



Daily Bible readings, a memory verse and a prayer for individual contemplation
Weekly worship song, reflection and small group questions

ARE YOU GOING THROUGH A MID-FAITH CRISIS?

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BIBLE READING:

Sunday 25 July Exodus 4:1-17; Mal 3:6-7; John 6:66-68

PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

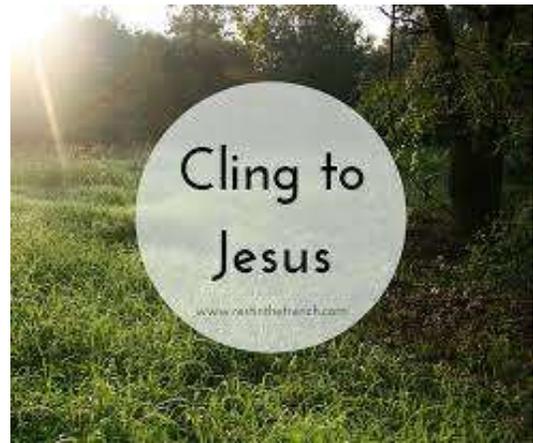
 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OOphlgGkjM>

Reflection by Yvonne Roberg
Do you also want to go away?

After many of Jesus's disciples and followers 'walked with him no more', Jesus asked his disciples: "Do you also want to go away?" You see things were starting to get tough! Many of Jesus's teachings were foreign and difficult to understand and opposition against him and his disciples was growing from all quarters. Sometimes as we follow Jesus things can get tough. We may have opposition from friends, family, our work colleagues. We may have difficulty understanding why certain things have happened in our lives: the loss of a loved one, financial crises or sickness. We may begin to doubt. Doubt God's goodness to us, doubt whether we really believe in God, doubt whether God has a plan for us and even doubt whether we are able to fulfill all that God has planned for us. To all of this doubt and to our crisis of faith we need to look

to Simon Peter's answer to Jesus: **"Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!"** Despite all the difficulties that came from following Jesus, Simon Peter chose to **cling** to Jesus! I honestly agree with Simon Peter, 'to whom else shall we go'? Scripture is so clear: *"Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him"* (Jn 14:6). Simon Peter and the disciples believed and knew that Jesus was the Christ! James 3:8 says: *"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you"*.

Despite our fears, our worries, our disappointments and doubts, we need to continue to cling to Jesus. Remember that when you have a crisis of faith "Christ will hold you fast".



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. Do you want to go away (from God, Jesus)?
2. To whom can you go and speak to about your faith crisis and to receive support?
3. Do you believe that Jesus has the words to eternal life?
4. If you know and confess Jesus to be the Christ, how can you help others who may be having a faith crisis?



DAILY BIBLE READING:

Monday

Memory Verse: Judges 6:12-23. v6. *"The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, 'The LORD is with you, O valiant warrior.'"*

Prayer: Lord, thank you that you promise to always be with me, no matter what is happening in my life! Please can you also give me strength and courage that I too may be a valiant warrior.

Tuesday

Memory Verse: II Cor 10:12-13. v13. *"But we will not boast beyond our measure, but within the measure of the sphere which God apportioned to us as a measure, to reach even as far as you."*

Prayer: Oh Lord, help me to remember to remain humble and to always remember that all our ministries actually belong to you.

Wednesday

Memory Verse: John 1:43-51. v48. *"Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.'"*

Prayer: Jesus today I declare that you are the son of God, you are the King of Israel and I love you with all of my heart, with all of my soul, with all strength and with all of my mind.

Thursday

Memory Verse: Isaiah 6:4-8. v7. *"With it he touched my mouth and said, 'See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.'"*

Prayer: Oh Lord, I come before you and confess that many times I have doubted, my faith has wavered, and I have not trusted in you. I have also sinned in word, thought and deed. Please forgive me. Please Lord I pray that you will lift my guilt away from me and forgive me. Thank you, Jesus, that you have atoned for all my sins through your sacrifice on the cross for me.



Friday

Memory Verse Eph 3:16-19. v17 “so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love”

Prayer: Jesus, thank you that you live in my heart. Thank you that I am rooted and grounded in your love. Please Jesus, help me to reflect your love to others so that they may come to know you.

Saturday

Memory Verse: Gal 5:7-10a. v7 “You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth?”

Prayer: Father, please help me to keep going. Please help me to continue running a good race. I pray for your protection over me that nothing and no one will be able to cut in on me to prevent me from following you and obeying your truth.



It is important for parents to take time to lead the conversations of family time and to be honest with their children in these conversations.

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Sunday 25th July

Pray daily: Set up family time for prayer and devotions and stick to this arrangement. All devotions should always begin by with a prayer. Ask a family member to pray or one of the children.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 4:1-17

Allow children/teens to read out loud for the family.

Activity/Family Moment

Excuses.

What is the best and worst excuse you have ever told or made up?

Why do we make excuses?

Do you think you have ever felt God wanting you to do something, but you don’t want to? Maybe you feel like someone else will do it or I just want to play right now, I really want to sleep in, I’m too young or I have my whole life to do that!

Refer back to the reading.

Remember Moses is actually talking to God through a burning bush and Moses still gives God excuses. But God has chosen Moses despite what Moses feels as weakness in himself. God knows us better than we do and will choose us for things because God knows we are capable. Don’t limit God’s ability. God has great plans for you. We only need to trust God.

Game:

A trust fall.

Stand behind a family member. The person in front crosses their arms in front of their chest and **closes their eyes**. When you are ready fall backwards. The person behind must catch them before they hit the ground!

or

Pass the hula hoop.

(If you don’t have a hula hoop you can use a long piece of string tied together to make a circle.)

Everyone should stand in a circle.

Take a hula hoop and place it over the arm on any one family member and then join their hands.

The family must think of ways to move the hula hoop from one child to another without letting go