Encounter these verses today:

circle words that you identify with, underline phrases or sentences you'd like to remember, write questions about the passage out to the side ...



Luke 8:40-56 [NIV] :: Healing of Jairus' Daughter ::

⁴⁰Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. ⁴¹Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house ⁴²because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. ⁴³And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵"Who touched me?" Jesus asked.

When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you."

⁴⁶But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."

⁴⁷Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. ⁴⁸Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

⁴⁹While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher any more."

⁵⁰Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed."

⁵¹When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵²Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep."

53They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. 54But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" 55Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. 56Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.



What is God speaking to you this morning ...



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[May 10 - May 15]

Monday: 5.10.2010 Reading: Luke 8:40-56

We start our week with a review of the story Pastor Steve shared with us yesterday. This story has more peaks and valley's than most stories that come out of Hollywood these days.

Think about it:

Have you had a tragic lightning strike moment like Jairus? How did you respond?

Pray for:	Directory families: Cross thru Dockins	
Reflections:		

Tuesday: 5.11.2010 Reading: Romans 8:26-30

Paul is writing to a group of folks who are trying to understand the impact of faith in their daily lives. Sounds like you and me. Jesus told Jairus to 'just believe' when he was told about his daughter ... but I wonder what really went through his mind.

Think about it:

Does simple belief mask your fear ... or does it destroy it? Is belief enough for you in those moments?

Pray for:	Directory families: Dougherty thru Flint	
Reflections:		

Wednesday: 5.12.2010 Reading: Romans 8:31-39

Today we finish reading the section of scripture we started yesterday. Some of this sounds like the perfect Hallmark love card! In facing challenging moments, when all we have is the hand of God to hold, we might not feel like "conquerors" but that's what we can be if we just hold on!

Think about it:

What hope can you find when you hold on to the truth that NOTHING can separate you from God's love?

Pray for:	Directory families: Fonger thru Goad
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Thursday: 5.13.2010
Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

We all have them. Projects that are partially completed ... still sitting there ... begging for us to get them done. Can we be confident in the fact that God is not done with us ... that we call out on Him to finish us ... to complete His work in us?

Think about it:

Jairus' story took place in a few moments ... how does this passage look when lived out over a lifetime?

Pray for: Directory families: Goad thru Hartley

Reflections:			

Friday: 5.14.2010

Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Timothy has been discipled by Paul throughout his young life. Now Paul is charging Timothy to lead a group of Jesus followers with both grace and strength. He doesn't say things like "have a great time" or "I know you'll succeed." He says, "expect the worst out of your followers."

Think about it:

Can you stand on Truth? Are you willing to stand up before your friends and be used by God?

Pray for: Directory families: Horn thru Irby

Reflections:						

Saturday: 5.15.2010 Reading: Proverbs 3:1-6

Our weekend begins with a reading that carries several commands and promises. Just like the law of cause and effect, if we follow the Lord, He will be faithful to direct us in the direction we should go. As Jairus discovered (last Sunday), this isn't always easy. However, I'd rather follow Jesus than try to find my own way (which will lead to destruction in the end).

Think about it:

Is there an area in your life that you haven't allowed God to direct you in lately? How can you surrender your will to His? Lean on Him - He won't fall!

Pray for:	r: Directory families: Johnson thru Kinney		
Reflections:			