

1. Andy Crouch in his book 'The Tech-wise family' points out, 'We built bigger houses to make life better, but all we did was make it easier to live apart from the people we love.' Considering Australia has the biggest houses in the world/human history do you think Crouch's statement is true?
2. Read Deut 6:4-9 together – How does this Prayer (shema) challenge your obedience to God's commands?
3. Ps Caleb presented a table comparing the impact of technology in its 'proper place' versus 'out of place.' What does this reveal about your home?
4. Ps Caleb suggested Three simple next steps for creating a table-centred Home: 1) Renew the tech-wise commitments of your home. 2) Reorder your rituals to promote Prayer & Bible. 3) Reclaim the Table to build deep relationships. How can you implement these steps in your home?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

CHILD - 90 hrs/week

SCHOOL

35 hours

HOME

23 hours

SCREEN

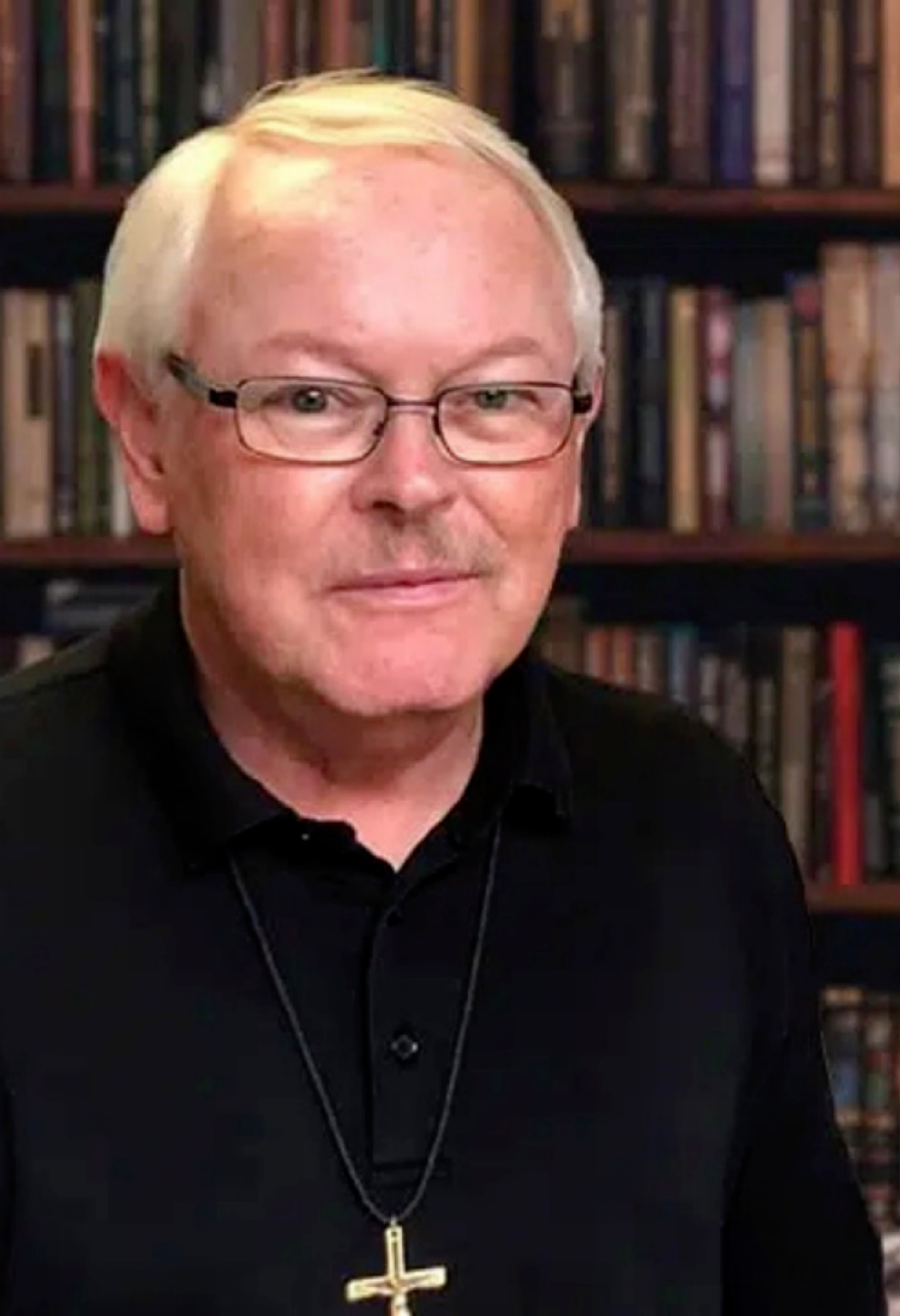
20 hours

CHURCH

2 hours

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That's why the saints and the great spiritual writers have always said that there is only one nonnegotiable rule for prayer: "Show up! Show up regularly!" The ups and downs of our minds and hearts are of secondary importance.

(Domestic Monastery, Ronald Rolheiser, p.51)

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Starts conversations	Prevents listening and talking
Care for our fragile bodies	Escape our fragile bodies
Acquire skills	Replace skill development
Explore nature	Prevents us engaging the outdoors
Used with intention & care	Uncontrollable and messy

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Table-centred Home:

The role of a
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train (*repetition*) their
children in the Way
of God

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Deuteronomy 6:4-9



Bigger Homes. Less community.

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TABLE CENTRED

The rhythms of our life are generally table-centric. Tables are where we gather, eat, talk, learn, and build relationships.

The Church Table	The Home Table	The Third Table
Church community centred around the Table.	Family/home centred around the Table.	Third spaces that aren't home or church.





THE
HOME TABLE

— TABLE CENTRED — PART 2 —