Growing FAITH at home

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Sunday between July 31 and August 6

CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. Matthew 14:14 tells us that Jesus had 'compassion' on the crowds. What is compassion?
2. Share about a time when someone showed compassion to you, or when you showed compassion to someone else.

BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	**Matthew 14:13-21**	Jesus feeds five thousand
M	**Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15**	God feeds the Israelites
T	**2 Kings 4:42-44**	Elisha feeds one hundred men
W	**Genesis 32:22-31**	Jacob wrestles with God
T	**Isaiah 55:1-5**	Invitation to the thirsty
F	**Romans 9:1-5**	Paul's anguish over Israel
S	**Psalm 145**	Every day I will praise you

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Come, everyone who is thirsty.
Come and drink the water I offer
to you. Listen and come to me.

ISAIAH 55:1

CREATIVE RESPONSE

Have you ever made bread as a household?

Set aside time this week to work on this together.

Invite friends or neighbours to enjoy with you the fruits of your labour!

MEALTIME PRAYER

Jesus, bless the food upon our dishes, as you did the loaves and fishes. By your grace we eat and live, hear our thanks for all you give. Amen.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we set out to follow you. Please be kind to us and care for us. Amen.

ACTION RESPONSE

God calls those who have been materially blessed to share with those who have less.

Make a special monetary donation this week to an aid organisation working with the poor, or a donation-in-kind to a local charity assisting those in need.

BLESSING

May the Lord feed you in body and in spirit, and meet all of your needs.