

# FAMILY INFLUENCES

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My grandparents on Mum's side came out from Scotland and bought a place in Surrey Hills and we lived with them.

Grandad was a loyal member of our Church and he was there every Sunday.

His sense of reverence in worship was outstanding.

Being a Presbyterian he did not kneel for prayer but bent forward in reverence as the Minister led us in prayer.

I sat next to him and was greatly influenced by his solemnity and sincerity.

And he lived his faith outside the Church each day and was involved in the community.

Our grandmother also influenced me.

She had been a teacher in Scotland and retired when she came to Australia.

She never forgot her calling and she taught us our times tables, writing skills and residing at home.

When we went to school we had a very sound basis for learning.

She always acknowledged the teachings of Jesus as central to her life.

Alexander and Henrietta were valuable building blocks in our family life.

And her grandchildren took on their calling of teaching and ministry as a result.

The study of Bible readings and family prayers were daily observances in our lounge room and we owe much to their influence then and now.

## *Reflection:*

Spend time noting the names and importance of Christian influencers in your life, and in prayer acknowledge the heroes of your faith.

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