

The FAITH 5
FAITH ACTS IN THE HOME OR SMALL GROUP
Week of February 21st-27th

Follow these 5 simple steps each day

1) **Share** your high (bright spot) and your low (the low spot) of the day. 2) **Read** and highlight a verse or two of scripture in your Bible (verses below for each day). 3) **Talk** about how the Bible verse relates to your day (some questions below to help with this time). 4) **Pray** for highs and lows, for the family or small group, and for the world. 5) **Bless** one another. (Blessing to be shared this week: [“May God’s word be a lamp unto your feet and light unto your path.”](#)) The process should take 5-15 minutes depending on your discussion time.



Sunday evening, Feb. 21st: Read & highlight **Luke 4:1-4**. Discuss together the idea that Jesus states in verse 4: “One does not live on bread alone.” What do we live on? To put another way, when you get down to it, what is really important to us? What gives life meaning?

Monday, Feb. 22nd: Read and highlight **Luke 4:5-8**. So what do we worship? Other than God, what do we elevate in our lives to worship status? Discuss some of the things in our lives that we worship.

Tuesday, Feb. 23rd: Read and highlight **1 Peter 5:8**. So what temptations are “prowling” around your life? Discuss together some things that are tempting, that pull you away from God and toward yourself?

Wednesday, Feb. 24th: Read and highlight **Luke 4:9-13**. Where is your “pinnacle?” Discuss together how sometimes our ambitious, our achievements can draw us away from God’s will.

Thursday, Feb. 25th: Read and highlight **Mark 3:17**. Try to memorize this verse. This has been our Sunday School kids memory verse for the last month. Then ask each other, when do you feel God is most pleased with you? With the church? With your family?

Friday, Feb. 26th: Read and highlight **Psalms 119:105**. Jesus fought off temptation not with willpower but with truth. What role does God’s word (scripture reading) play in your life? Discuss ways we have to learn God’s truth.

Saturday, Feb. 27th: Read over **Joshua 5:9-12**. This weekend Pastor Rich is going to be talking a little about camping. Discuss together some ways that we want life to be like modern camping ... full of luxuries and no roughing it. Pray together as well about giving a special gift, over and above your regular giving to support the camping programs of our church. We will be taking a special offering this weekend to support camping.

Daily Prayer

Gracious God, we understand that temptation is unavoidable. We ask that you would grant us eyes to spot the lies and a heart full of truth. Give us the strength to choose real, lasting, life-giving food that we found in your word. Thank you most of all for giving us your Son, our Savior, and our only hope, Jesus Christ. Thank you for his obedience on our behalf. Amen.”

Luke 4:1-13: The Temptation of Jesus

⁴Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", ¹¹and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

¹²Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

I Peter 5:8

Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.

Psalm 119:105

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Joshua 5:9-12.

The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.' And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were encamped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.