



## Taking Faith Home

May 13, 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:

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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 Ninth Commandment:** *You shall not covet your neighbor's house. What does this mean? - We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.*

**III. PSALM OF THE WEEK: : Psalm 1**

**IV. PRAYER OF THE WEEK:** Lord God, I like to think that this commandment is easy to keep. But I know better. Even as I have seen others envy me when I have something special, or was with someone special, I also know how to be jealous. It is hard to be content with who I am and what I have. Since I was very little I've been taught to gain and get ahead, to succeed and take a full measure of this world's pleasures. Now I hear You warning me to be careful that I do not seek any supposed happiness at the expense of my brother, my sister, or my neighbor. . Help me to trust in what the Apostle Paul says of You in Romans 8:32: *He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?* Give me the faith to trust that if You were willing to give Jesus to be my Savior, then You will surely give to me all the other things I truly need in life. This I ask through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

**V. DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**Sunday-** Psalm 51:1-12

**Monday-**Acts 1:1-11

**Tuesday-**Acts 1:12-26

**Wednesday-**1 John 5:1-8

**Thursday-**1 John 5:9-15

**Friday-**John 17:1-11

**Saturday-**John 17:12-19

**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 upcoming junior confirmation.

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

**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:

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

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

MAY --- Deb Husen (*mother of Jason Steinke*);

**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.*