

7 Weeks to a Renewed Faith for Your Home

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1. Week 1: Understand Faith!

- a. Belief (Rom. 10:17)
- b. Trust (2 Tim. 1:12)
 - (1) Discuss God's promises and how we depend on them (Luke 6:38).
 - (2) Give permission for faith to grow through creative doubt (Mark 9:22-24).
- c. Response (Acts 16:30-34; Heb. 11)
 - (1) Reflect on our experience in seeing God at work (Matt. 6:33; Psa. 37:25).
 - (2) "Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er; Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus; Oh, for grace to trust Him more!"

2. Week 2: Understand Your Family!

- a. How much of my faith is in God and how much is in my family (Ex. 34:7; Num. 14:18)?
- b. Questions to Learn More About Your Family

3. Week 3: Study Together!

- a. Family Bible reading, listening
- b. Lectureship
- c. Christian Training Series, Horizons

4. Week 4: Vacation Together!

- a. Prayer
- b. Devotionals
- c. Wednesday night Bible study

5. Week 5: Spend Time Alone!

- a. One of the best ways to stay together is to spend some time apart (Mark 6:31, 45-46).
- b. Interrupt normal routine
- c. Read, study, think
- d. Fast
- e. Rest

6. Week 6: Have Good Parties!

- a. The father had a party (Luke 15:22-24).
- b. Birthdays
- c. Anniversaries
- d. Special events, accomplishments
- e. Conclusion of a project (Acts 14:25-28)

7. Week 7: Have Good Funerals!

- a. Pain develops us (Ecc. 7:1-5; Rom. 5:1-5).
- b. Family
- c. Friends
- d. Children becoming adults
- e. Marriage (Gen. 2:24)
- f. Moving
- g. Changing jobs
- h. Retirement