help us in difficult circumstances?
4. Peter points out 3 sets of relationships: with other believers, with Satan, & with God. How would you summarize Peter's points for each of these?
5. God's Word speaks to us in a variety of ways. What joy, comfort, or warning do Peter's instructions in vss 6-11 point to in your experience?
6. Compare 1 Peter 1:2 & 5:14. Why is it important that Peter begins & ends this letter with the same blessing? Who can you bless in this way today? Please do.
7. If you were to write a letter to struggling Christians, what parts of this letter would help you encourage & strengthen the faith & boldness of other Christ-followers?

## let's READ

Sunday	Romans 16:25-27	Thursday	Psalm 119:105
Monday	John 3:17-21	Friday	2 Peter 1:16-19
Tuesday	Judges 5:31	Saturday	Luke 1:68-69
Wednesday	Malachi 4:2-3	MEMORIZE	1 Peter 5:6-7

## let's PRAY

***PRAISE GOD for his persistent blessing in our lives  
even in times of suffering.***

***THANK JESUS for taking on our suffering  
so we can take on his glory.***

***ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT to increase the boldness  
of your faith.***

## let's BLESS

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

***(Name), † \_\_\_\_\_, child of God,***

***Christ gives you victory over every evil.***

***Amen.***

