

2023 July 9 Flavour: Jesus our Healer 4th message of six

What are we called to do. Are we still serving in His anointing.

We need to depend on God as we listen to Him and to lean not on our own understanding but on Him.

Within the broad family of Christians, we have a distinct flavour. We looked at salvation in the Cross, set apart by the cleansing bowl (the Laver), empowered for service by the Holy Spirit. Today we are looking at Healing symbolised by the jug of oil for the oil of anointing.

The jug of anointing oil:

God reveals Himself as Healer. (Jehovah Raffa, healing emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually)

Healing is provided at the Cross. Isa 53:3-6. Jesus has done a complete work on the Cross. Matt 8:16-17 We are commissioned to do this. Peter repeated this in 1 Peter 2:24

Healing was practiced by the early Church Acts 3:8 (Healing of the lame man. This miracle led to many people being saved. Acts 9:33-34. James 5:13-16. The book of Acts was written by a doctor (beloved physician, a practical work of medicine). Medicine and general health stuff has its place. Our default setting is to grab a tablet or doctor Google. We need to be wise and default to Jesus.

We need to practice healing as the Bible teaches. There is no such thing as a "healer" apart from Jesus. There are gifts of healings. There are people who try to use healing to gain notoriety. There is the false and there are "Job's comforters" but there is also the real. 1Cor 12: 4-> John gave a testimony about multi-focal hepatoma healing and subsequent healing of hepatitis.

God tells us, "I Am the God Who heals you" (in whatever way that turns out to be)

We then took communion and had a time of prayer for healing.

2023 July 2nd Sanctifier (Laver) 3rd message of six

what is our flavour as a local Church and what we say we are globally. We are a joint body ministry. We are all called as Christians to be involved in the work of Missions. We are called to be a light for Jesus, reflecting His light to the Nations

We cannot go into the presence of God unless we are washed and set apart. The Laver represents the sufficiency of Jesus to cleanse us, to set us apart and to empower us for Holy living.

Set apart: a work of Holiness. Taken from the world and set apart. We are in the world but not of it. We are new creation, the old has gone and the new has come. From darkness to light, from death to life, from wrath to grace, from hell to heaven, from the miry clay to solid rock, from hopelessness to a living hope. We are set apart to be different!

Galatians 5:16-25 live by the Spirit. An ongoing work....go on being filled with His Spirit (present tense continuous with ongoing future effect)

Empowered: A work of commissioning. The disciples who were followers of Jesus and born again but they were scared and in hiding. Then Pentecost happened and they were empowered to be witnesses. We need to be constantly filled and refreshed (like the Sea of Galilee and not like the Dead Sea where there is no refreshing). We need to be plugged into the power source if we are to shine His light.

We are called to be HOLY enabled by the Holy Spirit to be Holy. We need to allow the Spirit of God to work in us (submitted to His will).

We need to be walking in the new. When we blow it we need to turn to Jesus. We need to be rescued from the old nature. Be continually being set part.

[2023 June 25th. What is our flavour 2nd message of six](#)

Universal saviour We belong to Jesus regardless of denominational labels or practices. We are saved by Jesus ONLY

Luke 4:18-19 (Jesus' purpose statement)

Each Church has a distinct flavour. Jesus is available as a Saviour regardless of tribe, nation and tongue for everyone who will accept his offer of salvation.

John 3:16-17 All who come to Him with a repentant heart.... He gave them the right to become children of God. John 5:24 Whoever believes. Romans... All who believe. Whoever has the Son has life, whoever does not have the Son does not have life.

Exclusive Saviour Acts 4:12 Salvation is found no where else. There is no other Name. Jesus is "God with us". Jesus is an exclusive Saviour. Nothing but the blood of Jesus can cleanse us from unrighteousness.

Philippians. 2:5-11 Jesus laid aside his divinity and was given a Name that is above every other Name. It is getting more difficult for people to accept this exclusive message in a "tolerant" society (one that only tolerates its own ideas!!)

Comprehensive Saviour. Jesus gives us everything we need- body, soul, mind and spirit (Jesus has the corner on Holistic... We have been saved, we are being saved and we will be saved)

All powerful Saviour. Col 2: when you were dead in your sins..... He nailed our sins to the cross and disarmed the principalities and powers ... Jesus spoke everything into existence. In Him we live and move and have our being.

Eternity is written in our hearts and we are empty until we find Him.

[2023 Jun 18 What is our flavour "Who are we?" 1st message of six](#)

We are to be an aroma of life to those who believe and the stench of death to unbelievers.

Starting from "out there" of our family of believers.

There was a cry in the 60s through the 80s for identity and purpose. "Who are we and why are we here". We can go through life on automatic but we have been forgiven for a purpose (the whole church needs to be looking at their essence)

Luke 4:18-19 Jesus proclaimed his ministry very clearly and set the tone for why He came. We are to preach the good news to the poor (physical poverty and spiritual poverty). In many parts of the world, poor people are in desperate need physically and spiritually. God's heart is for those on the outer, refugees, widows, orphans, the least the last and the lost.

We are hidden in Christ, blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies (Ephesians series!). People who are captive to sin and crushed by addiction need deliverance. Our purpose is to bring good news to the captives.

Jesus is our chain breaker, burden bearer, life giver

Warning: Remember that we are to walk in freedom and not to return to bondage (Read Colossians). We are called to be His ambassadors.

There is physical blindness and there is also spiritual blindness. We are the light of the world and we are to let our light shine before men.... To bring recovery of sight to the blind. The world is turned on its head where good is called evil and evil is called good.

We are called on to release the oppressed. Deliver the captive from addiction, sin, rotten family heritage and evil spiritual powers (work of VMTC). Jesus did this over and over, including raising people from the dead. The Church should be a place for crushed people to experience deliverance. They need to hear the proclamation of "The year of the Lord's favour"

Psalms 133 All the churches are blessed when they walk together in unity. (Showing God's working across "all brands"). We are called to be Christian before we are evangelical, charismatic, Pentecostal or whatever.

[2023 June 11 sharing service summary](#)

Amy: Thanking God for everything (her daughter thanked the Lord for things sparkly....). Thank you Lord for the Normal, the ordinary, the accustomed and the thrills. 1, Thess In everything give thanks. Read a poem (Munch on eggs)

Big Jeff: Lost my job due to company restructure. Stepping away from being cranky (I am not bludging on the Government but my body has quit...). I am being made to feel worthless. My family is not supporting me. I have never been taught to save. We prayed for him and Jeff was greatly encouraged.

Doug Stuve. I was an atheist and I became the first Christian in my family. When my wife became a Christian, I was a thorn in her side. University was not a great experience. Good times were when we made friends and bad times when I had no friends. My wife became a Christian and got lots of friends. I thought that they were needy women.... But they prayed

for me. An Alpha course was life changing. Quiet joy and contentment. God was with me all my life. When people ask me about my time in Australia, I will tell them about this Church

Joy: My life verse Matt 6:33. I grew up as a Christian. My Dad and pastor fought. I went outside to the community seeking God. I kept asking God to be near my heart. My pastor advised me to be careful with relationships with non Christians. My sons are in the Philippines. When you are broken-hearted all you see is darkness. When I opened my Bible again.... The verse Matt 6:33 "Seek Ye first the Kingdom..." I had been looking in all of the wrong places. I learned to accept myself and take responsibility for my sin and I repented. I gave Joy (myself) to God again.

Prayer for the Blue family (police).

Matt: "Focus" Seek first the Kingdom of God... Fix our eyes on Jesus. Take captive every thought. We have the World, the Flesh and the Devil acting on us. If we take our eye of the ball, we start taking on the man (revenge, payback, immorality, war etc can overwhelm us.). Strategise in this war. Focus on going deeper.

Margaret: People sensationalise things and places fear in us and robs us of our purpose. We need to turn our eyes upon Jesus and the things of this earth will go strangely dim.

Claire: in our friendship we stayed focussed on the Kingdom of God.

[2023 Feb 26 Ephesians 6:10-12 Spiritual Warfare](#)

Finally: summing up the message of Ephesians. Be strong in the Lord and in HIS mighty power....

Draw strength for the battle.... From GOD Almighty! (The victory is not in us!) this not a suggestion, it is a command! God's mighty power does not work in us when we are passive. God supplies and we get actively involved. We are called to step out in the power of God.

Dressing for success in the battle. Put on the full armour of God. It is His armour (not our own puny efforts to do battle). Submit yourself to God and resist the devil and the devil MUST flee.

The reality of spiritual warfare. Our battle is against beings in authority on earth and in the heavenly realms but Jesus is way above them. God demonstrates His wisdom through us.

2 Cor 10:4-5; 1 Peter 5:8 roaring lion; Romans 8:38.

Jesus is not an equal opposite of the devil. There is no Yin and Yang. Jesus is SO far ABOVE the forces of darkness.

Spiritual warfare is a reality. We are a family and we look out for each other. The more experienced soldiers train the younger recruits. We have a battle, we have equipment and we have power through Jesus.

Prayer from Ephesians 3

2023 Jan 29th (Missions testimony about Rick and Maria and Kim Chau)

The vine creates the fruit and gives life. God is the gardener and He is praised for the fruit. We have no life in ourselves. We are not the end product . We are God's plan A

Our purpose is to bear Good Fruit. We are called to examine ourselves and to be fruit inspectors (not judges)

Good fruit is evidence of life

Good fruit is evidence of God's calling

Good fruit is evidence of good teachers

Relationships in Romans 7Alive in Christ in order that we may bear fruit for God.

Colossians 11: so that you may live a life worthy of God.....and bearing good fruit. This pleases God.

Matt 21 The vineyard and the tenants. Then He sends His Son. Therefore the Kingdom will be taken from you and given to those who will produce it's fruit.

Matt 7:15 By their fruit you will know them. Beware of religious leaders who do not bear good fruit. Teachers are subject to a stricter judgement. This message is not from me to you but a message from God to us all.

Take the Word in, so that we can live the Word out (abiding in Jesus) and then produce much good fruit.

2023 Jan 22 deep and fruitful

Ongoing work of the Spirit to challenge us to go deeper (and enabling)

John 15:1-8

Jesus is the vine, (I AM the true VINE)

- the source of life and (No Jesus, no life: Know Jesus have life)
- the source of fruit.

God is the gardener. He tends us, while we are attached to Jesus, and carefully prunes the branches. His Spirit convicts us of things that need to be removed so that we can be made stronger and more fruitful.

God throws away branches that are fruitless (they are not abiding in the vine). By their fruit you will know them. If we are fruitless then we need to cry out for renewal and repentance.

God gets the praise when the branch produces fruit. God is in control in the garden. The branch cannot brag.

We are the branches

We have no life in ourselves.

We are not the end product. (Fruit is produced through us by God)

We play a critical role. (We don't exist as a bucket collecting blessings but we are to be channels of God's blessing to bless others). Ambassadors of Christ"

Call to examine our lives to remove barriers to bearing fruit that lasts (Eternally)1

[2023 Jan 15 \(prelim: psalm 119\) go deep.](#)

Psalm 1: We need a daily walk that enables us to appreciate our Lord.

(Not legalism but out of a loving relationship with Jesus. Spending time with God rather than devotional time being a drudge or sterile duty)

Psalm 1:3 Deep and fruitful. (Conditional on verses 1-2)

Psalm 1:4-6. Where do we go for advice. Little by little we can find ourselves in a place we never intended to be. We start by agreeing with ungodly advice and then make lifestyle changes which gradually lead us away from the Lord and we stand alongside sinners, and eventually sit in the seat of scoffers.

No longer walk in the company of sinners Eph 4:17-19 but instead delight in His word (a light to my feet and a lamp to my path) Your word I have hidden in my heart...

Hear

Read

Study

Memorise

Meditate

Power, fame, experiences... "I can't get no satisfaction". Chasing chaff will not allow us to go deep and fruitful. Let us go deep in His word, stand firm, produce much fruit.

[2023 Jan 5 Rick Bell " Look up "](#)

Desperate men do desperate things. Onsho wrote to God.

Life is not simple. Psalm 121

The travellers psalm. God sees everything and He never sleeps. No matter how many times we fall into despair, God is always awake (He is never offline).

We sometimes wonder where God is in the times of darkness. The problems can be all absorbing and we can get frozen. (Look up and live)

He looks up and realises that his Father cares. He trains his heart and mind to remember God's authority and compassion as someone so much better equipped to cope with the circumstances around Him.

John 4:35. Lift up your heads and open your eyes to see the fields that are ready for harvest. People are wanting direction.

[2022 Dec 25th Christmas message](#)

Christmas tree.... Gold and red. King and sacrifice

Star.. God set the star in the heavens to guide the shepherds white for purity

Red heart. God so loved the world that he gave his only son

Angel. Angels we have heard on High

Lights. Jesus is the light of the world

The most important part of the Christmas tree is the base. Jesus is foundational. His birth was so important that Isaiah wrote about it several hundred years beforehand. Without Jesus there would be no Christmas.

Jesus came to live and die for us and then He rose from the dead .

No one can lay any foundation other than Jesus

We are no longer foreigners but children of God. Eph 2:19-21.

[2022 Dec 18th. Third message about Christmas. Advent 2022.](#)

Emmanuel. Is a 7:14, Matt 1:23 , John 1:1-7 (end of John is his purpose statement "these things were written That you might believe..."

Jesus is fully GOD and fully Man. (God with us) the incarnation, the Advent, Emmanuel and He now lives in us and in us.

Jesus pre-existed before anything was made. God chose to take on human form. Jesus did not use His "God-ness" for his own advantage but made Himself nothing and took on the role of a servant.

JESUS is CREATOR GOD. Jesus is the source and sustainer of all life and in Him all things are held together.

We're are offered adoption "as children of God" as a promise. John chapter three. Nicodemus struggles with the idea of "being born again". It is essential. We are born spiritually dead with a carnal sinful nature. We cannot earn our way into forgiveness, we need a second spiritual birth so that we can be delivered from death into life.

John 3:16-17 is applied to us individually

[2022 Dec 4th Message: Advent. Isa 9:6 Messianic prophecy"](#)

This prophecy cannot apply to a normal human mortal man. Only God in the flesh can rule for ever and ever.

The world started off perfect. It was VERY good. Sin came and destroyed that perfection. Right back at the fall God promised that He would destroy the serpent. Right through the Old Testament God promised time and again that He would send a Saviour. Eg Isa 7:14..... A birth to come Isa 9:6 A position to be held (forever)!!!

Paul said that every knee will bend and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is LORD. (In Heaven, under the Earth, in the sea and on the Earth)

Names are significant in Scripture. Abraham means Father of the Nations. The name of a person was meant to indicate something about their character or calling. The names in Isa 9:6 are very significant. Peace upwards between us and God, outwards bringing reconciliation between us and others and peace inwards that passes understanding, right inside our hearts.

