

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
April 22, 2018
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 + 1 John 3:1-2 + John 10:11-18



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We are children of God. Who is this God? He is our Father. He is the Good Shepherd. He is our Savior. He is the Healer. He is the beginning and the end. Wow, what a legacy! Talk about Good News.

While all of this is cause for endless peace and joy, we often fall into despair and fear. We are human and easily weighed down. It's hard to remain joyful when illness comes to ourselves or those we love. It's hard to believe all will be fine when finances are troublesome or our child has lost his or her way. It's hard to watch the news each day. Why is that?

Would you try and maintain a friendship, a marriage or a relationship with your child without input and exchange? No. It can't be done. So it is with God. We must remain in relationship and communication with Him. Prayer and meditation will open our hearts and minds to the peace only He can give. Caring for the sick, reaching out to the poor, loving your family and tending to their spiritual, emotional and physical needs. Being tolerant and kind to others. All of this helps us to live as we should – as Children of God!

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