

God's Story Your Story



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Faith 5 – A pattern for shaping a life of faith

Share:

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Read: Reflect on the key verses from Sunday's reading.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

Talk:

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- In light of God's promises, how do you make sense of the times in life when God's presence seems terribly far away?
How do you make sense of evil?
- How do others know you are a child of God?

Pray:

God of grace, we are blessed because there is nothing in this world that can take you from us. Help us to recognize you in all things and at all times, for the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

God of the nations, speak to us in words that change our lives.
We long for your Spirit in vibrant new expressions. Amen.

Some Background

On this Pentecost we celebrate the Holy Spirit that is God's presence with us. In the midst of suffering, it is God's Holy Spirit that "intercedes with sighs too deep for words." Despite human suffering, there is nothing that can separate us from God's love. This love gives us hope that we can endure any suffering, knowing that we are not alone.

Follow the book of Romans, as Paul explains humanity's relationship with God's righteousness.

Sunday, Acts 2:1-4, *Pentecost*

Monday, Romans 8:18-39, *Pentecost*

Tuesday, Romans 14:1-12, *Do Not Judge Another*

Wednesday, Romans 14:13-23, *Do Not Make Another Stumble*

Thursday, Romans 15:1-13, *Gospel for All*

Friday, Romans 15:14-21, *Paul's Reason for Writing So Boldly*

Saturday, Romans 15:22-33, *Paul's Plan to Visit Rome*