God is zealous to accomplish peace through Jesus. He is determined to rescue mankind.

Soon we will celebrate Christmas. Traditionally it is a time of family meetings and eating to excess. We need to have regular, counter-culture, quiet times of reflection to renew our appreciation for what God accomplished by becoming a man. Jesus is the best gift of all time opening up a door to a relationship with Himself.

[2022 Nov 13 Ephesians 5:21-33 Submit to one another](#)

Prefer one another encourage one another (not focussed on self)

Service and gifts to serve a to be used to serve Him and one another out of reverence for Christ. Dead to self and alive to Christ.

Paul's culture was radically different. Jewish men, Romans and Greeks. Women had no rights and no authority. The wife was not a companion but a child bearer and housekeeper. The wife and daughters were property of Romans (similar to Arabic culture). The husbands companionship and sexual activity was found outside marriage.

Submission ... Wives. It needs to be done voluntarily and in love. It is a choice. Loving submission and respect. Free will thankful submission. It is actually a declaration of Liberty for women.

Husbands. Give yourself up for your wife like Jesus gave himself up for us. This was a tremendous challenge for Ephesians, Roman and Greek husbands. It is a tremendous challenge for us today. No room for domination or selfishness.

This is radically culture breaking for both of the spouses. Ephesians 3:20-21. More than we could ask or think..... More than we can imagine.

[2022 Nov 6th Ephesians 5:1-20](#)

The new clothing of righteousness has been given to us when we believed.

Because of this:

1. Walk in love. (Everyone is lost but when we are found we need to walk in the new nature. When we see the old nature rise up, we need to recognise it and stand against it). Selfishness is the opposite of love.
2. Walk in the light. (We are light in the Lord. Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you. We are not just in the light... We are light. Jesus said "You are the light of the world" and He also said "I am the light of the world" Find out what pleases God.... And do that! We should be so busy doing the "does" that we have no time to worry about the "dout's") John 3:19-21
3. Walk in wisdom. (Right back in the first lesson from Ephesians was Pauls prayer that we might be filled with the Spirit of Wisdom. Compare the effect of alcohol with the Holy Spirit. Alcohol depresses wisdom but the Holy Spirit stimulates us in every good way and wisdom)

[2022 Oct 23 John Coman. Ephesians ...where we have been in the last 12 messages. Ephesians 4:17-24](#)

Two sections 1-3 who we are
4-6 how to live in Christ

Therefore.. There is a call to live in Christ. Living worthily
Don't get sucked into worldly thinking... We don't need God, we can do it our way.

If we live in a worldly way then we are on a downward spiral becoming harder and more callused, drawn to indecent impure futile behaviour with increasing greediness.

There is an old way of life and there is a new way of living. Paul goes on to expound this in Ephesians 4:20-24. An exchanged life is offered and we can (should/must... If we are sensible) choose to repent. We already stand in the newness of the new life. We need to step up and live worthily of the calling that we already have.

Col 3 Since then, since you have been raised with Christ" ... Not carnality but spiritual.

Living worthily part 1: We are members of one body... Ephesians 4:25-28. Put off the old ways. Deal with stuff before the sun goes down. Share your blessings with those who are in need.

Living worthily part 2: get rid of the surface contamination and deep contamination (every kind of malice, ill will, meanness, evil intent)

How???? Vs 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. The fruit of the Spirit Gal 5:22-25

Not about working harder to become a better Christian, but submitting to our leader Jesus.

[2022 Oct 9 missions message Matthew 24:14then the end will come.](#)

Show me who you are and lead me to those around me...

The heart of God is to reach people with His love.

Review of missionaries sent from Australian faith promise (and John and Maria received life from faith promise in the US)

Gospel of the Kingdom (incredibly good news)

Preached to all the earth (breaking down the barriers in every place)

Witness to the nations (every Ethne)

Then the end will come. (Bring back the King. Jesus will return in Power)

Preached... Demonstrated. Announce publicly. Romans 10. How will they hear.....

We are His ambassadors. We have been chosen to be part of His plan.

[2022 Sept 25. More... A very human condition](#)

God takes a messed up life and He does something about it.

God renews us and offers us more (The devil offered us more stuff but it is not good stuff, even if it looks good).

We get tempted to get more of the wrong stuff. BUT? Ephesians 3:20-21 talks about what God is able to do in us when we are obedient to God. Religion corrupts relationship with God. Religion pressures us to conform to impossible standards.

1 **We have more (inherent) value** (made in God's image) Imago Dei

2 We have more insight and understanding Luke 8:18 Phil 1:9 as we yield ourselves to His Holy Spirit. Phil 1:9b filled with good fruit.

3 **More life.** Rom 8:37 Rom 5:10. I can conquer the rottenness in my heart. The gift is not like the sin Rom 5:15 and 17. Much more Heb 9:14. We can glorify God through more life

4 **More generosity** Luke 12:28 and Luke 11:13.

5 **More courage** Acts 9:22; Phil 1:14 Ephesians 3:20-21

2022 Sept 18 Ruma Hospice

Cheryl shared about a prayer need for team to North Africa. Prayer teams around the world started praying.... Prayers were answered

Joan shared about Ruma Abedona Hospice: Care beyond cure. Working in India to provide palliative care.

Ruma's wife was told that she had upset the gods and deserved to die. Her husband said, "My God has a habit of bringing blessing out of tragedy." The cancer institute saw what was happening and asked this man to get involved in caring with love and compassion for the dying. This man was not called to preach the Gospel but to live the Gospel. By living the Gospel he was given the opportunity to share about Jesus.

2 Cor 2:14-5 Fragrance of Christ".

Bill preaching: without God, "nothing that we do counts for anything"

A whole community was starving due to COVID. The group raised \$5000 a month for many months. An Aboriginal Church in Fitzroy Crossing gave all that they had to support this work for a month, and then raised more!!!!

Who can we send and who will go for us. Heaven sent the best...The Lord Jesus. He had compassion and fed His sheep. It is way above sympathy, it is expressed in action. Not "this terrible, someone should do something about it" But "this is terrible, I am going to do something about it".

Eg The Good Samaritan. eg A man in a diabetic coma. A guy sleeping rough on the Street. The Lord has compassion on those who fear Him and then they too will have compassion on others. Compassion always has an action.

2022 Sept 11 Eph 4:11-16 GIFTS

Every believer has spiritual gifts to walk in the the works that He has planned for us to walk in.

The role of Church leaders is to equip each person develop their gifts and all of us are accountable to God and to each other to use our gifts wisely.

Building the Church is 100% is the role of Jesus but we are called into unity with Him in this work.

Marks of a maturing Church:

Unity

Discernment

Truth

Love

[2022 Aug 7th prison fellowship Steve.](#)

"May the fire in our hearts melt the lead in our feet and the glue on our seat" Ronnie Williams.

Restoring lives. To share the gospel of Jesus with prisoners and families
God wants His Kingdom to prosper even more than we do. Let us pray...Your Kingdom come.

Grace is getting what you don't deserve.....

Tuhoe Bruno Issac. Testimony.

Prison Fellowship. TPJ. Sycamore tree. Breakaway Camp for kids. VIP. Angel Tree. The travelling journey. 2/4 (support for released people including those who have GPS trackers... We go to them.)

The prisoners need someone to offer hope.

Setting Captives free. Why did Jesus come to Earth? Things went wrong in Genesis and Jesus came to restore Shalom. His Kingdom come.... **Luke 4:17-19**. The Spirit of the Lord is on me to..... Chia stick structure ... The meat in the structure is "To set the Captives free" to mend the broken hearts and to send them out on Mission with the message of forgiveness.

Christians (little Christs) to out their time, money and resources to the least the last and the lost. Turn the world upside down. The beatitudes are nonsense to the world but make sense through Jesus. Les Miserable story of ransom from sin and darkness into the light of Christ. We live in a crazy society. We have the means to communicate but are more isolated from each other than ever. We need to look at all the stuff that Satan has to offer and tell him, "Who cares!" And then we can move on to do what God wants, free from any hold of the Powers of Darkness. Really broken people healed and energised by God's Holy Spirit can become agents of healing.

Jesus says with His dying breath "Don't waste it" (the gift of My life to you)

[2022 July 10th. Importance of Prayer. "In Sync"](#)

A blessing and a curse... We get to make up our minds (Free will)

God has invited us into fellowship through the Cross".....being friends again!

As believers, we have the privilege to walk with God but we are a bit scatty and exercise our free will and make dumb choices. The way back is by confessing that we have sinned, repenting and renouncing the behaviour and then accepting that Jesus's sacrifice is sufficient to cleanse me.

We have a book of Psalms... Not a bad place to go. Jesus prayers are worth looking at. 1 Cor 6:1 Don't receive Gods Grace in vain because we are His Co-workers.

2022 July 3 message about belonging to a faithful Church

85% of Australians believe in a God. "It is not that I don't believe in God... It is just that I don't believe in the Church"

Col 4:2-6 Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Sometimes we get in the way of the message. We can come across issues driven, judgemental and holier than thou. We need to be

1. Devoted to prayer (revivals happen through devoted prayer). Commanded to persevere with watchful Gospel focus
2. The Gospel is central (Pray for open doors, clear proclamation, being wise in making the most of the opportunities). Eternal fruit not just temporal help. If we want to see good changes externally then we need to make changes within the heart.
3. Make an effort to connect with people outside of Christ. We need to understand how people think in the culture around us. We need to be expectant and ready to answer those around us.

2022 June 5th Pentecost Sunday Acts 2

The scattered group of early apostles and disciples were clothed with power from on high and emboldened to preach the gospel. The Spirit was poured out on men and women from many different cultures present. The church was birthed on the feast of harvests and the Joy of the Law was replaced by the Joy of the Lord by Grace.

This was not just a demonstration of God's power without a purpose. The purpose was to birth the Church.

Power: Power from on High

1. Power for proclamation (preaching) They had already shown that witnessing the death and resurrection was not enough to enable them to proclaim it. They were already saved but they were not yet empowered for service.
2. Power for Purity. Our culture says that the words "sin" and "wrong" are not politically correct. Everyone wants to live as they think is right for them (if you disagree then you are called a bigoted hater). We can display the power of The Holy God in imperfect jars of clay.
3. Power for praise. The world judges us by their own standards. Young man, "No one can be that happy unless they are doing something wrong". Reaching up to God and reaching out to those around us. The Spirit of God gives us power to overcome the self that Keith Green sang about, " My eyes are dry, my heart is cold and my faith is old..."

Ephesians 5:18. Go on being filled with the Spirit, present tense continuous with future effect.

2022 May 29 Ephesians 3:20-21 God is to be praised.

CH 1-3 Our position in Christ

CH 4-6 Our walk in Christ

These last two verses are a Doxyology (heart felt, explosive response of Praise)

Explosion of worship and praise after the "therefore" (as a result of the previous three chapters....)

2022 May 22. 1 Kings 8:22-34; 46-52 Hebrews 10:19-23

Charles is a Westminster Presbyterian ministry apprentice. Read the Scriptures. Joe Baeg Trinity theological college preaching.

The Church is the Bride of Jesus. Sometimes promises are not kept, but in 1 Kings 8 we see God's promises being fulfilled.

1. God is the God "who is here". The Lord has kept His promise to bring His people out of Egypt and to be permanently present with His people.
2. God is the God who hears His people.
3. God forgives His people of their sin. God is a Holy God and that fact is a problem for everyone. The blood of animals was insufficient and a better sacrifice was needed. We see that fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus came near in the flesh and dwelt with His people. He heard and hears His people. He hears the cry of the widow, the poor and the sick. His blood is sufficient for clearing us of our sin. No more need for animal sacrifices. Jesus is a true mediator between us and God.

Jesus has come near. He hears our prayer. We can come into His presence, no matter how we feel. We have been made clean when we trust in Jesus. Jesus is a better temple. We do not have to go to a specific place.

Challenge: Share the good news with others who do not yet know.

2022 May 14. Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason... I pray for you to have:

-Inner strength and Power Eph 3:16 ... Promise of Acts 1:8

-Solid faith in Jesus Eph 3:17 established

-Understanding "how high how long how deep" that surpasses knowledge

-Experience the fullness of God... Col 2:9-10 ; John 10:10
Cleansing, freedom from shame, life in fullness

That God has put us together as a supportive family is threaded through Ephesians. It is counter culture to independence and worldly thinking.

Review Ephesians 1:1-10. We receive revelation

Romans 8: 38-39

1 Cor: 1- The Trinity (by the way)

v14 Father

V16 Spirit

V17 Son

Doxyology vs 20-21. Now to him....

[2022 May 8 Mother's Day. Ruth.](#)

Times are hard... Famine and drought. People had to work or not eat.

Ruth 1:1-18. Naomi as a mother in law. In Australia, men have poor attitudes to mother in laws. Naomi was a great mother in law.

A) Acceptance. Naomi was a widow and a single mum with sons in a foreign land. No nearby relatives, no friends and no social support. Naomi did not express cultural rejection of her daughter in laws and it is obvious that they were accepted as family.

B) Belief. When Naomi's sons died, She lost all of her blood relations in a foreign culture but she pressed on. Naomi considered the state of her two daughters in law and released them so that they would not have to go through transition to a foreign land.

C) Concern - (Love). Ruth loved Naomi and that attitude had to have come from Naomi's treatment of her. **Jesus accepts us, believes in us and loves so much that He promises never to abandon or leave us.**

[2022 May 1. Sharing service.](#)

Jeff F sharing how he came from darkness and violence and has now come into loving and sharing.

John C got to speak with Kim Chau recently. Kim and Jannah went to a leadership training conference in Thailand (emerging young leaders conference). Easter was a time to reflect that in Christ there is division, no culture, language or ethnicity which is able to separate us from Him and each other. Kim rides a motor bike.

Jeff P. The two sons. Creative reading...about the prodigal son.

Andrew. Easter Sunday I was able to go to church with close family to celebrate Mum's life and meet on Zoom with isolating members. Mums poem. The cross in my pocket is a simple reminder to me.....

Maria shared about her mum. Mum shared that she had walked away from God long ago but had returned to Him and loves Him now.

Debbie's testimony. God is a way-maker and a miracle worker. Our rented property was sold and we were facing homelessness around Christmas. At the time I was suffering clinical depression and intense spiritual attack. We started looking for houses and no rentals were available. A promising lead evaporated at Christmas, right at the time when I had started healing. I got a word from the Lord and confirmed by John that I should stay put. I got up to have a coffee and a smoke but God had other plans and I got so anointed by the Holy Spirit instead.... And told me that he was going to restore that which was lost tenfold. My self worth is in Jesus now. He never sops, He never stops working... Even when we don't see it He's working...

