

RITUAL

In a world that is rapidly changing there is something comforting about ritual. Weddings, graduations, funerals, baby dedications and baptisms are ceremonies where we pause and collectively acknowledge significant changes in our life. With new limitations on the way we can meet together, small family rituals are becoming increasingly important for our spiritual growth.

In His wisdom, God setup a weekly collective ritual, a coming together in community for worship. When we worship together we spend time in prayer, we delve deeper into Gods word, we sing songs of praise and we return our tithes and offerings. Offering was the first element established by God for public worship immediately after the Fall, it points to Jesus, not only as our Provider but also as God's offering for the world.

Though our movements are restricted these little weekly rituals remind us that God is in control, they help us feel safe and secure, they grow us spiritually and keep us connected to our broader community. More than just a formality or habit, these rituals strengthen our love and deepen our trust of Him. As we give this morning, thank God for supplying all your needs. Ask Him to increase your faith so that you may recognise His provision in all things.

The easiest way to return tithes and offerings during this time is via e-giving, log onto the website egiving.org.au or download the app to give to the offering of the day or setup a recurring donation. Alternately, local churches and conferences have online banking options available.

