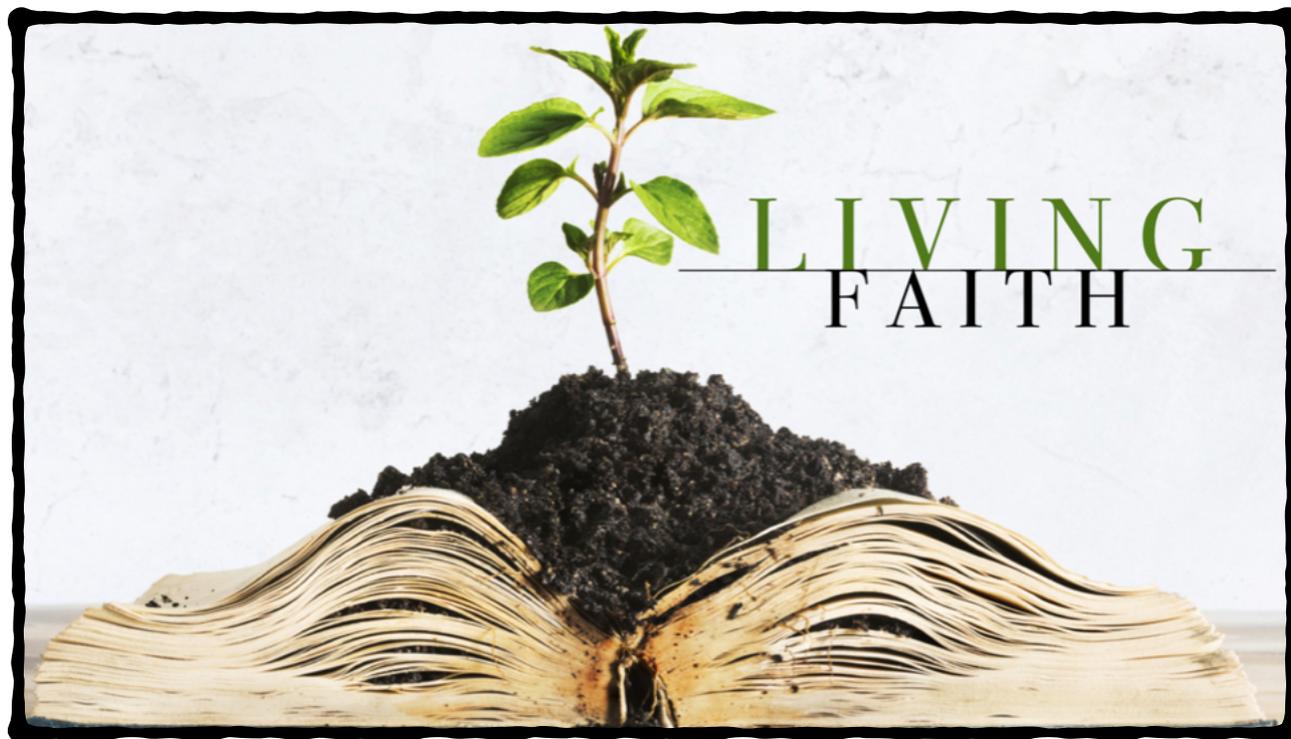


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# WORSHIP @ HOME

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## VISION

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### Preparing for worship:

Christian meditation music <http://www.viewpure.com/66USuf9BaYc?start=0&end=0>

Take a few moments to be still and speak to the Lord.

### The Greeting:

**ALL:** 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN'. Our tradition is to cross ourselves as this is said.

### Opening prayer and lighting the candle:

O Blessed Lord, accept this burning candle as a sign of our faith and love for you. Make us open to your Word. Make us loyal and faithful to you, regardless of the circumstances of our lives.

**ALL: Amen.**

## Bible Reading:

A reading from John 12:20-22 (King James Version)

And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:

The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus.

Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

## A message:



**Georgia, Ukraine, Russia, Cyprus, Malta, Romania, Greece, Prussia and Scotland.**

**Can you think of anything all these countries have in common?** Do not worry. I am not about to start one of my Geography lessons!

To give some context to this reading, at this point in Jesus' life, His followers were Jews and they felt the message was for

only the Jews. Therefore, when Greeks wanted to see Jesus, Philip was thrown into confusion. This is why he goes to Andrew for advice. Andrew was very open to spreading the Word to more than just the Jews, long before the rest of the disciples. From this point on, Andrew fades from the Bible story, but, despite not being a person that is mentioned often and portrayed as a leader, he was definitely respected. His advice was listened to. He was a forward thinker. He was one with vision.

Andrew's life and work was all about bringing people to Jesus. Indeed, he was eventually killed for this. As a result, he is remembered as the patron saint of Georgia, Ukraine, Russia, Cyprus, Malta, Romania, Greece, Prussia and Scotland. The clarity and focus of his vision is something to learn from. We can see the importance of firm foundations, being steadfast in our faith and having clear vision.

### A time for reflection:

Are you listening to the right people?  
What advice do you respect?  
Who listens to you?

Discuss these quotes with your family:

- 'Throughout the centuries there were men who took first steps, down new roads, armed with nothing but their own vision.' Ayn Ran
- 'Empty vessels make most noise.' Plato

### Closing prayer:

Dear Lord,  
Help us to fade all the voices around us trying to tell us what we should do, what we should think and what we should wear. Help us to hear your words, your advice and your vision in our lives.

**ALL: Amen.**

Now in the words our Saviour taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us, now and evermore. Amen.**