Silvia L. Two weeks ago I was hit in the chest by The Holy Spirit. And He has done amazing things ever since. Cheryl filled in the story about provision of the right bible.

[2022 April 24. A great sidetrack. Ephesians 3:1-13](#)

Jews and Gentiles alike are undeserving of mercy but both are recipients of God's Grace. All barriers, prejudices, preferences of any kind are broken down.

For this reason.... God is at work, even in suffering, don't worry. His wonderful plan is a mystery but He is in charge...

Mystery is used four times... Through the Gospel - Jews and Gentiles are heirs together... The Greek word sense is that it was not understandable but it now is explained (This is called revelation). All the peoples of the Earth will be included in the unfathomable, unsearchable wisdom of God. All are able to come back to Him. In Jesus all the riches of wisdom are found.

We should not worry. Paul proclaimed, "I might be in prison but Heaven is open to all who come to Jesus". God is over and above ALL circumstances.

Mystery found in Christ
Mystery is made known by the Holy Spirit
Mystery has been hidden in God (The Father)

God is in charge. His intent is show His Glory through the Church.

His wonderful promise. That we may approach Him with confidence through His work and Grace. Come boldly before His throne.

2022 April 15 Easter Good Friday. Why did Jesus have to die?

Men and women were not created to be separated from God. Sin can be described as, "We have all got a better idea how things should be run than God". We rebels all need rescue from that idea. It is not God's will that any should perish. There is only one way to become God's children. 2 Peter 3:9; John 14:6; Romans 10:4; Eph 3:6.

We think "grouply" (tribally, racially, nationally etc). God thinks "Family".

Matt 27:51. Jesus cried out and gave his life.

Eph 2:18, we have access to God. Romans 5:1-2 We have peace with God.

We were chosen in Him. Eph 1:4 before time began we were chosen to be holy and blameless, 1:7 redemption and forgiveness.

Eph 1:3. God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Eph 1:13 araron! Sealed!

Every spiritual blessing- Fruit of the Holy Spirit. Gal 5:22, Eph 2:10. Supernatural Power. Gifts of the Holy Spirit- Words of knowledge, Words of Wisdom, Discerning of Spirits, Faith, Miracles, Healings, Prophecy, Tongues, Interpretation of tongues, Service, Worship leader, Helps, Intercession, Pastor, Teacher, Evangelist, Mercy, Hospitality etc.

2 Cor 9:15 Indescribable gift.

2022 March 27 Ephesians 2:11-18. "One in Christ"

There is often hatred towards people who have different opinions. How can they be made one? Paul is looking at two totally opposing groups being made one.

We were spiritually dead but now are being made alive (Grace is opposite to Karma. We are given what we don't deserve and not punished like we deserve... Opposite to Karma which says you get what you deserve)

Remember Separation: Therefore... Because you received this Grace.... Remember that you, Gentiles, were formerly separated and excluded from citizenship with Israel, foreigners to the Covenant, without hope and without God.

BUT NOW! Reconciliation.

1. The wall is down. No longer separated.
2. Created a new humanity, the two are one in Christ Jesus
3. It is a work of the Trinity. Through Jesus we have access to the Father and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

Rom ,Gal 3:28, Col

2022 Mar 20 John Coman. Ephesians 2:1-10 Alive by Grace

Our Past: Eph 2:1-3 We were by nature we were selfish and we stank of death. We need to recognise who we are before we can see our need for Salvation. We battle against the world the flesh and the Devil. Only the power of Grace through Christ can set us free.

Our Future Eph 2:4-7 BUT... Now God has made us alive in Christ... In order that...He might show the incomparable riches of His Grace (lavished on us). We are a demonstration of the power of God.

Our Present Eph 2:8-10 For it is by Grace we have been saved.... Salvation is not of our own doing and we need to walk in humility the good works that God has already prepared for us to do. We are not only been saved from death but we have been saved to life.

2022 Feb 20. John Coman. Ephesians 1:3-14 Chosen before creation

God's plan: He chose, He predestined, His pleasure and will (X3). He made known, His purposes and His plan. Set in motion before creation.

God has a person. In Christ (4 times), in Him (3 times), through Jesus Christ, in the One He lives, through His blood under Christ. God purposes His plan through Christ. It is not just forgiveness but blamelessness and holiness, given to us by His Spirit through the blood of Jesus.

God has a purpose. It has a higher purpose than our salvation! It is not about us. Verses 3, 6, 9, 12 and 14 (repetition to underline the importance) Praise be to the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We can bring pleasure to the heart of God. We are trophies of His grace. (Westminster Confession 1642). What is the chief purpose of man?....

2022 Feb 13 new series in Ephesians. Eph 1:1-2 Context

Context: sometimes we read a message through twenty first eyes. We need to read it in context. Ephesus was about the size of the ACT (three times the population of Mandurah. It was an important trade and travel centre. The temple of Diana was one of the wonders of the ancient world, (bigger than the Parthenon in Athens). Paul spent two years in Epesus.

Different letter from Paul (Paul usually teaches on how to address a particular problem). Paul focuses, in Epesians, on the historical work of Jesus and the out working of that through His Spirit.

Ephesus had a mixed people (Jews and Gentiles). Paul had authority as an Apostle from Jesus. The focus is on Jesus. The letter is addressed to the holy ones (not from self, holiness is the result of the work of Jesus, imputed righteousness). Paul commends them for their faithfulness, a personal response to the work of Jesus.

2022 Jan 30: John Coman. Answers in Genesis.

Questions beginning in Genesis. Nicky Gumbel devotional. First Questions. Read Genesis 1-4 All of creation was spoken into existence. Humans were made personally by God's hand and He breathed life into them. Humans were given mandate over the Earth and given free will (which was tested by Satan)

1. "Is God Good" (casting doubt on God's motives and we should not debate with the devil)
2. "Where are you" (God went looking for them. His motive is restorative.) therefore there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. Whenever we fall away, God comes looking for us, He does not give up.
3. "Am I my brother's keeper?" (am I responsible for anyone other than myself. Accountability! We are called into community (Koinonia)

Question by the Devil, one by God and the other by a human being. None of the questions asked by the Devil are for our benefit (the devil is a liar who wants to kill, rob and destroy). However, we have the mind of Christ and we can rest on the truth. We need to be in the Word. "It is written"

[2022 Jan 9 sharing.](#)

Prayer for grieving families (Debbie, Kim and Maria)

Video from Bethany. xyz going to a closed access country. Prayer time.

Communion time. Remembrance of the Love of God poured out for us on the Cross. People from every tribe and Nation and tongue around the throne.

Prophecy in Isaiah "He was wounded for our transgressions and by his stripes we are healed"

Prayer time. Several people came forward for healing.

Cheryl's testimony needs editing. Spiritual battle. Jesus was in the garden and had a choice. He could have left us to our own devices.... But He didn't.

Dolores. Testified to God's glory and provision travelling to and from Karratha and the help given by passers by including a very generous person who gave them his spare battery. They also ran off the road into the bush in a ute and praised God for His protection. Amalie is very tired and needs to consider her future.

Debby. High tea at Augusta's beach mission. Went well. Team of 60. Baton passed on to the younger generation.

Jodie. Prison fellowship breakaway camp for children of prisoners. Run by Scripture Union. Busselton campsite. Some were disruptive. New beginnings theme. Jodie's parents gave up good jobs to share the good news with other people.

Image (son wanted attention to say "I love you").

Story. Farmer owned an orchard. Provision.... The farmer then started to developed a taste for something bad. He rotted the fruit and then ate it. He was not designed for this. He gorged on

stuff (pornography and homosexuality that he was not designed to have.) and it destroyed him. But his wife pressed into God and found that He loved her.

Challenge. Is there something distracting you from hearing God's voice. Jesus knows how to deal with that. God often reaches down and gets really close and says "I really love you" and then you have a choice about what to do with it. Claytons choice.

[2022 Jan 2. New Year. Fire season.](#)

Fire plans, fire emergency response, brokenness.

Let us look forward to a positive fire season. At Pentecost the fire of the Holy Spirit enabled lost ground to be recovered, with healing, cleansing, reconciliation, encouraging and spurring one another on to good works.

Let us make 2022 a fire season for the Holy Spirit to fan into flame:

1. Our love for God Rev 2:4-5 you have forsaken your first love. Repent.
2. Desire for Holy living. We live in a world which is hostile to truth and holiness. We are not to withdraw but go into the world as salt and light. We need to be accountable, exhorting, rebuking, teaching and being transparent with one another. Pray for one another. Ephesians 5:8-21.
3. Passion for reaching lost people. 1 Cor 9:16-19 Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel.....

Let our passion for Holy Living be fanned into flame this year....

[2021 Dec 26th Ephesians 3:14-21. Christmas gifts for those who love him](#)

Out of the death and resurrection of Jesus comes our relationship. His gifts to us include.

1. Strengthened with power by His Spirit in the inner man (the real person mind, will, emotions and spirit is strengthened to be an overcomer) Power to be a witness for Jesus with endurance.
2. That Christ may dwell in your heart through faith. More than understanding or knowing about the truth but TRUST in God. Saving faith Ephesians 2:8 and that not of yourself (it is a gift of faith) gifts of faith in 1 Cor 12 ? Spiritual gifts of faith given for service to others.
3. Ability to comprehend how wide, deep, high and long is the love of Jesus for us. He is always there for us. He already loves us completely but often we do not understand it and sometimes God lets us see it a bit more. May this gift increase and glow out of us.
4. That we may be filled to the FULNESS of God. (what an awesome gift) and being transformed so that Jesus flows out to the life of others. (I want to be so full of the Spirit of God that when a mosquito bites me that it flies away singing "Praise the LORD")

God can do anything....read Ephesians 3:20-21..... (Especially the MESSAGE version)

2021 Nov 28 Sharing service Joanne, Jeff, Jannah and Debbie. Pushed over the line by God.

Depression is not just being sad. It cannot be rightly understood unless you have gone through it. Lots of different causes. (I need to be careful about what I speak over myself as I share). There are physical, mental, spiritual causes. Chemical imbalances, loss of love for music, total fog, dark moments. You cannot feel love or receive it and it is difficult to ask for help. It feels like complete separation from God (even though it is not true), you feel like up you are alone. Fear of being squeezed, panic attacks. It is a really painful experience which is difficult to describe. **We need to understand that we don't understand.** God feels our pain. We are not separate from him. He is also heartbroken with us. The whole of creation is groaning awaiting redemption. This pain is not for ever.

Jeff. *This message was presented as a light hearted skit with a visual aid (the audio misses this).* When we began our Christian walk we had reminders of there is only One Way (Jesus). Our lives sometimes go in the wrong direction. There is a broad way that leads to destruction and a narrow way that leads to life. When we tell people that they are headed in the wrong direction, they can make small adjustments but may still headed in another wrong way (sideways) and we all may need ongoing course corrections at some point.

Jannah. (I was not going to share today). I had pre and post-natal depression and married to an alcoholic and needed close supervision after Javin was born. I couldn't say " God, I trust you". All I could say "God help". We need to immerse ourselves in God's truth so that in the dark times we can hold onto Him.

John. Jannah lived with us while in a deep hole and we were all hurting. As parents we hurt when our kids hurt. God knows our deep pain" we can comfort others with the comfort with we are comforted.

Debbie. Really encouraged by sharing this morning. I had a breakdown, and everything was going wrong. I was surrounded by a beautiful family. God has taken me through a deep dark place, and I am coming out the other side. I must be out of the house by Christmas. God will not leave nor forsake me or my family. I started to lose my peace and I need to pay attention to that. Renewing of our mind is important.

Quadrennial happened in Equador for Alliance Word Fellowship. John Stumbo. In France there are hundreds of thousands of registered mediums but only a few thousand registered Christian workers. Many non-believers are able to hear the gospel in semi or closed countries through COVID relief programs (eg in India). Missions is the heart of God.

John. Long time ago. Last month I had a job in Dwellingup and the forecast was rain. It was pouring with rain, and I had forgotten the raincoat. It did not rain during the job and rained all the way home. We have good intentions, but we sometimes mess it up

2021 Sept 26. John Coman (Dedication service) Chris and Tiffany .. Sebastian

Mark 10:13-16 Let the little children come to me... For of such is the Kingdom of God. We need to receive the Kingdom like a little child.

It is not about getting ourselves ready. Citizenship of heaven is a gift not a wage. We need to let God have His way. Our first birth was a gift. Our second birth is a gift that we cannot earn. God loves His kids. He longs to bless us.

We cannot earn our way into Jesus arms but He longs for us to "Come" at His invitation. Community of those who know Him is a group of people in the process of learning to do life together help each other.

2021 Sept 19 Chris Urschitz. Growth!

Psalm Bear fruit in old age

1 Sam he grew in stature

1 Peter grow in increasing measure, be diligent

1 Tim 4: don't let anyone look down on you, give yourself wholly so that people can see your growth

Often we are stuck and our walk does not grow much or changing. We need to stop and ask and reflect.

Growing is necessary, important and a must for a Christian. Go to Doctor God, to Jesus and get help. Our habits determine our growth. Thoughts become words, words become actions, actions become habits and habits become character and character become a destiny... It is not the "show" but what we do in private that show our character.

We build habits through practice. Keep going. Successful people are normal people not supernatural. They are normal people with good habits. Athletes do strict training (habits)

Holy Spirit coach, trainer

Gives us the desire and the power for change.

1. Do you want to grow, do you want to be healed. What do you want
2. Do you want to stay the way you are, because change takes effort. (eg do we really want to be in shape.. (Then we need to pay the price of diet and exercise)
3. If we are stuck, then Jesus has a better view and knows best how we are to grow. Do something.....or stop doing something....put away distraction
4. Jesus calls us because He believes in us. He believes that we can do what He did when we depend on him.

VIP HABITS. Check up

1. Value. Do I really value knowing God. Boast in Him. Knowing God is LIFE and so, do we have a hunger for Him Job 28. We have no value of ourselves apart from Jesus.
2. Identity, relationship with God (two way relationship). If we want to grow then we have to push through to communion with God. we need to be pruned by good habits to bear much fruit.
3. Practice. Step out of your comfort zones. We don't grow when we are comfortable. We don't like taking risks. 2 Cor whoever sows sparingly... whoever sows generously.... Do we really want to give... John 13:17 blessed are you if you know these things and do them.

1 Thess 5 encourage one another and be at peace with one another and admonish the idle and faint hearted... Do not quench the Spirit... He will do it.

We are to please others. May the God of endurance.

2021 Sept 5th last supper. John Ch 14.

The night that Jesus was betrayed, before He was arrested, the teen chapters of the Gospel of John record the teachings of Jesus on this last night.. The word Father is mentioned 22 times. The answer to troubled hearts is to believe in Me, says Jesus. I AM coming back to take you to be with Me. I AM the WAY and the TRUTH and the LIFE. Jesus is the only way to the FATHER in heaven.

