

AUGUST 7, 2016  
TWELFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

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*Faith matters now!*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 12:32-40	Seek treasures in heaven
Monday	Genesis 15:1-6	Promise to Abram
Tuesday	Matthew 6:19-24	Store up heavenly treasures
Wednesday	Luke 12:22-31	Have no fear
Thursday	Luke 12:41-48	Parable of the servants
Friday	Hebrews 11:1-16	Faith of God's people
Saturday	Proverbs 2:1-11	The treasure of wisdom
Sunday	Luke 12:49-56	Jesus the cause of division

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

My little group of disciples, don't be afraid! Your Father wants to give you the kingdom. **Luke 12:32 (CEV)**

### **SAY, PRAY, AND BLESS:**

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Lord Jesus, you are our true treasure. Help us to put you first in our hearts this week. Amen.  
(Luke 12:34)

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Food on our table. Grace in our lives. Praise in our hearts. Thank you, God! Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May you have faith in God's promises. May God's faithful love rest on you and give you hope. Amen.  
(Hebrews 11:1; Psalm 33:22)



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## CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home or small group:

- Talk about a time when you have been discouraged or afraid.
- In Genesis 15:1-6, God talks to a discouraged Abram and gives him hope. How does the Christian faith and hope make a difference in your life today?
- How does God's kingdom move us from fear and discouragement to a call to action? (See Luke 12:22-40)

## DEVOTIONS

In Genesis 15:1-6, we hear that God made a special covenant with Abram, promising him as many descendants as there were stars in the sky! In your home devotion times this week, make up a list of the different promises that God has made to the people. For example, "God has promised to save us," "God has promised us eternal life," "God has promised to answer our prayers." Write each one on a piece of paper cut into a star shape. Place these on your walls or refrigerator as a reminder of God's love and grace.

## SERVICE

Hebrews 11 lists people from the Bible who showed faith in God. Who have been examples of faith to you and your family and friends? Contact these people, and thank them for their examples.

One of the greatest gifts we can give to our children is deep and meaningful connections with other witnesses to the faith. Ask grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other mentors to share their own faith stories with you and your children. Read stories about historical figures of the Christian faith, such as, John Wesley, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Dorothy Day.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus told his followers to wait for him like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding party. Gather a candle for each person present. When you sit down for meals this week, light the candles and say these words from Luke 12:35.

**Leader: Be ready for service and keep your lamps burning.**

**Response: For Jesus, our master, will return.**



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