



Family Worship

4 Week Resource

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Brothers and Sisters,

Perhaps you find yourself quarantined at home, rather than worshipping with your local church. This resource is meant to equip you over the next four weeks to lead worship in your home on Sunday morning whether with your spouse, your family, or your roommates. You could call a friend, fellow church member, or a widow and worship together via speakerphone or Facetime—or simply do it alone as personal devotional. Don't think because you don't have a biological family, you cannot do family worship!

These are intentionally short liturgies, lacking in the traditional elements you might find in your own church's order of worship. However, my hope is that you will realize family worship is more intuitive than you could ever imagine. Pick up the Bible and read a passage. Ask good questions of the text and of those gathered. Pray over the truths you have read. Sing a hymn or worship song everyone has memorized. Take prayer requests, and pray over them.

These can all be done with zero preparation. Feel free to expand, add your own elements, and tailor them to fit your family's or household's needs. Just make sure

to keep your expectations low—especially if this is your first time!

Family worship is *doable*. Each time should take less than 15 minutes. I've chosen four selections from the Gospel of Luke to model for you what it would look like to simply read through a book of the Bible together day by day. Once you see how simple it is, my hope is you will begin to do family worship more often—not just when the virus of a lifetime happens to be passing through.

Grace and peace,

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WEEK 1

Bible Lesson—Read Luke 10:25-37.

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?"

²⁷And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

²⁸And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a

Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?"

³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy."

And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Questions to Ponder:

- In verse 29, why did the lawyer seek to justify himself? Do we ever do that?
- In verse 33, what did the Samaritan have that the chief priest and the Levite lacked? What does that word mean?
- What personal sacrifices did the Samaritan make for the sake of the battered man?
- How are we like the man who fell among robbers? How is Jesus like the Samaritan?

- In verse 37, a neighbor is defined as the one who shows mercy. Jesus says, “You go, and do likewise.” How can we be good neighbors today?

Prayer—Spontaneous, or:

Father, we thank you for your heart of compassion toward sinners like us. Jesus, we thank you for becoming man and being a good neighbor to us by laying down your life for us. Holy Spirit, please help us to go, and do likewise. In Jesus’s name we pray, Amen.

Hymn—“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

(Included in the back)

Priestly Prayers—Take prayer requests and have someone pray over them:

WEEK 2

Bible Lesson—Read Luke 14:12-24.

[Jesus] said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

¹⁵When one of those who reclined at table with him heard these things, he said to him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”

¹⁶But he said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. ¹⁷And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ ¹⁹And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me

excused.’ ²⁰And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ ²¹So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ ²²And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ ²³And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

Questions to Ponder:

- According to Jesus, what sorts of people should we be inviting to our tables?
- What does Jesus promise to those who welcome the poor, crippled, lame, and blind?
- How does Jesus’s parable illustrate the way people respond to the Kingdom of God?
- What kinds of excuses are given? Do you ever make those excuses?
- Why do the excuses make the Master angry?
- Who do you think the poor, crippled, blind, and lame represent in verse 21?
- How should our hospitality mirror God’s to us?

Prayer—Spontaneous, or:

Lord, we confess how often we make excuses in our own hearts to keep us from fellowship with you. We pray that we will see ourselves as the poor, crippled, blind, and lame whom you have welcomed to your table. We believe that one day we will feast with you forever, Lord Jesus our Risen Savior. While we wait, help us to show hospitality the way you have to us. In Jesus’s name we pray, Amen.

Hymn—“Come Thou Fount”

(Included in the back)

Priestly Prayers—Take prayer requests and have someone pray over them:

WEEK 3

Bible Lesson—Read Luke 15:11-32.

And he said, "There was a man who had two sons.¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them.

¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living.¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need.¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs.¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'

²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.'

²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him,²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you

never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!

³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'

Questions to Ponder:

- What shameful actions does the younger son commit against his father?
- In verse 17, what does the younger son remember that brings him to his senses?
- In verse 19, what is the younger son willing to confess about himself? Have you confessed the same to the Heavenly Father?
- How did the father feel about his returning son? How did he show it?
- How do verses 23 and 24 show us how God feels about us when we repent?
- What is wrong with the way the older brother thinks about his younger brother? What is wrong with the way he thinks about himself?
- Are you often the older or the younger brother?

Prayer—Spontaneous, or:

Lord Jesus, we thank you for showing us the Father. Holy Spirit, we pray that you will humble us in our sins and draw us back to the Father. Please help us not to be proud in our hearts but to rejoice when others return to you. Thank you for being such a compassionate, forgiving God. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.

Hymn—"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

(Included in the back)

Priestly Prayers—Take prayer requests and have someone pray over them:

WEEK 4

Bible Lesson—Read Luke 17:11-19.

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”

¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed.

¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’s feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Questions to Ponder:

- What do the lepers call Jesus? What does that mean?

- What do the ten lepers want from Jesus, in verse 13? What mercies do you ask Jesus for?
- Lepers were not allowed into the Temple to worship God because they were unclean. What is important then about what happened in verse 14?
- Why does Jesus point out that there were ten lepers in verse 17?
- What activity is the evidence of the Samaritan leper’s faith in verse 16?
- Believers look like the Samaritan leper, which means we should be known for what?
- Have you ever prayed for something, received it, and forgotten to give thanks?

Prayer—Spontaneous, or:

Jesus, you are our Lord and Master. We cry out to you to have mercy on us for being thankless people. Forgive us. Thank you for cleansing us so that we can fall at your feet and worship you. Fill our hearts with thankfulness, we ask in Jesus’s name. Amen.

Hymn—“Holy, Holy, Holy”

(Included in the back)

Priestly Prayers—Take prayer requests and have someone pray over them:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus 52

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer?

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

WORDS: Joseph M. Scriven (1819-1886)
 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse (1832-1918)

CONVERSE
 8.7.8.7.D.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 4

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy gra
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm con
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est prai
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at hon
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to the

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bov
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of Go
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I lov

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing lov
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blo
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bov

Robert Robinson, 1758

NETTLETON 8.7.8.
 Asahel Nettleton,

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 459

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Edward Mote, 1834

SOLID ROCK L.M.ref.
 William B. Bradbury, 1863
 Alternate tune: ST. PETERSBURG

230 Holy, Holy, Holy!

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

NICAEA 11.12.12.14
 John B. Dykes, 186