At least believe the evidence of the miracles.

The next mind blowing statement that Jesus made is that we will do greater works than He did. When someone believes Jesus and becomes His ambassador and reaches further geographically and to more people (than the few people in the upper room)

Then Jesus taught about the Holy Spirit who would come to live in us. The physical presence of Jesus is limited by time and space but the Spirit of Jesus is not limited.

The Father loves those who love Jesus. The love of God is shed abroad by the Holy Spirit. Keeping the commandments is a love response to the love of Jesus (not trying to earn His love). We learn to obey God. It is a journey with our teacher, helper and mentor Holy Spirit. Every day is the Father's Day.

2021 Aug 8 John. Psalm 16 verse by verse.

1. Keep me safe O Lord for in You I take refuge. We can absolutely trust God to keep us safe, based on God's character. It is not that David was great bloke and God had something to do with it... It is GOD
2. Apart from you, my Lord, I have no good thing. James 17:1
3. Godly people give God pleasure and give each other delight (Spirit witnesses with Spirit) We need to bless one another and love one another. We are an expression of God's goodness to each other.
4. We need to affirm that we will not run after other gods. (Technology, work demanding our energy, hobbies, pleasure, comfort, self) Our wife can become a canoe widow and so can God.
5. Our security and fulfilment is found in God.
6. I will bloom where I am planted. Eph 1:3 Every spiritual blessing
7. I will praise the Lord who counsels me. Our counsellor is not Dr Google.
8. I will keep my eyes ALWAYS on the LORD. With Him at my right hand I will not be shaken.
9. THEREFORE, my heart is glad
10. BECAUSE you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead
11. You make known to me the path of life, You fill me with joy in Your presence with eternal pleasures at Your right hand. Jesus sits at the right hand of God. Jesus is enough 1 Cor 15

Read through Ephesians 1 and Psalm 16.

2021 Aug 1st" John Psalm 40: part two.

I waited patiently for the Lord. Be still.... But how.. I waited patiently (an active thing, "in waiting I wait"

1. Cry out to Him (We don't always do this, we try and fix it ourselves. Sometimes we have caused the problem and become overwhelmed with shame and sense of failure. Don't believe the enemies lies)
2. Trust in Him alone. The temptation when we are feeling crushed is to look down rather than look up.
3. Remember who He is. He is for us and not against us, He is pre-eminent and is the same yesterday today and forever. Even before we are delivered. Sometimes the situation does not change but "His grace is sufficient for me"
4. Obey Him. The Lord delights in obedience. The temptation is to give up trusting God and trust in self-centered means, drug addiction and other unhealthy life choices which are destructive. We neglect meeting together and lose the uplifting of one another. The enemies only really effective strategy is to discredit God..Do not listen to his lies.
5. Rejoice in Him. Acts 16. Paul and Silas were in a real slimy pit in a dungeon and they rejoiced in Him. Focus on God who is with us in the problem rather than on the problem or looking for the world's answers.

2021 July 25 sermon John Coman: From the heart to the harp. Message 12

Psalm 40. David is recalling a very hard time in his life. First three verses.

1. We find ourselves in a slimy pit (a deep dark hole of desolation and destruction) David was sinking deeper and the walls were slippery and the light was far away....
 1. We need to cry out to the Lord. David knew he couldn't fix it himself. David had written Psalm 23 and knew that God promised to be with him in the valley of the shadow of death. We have promises like "I will never leave nor forsake you", "In all these things we are MORE than conquerors"
 1. We need to wait patiently for the Lord. When things aren't going well then patience is in short supply. I shouldn't whinge while I am waiting. We need to relinquish our control. We may get angry but we cannot hold it while we wait patiently for the Lord. (In your anger, do not sin)
 1. Rescued from the pit. No longer trapped but standing on the solid rock which is Jesus. It does not necessarily mean a change of circumstances. It may be just a change of heart in the same circumstances.
 1. Given a new song
 1. Many will see and put their trust in Him. Our family, colleagues, fellow Christians and even our enemies are watching us as we wait patiently for His answer and His

way of doing things. How we respond can be an opportunity for people to hear from God.

2021 July 18 Cheryl Cullen The reality of the FEAR/POWER worldview

1 . Guilt /innocence individualistic Western

1. Fear/ Power animistic tribal witchcraft (most common view)
2. Honour /shame

Worldview trumps religion every time. Animism is alive and well in Western Australia. "Get in touch with your inner goddess at a wild woman weekend in Dwellingup" There are a lot of things like Reiki, Tarot readings, Crystals, superstitions etc which are age old animism practices which attract evil spirits. People want answers and go looking for them outside of conventional rules.

CS Lewis Screwtape letters. Two equal and opposite assumptions about demons. Satan is equally delighted with Materialists and Magicians and will beat is up on either extreme view.

The biblical worldview about reality. Jesus proved His divinity by the power of His ministry in healing, deliverance from demons, calmed the sea, gave sight to the blind, raised the dead. Jesus crossed all sorts of religious rules and boundaries in favour of compassion because He loves us.

Focus: When any people of any culture or worldview find Jesus they are shifted from the domain of darkness into His glorious life. People find that there is nothing good back there. However.... We need to know the truth about the spiritual battle. Eph 4:26-27.... Do not give the the devil a specific location to work in our lives. (Martin Luther said that you cannot stop swallows from flying around your head but you can stop them nesting in your hair). Swallows build nests out of wet mud, which then hardens and allow more mud to be added.... Sin is like that.

Eg child who was allowed to watch a movie with a scary scene..... --> Obsessive compulsive, fear, anxiety.... Needed healing. 2 Cor 10:4-5. We are not fighting with worldly weapons but with spiritual power to demolish strongholds. We are also to take up the full armour of God (presence of Jesus). We have to face the reality of spiritual warfare and be engaged in the battle in His power. In Col when you were dead in your transgressions Christ made you alive... He cancelled out the legal right of the certificate of death that Satan held by nailing it to the cross. Jesus has won the victory. It is a powerful truth which is relevant today. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil and Jesus sits far above all rule and authority. We don't have to be a powerful one (because we are not) but we are hidden in Christ and we need to agree with Jesus.

2021 July 11. Sharing Koinonia "Joining together in fellowship"

Jeff was diagnosed with both Non and non Hodgkins lymphoma. Last years report was really negative. Jeff said, "I know that God is in the boat. It sometimes seems like he is asleep but I know that he is not". Current reports from the doctor are "We have done a good job again...!" Please keep praying (I would like a complete miracle).

Paul gave us a Colin Buchanan song "Jesus came for me"

Christian Brothers motorcycle rider. The greatest attack by the Devil can be turned to blessing. His wife died two months after diagnosis with pancreatic cancer. But God used it to reach another man who had just lost his wife. They prayed together and encouraged one another. Encouraging one another is blessing one another (breaks the power of curses).
[2021 June 27 at the feet of Jesus in Eternity](#)

Phil 2:5-11 Judgement is not the end. To those who have confessed Jesus then the promise in John 14:1-> comes into effect. Heaven is not worldly, it is altogether other (no mind has conceived nor ear heard what God has prepared for those who love Him). Revelation images Rev 5:6-> Rev seals Rev [5:11-14](#) Rev 7:9-12 WORSHIP..... Rev 20: Judgement and 21: post judgement He will wipe away every tear. 22:3 No more curse. Our future is certain if we now bend the knee and worship Jesus, (Our future is also certain if we do not bow the knee.... "Abandon hope all Ye who enter here")

Whatever we are going through is only temporary.

[2021 June 20 At the feet of Jesus. Serving](#)

Phil 2:5-11. Humbly serving one another. JESUS is in very nature GOD became a man. One day EVERY knee will bow AT THE NAME OF JESUS (heavenly beings, human beings and satanic beings will recognise the sovereignty of JESUS and bow before Him).

This has not happened yet and is prophetically viewing the future. For some people this message will be terrifying. This message is talking about JUDGEMENT at the FEET OF JESUS. Matt 25:31-46. Sheep and the Goats....

Peter tells us in 2 Peter 1:5-10 that because we know these things, we should become all the more eager...

1 John [5:11-12](#) whoever has the Son has life. HE who does not have the Son does not have life.

We are to bring good news to those around us who don't know Jesus. We are to have beautiful feet.. Romans [10:13-15](#)

[2021 June 13th John 21 Restoration at the feet of Jesuservice](#)

Historical event involving Simon called Peter.
Initially Jesus called Peter to follow him while Peter was fishing.
Peter James and John were a close circle around Jesus during His ministry.

Jesus warned the disciples that they would all fall away. Peter declared that he would never fall away even if **all** the others fall away. Peter denied Jesus three times before the rooster crowed. Peter wept bitterly.

Peter went back to fishing when he did not know what else to do (May as well go back to work). Then we read in John 21:1-19. Peter was reinstated in verses 15-19.

Rebuilds the relationship

Releases Peter from his failure. Reinstates Peter and restores him .

Reminds Peter of his calling (calls Peter to "follow me", again)

No matter where we have been and no matter what we have done, we can come to the feet of Jesus and be rebuilt, released, restored and reminded. Jesus has paid the price IN FULL.

Jesus starts where we are at..... 1 John 1:9.

2021 June 6 John Coman. At the feet of Jesus. A place of worship2

A place of trust, forgiveness , deliverance and humility

After the resurrection.

1. Matthew 28:1. The women went to the tomb and met Jesus in the garden (vs 9). Immediate reaction was to worship Him because He is God.
1. John [20:24](#) Thomas was absent the first time and did not believe the others but when he sees Jesus for himself, Thomas declares "My Lord and my God"

(an aside: When we believe, we are blessed)

1. Luke 24:50 the Ascension. Then they worshipped Him. They stayed together praying for another ten days and then The Holy Spirit fell at Pentecost.

The Apostles and Angels refused worship because worship is due to God alone. When Jesus was asked by the Pharisees to rebuke his disciple then He declared that if His disciples remained silent then the very stones would cry out (thereby declaring His God-ship)

Therefore let us offer ourselves in worship. As moral beings we were created to worship God as part of our nature.

2021 May 30 sharing

2021 May 23 Pentecost Sunday.

Sometimes we lose the sense of awe. Pentecost Sunday was the birth and commissioning of the Christian Church. 120 people in the upper room were waiting in obedience to receive power from on high. Luke [12:11-13](#); 24:29 then Acts 1:8 and also John 14, 15 and 16 gives us a lot of teaching about the work of the Spirit. There is an expectation among the people of

God. Acts 2:1-->. When they were all gathered together in one place... Suddenly.....
FIRE.....

There is no ministry when there is no presence of the Spirit.

Peter who hid himself was reinstated on the shores of Galilee and now filled with Spirit gets up in front of the huge crowd and challenges them They continued to devote themselves to fellowship to breaking of bread and prayer and went out in in power. They went out being continuously being filled with the Spirit. When threatened with dire consequences if they continued to preach Jesus, they prayed for greater boldness to preach more. Then the place where they were present was shaken and they were ALL filled with the Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly and they were empowered to live in holiness and commissioned for service.

Saul heard from God, Cornelius was filled with the Spirit when he heard the word of God and this showed the early Church that Gentiles were to be included in the Church. Mabel Frances is one of those chapters in the Acts of the Spirit that was yet to be written.

We need to filled with the Spirit to live in holiness, to walk in holiness' set apart from the world to do works in the power of the Spirit and bring the gospel to the world.

Are there areas in our lives that we need courage and boldness, understanding and wisdom, direction in the works that God has beforehand for us to do, a mindset that need to be challenged and changed (Who is the most important person in the room and it is I AM), breaking of sin patterns (we sing "my chains are gone" when we still have grave clothes wrapped around us), do we need renewed persistence and power in prayer, do we need revival, refreshment for our soul., do we need to cry out for mercy.....

[2021 May 19 John Laughlin. The Power of Love.](#)

How would you score your life as a Christian

Private Christian life in your thoughts will and emotion. Alone at home in secret or out in the bush.

Public Christian life. .What happens in the checkout line or what you say when driving your car.

Domestic Christian life. What happens between husbands and wives.

Ephesians 5:21-33. Ephesians is divided into two section. First two chapters and second three. Magnificent chapters on the riches of the heavenly real. The last three chapters include laying aside the old and taking up the new. This portion of Scripture is all about domestic issues. Paul must have stayed in hundreds of Houses and must have encountered real issues in domestic relationships.

Husbands love your wives. This cannot go very far in the flesh. It is only possible in Christ. It is only possible to be Christlike with Christ living in us and having His way.

[2021 May 11 Mothers Day.](#)

We celebrate publicly to honour our mums. Biblically we should honour our mums every day. Read proverbs 31. Especially verses 30 and 31.

Women in the New Testament. 2 Timothy 1:5-6. Timothy's mum and grandma has a sincere faith that they passed on to Timothy. Faith that overcomes fear and timidity. 2Tim 3:14-17. Timothy learned how to live his faith because he was taught to live it out (an act of faith and faith acted out). We are called to live our faith.

Mums and grandmas who live out their faith have tremendous influence on their children and grandchildren but everyone has a choice. We must continue to pray and trust and leave the results in the hands of God.

Discipline or correction may sometimes be unpleasant but it is required for training in righteousness.

[2021 May 2 Chris Urschitz. Icabod.. The Glory is Departed.](#)

Kibroth Hattaavah The people complained... God's anger burned tabberah (burnings.) The riff-raff craved more desirable times. We want the things that satisfy us and we are not satisfied what God provides. Moses was displeased and the anger of the Lord burned hotly (kindled greatly). God says that I will complete what I have started but you are not satisfied.

It is not that we are too weak we that are but that we don't know how weak that we are. Weakness makes us desperate for God. Our weakness drives us onto our knees to admit we cannot do this and seek God like desperate beggars. We cannot save a drowning child unless we get help. We need to cry out to God. Jesus was a weak man because he emptied himself and he depended on His Father in prayer. We need to know where to go when we are desperate. We need to understand that we cannot do anything without God. When we are weak then we are strong"

God does not allow us think that we are strong. He will disabuse us of that idea. He will give us a thorn in the flesh so that we will understand what God says, "When you are weak then I am strong". We are to share our burdens with one another".

We are not to look back. We gather more than we need We need to share and live for others. We need to crave for Him and not for what for he gives. Be desperate for Him and we will find that He is enough. Go against the flow and admit that we a weak.

[2021 April 11 Alex Winning. Married to Kelly. Chaplain.](#)

Wednesday, picking up tyres, listening to Peace by....

Life can get un-peaceful! Sickness, lockdown, kids... We can get busy and miss spiritual food. Where is peace in the midst of the chaos of life. Serenity and calm can come from ephemeral things sunsets which become dark night, a warm hug can become an argument. The full weight of peace discussed in the Scriptures is different from serenity. Peaceful experiences and feelings can be a coverup for not engaging with God.

