

28 August 2016

FIFTEENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Being humble



TAKING
FAITH
home



share

your highs & lows of the day.



read

and highlight the daily readings in your Bible.

S	Luke 14:1,7-14	Humility and hospitality
M	Luke 14:15-23	God's hospitality to the lowly
T	Genesis 18:1-8	Abraham shows hospitality
W	1 Kings 3:1-15	Solomon humbles himself
T	Matthew 20:20-28	A request for seats of honour
F	1 Peter 4:7-11	Be hospitable to one another
S	Psalm 10	Warnings against pride and arrogance
S	Luke 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple



talk

- about how the daily Bible reading relates to your highs & lows.
- What does it mean to be humble?
- Jesus says that if we put ourselves above others, we will be humbled; but if we humble ourselves, we will be honoured. What did Jesus mean?
- What are some ways we can show humble service to others?



pray

for your highs & lows, for your family and for the world.



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one another. Share this week's blessing (below) or make up your own.
God be with you today, in all that you do and all that you say. Amen.



HUMILITY AND HOSPITALITY

Luke 14: 7-14

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this person your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

At very formal dinners, the most important guests are invited in first, they are seated closest to the host and are served their food first as a mark of their rank and respect for their position. The guests at the wedding Jesus attended wanted to claim the best positions for themselves regardless of who deserved respect or honour. They showed poor manners.

We are taught good manners by our parents, friends and teachers. We know that respect and care for others help make our community a better place to live. Why did Jesus teach the wedding guests manners? Surely it was not just about taking the best for yourself without considering the other guests?

Jesus wanted his friends to show in deed the lessons he taught daily. To love others, be humble, be considerate and caring. Don't grab the biggest portion, the best seat or the nicest piece of food before others have a chance. His way is to be of service, to love others by being humble to show greatness by honouring others.