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July 17 and July 23



CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. What does it mean to hope? How is hope different from wishful thinking?
2. What do we, as Christians, hope for? How does this hope help us when times are difficult?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

S	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	The parable of the weeds
M	Matthew 7:15-20	A tree and its fruit
T	Revelation 14:14-20	Harvest at the end of time
W	Genesis 28:10-19	Jacob's dream at Bethel
T	Romans 8:12-25	We are God's children
F	1 John 4:13-18	Perfect love drives out fear
S	Psalms 86:11-17	Teach me your way, Lord

VERSE OF THE WEEK

God's spirit doesn't make us slaves who
are afraid of him. Instead, we become his
children and call him our Father.

ROMANS 8:15



CREATIVE RESPONSE

In Jesus' parable, he spoke of good seeds that were planted by God and weeds that came from the devil.

Set up two containers – one with seeds the other with weeds. When you gather together this week, share what has been 'seedy' in your lives (good things from God) and what has been 'weedy' (wrong, sinful, evil).

Pray for each other, asking God to protect you from evil and to help good things come to you and through you.



MEALTIME PRAYER

Father, thank you for putting food on our table, love in our hearts, and hope in our souls. Amen.



PRAYER

Teach us your ways, Lord. Give us hearts that are not divided between you and other things. Amen.



ACTION RESPONSE

Romans 8:20-22 tells us that all of creation is suffering because of sin. Help clean up God's creation from its abuse by people. Go on a litter collection walk in your neighbourhood this week. You could get involved in a Clean Up Australia Day event. www.cleanup.org.au



BLESSING

May you live and grow as a child of God's kingdom. May you belong to him, now and always.