



Taking Faith Home

March 25, 2018

My Dear Fellow Christians, The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 10:17: ***Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.*** If you have a sincere desire to grow in your faith and be strong in your faith then this promise of God is for you. When you read the Bible passages assigned below, be assured that God Himself is speaking to you. When you take to heart what God is saying to you, be further assured that the faith given to you in your Baptism is being nourished and strengthened. And so when you take this devotion outline and put it into practice, be assured that you are really:

TAKING FAITH HOME!

May God richly bless you! *Pastor Dan Decker*

The following is offered as a daily discipline for your reading, study, prayer, and praise.

I. Begin with: *In the Name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

II. Confess the Second Commandment: *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain.* *What does this mean?* We should fear and love God that we may not curse, swear, use witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

III. PSALM OF THE WEEK: Psalm 16

IV. PRAYER OF THE WEEK:

Lord, when trouble is near, remind me to call on You. In any moment of need, when I ask for help from You, I honor Your Name. When I am faithful to what You teach, I am honoring Your holy Name. Even as You know me by name, may I use Yours with love and devotion, now and forever. Amen.

V. DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Sunday-Psalm 118

Tuesday-Isaiah 25:6-9

Thursday-1 Corinthians 15:12-18

Monday-Isaiah 25:1-5

Wednesday-1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Friday- 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Saturday-Mark 16:1-8

VI. DAILY PRAYERS (Please try to focus your prayers on the theme of each day):

Sunday: Pray for St. Paul's members to experience the joy of Jesus' resurrection and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God's Word.

Monday: Pray in thanksgiving for your Baptism, for your coworkers and the unemployed.

Tuesday: Pray that God's Word would guide your daily decisions, for those who have fallen away from the Church, and for all unbelievers.

Wednesday: Pray for those who serve in our government, for your family and friends, and for those who are in adult and junior confirmation classes.

Thursday: Pray in thanksgiving for the privilege of receiving the Lord's Supper.

Friday: Pray for all Christians who are experiencing persecution because of the Faith and for all who experience mental and physical pain.

Saturday: Pray that the Holy Spirit would draw His people to His House.

VII. SPECIAL PETITIONS FOR THIS WEEK: Pray for God's blessings on our school enrollment process.

Our members, who are ill: Dorothy Johnson; Donna Louison; Frank Splinter; Payden Belk; Presley Belk

Friends/Family of our members, who are ill: *These names will remain on the list for three months.* Please remember all who are ill, especially:

JANUARY --- Pastor Paul Garchow; Erric Moen (*friend of Paul & Vicki Fetting*)

FEBRUARY --- Deb Husen (*mother of Jason Steinke*)

MARCH --- Nancy Wagner Zimborski (*alumna of St. Paul's School*)

Military and families: (Capital Letters = Active Military): ZACH BOUTELLE; Dan Caldwell; RYAN CLAUER; MASON CRAWLEY (*son-in-law of Cynthia LeStarge*); MAKENZIE DE WAR; SETH HAFFERY; Kyle Hendrikson; Emily (Oscarson) Keator; Stephen Lenaas; CHAZ and KALON MAGNUSON (*sons of Cynthia LeStarge*); TYLER MOREHEAD; JONATHAN PALSMA (*son of Cynthia LeStarge*); Kathy (Sands) McKillips; AMBER SORNSON; KEITH SPOON. *Please note that some military members cannot be listed for security reasons.*

Missionaries: Shauen & Krista Trump serving in Africa; Kip & Ivy Hoech serving in Kyrgyzstan; Pastor John Reinke serving the Deaf; James & Christel Neuendorf and Jamielynn Tinkey serving in the Dominican Republic. *Please note that some missionaries cannot be listed for security reasons.*