

# 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 not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."* Romans 1:16-17

## Talk:

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What sins do you consider unforgivable? What sins can be easily overlooked? Does God make a distinction between the two?
- What shames or embarrasses you about your life in faith? What would make that shame or embarrassment lessened?

## Pray:

God of redemption, you have made us right with you, so that we might live in your kingdom forever. Accept our unashamed praise for the gifts you have so freely bestowed, for the glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Bless:

Saving God, reveal the beauty of your grace to us in the reading of the scriptures today. Amen.

## Some Background

Even though Christians understand that we are saved by faith and not by works of the law, it is still tempting to believe that we go to heaven because we are good, not because God is good. We often want to believe others may not go to heaven because they are bad. But our world is not made up of such absolutes. God saves not based on our goodness or badness. God saves because of God's goodness. Salvation is ours because we have a righteous God. Salvation is ours by faith through God's grace.

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

Sunday, Romans 1:1-17, *Gospel as Salvation*

Monday, Matthew 9:10-13, *Call of Matthew*

Tuesday, Romans 2:17-3:8, *The Jews and the Law*

Wednesday, Romans 3:9-20, *None Is Righteous*

Thursday, Romans 3:21-31, *Righteousness through Faith*

Friday, Romans 4:1-12, *The Example of Abraham*

Saturday, Romans 4:13-25, *God's Promise Realized through Faith*