Growing FAITH at home

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Jesus has the power to help and to save

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Sunday between July 31 and August 6

CONVERSATIONS

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

1. Matthew 14:29-30 tells us that Peter stepped out of a boat to walk on water, but soon became scared because of the wind and waves. What are some 'winds' or 'waves' in your life at the moment?
2. How does Jesus help us when we are in trouble?

BIBLE READINGS

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

S	**Matthew 14:22-33**	Jesus walks on water
M	**Job 38:1-11**	God halts the waves
T	**Psalm 107:23-32**	He stilled the storm
W	**Matthew 8:23-27**	Jesus stills the storm
T	**Genesis 27:1-28**	Jacob's blessing
F	**Romans 10:5-15**	Declare the word
S	**Psalm 85:8-13**	I will listen to the Lord

VERSE OF THE WEEK

But Jesus quickly spoke to them, "Have courage! It is I. Do not be afraid."

MATTHEW 14:27

CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus came to the disciples in the middle of the night and calmed their fears. Bedtimes are special opportunities for household members to talk, listen, share and pray with one another.

This week make an effort to engage with one another around bedtimes. Pray that Jesus will come and remain with you during the night, and calm any 'storms' that those in your household may be experiencing.

Recite together the words of Psalm 4:8 –
"I can lie down and sleep soundly because you, Lord, will keep me safe."

ACTION RESPONSE

Romans 10:15 says; "the feet of those who bring the Good News are beautiful".

Do you know a Christian serving as a missionary overseas or in another part of your country? Take a deeper look at the work of different missionaries in Australia together this week. Commit to praying for them over the coming weeks.

You can find a prayer calendar on the LCA International Mission page.
http://www.lcamission.org.au/

MEALTIME PRAYER

Thank you for this food and your care today; lead us, Jesus, in your way. Amen.

PRAYER

Jesus you are truly the Son of God. Please take us by the hand and rescue us from trouble. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord Jesus take hold of you when you are scared. May he give you faith to trust in him.