



Living by Faith

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Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

Merciful God, we cannot save ourselves through our own actions, only through your grace, freely offered. Yet keep us faithful to the lives we have chosen and make us examples that others might see and come to believe in you, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:19-20)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Paul demanded integrity and honesty from Jewish Christians, who were examples of faith to the Gentiles. But their adherence to the laws wouldn't take away from the saving work of Jesus Christ.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

How do you feel about the news that your salvation doesn't depend upon what you do or fail to do? Does this sound like good news or bad to you? What might prevent you from claiming this gift of justification and salvation? How can you begin to let go of your reservations?

Why do you think people are so driven by their rules (both external and internal)? What is good about rules? What is bad about them?

For the littles: What makes you you?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless your faith journey. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Watch an old movie about good guys and bad guys. Then watch a newer movie where the line between good and bad is blurred. Which feels more like your experience?



Go Deeper: Visit clergystuff.com/daily-devotions.

- Monday: *Welcome to the Galatians*, Galatians 1:1-12
- Tuesday: *Paul Defends His Apostleship*, Galatians 1:18-24
- Wednesday: *Paul and the Other Apostles*, Galatians 2:1-10
- Thursday: *God's Promise to Abraham*, Galatians 3:10-18
- Friday: *The Purpose of the Law*, Galatians 3:19-22
- Saturday: *Paul Reprimands the Galatians*, Galatians 4:8-20