We can try to deconstruct what is happening to us and forget that Jesus is central and that He needs to be our focus. "The Lord bless you and keep you... " The Lord is the source of blessing. Shalom. In Bethlehem there is a big pocket of Shalom. There is a God of Shalom.

The God of Peace. When creation turns on God He sets out to rescue and Shalom comes into the world and breathes in the air of the people He came to rescue and make people whole. Even in His anger in the Temple, He was bringing Shalom wholeness back into the Temple.

God offers hope that there will be restoration in the future but we don't become passive. We need to step into Shalom. There is no lasting Shalom outside of Jesus. Shalom is not shaken by pandemic or disease or death because it looks beyond the present. We are invited to step into a holistic ministry, the life and message of Jesus in our community. We often miss the bigger picture and see salvation as personal. It is that but it is much more. Blessed are the peacemakers. It does not depend on us but we are invited in. Embracing Shalom means that we must share it. There must be no limits to our goodness. There have to be no bounds to our sharing. When we are Shalom we become peacemakers, something much bigger than ourselves.

1. We need to be absolutely grounded in the source... Jesus. Lasting peace cannot come from our own efforts.
2. Seen as we point people to experience Jesus. They have to see it in us.
3. Being a blessing to the world around us. As far as it is possible, as much as it depends on us, we need to be at peace with everyone.

There is a day coming where all things shall be made new. James 3:17. The wisdom that come from above.... Peacemakers who bring peace shall reap a harvest of righteousness

[2021 April 2 Good Friday at the feet of Jesus.](#)

There were a number of people at His feet around the cross. The cross is the fulcrum of history.

Betrayed
Sleepless
Six trials; and the liars who gave false evidence were there
Beatings
Mocking, sneering, even the religious leaders
Emotionally drained
Broken, suffering

People at the Cross:
People who crucified Jesus.
Criminals
John and the women, including His mother and Mary Magdelene
Hardened soldiers
Particularly the criminal who realised that he was justly condemned, repented and asked Jesus to remember him.
Col 1 it pleased God to have His FULNESS dwell in Him..... We need to continue in the faith.....azine

[2021 Feb 28 At the feet of Jesus. It is all about Jesus.](#)

Revisit the story in Mark 5:1-20, supposedly to get away from the crowds.

The Gadarene demoniac. A true before and after story. This mad demon possessed man came running to the feet of Jesus. He had been rejected and cast out of towns to live among the dead because he was dangerous and uncontrollable.

The demons recognised who Jesus is. The demons know Jesus but they are not saved. Many people know the truth about Jesus but are not saved because they have not submitted to Jesus. Hiding sin in the darkness causes it to fester. No shame or rejection can keep you from falling at the feet of Jesus. He came for the least the last and the lost. He came for SINNERS.

John 6:37 all who come to Me is that I will not drive away. Jesus does not leave us as we are. We can look good on the outside but our hearts can be desperately wicked. The demoniac was delivered, dressed and in his right mind and sitting at the feet of Jesus.

When we come to Jesus, His Spirit comes to dwell in us and changes us from the inside. He has saved us, we are being saved and we will be saved.

Jesus wants us to share His goodness. Tell others about Him. We are accepted at the feet of Jesus and we are changed and commissioned to go and tell others.

[2021 Feb 21. Shalom. Luke 4:17-19](#)

Jesus Christ came to set the captives free and to send them out with the message of forgiveness. We have a mission in life is to bring the kingdom to earth starting with the least, the last and the lost.

Les miz... Everyone of us are captives to sin. We are all desperately needy. We buy stuff we don't need, with money we don't have, to impress people we don't know. God has a way of breaking through our brokenness to transform us.

Tony Campolo and the heckler. Set free to serve. Rob and Dave... Jesus saved them both as they served one another. Miracles occur in the kingdom of God and "bread happens". God wants to use us.

Poem. Lord lord.

[2021 Feb 14th. The Chosen challenges me to read Scripture carefully and in 3D.](#)

At the feet of Jesus. Song by Don Francisco. Luke 7:36-> A place of humility. Simon the Pharisee and publicly known sinner gate crashed the party. Normal courtesy was to anoint, greet with a kiss and wash his feet (a public insult). We need to be careful not to become WASPs instead of being transformed sinners and followers of Jesus.

Humility precedes forgiveness. Pride blocks forgiveness and invites rebuke. It is only when you realise that you need forgiveness that you become humble before God. Whoever will humble himself like a child is greatest. We need to be clothed with humility.

1. Forgiveness. When we are forgiven we join His family. We live in a fallen world and need to walk in humility and obedience.

2. Lay everything down at the feet of Jesus. (Where your heart is, that is where your treasure is). Nothing between you and Jesus.
3. We need to be growing into the image of Jesus. (We have been saved, we are being saved and we will be saved).
4. This story is a great reminder that Jesus can forgive the grossest sin if you humble yourself.

2021 Jan 31 John Coman. [Sitting at the feet of Jesus.](#)

A place of healing and forgiveness Mark 2:1-12 and Luke
 The paralysed man was brought to Jesus by his friends because he could not come himself. Our whole world is in need of people who love people enough to stop at nothing to bring them to Jesus.

1. Jesus is God Jesus proclaimed that He had authority to forgive sins and only God could forgive sin and then He proved it by another act of Divinity. (First Jesus dealt with the spiritual need for forgiveness)
2. Forgiveness is our main need
- 3.
4. Faith in action. Practical, biblical faith is both internal and external.

2021 Jan 24 John Coman. [At the feet of Jesus.](#)

We are all broken people and none of us are on a pedestal or better than anyone else. God is not finished with any of us yet.

A place of trust John 11:1-44 Lazarus

Lazarus was really, really, really dead (by this time "He stinketh") Jesus has a compassionate heart. Jesus cares about what happens to us. He is intimately concerned about and interested in what is happening to us. [[send a link to Em about bitter roots]]. It is the Devils lie that God doesn't care, or is even malevolent!

Cast your cares Psalm 138:6; Matthew 10:28-31; 1 Peter 5:7 (cast your cares on Him because He cares for you)

Both Martha and Mary were broken hearted and were real with Jesus.

Come to me! Matthew 11:28-30; Isaiah 55 ... We need to come to Him...

We need to come to Jesus and FALL at HIS feet...

Jesus prays for us. We need to come to Him so that we trust Him (not so that He can be informed... HE already knows) Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:34-35 (nothing can separate us from Him).

Jesus acts for us. Matthew 28:18 All power has been given to Me and I now send you... Jesus is the same yesterday, today forever ... Still doing miracles today! Sometimes we tell God how to act but we need to let God be God and trust Him.

TRUST has a cross at either end <Claire>

2021 Jan 3 John Coman. At the Feet of Jesus. First message of 2021.

At the feet of Jesus. Looking at people who sat at the feet of Jesus. Mary sister of Lazarus was mentioned as regularly being at the feet of Jesus. We are always in "unprecedented times" but what is important is how we walk it. Luke 10:38-42. Martha was worried and upset about many things but few things are needed and only one thing is important and Mary has chosen the Best Part. Spending time with Jesus is important. Mary was sitting calmly, listening to Jesus and burdens were lifted and cares were forgotten or laid aside. In that place we learn to love God and find His blessing and peace.

We need to choose to sit at the feet of Jesus and to listen to Him.

Luke 12:22-31 why worry... Seek first His Kingdom first

Phil 4: 6-7 peace of God is our Umpire

In His presence we find food and strength for our Journey. We need to spend time in His presence and feed on Him by faith. We get strength to feed others and be fed by others who have also been equipped by Jesus.

We gain focussed priorities. We get God's perspective on what is truly first, second, third.... We can use our gifting as an excuse not to get alone with God and get His priority.

We get fulfilled lives. We go on a journey to "find ourselves" but we will not find fulfilment in wealth, accomplishment and self gratification because we can only find ourselves when we lose ourselves in Jesus.

John 10:10 we live in all its FULNESS and abundance only in Jesus.

(The sheep need to hear His voice The sheep with headphones on, while lying on a Li-Lo with the Shepherd waving His arms and calling out to the sheep, was thinking to itself, "I don't hear from the Shepherd much anymore")

2021 Let this year be spent at the feet of Jesus.

2020 Dec 13 We three kings. Matt 2:1-

Some magi were magicians and some were godly wise men. Many of the wise men in the Babylonian court would have known the Hebrew Scriptures and prophetic revelation in the stars (which God made as a calendar.. Genesis) Gold, and myrrh and frankincense. Gold is a gift from Kings to Kings. The wise men were royalty and recognised Jesus as King.

Rev 19 Jesus is the Word of God and King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Frankincense recognises that God is here. It was very costly. It was burnt in temples and was used by the Hebrews to anoint priests.

Myrrh is mine it's bitter perfume. Used for embalming a dead body. Jesus was embalmed after his death and placed in a stone cold tomb. The gifts were prophetic.

Glorious now behold him arise. Jesus is a living saviour. King and God and Sacrifice...

2020 Nov 22. Ian Cullen. We are made Body Soul and Spirit. We need to be connected wholly to God when we worship and when we go about our daily lives. We need to chose to dwell....

Information plus. We can be informed (even the Devil is informed)

We need connection between us and the Father. Being filled with the Spirit. Walk by the Spirit. Martha said to Jesus, " Tell Mary to help me". We tell God what to do instead of listening to what God wants us to do. We need to discern the voices.

Like the pioneers in the Bailem valley. "We have to go in....we don't have to come out", when they were dropped in among cannibals. That only makes sense if God is leading us. It is insanity to the natural mind.

When things go majorly wrong then we have an opportunity to draw near to God and choose to trust Him, rather than get snotty with God or our circumstances. Job humbled himself when God corrected him. In Acts ch 2. Peter made a promise to die with Jesus when he saw the transfiguration but that information did not help at the crucifixion when Peter denied Jesus. Peter had no connection or power to do what Jesus wanted until he was connected to Jesus and the Father, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Peter stood and declared in Acts 2:22... In POWER the Gospel (not by information alone but PLUS connection with the Father.)

Am I connected to God or is it "It is my right to do this". Let us learn to listen to the right voices. Chocolate might call from the aisles.. " I will make you feel good". There are all kinds of contrary voices coming from all directions. Which one should we listen to? We need to listen to Jesus above every other voice. We need to remain connected. If we lose that connection by listening to the "Hope-nots" then we need to return to our Father in repentance and let Him transform us. Read the Word, not for information but for transformation and connection. Be transformed by the renewing of our minds....we need to live in ongoing transformation.

2020 Nov 15th (Nov 8th was written on written notes)

The CMA logos.

Saviour the cross

Sanctifier the Holy Spirit

Healer

Coming King

Symbol of the Appearance of God as a fire. In Genesis we see God as a lover and communicator. The tabernacle is a crucial part of the plan of God to re-engage with His people. He dwelt among His people as a pillar of fire. To begin with there was a need for preparation to be able to come into the presence of God. There was a cost because of sin. People were to take the best of their flock and sacrifice daily, weekly and annually as a type of the cost for a sinner to approach a Holy God.

The tabernacle was designed by God. After the sacrifice was made, people could move from the sacrifice to the laver for washing. They washed their hands and feet so that they could be outwardly cleansed before approaching God. Set apart.

One view is rule based. Turn from cards, alcohol and dancing. Turn to Bible reading, tithing etc is regarded by some as sanctified. (Works based).

Simpson defined becoming sanctified as a work of the Spirit. Jesus is our Sanctifier. We should make changes as we are led by the Spirit of God. Simpson was not popular with this definition. Sanctification is both a crisis and an ongoing work of the Spirit. Another image is holiness.

1 Cor. 1:30-31 Jesus is our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption.

John 17:17-19 Jesus set Himself apart..

Titus 2:14 Jesus gave Himself To purify us...

How much of our Christian walk depends on our rules and how much depends on Jesus. We can impose all of our little rules on others (just like the Pharisees laying burdens on people that God never intended for them to carry)

[2020 Nov 1 . Ian's message at camp. Finders keepers loser weepers](#)

(Worldly idea. However, God has other ideas)

We are all leaders wherever we are.

World's idea: More for me.

Young couple got put in jail in Somalia just because they did not go along with the flow. We all need a miracle, ongoing miracles, to be able to along with God's way, "Freely you have received, freely give". God wants His Name to be glorified as we become known as givers rather than takers.

God says, don't be conformed to the world but be transformed by the renewing of the mind. Jesus can transform the way we think and then our feelings can be transformed.

Jesus has conquered fear and the forces of darkness lying to us, to tempt us to get us to focus on ourselves.

We don't like to to be mocked, belittled and rejected. The world gives us that in spades. But GOD.... God has authority over these evil spirits.

We need to listen to God when He puts His finger on something that He wants to change so that we can be transformed in our lives, our marriages....

Thank You Lord that You don't want anyone to be messed up....

2020 Oct 11th Isa 40: 1-11. The Gentle Shepherd.

Comfort Ye O comfort Ye my people says your God.

These verses were written about 700 years before Jesus was born. Verses 4-6 are attached in the New Testament to John the Baptist and to Jesus. This is a wonderful prophetic chapter. Every one of us can hear from God because Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice" and He wants us to listen to Him. Verse 9 referring prophetically about Jesus says, "Here is your GOD".

There is no valley too deep nor mountain too high for Jesus to deal with. Jesus is the Sovereign Lord, having all power and authority... For in Him are all things visible and invisible....

Jesus is the Judge of all things (Verse 10 referring to reward and recompense). Jesus is not coming back as a baby, He is coming with all power and authority to judge the Nations and separate the sheep and the goats. Eternal reward or eternal punishment. God's heart is for us, He is not willing that any should perish. HE has already made full payment for all who will trust Him. (HE has also paid for those who will not trust Him but they have chosen not to accept the free gift)

2020 Oct 4th Sheep and the Lamb. Communion message.

Isa 53 in context. This Scripture does not stand alone. Isaiah wrote 66 books. His name means "God is Salvation". His book is quoted more than any others apart from the Psalms. The NT came out of the OT.

Songs about the coming of the Saviour in Isaiah. Eleven chapters. There are songs about the Chosen servant, the mission of the servant, the obedience of the servant and finally the suffering of the servant (Messiah, the Christ, the Lord Jesus). He did not come to condemn the world but to redeem the world. Isa 53, the suffering servant song. So many clear prophecies about Jesus, written 750 years before Jesus was born.

Verses 4-6. We all like sheep have gone astray... (Baa Baa do Baa Baa) But..... Praise God for His wonderful mercy. Even when we wander off in our self centred lifestyles, Jesus seeks us and is willing to rescue us if we respond to His call. It was not His brokenness that Jesus took to the cross but OURS so that we could have peace with God and those around us. Peace upwards, outwards and inwards. We are called to the communion table to eat and drink and remember His death until He comes again.

