

Let's Talk: Day 113

Today's Reading: 1Peter 1 / Family Focus: verses 3-16

Is there anything in your family that has been passed down from generation to generation? If so, what is it (jewelry, recipes, stories, artifacts, land, coins)? Today's reading talks about our spiritual inheritance. What do you think are some things we inherit if we've chosen to be part of God's family?

Questions:

1. Paul says we will have trials while we are on earth. What kinds of trials did Paul have?
2. What good things can trials work in our heart? Can you think of an example in your life in which a trial actually benefited your own life or character?
3. What did angels and Old Testament prophets not understand that you do understand?
4. When a man in the Bible was going to do serious manual labor he would gird (belt) up his robe so he could move more efficiently. How do we gird up our mind or be sober? What is an example of when you were NOT being sober?

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Today's Reading: 1Peter 2 / Family Focus: verses 13-25

Today's reading talks about the incredible power we have when we are willing to suffer for doing good. There are many great examples of Christians throughout history who did this. Brother Yun in China is one that you might want to research with your family.

Questions:

1. What does God say our attitude should be towards authority? Is this easy or difficult? When Peter wrote this the head of Rome hated Christians and did bad things to them.

2. How does our “doing good” quiet the ignorance of foolish men? Can you think of an example in your life when you saw this happen?
3. Can you honor someone without agreeing with them or what they stand for? How?
4. How did Jesus respond when he suffered for doing good? Can you imagine doing the same, and what an incredible example that would be to your peers? Why is this so hard? Do you have a friend that will pray for and stand with you?

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Today's Reading: 1Peter 3 / Family Focus: verses 13-17

Today's reading is a continuation of our discussion from yesterday. Two more resources to read that describe people who lived out today's verses are “Missionary Stories with the Millers” by Mildred Martin (for younger kids), “Jesus Freaks” by dc Talk and the Voice of the Martyrs (both for older kids).

Questions:

1. How can we be happy if we suffer for righteousness? Has this ever happened to you?
2. If someone wanted to know how to go to heaven or have a relationship with Jesus, are you ready with an answer? What would you say?
3. Are you willing to stand for God even if you might suffer for it? Why or why not? What would be hard about that?
4. Can you show people how the Bible says we can get to heaven? (ABC's example: **A**dmit we are sinners: Romans 3:10,23; **B**elieve Jesus died and rose again for you: Romans 5:8 and 1Corinthians 15:1-5; **C**onfess to God you want to give your life to Him: Romans 10:9-10)

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Today's Reading: 1Peter 4 / Family Focus: verses 7-14

This is day three of Peter sharing how great it is to suffer for God. Ultimately, Peter says, it's all for God's glory. As a family can you brainstorm 10 different words to describe God's glory? To get you

started you could describe what man's glory looks like. How do we idolize sports heroes and movie stars? How is God's glory different?

Questions:

1. How does love cover sins? Is it saying we should ignore the bad things people do? Are you a loving person when people around you sin?
2. What does it mean to be hospitable to each other? What is one thing you can do tomorrow to show hospitality?
3. What talents or gifts do you have? What does God say you should do with them?
4. Using your gifts, how can you practically minister to those around you and the larger community? Do you think you give enough of your time thinking about how to use your talents for God or more time thinking of your own wants and agenda?

Let's Talk: Day 117

Today's Reading: 1Peter 5 / Family Focus: verses 5-11

For the younger kids, the Donut Man has a fun song called "Cast your Burdens" with the lyrics of 1Peter 5:7. You can go to YouTube and find a version or download it here: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/album/praise-him/id331195589>

Questions:

1. What does it mean to be proud? Why doesn't God work with proud people?
2. What cares do you have today? Take a moment and pray together and "cast those cares" on Jesus.
3. The devil is likened to a roaring, hungry lion. He does not want us to succeed in glorifying and following God. What kinds of things can he do to try to stop us? Have you ever thought about how the roar of the lion scares off many creatures, even though that roar is really harmless? How does the devil "roar" and how can we resist it?
4. The end of verse nine says that Christians all around the world are persecuted and go through trials. Do you ever think about how every hour of the day some Christian somewhere in the world is trying to bring more people to Jesus? Remember to pray for them too!

Let's Talk: Day 118

Today's Reading: Leviticus 19 / Family Focus: verses 1-3

Today's reading was referenced on Day 114. As you are reading and discussing today, we suggest you "do your discussions" on paper and then share them with the family. Ask each person to take a sheet of paper and fold it in half. Open it back up and complete the following:

Questions:

1. On one side of the paper, write or draw pictures that describe holiness. On the other side draw or describe the opposite of holiness.
2. God tells us to be holy because He is holy. Draw yourself on your paper. Are you living on the holy side or the other side?
3. Turn your paper over. Draw or write what you could do or what you could focus on to stay on the holy side.
4. If we have been living on the not holy side, draw or write what we do to get on the holy side.

Let's Talk: Day 119

Today's Reading: Today is the weekly OFF day

Mystery Question for the upcoming week: What does love cover?

As a family decide how you can show love this week in a practical way. Is there a neighbor in need? Do you want to do some cleaning and donate your items to a homeless shelter? Maybe you can have a garage sale and give the proceeds to a local mission?