

## 14 May 2017 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 7:55–60; 1 Peter 2:2–10; John 14:1–14. *Growing kids*



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### I. Long for MILK.

**1 Peter 2:3**, “Like newborn babies, **crave (long for, drink deep) pure spiritual milk**, so that by it you may grow up into salvation.”

**1 Peter 2:3**, “if indeed you have tasted that **the Lord is good.**”

**Luther**: “The milk is nothing but the Gospel, which is also the very seed by which we were conceived and born.”



### II. Long for MEAT.

**Hebrews 5:12-13**, “In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not **solid food**! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with **the teaching about righteousness.**”

**Matthew 18:15**, “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you.” **Mt. 5:23-24**, “if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, 24 leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.”

**Matthew 6:14-15**, “If you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

**John 14:12**, “Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing.”



### III. Long for MINISTRY.

**Mark 10:45**, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**Rick Warren**, *40 Days of Purpose*, “It’s not about you.”

**1 Peter 2:5, 9**, “You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

**Danny Hunt**, *We’re ALL, Number 2*, “Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, California intentionally has its student pastors learn and practice serving by being responsible for cleaning the toilets.”

**Russel Brand**, “transcendence of self.”



**CONCLUSION:** “Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do **even greater things than these**, because I am going to the Father.” **John 19:26-27**, “When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, ‘Woman, here is your son,’ and to the disciple, ‘Here is your mother.’ From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.” *The Lutheran*, Editor Lisa McIntosh. Pastor Aldi