2020 Sept 26 John Coman. The Lamb is the Shepherd

Gods word is absolutely true and trustworthy and He wants to speak to us.

Jesus is GOD. Rev 5:6 The lamb that was slain sitting on the throne. Rev 7:9-17. God will shelter us with His presence (vs 15). He provides us with all of our needs. We are the people of His pasture and we are his sheep and He is our Shepherd. The Shepherd in Israel is their boundary, their guide for protection, healing and provision. He hears our bleating even when we make poor choices and get ourselves into trouble. He remembers that we are but dust.

The OT sacrificial system required repeating over and over again. Jesus offered Himself once and for all time as the perfect sacrifice. We are redeemed with the precious Blood of Christ. Jesus described Himself as the Good Shepherd and He became the perfect Lamb to be offered up as the only perfect sacrifice. Hebrews 9:26-28. Jesus is coming back as THE Judge and to bring salvation to those who eagerly wait for Him. Jesus chose to go to the Cross but death could not hold Him down. The Shepherd became the Lamb and became the Shepherd again. Jesus is the Living Water and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Blessed are they who wash their robes.....vs 17 of the last Chapter of the Bible... Come.... The work has been done... Come.....

2020 Sept 19 and 26
(19th video on mission Ken Graham)

2020 Sept 13 Persuasion.

If you are different to anyone you are frowned on, subtly or unsubtly. When it comes to faith we are sold a lie.. "Keep it to yourself! "

We are blessed in WA to have Christian Chaplains in our schools. The New Testament writers knock these ideas on the head. Use of persuasive words was encouraged and teaching people to obey everything that Jesus taught. 2 Cor 5 persuade men... Christ's love compels us... He has committed to us the Words of Reconciliation...

Since we know what it is to fear God, we persuade men.... The old has gone, the new has come. It is not just adding a bit of extra religion to our lives that we need, but we need to completely replace everything in our lives with Jesus. We need to be persuaded that Jesus is not just the cream on the cake of our choice, HE is THE cake.

Current religious thoughts are doing enough good works to earn salvation. Scripture says otherwise. None of us are good enough. We all need to be forgiven, reconciled, restored and made new. It is simple but very costly. It cost God dearly to buy us back from sin.

An ambassador speaks on behalf of the Kingdom. We are to speak words that people know come from Jesus. It is though God is making His appeal through us.... Do we realise our authority and responsibility and accountability to preach the gospel. We are a Royal priesthood and Chosen people to declare His Praises.

1. We need to be certain that we are saved.
2. We need to be fully connected to Jesus through prayer, His Word and His family.
3. We need to persuade people through relationship one on one and globally in prayer and being available to go as tent makers. We can be Jesus in our workplaces.

2020 Sept 6th. Father's Day

(Angel is leaving to go home to the Philippines. "Why do you want to be baptised". Angel replied, "I want to follow Jesus and to publicly declare my faith in Him".)

Dads are Gods idea. This unit is being torn apart in our culture. Relationship reflects His idea. Joseph is a father chosen by God to be an earthly father for His Son. Joseph was spoken to by

God to be the father of the Child born of a Virgin. Jesus was born like us in every way except without sin. Family is God's design for children to have a Mum and a Dad. We live in a broken world and often single parents are left with a very difficult job to do (Let us remember them and support them because we are all family).

Matt 1:18-25; Matt 2:13-23 God with us. He will be called a Nazarene (Can anything good come out of Nazareth?)

Joseph was a living, caring and affectionate man. When it looked like Mary had been unfaithful and adulterous, Joseph did not want her to be publicly disgraced nor stoned to death but also wanting to obey the Law, Joseph wanted to put her away quietly... Even before God spoke to him. He adopted the one who the world would reject.

Love is a choice first, not an emotion. Joseph was also a Godly man. Joseph immediately obeyed. We need to be obedient to God's leading according to His word and not according to our emotions. How we respond to God's leading affects our children. They see what we do and pay more attention to that, than what we say. Joseph cared for his son. As a good Jewish father, he would have taken him to the synagogue.

2020 Aug 30th Micah Ch 6:6-8 Act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with your God

We have been declaring that in the darkest of times, even so, Jesus is right there with us.

What does the Lord require of me?

Sometimes we are trying to find out how to twist God's arm or trying to find out what do I have to do to earn God's favour.

God already loves us and is for us. He first loved us even before we love Him.

Because of who God is and because He care... We need to show His love and care to the world.

Micah Ch 6:6-8 Act justly, love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

God does not require anything from us to gain His favour

God does require us to reflect His Character. To show respect, integrity, love, honest in every dealing. Honesty is not the best policy for Christians.... It is the ONLY policy in every detail of our lives. God desires truth in the inward parts and for that to flow outwards from us. We cannot cheat on the small details.

God says, "Act JUSTLY!" We need to shine His light on the NATIONS not keep the light for ourselves.

Love MERCY. We are not just to have mercy but love Mercy. We don't just do acts of kindness because it is expected. Kindness should flow from us loving mercy. Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy".

Walk HUMBLY. Consider who we are. We are but dust. We are in the hands of a majestic all knowing God who has every right to treat us harshly but He loves us and remembers our weaknesses. We need to walk humbly. We can become arrogant and complacent because of how far God has refined us and think that somehow we did it. We need to remember that every good thing in our life has come from God.

Micah prophesied in Ch 5 about the coming of Jesus and asked the question "Who is a God like you who pardons sin?".. There is only ONE GOD who can answer this question. We

walk a lifetime of change in going from glory to glory as He transforms us into the image of Jesus.

2020 Aug 23 Luke Ch 4 Our Challenge.

Please tell me who I am.. The logical song.

God has put eternity in our hearts, a God shaped hole in our hearts.

The Spirit of the Lord is on me.... Luke 4:18-19. Jesus declared His purpose and we are called to His purposes.

Preach Good News to the poor

Physical poverty

Spiritual poverty.

We have been called to care for the poor. When I was hungry you fed me...

BUT there is a spiritual poverty beyond this life where people who are without Jesus are eternally bankrupt... We are to preach the good news.

We are to proclaim hope and freedom for the captives.

The enemy wants to keep us in chains but Jesus won the victory. God made us alive...

Disarmed the authorities and powers and made a public spectacle of them.

Jesus gives sight to the blind. There is a deeper blindness, the blindness of the heart. We have had our sight restored. We are to be a light to the world.

Release from oppression. Physical and spiritual oppression. The biggest oppressor is the enemy of our souls. Jesus has defeated him.

We are the expression of God's grace to our community. We are to proclaim God's favour, expressed in words, deeds and character".

2020 Aug 16. Psalm 100 Sheep! Shout with joy to the Lord.

We are the sheep oh His pasture. Two calls to actions and two reasons for those actions.

Shout for Joy. Worship the Lord with gladness. Glad that He knows us and we know Him.

No one can take us out of his hand. You sheep who know Me, come before Me and Worship Me (not just when things are going right)

When things are going so wrong "I cannot go to Church today" That whisper is coming from our enemy.

Come into His presence. Jesus made a way for us to cry out to Him by whatever Name He has revealed Himself. Creator, Lord God Almighty, Jesus, Saviour, Coming King, Shepherd, King of Kings, Yahweh, Father..... God with us... THE God Who made everything and holds it all together by the word of His power. The Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Colossians ch 1:15 onwards.

We are commanded to enter His gates with praise. "Come on in" because of what Jesus did on the Cross. Heb 4:14-16. (We have a high priest who understands us so that we may approach the throne of God and find mercy in our time of need)... For the Lord is Good and His faithfulness endures forever. He is not a part time good god, He is a full time Good God. Numbers 23. God is not a human being that he should lie. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

2020 July 12th . Life in the time of Jesus

Scripture is history and documents real life events. We look at Scripture through 21st Century life. The Chosen series shows us what it would have been like in the time of Jesus. In the gospel of Matthew Jesus did an amazing number of miracles in one and a three quarters chapters out of twenty eight chapters in Matthew. Matthew Ch 9:30-38. Jesus had compassion on the sheep who were helpless and harassed because they were like sheep without a shepherd (not yet Christians) . He was talking about those who don't yet know about Jesus. He had compassion not just pity. Pity means to feel sorry for but separate from someone. Compassion means to be moved with relational feelings which moves us to do something about the situation for the person who stirred the compassion.

Harassed and helpless. Distressed, beaten down, cast out, flogged, stripped, sick without hope physically, mentally and emotionally. They could not see past their situation. We look around Pinjarra and we see something similar, we look around Australia and we look around the world we see something similar. Australia has the infamy of having the highest youth suicide rate in the world. We live in a broken world but we have wonderful news of an amazing Saviour.

People are really helpless and harassed. We have not been redeemed to this state. We are not to beat ourselves up. We are called to live life to FULNESS. Not to deny the burdens but to continually roll our burdens on to Him so that we can live in Him. HE is our strength and he is our hope. Jesus was not just sad for people but He had compassion. We, His Sheep, are called on to do greater works than He did. Do we have the strength to do that on our own? NO WAY! But we can do the greater works IN HIS STRENGTH. Jesus at work in us as we pray the Lord of the harvest to work where people are at.

Jesus gave His disciple authority for Healing, deliverance, restoration, rescue, going into the world to make disciples and Jesus will be with us until the end of the age. Demonstrating the love of Jesus holistically by ministering to the whole person out of love. People are harassed. There is very little peace in the world at the moment and Jesus is the answer. Jesus is sufficient for all of our needs as Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King. Not preaching at people but getting alongside people and living the gospel in such a way that people can see Jesus in us.

[2020 July 5th. Looking at the heart of God as our Shepherd. Luke 15:1-7 The one and ninety nine.](#)

More rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over the ninety nine righteous who do not need to repent.

Let's look at the idea of lostness. Jesus was surrounded by Pharisees, the most noble, and sinners, wicked people, and tax collectors who were the most despised and rejected collaborators with the Romans. Sinners were the wicked ones. Here is Jesus with wicked people and traitors.

Jesus wants people to know that lost people matter to God and that He wants them to be found. His focus here was on the lost sheep. He cares about the good sheep but they were not lost and the lost one needed to be found. The good sheep were already safe but the lost one was in great danger.

The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost. Is that core value manifested in my life? Are we more concerned about our own needs than the needs of the lost people around us. God rejoices over people being found.

Testimony. I walked into a Church as a heavy drinking drug user who was living with my girl friend. No one chastised me. They spoke to me about what Jesus wanted for me because they understood that lost people matter to God. Let us commit to love the unlovely.

2020 June 28th Cheryl Cullen. 3D Gospel. Shame/ honour system.

Status and honour if you are in good standing. Cheating is part of the culture because failure is not an option. If you know the answers you must share the answers to stop the lazy students from failing because of shame. The shame of the clan is far too much to bear. In Australia cheating is dishonourable. The person who cheats is the one who gets punished in Australia but in Middle Eastern cultures the whole clan gets punished for the failure of the individual.

Guilt/ innocence in Western Cultures. Seek justice or forgiveness.

Fear/Power cultures. Animistic, tribal peoples and Africa. People afraid of evil and harm and pursue power in the spirit world through magic and witchcraft (power over other tribes) pointing the bone and feather foots of indigenous cultures have real spiritual power.

Sin results in guilt and shame and fear.

Sin/ innocence

Shame/ honour

Fear/ power

Hiding to cover shame and loss of power. Human beings are now living in a broken world under the power of the Devil. Every culture is fallen and broken due to sin. The Gospel is the Good News for EVERY culture and tribe and language and people group.

The Gospel for Guilt/ innocence cultures Jesus died in our place and we are forgiven. We still need to be able to deal with the shame and guilt from our own choices and the actions of others but from a position of recognising our place in Him

The Gospel for shame/honour cultures. Jesus understands. He was born in shame, his culture lived in shame under the thumb of the Romans and He died a shameful death. We have renounced the things hidden because of shame. Jesus endured the cross despising the shame. We are being transformed into His likeness with ever increasing glory. Our status is changed.

The Gospel for Fear/power cultures. When sins comes into our lives, then we feel that God cannot love us anymore and we lose intimacy with God. We can end up worshipping idols to try and manipulate our world. New age dream catchers and other occult practices and witchcraft and we end up believing the lies of the enemy. Occult things start in the flesh and leads us away from God. BUT! We do not have to live in fear because He gives us the victory.

We need to really deal with sin and all of its consequences, guilt, shame and fear. Ephesians 3:20. The Gospel is three dimensional.

2020 June 14th John Coman. Fifth message on Sheep.

Beware of false prophets that look like sheep but are really ferocious wolves.
Passage out of Matthew 7:15-20 at the end of the sermon on the Mount.

There are many voices who claim to guide us into truth are false teachers whom Jesus calls ravenous wolves. They can arise from even among your leaders. Be careful and check what is being said by the Word of Truth. They teach a different Gospel. Test the spirits and test what they are teaching. It is nothing new. The early Church experienced it and there are false teachers in the world today who are robbers and receivers looking for their own gain. They cause destruction among the sheep.

We need to show grace to people but we also need to be careful to check what they are saying against the Biblical standards. We are to be fruit inspectors not judges.

1. Fruit of their own life. Matthew 5:7 They store up treasure in heaven, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, live pure lives, willing to reconcile..overtones of 1 Cor 13. They judge themselves before they judge others. It is a very daunting list.... Those who teach will be judged more strictly. We are all in process. This should be our direction. It is not a check list to tick the boxes but it is a descriptive list. His sheep hear His voice
2. Fruit of their teaching. Many of the modern cult groups claim to be Christian but are not. Check what they teach about Jesus. Sometimes these cultist lives seem good but their teaching does not line up with Biblical teaching. Eastern Mysticism, New Age, Freemasons, JWs, Mormons and so on. Jesus said I AM the only WAY, I AM the only TRUTH and I AM the only LIFE. He and the Father are ONE. Apart from Jesus, there is none righteous no not one. We cannot overlook sin. God does not serve us (positive thinking, that God exists to gratify us.)

I cannot save myself... Colin Buchanan.

Are we equipped enough in God's Word to discern.

2020 June 7 fourth message on the Shepherd

John 10: 7-11. Jesus told the Pharisees that they were false shepherds and that He alone was the Good Shepherd. He told them that they were blind although that they claimed to have insight. The Pharisees claimed that Jesus was demon possessed and raving mad.

The hired hand does not own the sheep and runs away from danger. The bad shepherds are those who take up the jobs of Pastor and leaders of the church for money. Christianity is not a career but a walk with Jesus in submission to Him. We need to have a living relationship with Jesus.

