



***Family preparation for congregational worship on February 11, 2018***

**Our Scripture-Romans 12:14-21 (ESV):** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. 17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Discuss:**

1. How is a Christian to treat their enemies (vv.14, 17-21)?
2. Who does God want us to live at peace with (v.20)?
3. Why should we never take revenge against others (v.19)?

**Prayer:** Praise the Lord that He broke the spiritual blindness in your life. Praise the Lord that He loved us enough to sacrifice His pleasures in heaven for our benefit. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for that the fruit of the Spirit will be evident in your life. Pray that others may see Christ in your life. Pray for our church as we minister here in Eau Claire and that the Lord would give us three new families this year. Pray for Isaac and Bethany Ledford with CRU in Minneapolis. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

**Memorize: (February)** *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)*

**Music:** As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire and sword;  
O how our hearts beat with joy when-e'er we hear that glorious word!

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our fathers! We will love both friend and foe in all our strife,  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how, by kindly words and virtuous life.

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will true to thee till death!

*"Faith Of Our Fathers"; The Celebration Hymnal, #404, Word Music/Integrity Music © 1997*

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BELOVED	BLESS	CURSE
DEPENDS	EVIL	GIVE
HARMONY	HAUGHTY	HONORABLE
LEAVE	LIVE	LORD
LOWLY	NEVER	OVERCOME
PEACEABLY	PERSECUTE	POSSIBLE
REJOICE	REPAY	SAYS
SIGHT	THOUGHT	WEEP