



Growing FAITH at home

23 July 2023

EIGHTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
– PROPER 11

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



Grow Ministries
LCA CHILD YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



www.growministries.org.au



CONVERSATIONS

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

1. What does it mean to hope?
2. How is hope different from wishful thinking?



BIBLE READINGS

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

1st reading

Genesis 28:10-19
Jacob's dream
at Bethel

2nd reading

Romans 8:12-25
We are God's
children

Gospel reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
The parable of the weeds

DISCUSS

Jesus uses the weeds to explain evil in the world. How does your faith help you in your daily fight against evil?



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.

<https://www.cleanup.org.au/>



PRAYER

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



MEALTIME PRAYER

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



BLESSING

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

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

VERSE OF THE WEEK