Jesus says that he is the good shepherd and he knows each of his sheep. We are twice owned. Created by God in our mothers womb and adopted into His family. He knows us all intimately. He knows all of our thoughts and intents better than we know ourselves and YET He still loves us. He knows us and we know Him. Draw near to Me and I will draw near to you. We are invited into this perfect relationship that Jesus has with the Father.

One flock and one shepherd... One way JESUS. John 14:6-7 I am the way and the truth and the life....knowing Him is knowing the Father. Jesus predicted His death and the reason for His death and that He volunteered his life. The life of Jesus was not taken from Him. He gave His life so that..... He asked the Father if there is another way but nevertheless let it be done according to your will.. Not my will but yours be done.

We need further transformation not more information. We should be stirred in our spirit from what we heard. Let us rejoice and obey.

2021 April 11 Alex Winning. Married to Kelly. Chaplain.

Wednesday, picking up tyres, listening to Peace by....

Life can get un-peaceful! Sickness, lockdown, kids... We can get busy and miss spiritual food. Where is peace in the midst of the chaos of life. Serenity and calm can come from ephemeral things sunsets which become dark night, a warm hug can become an argument. The full weight of peace discussed in the Scriptures is different from serenity. Peaceful experiences and feelings can be a coverup for not engaging with God.

We can try to deconstruct what is happening to us and forget that Jesus is central and that He needs to be our focus. "The Lord bless you and keep you... " The Lord is the source of blessing. Shalom. In Bethlehem there is a big pocket of Shalom. There is a God of Shalom. The God of Peace. When creation turns on God He sets out to rescue and Shalom comes into the world and breathes in the air of the people He came to rescue and make people whole. Even in His anger in the Temple, He was bringing Shalom wholeness back into the Temple.

God offers hope that there will be restoration in the future but we don't become passive. We need to step into Shalom. There is no lasting Shalom outside of Jesus. Shalom is not shaken by pandemic or disease or death because it looks beyond the present. We are invited to step into a holistic ministry, the life and message of Jesus in our community. We often miss the bigger picture and see salvation as personal. It is that but it is much more. Blessed are the peacemakers. It does not depend on us but we are invited in. Embracing Shalom means that we must share it. There must be no limits to our goodness. There have to be no bounds to our sharing. When we are Shalom we become peacemakers, something much bigger than ourselves.

1. We need to be absolutely grounded in the source... Jesus. Lasting peace cannot come from our own efforts.
2. Seen as we point people to experience Jesus. They have to see it in us.
3. Being a blessing to the world around us. As far as it is possible, as much as it depends on us, we need to be at peace with everyone.

There is a day coming where all things shall be made new. James 3:17. The wisdom that come from above.... Peacemakers who bring peace shall reap a harvest of righteousness.

2021 April 2 Good Friday at the feet of Jesus.

There were a number of people at His feet around the cross. The cross is the fulcrum of history.

Betrayed
Sleepless
Six trials; and the liars who gave false evidence were there
Beatings
Mocking, sneering, even the religious leaders
Emotionally drained
Broken, suffering

People at the Cross:
People who crucified Jesus.
Criminals
John and the women, including His mother and Mary Magdelene
Hardened soldiers
Particularly the criminal who realised that he was justly condemned, repented and asked Jesus to remember him.
Col 1 it pleased God to have His FULNESS dwell in Him..... We need to continue in the faith.....azine

[2020 Mar 15th Hebrews 4:11-13. Jesus above all else. Word and Knowledge. God's word is living and active.](#)

Don't be disobedient. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight... Before whom we must give account. The Israelites saw and experienced God's protection and mighty works but they turned away in unbelief. It is a really clear warning to people, who have tasted salvation and deliverance, not to fall away.

God's Spirit, living in us, opens His Word to us. His Word is sharper than any surgical tool. God is aware of what is in our heart and what we are thinking and why. We can say that we are sorry while we are figuring out a way to repeat our behaviour without getting caught. God's word exposes our thoughts, attitudes, reasons and heart. God wants to bring us life and health and to trust Him with every part of our life.

Psalm 139:1-6. God knows all about us and loves us anyway but He loves us too much to leave us as we are. He wants to change us for our own good. One day we will have to give account.. Scary! Praise Jesus that we can be forgiven. Some people will have everything burnt off and escape as though through fire. Let us live a life in all its fullness and store up riches in Heaven (for where your treasure is there your heart will be also.)

We do not need any more information but we DO need Transformation.

[2020 Mar 8th God's Rest. Hebrews 4:1-11 The rest that remains](#)

We may not FEEL victorious. The truth of Scripture does not change depending on how we feel. God's character does not change. Redeemer, Defender, Lord God Almighty .. Way maker, Chain breaker, Light of the World.

John reviewed the Symbolism in Baptism as outlined in the bulletin. It is a means of Grace. Everything that we do in obedience to the Lord is a means of grace.

Hebrews 4:1-11 The rest that remains. Jesus above all else. Hebrews chapter three finished with the statement that people who rebel against God could not enter God's rest. THEREFORE don't be like the people who harden their hearts. Don't fall away into unbelief.... Rest is mentioned nine times in these eleven verses. It is a key emphasis in this passage especially in verse 9. "There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God."

It is not Canaan's rest. They had had that already. David wrote long after the rest in Canaan about the rest that God has promised to His people.

It is not a Sabbath rest. The Sabbath rest is encoded in the Law and given to the Nation of Israel. (The patriarchs did not have it it was instituted after Moses). It was a legal observance that was fulfilled in Jesus. It was nailed to the cross. Law brings fear. Grace brings faith.

It is God's rest

My rest

His rest

Rev 14:13

We need to be diligent and to keep our focus on God. A day of complete rest is coming. We can rest in complete obedience now in the midst of the brokenness of this world.

Our call is Hebrews 4:11. "Therefore let us make every effort to enter that rest so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience

[2020 Mar 1 Baptism.](#)

There is more than Salvation. God is not finished with us. Even if we are cracked pots, God has more for us...

Matthew 28:18-21. Jesus commanded us to make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the Name.... We need to be obedient. We need to be baptised and also to live out our salvation daily. Salvation is not the be all and end all but it is only the BEGINNING of our walk with God.

Act 8:26-40. Story of the Ethiopian eunuch reading from the scroll of Isaiah. The eunuch was baptised and then went his way rejoicing. Philip was invited onto the chariot of an Ethiopian ruler.... Philip preached Jesus and as soon as he was saved, he was baptised. Baptism does not save us. It is only the Blood of Jesus that saves. Baptism is not necessary for salvation but it is necessary for obedience. Jesus was baptised to identify himself with us. We identify ourselves with Jesus when we are baptised.

Baptizo=Immersion (going down into the water) Jesus was baptised IN the Jordan. The eunuch was baptised where there was "much water". It would have been easier to splash a bit of water on Jesus than for him to make a seventy kilometre trip to the Jordan to be baptised.

Baptism means death to the old life. Romans 6:1-5 and we rise to the new life. Jesus carried our sin to the cross and paid for our sin in FULL. Our baptism is a funeral service and a resurrection service. We bury the old life rise in new life. The sin nature is symbolically

washed away (recognising that the Blood of Jesus washes away our sin and we are washed by the Word)

If we stumble then let us get back up and walk in the new life.

Marnie's testimony

Motives for Baptism.

1. Open statement declaring our decision to follow Jesus
2. Object lesson to others
3. Obedience to Jesus

[2020 sharing service Feb 23](#)

[2020 Feb 16th Valentine's day. John 3:16 VALENTINE](#)

What is love. It is one of the most abused words in the English language.

It can mean anything from tryst to lust, from true love to infatuation and feelings towards a good Burger (I really love this Burger). It can be transient in that we can fall into love and fall out of love. Love is primarily not about emotions but it has to do with our will.

Romans 8:28-end. Love is a choice. We need to keep choosing to love even when our feelings are all over the shop. The main word for God's Love is Agape. Deep and constant love from a perfect being towards an unworthy subject. God continues to express deep and constant love towards us even when we close our ears to Him.

Deut 7:7 God does not choose us because we were worthy.

God's love is ACTIVE not passive. Romans 5:8 This is not based on good gushy feelings.... John 3:16-17. God is rich in mercy. We who are His cannot be separated from Him. John 10: No one can snatch you out of my hands.

Love is a verb. In the bulletin. AW Tozer

[2020 Feb 2 unbelief. Hebrews 3:7-19. Jesus above all else.](#)

Not just drift along, give careful attention to Jesus and His words. God does not ask us to do things that are not possible. It requires vigilance and intentionality.

1. Pervasiveness of unbelief Psalm 95:7-11, Exodus 15:22-27; 17:1-7 and Numbers 14 (even after God has done mighty miracles)
2. Process. Genesis 3:1-7, Romans 1:18-32. Listening to lies of the enemy twisting the Scriptures and hiding the consequences.
3. Product. Hearts grow harder, fail to receive the blessing and getting God's judgement, reaping the consequences of dumb choices.
4. Protection. Listen to His voice. We may need to deal with the callouses on our heart. Encourage each other daily. Persevere and finish well.

5. Provision. 1John 1:9

Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two are better than one... Tend to the fire brethren... Jesus above all else. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Him

2020 Jan 26th Jesus above all else. Hebrews 3:1 fix your thoughts on Jesus

Therefore holy brothers and sisters who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest.

We are holy (set aside) a completed event and an ongoing work. Morally separate. Dedicated. <<need to put righteousness in place of sinfulness at about 5mins in>> being conformed to the image of Jesus.

Col 3:5-8 Put to death whatever belongs to our sinful nature.... We need to do it by the power of the Holy Spirit. Bear with each other, forgive... Quick to confess and respond to God immediately.

We are holy brethren. The NT letters are written to groups of believers. Body life, Christian community living as family. We don't become a brick to sit out in a paddock. We are built together. There are no solo navel gazing followers of God. We need each other. Eccl 4:9-10; 1 Cor 12:7; Eph 4:15-16

We share in a heavenly calling. Called from Heaven to represent Heaven. We are part of an organism not just an organisation. We do not get into Heaven by our own works but only by the work of Jesus on the Cross. We should be different to everyone around us. We are losing our distinctiveness in the Western World. We need to be able to give testimony to people who ask us for the reason for the hope we have. People need to see Jesus in us before they will see a need to ask.

2020 Jan 5th. Twenty twenty vision. Hebrews 10:19-25

Draw near to God in full assurance. (Willing to be changed)

Hold fast unwaveringly to the hope that we profess. We need to speak about Jesus because we love Him. He has said that He will complete the work in us that He has begun and He never breaks a promise.

Stir one another up.. (To allow God to be our Lord rather than making Him our servant as in "What can I get out of it" mentality). Be a stirrer with good intent to encourage and build people to good works rather than putting people down. We can be strength for one another, serve one another, bear one another's burdens, confess to one another, lift one another up.

Therefore..since we have confidence....then...

Jesus is the new and living way for entering into the presence of God.

(Churchianity is Christianity done wrong where we try to work at things in our own strength). We did not start our relationship with God. He made the way (He is the WAY). We need to focus...on Jesus....and what He wants.

Daily walk and feeding... How would we go if we only ate physically once a week on Sunday? We also need to feed spiritually every day and to walk in truth and reality in good times and difficult times.

[2019 29th Dec Christmas thoughts. Simeon's peace. Luke 2:21-35.](#)

Circumcision 8th day then presented to the Lord on the 40th day as all first born boys belonged to the Lord and a sacrifice had to be offered in their place. The Holy Spirit has told Simeon to go into the temple at the exact time that Jesus was presented.

God fulfilled prophecy and His promise to Simeon. This was a remarkable anticipation and he waited expectantly for the fulfilment of that promise. There are so many promises in the Word. Are we anticipating the fulfilment of the promises that we read? He can do abundantly more than we can ask or think. We can become apathetic and comfortable in our lives. We might need a bomb under us (bold prayer).

We need to live in anticipation of His return as King of Kings and Lord of Lords at any moment and living accordingly.

Simeon praised God in adoration when the Lord's Christ was revealed to Him. Are we as ready to depart right now. What would it take for any of us to say "Here I am Lord, take me whenever you want"

John read the Hymn "Himself" (Isa 53)

An amazing declaration. Salvation for all the nations and a light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel (every single one of us from every tongue and tribe and Nation) There would be many rising and many falling.

Simeon was able to say "You may now dismiss your servant in Peace". Are we ready to say the same thing and meet God face to face... If not why not?

[2019 Christmas Day message.](#)



Gifts. A story in the Northern Hemisphere.

A flock of geese crashing in a storm

The farmer tried to help the geese to survive.

The only way to save them would be to become a goose and to get them to follow him in.

Then he realised that humans were going astray and God became a human to lead them to safety and his own words, "How ridiculous that God would lower Himself to become a man" now seemed wrong.

2019 Dec 22 The three Rs of Christmas

We still have difficulties in relationships, health, finance, emergencies and so on and still say "Merry Christmas" because it is the season to be merry....

Phil 4:4-7 Rejoice IN THE LORD always and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice: No matter what comes our way REJOICE always so that it affects how we walk (for the Lord is at hand).

Happiness is surface and Joy is much deeper. Eccl 2 Solomon denied himself nothing and found that the pursuit of pleasure was all meaningless, "Vanity of vanity.... all is vanity".

Request: Be anxious for nothing. Let your requests be made known to God with thanksgiving. (John 16:23-324)

Relax: and the peace of God which surpasses understanding will keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.

2019 Dec 15 Christmas thoughts 2019

Jesus, the Lord of Life was born into a smelly stable and his cradle was an animal's feeding trough. 2 Cor 8:9 Jesus left his riches for us... By choice. He became a Jewish refugee whose very birth credentials were suspect.

He became poor so that we (who are desperately needy and way short of what we were created to be) could become rich. There is nothing that we could ever do to earn His forgiveness.

Jesus came to die so that we could live. He rose again, conquering sin and death and to give us resurrection from the dead....Eternal life.

When the enemy tries to knock us down we have wonderful promises of abundant life right now and into eternity. Where is our focus? What are our priorities? We need to offer ourselves to Jesus.

All the riches of our spiritual inheritance are there for us to enjoy. We need to open the presents of His presence and see things from His perspective.

What gifts have God got wrapped up for you to open today. Take hold of the gifts that God has got for us (Joy and peace and love....) We can trust him.

We sang " What a beautiful Name it is" with the deepest of love shown at the first Christmas.

2019 Dec 8 Alex Winning: The Good Life (Radical Love)

Thanks for family of Church as I was growing up, modelling Christ.

Living and breathing Church and then thrust into the world that does not know or want to know Jesus which is quite confronting. The world looks quite different while working among it that looking at it from the inside the church bubble.

