

JUNE 28, 2015  
FIFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
& INDEPENDENCE DAY

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*Jesus has power over sickness and death.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	Mark 5:21-43	Jesus heals and raises to life
Monday	1 Kings 17:17-24	Elijah restores a dead child to life
Tuesday	2 Kings 20:1-11	God heals Hezekiah
Wednesday	Mark 9:14-27	Jesus heals a child
Thursday	Acts 9:32-42	Peter restores Tabitha to life
Friday	2 Corinthians 7:5-13	Grief leads to repentance
Saturday	Psalms 130	Prayer for restoration
Sunday	Mark 6:1-13	Jesus sends the Twelve

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." Mark 5:36 (NRSV)

### SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

#### A Prayer for the Week:

Healing God, please take us by the hand and lift us up. Amen.  
(Mark 5:41)

#### Mealtimes Prayer:

With this food you make us strong. To you our life and love belong.  
Thanks be to you, O God! Amen.

#### A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus give you faith when you are afraid and peace when you are suffering. Amen. (Mark 5:34, 36)

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## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is freedom? What freedoms do you appreciate most of all?
- Next Saturday, the USA celebrates Independence Day. What is the equivalent of "Independence Day" for Christians? In what ways have we been set free by Jesus?
- Read 1 Peter 2:16-17. How does God wish us to use the freedom we have through faith in Christ?

## DEVOTIONS

July 1 (Wednesday) marks the beginning of the second half of 2015. In your home devotional time this week, share your highs and lows from the first half of the year and your hopes for the next six months. Read and discuss Lamentations 3:22-23 and talk about how it applies to the year so far and the months to come. Pray together for God's blessing upon your household for the remainder of 2015.

## SERVICE

There are many people in our communities who are restricted by injury, sickness or disability, and cannot enjoy the freedom of mobility that many others have. Plan an act of service to encourage one such person in your area: make a home visit, give a gift and offer to help with a home chore.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Perhaps the greatest of all freedoms is the freedom to worship! This is a freedom that many, many Christians across the world do not enjoy. As part of your household Independence Day celebrations, take a tour of the different churches in your area. Pray for each church – for its people, its pastor/s and its leaders. Give thanks for the opportunities you have to freely worship God together with others each and every week.



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