We are in ministry wherever we work. We are called by God. 1 Peter 2:4-12

(Pray for your pastor.) Peter describes Jesus as the cornerstone, the strong foundation, called by God but Jesus is also a rock of offence. The world desperately needs more of Jesus. People are aware of how broken the world is and do not understand why. People have not even noticed Jesus, even at Christmas.

A big part of the problem may be the way in which we present the message. People were forced to choose how to deal with Jesus by the way in which He lived. Scripture does not recall anyone responding with apathy. Do our lives so reflect Jesus that they have to respond one way or the other. It is not enough for people to simply hear a message in order to throw their lives away. We live in a pagan society where Christianity is regarded as unnecessary for a forward thinking society and even being harmful.

People are looking for the good life. They seek anything at will give a better life. We are more lovers than anything else. We need to realise our identity in 1 Peter 2:9 before we can see how we are to live. We are chosen and set apart to show the pure, good and upright life which is full of grace and life.

When we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to live in obedience to live the really good life, then people will take notice. We are called and instructed to be totally "other" so that everyone will see what the good life looks like. What is the picture that is actually being painted by our lives that the world sees.

We need the incredible love of Christ to be radiating out of us who love the forgotten and rejected and love those who resist us. We need to be people who would rather feed a hungry mouth than make ourselves comfortable. We need to consider our consumption and it's effect on the global poor, pollution. Do we have the mind of Christ in all of our choices.

Bold love is disruptive and does not mesh with this world and confronts the way of the world. We are foreigners and exiles and we are not meant to fit in with this world. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of Jesus.

We are His hands and His feet. Our lives will be different to the world around us. Take up the call and be set apart. We have been chosen for Isa 61 to happen in this town, country and to the remotest part.

2019 Nov 17th. Jesus above all else. Temptation is not sin.

It is an opportunity to choose Jesus. Hebrews 3:1-6. Therefore..... Because of all that we have learned in the first two chapters... Therefore, we need to fix our eyes and our thoughts on Jesus. Jesus is greater than Moses. The Jews were proud of their heritage under their hero "Moses" and here is Jesus who is greater than Moses. Every culture needs a mind shift to focus on Jesus.

Jesus left His glory in Heaven and became a man. He was sent and came willingly so that the world might be saved through Him.

Jesus is our apostle, our high priest and our sacrifice... No wonder Jesus is above else... John 1:17

Jesus was (and is) fully faithful. Moses was mostly faithful. We often blow it and we need a faithful saviour.

Jesus is the builder of the house of God. He is not just a member but He is the maker of the house and of everything. Jesus was faithful unto death and He conquered death.

We are being built together as a holy dwelling place. A brick by itself is not a building. A solo Christian is a bit wookie. Church is not about a single human leader or a single denomination. It is about Jesus. We are woven together.

Moses was faithful as a servant in God's house but Jesus is a son and heir over God's house. (Don't follow the servant...follow the boss.)

[2019 Nov 10 John preaching on Hebrews 2:14-18 this is part 2.](#)

What does Jesus's death offer us? We were destined to walk in relationship with Him and each other. The death of Jesus offers us healing with both of these relationships. Recovery of our destiny.

1. Release from the fear of death. Luke 9:23-25; 1 Cor 15:54-57. We all want to have an impact or to leave a legacy. Men look around and say "What have I done with my life" (Mid life crisis). We cannot beat the clock that does not stop ticking.
2. He offers us restoration in time of failure. 1John 1:9; Col 1:21-23. Jesus knows that we blow it and he offers us restoration (not just after death but here and now.) we have been saved, we are being saved and we will be saved.
3. He offers us great encouragement. Jesus has been tempted in every way that we are. He understands it all and yet He was without sin. He is able to have compassion on us because He has experienced every temptation, the temptation to be selfish and avoid trouble or hardship. Jesus is sufficient for every thing that comes against us. Col 1:13-14

It is not about us. It is all about Jesus. Jesus above all else.

[2019 Nov 2. Pastor Noel There is a harvest of souls in the Church](#)

Noel's son Josh is coordinating youth ministry in 35 Churches. Daniel is playing bass guitar. Colleen is a junior worship leader. Noel and LetLet and their whole family is serving God.

When we get a harvest we are prepared and we want to do it again. We can then put up with the heat of the tasks of plowing and sowing and weeding and waiting.

When we get discouraged we can be encouraged by remembering the joy of the harvest. The sacrifices are worth it all.

Participating in the harvest. John 4:31-42. Our mission is to proclaim salvation to the lost. The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few. Jesus said "My food is to do the will of He Who sent Me".

Even if it four months to the harvest but we need to be preparing for the harvest. Jesus was preparing his disciples for the harvest so that they would not miss any opportunity. We must make the most of the time because the days are evil. The sower and the reaper may rejoice together.

We must be ready to share the gospel and we also will receive a joy that we cannot explain when a soul responds to the call of the Spirit. We can partner with those who are doing the ministry, by sending, giving and partnering.

The Samaritan women shared what Jesus had done. "He told me all that I had ever done". She told her relatives, friends and fellow citizens to come hear Jesus. One soul counts. One Samaritan woman made a whole town hear about Jesus. We must make a strong commitment to lead one other person to the Lord each year (each one reach one). Our presence must be felt and reflect the love of Jesus in soul winning and discipling (making disciples)

[2019 Oct 27th. What is in God's shoebox.](#)

347,000 shoeboxes went out of Australia last year. Opportunity to bless people emotionally, physically and spiritually even in places where the Name of Jesus has not been mentioned.

SOMETHING

1. To enjoy. Psalm 16:11 to enjoy all of creation and to look after it. God gave us Himself, to have life and to it to the full and to enjoy Him forever.
2. For personal hygiene. Hebrews 10:22; 1 Cor 6:11. He makes us clean by the work of Jesus and He invites us to draw near.
3. To wear. Isa 61, Ephesians 6:10-17. Garment of praise, salvation and robe of righteousness. We have the full armour of God
4. For school. Psalm 119:9, 11, 109, 130; John 16:13
5. To love. Micah 6:8 Mark 12:30-31. Love the Lord your God..... love Jesus and every other person on the planet.

6. Special. Matthew 6:19-21. Relationship with God now which continues on forever. Treasures in Heaven based on the work of Jesus. We have access to the throne room.

We want to bring Jesus to the world (and the world to Jesus). Jesus is God's gift to us. Jesus is the best gift ever given to the world.

[2019 Oct 20 Sharing.](#)

Grant. Jesus is our Lord Saviour and King. He can carry any burden that we are carrying. He will direct our paths if we turn to Him. The battle is not ours but the Lord. We need to believe trust and obey and He does the rest. His river of life flows through us as we walk with him. We have to die to self will and let Him reign. Let your light shine.

Cheryl. VMTC report. A lot of people came, many would have liked to come and some came from far away. Jocabed and Barry send their love to the fellowship and thanks for the support which is now bearing fruit.

Ian. Leadership puts us in the firing line. We need to be equipped to lead. The Lord shows the teachers things every time they teach VMTC to others

Phil. Circle of God's Love, repentance example.

John. Faith promise. Throne of Grace. Hebrews 4:14--> may we never lose the wonder of His Mercy.

Cheryl. Isa 53:4-6 God is able to meet all our needs (not just forgiveness but healing for the whole person)

[2019 Oct 13th. The work of Jesus. Jesus above all else. Hebrews 2:5-13. Recovery of our lost destiny](#)

Gen 1:27-29 We were originally destined to be rulers of the Earth.

Psalm 8

2 Tim 2:11-12

Recovery of our lost unity

Jesus is fully God and is fully man

Isaiah 59:1-2 Sin causes separation. Jesus death dealt with our sin.

Romans 8:38-39

The Affect: 2 Cor 4:8-9; 17-18 Even when we are hard pressed we know who we are. Not abandoned, not destroyed (because we are accepted in the Beloved)

[2019 Oct 6th missionary convention Kadek Daud.](#)

2019 Sept 29th Kingdom thinking. Tim Crouch

The commitment of the CMA is urged on by call to Missions in Matt 24:14. When the Gospel has been preached to all the Nations then the end will come. We need to awaken to Kingdom Thinking. Jesus said that His Kingdom will not come quickly (there was first of all a death and resurrection and THEN a whole age on Earth "Thy Kingdom Come" with persecutions and so on but that He would be at work until the end of this age, ushering in His Eternal Kingdom.)

Jesus is working to bring all people in all Nations into His Kingdom. We might not think much about Jesus return and what we should be doing and how we should live in this current age. We need to be intrinsically motivated by gratitude to walk in step with Jesus and to share His concern for those who are like sheep without a shepherd. We need to be expectant instead of falling asleep at the wheel or losing our first love.

1. Always be ready and in love with the coming King (intimate).
2. There are still bunches of people who have never even heard the Name.
3. Always be investing what I have given you into what will last eternally
4. Always be serving because the Kingdom is Love and people are precious

On judgement day Jesus separates the sheep from the goats. The sheep are those who have served the least (they served Him). The goats are those who did not serve practical needs of precious people.

There is a disparity for Gospel access. Most ministers minister in areas where most people have lots of access. Very few workers serve where people have no access.

The gospel is manifested in us by the way we live. We need to wake up to Kingdom Living and Kingdom Reality.

2019 September 22nd Angels. Jesus above all else. Book of Hebrews.

First thing mentioned is Angels. In Jewish history Angels were important. Angels are created beings who stand in the presence of God. Jesus is so much higher than the Angels as He has a Name which is above all others.

Angels are ministering spirits sent to serve those who are inheriting salvation. Angels are created beings and are called sons of God but Jesus is God the Son. Let all Gods Angels Worship Him (Deut 32:43) Rev 5:11-14.

Jesus is Ruler (Angels are servants) Heb 1:7-9 quoting Psalm 104:4 God the Father says of Jesus "Your Throne O God will last forever". Psalm 45:6-7

Jesus is Creator Lord (Angels are created) and is worthy of all Worship.

Jesus is Eternal and His Years will never end (even after this Universe ends).

Jesus is the FINAL Victor. Psalm 110:1

2019 September 15th. John's message: Focus on Jesus above all else. A study in Hebrews

(Jeff shared about being rescued by John, Paul, Dean and the Lord.)

. Some see Jesus as a prophet (Muslims, New age) some see him as a good teacher and some see him as a little baby and an excuse to receive presents. Some see him as a con man or magician. In Australia the most common response is that he is not relevant.

The theme in Hebrews is that "Jesus is above all else."

It talks about the old ways and it urges us to have a relationship with Jesus "Above all else". We have got caught up with focussing on what Jesus has done for us (self centred) rather than on Him. Hebrews 1:1-4

God is a communicator. He calls us into a relationship with Himself.

John 1:1 Jesus was before the beginning

Hebrews 1 Jesus is above all else

Colossians 1 in Him dwells the FULNESS of the GODHEAD in bodily form

John 14:5-9 Jesus said "anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father"

Phil 2:5-11 Jesus being in very nature God did not use this to His own advantage but emptied Himself (of all but love) and was found in appearance as a man.

Jesus is the heir of all things. These four little jam packed verses in the beginning of the book of Hebrews introduce us to what is coming in this book.

That: Do we give Jesus preeminence in our lives, first say, final say...really?

We need to walk with Him out of gratitude for what He has done for us and even more for Who He is.

2019 Sept 8th Sharing Service. Liz leading, Jodie, Jannah and Ian

2019 Aug 18th. Fourfold gospel Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer and coming King

Opening prayer for open hearts to hear from our Heavenly Father.

.We are aware that this is a difficult topic. We can sweep it under the carpet and forget about Healing but we know that it is there.

Simple goal is to go back home and think seriously about the Healing ministry of Jesus and to connect with Him.

Matthew 17: transfiguration, lots of times that Jesus healed all who came to him. Last chapter in Acts. Paul is shipwrecked and healed the Publius's father and all the sick in the town were

healed them all. The apostles were used by God for healing. When they came off the mountain they descended into Bedlam. The apostles tried to heal a sick boy and failed.

Apostolic ministry

2019 July 7th Live in the Word of God. His Word is our necessary food.

Seeing the world through the eyes of Jesus (Matthew 9:35 to end). The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few. We need to see people as Jesus sees them. Then he called his disciples together and sent them out.

Jesus gives us insight into strategy for the harvest. People will get to know Jesus as His people share about Him. We need to ask the Lord of the Harvest to send out labourers out into the vineyard. If we launch out into a ministry without prayer and relationship it becomes duty and work and legalism. We are to work as brothers and family and where we are His Children. If we have that mindset of "Gotta get the job done" then we will work harder instead of drawing closer to God.

What we do can become our ministry and we can then become judgemental of others, worn out and detached. We need to see the world through God's eyes and have His compassion. I need to have You work in me so that You can work through me. A call to prayer is a call to relationship and submission to His Lordship. Then:- We can minister to others with the comfort which we have received.

When we pray about things then God sends us out to go into all the world and do His will. Making disciples is based on relationship. He is with us unto the end of the age. It not a job. It is who we are. We are in relationship. We are the answers to our own prayer. Here am I Lord, send me.

We are becoming more like Jesus and we are not perfected in this life. Our fitness for Heaven is not based on what we do but on what Jesus has done. God leaves us on the earth because we have work to do. We are all called to action, to make disciples (as a result of relationship with God through prayer). Love people. Take time for the harassed and helpless

2019 July 23 John Coman. Matthew Ch 9.

A messy chapter. Concentrating on Vs 35-38. Jesus was preaching, healing but when he saw the crowd, he had compassion on the people. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the harvest field. He did more than visually see them "that's a crowd" but he actually saw them in the sense of perceiving and understanding what he was looking at. He saw beyond the surface. He saw that they were harassed, broken and hurting and he had compassion on them.

We can be moved by things and get overwhelmed. Jesus was not overwhelmed but saw the plentiful harvest. These people needed hope and a sense of belonging and to find someone who could meet the eternal need in their hearts. We need to see people as Jesus sees them.

New Testament believer's lives were characterised by being permeated with kingdom thinking, the power of the Spirit of God and the mind of Christ. We need to be obedient to our calling to make disciples by the way we live. We have great news for this hopeless world. Let us make ourselves available for God.

[2019 June 19th Wed night final bible study.](#)

Unwrapping what it means to be human. Found that Jesus was and is the ONLY WAY.

Every other religion is me chasing God and Christianity is God finding me.

What have they got that I don't have and that I needed

People looking for what is true. Some are reluctant and some were hoping that it was not true because of the lifestyle change, really depressed. Some people thought that there was a binary choice between being happy or being true.

Dawkins thought that faith was believing in something where there is no evidence for it or believing what you know to be untrue. (Blind faith)

God loves me, in the midst of the darkness and loneliness.

[2019 June 16 John Coman Accountability](#)

"God, what is going on" is a valid question for fallen people in a broken world, in the hands of a great God. Last week was a cry for Holiness and more of the work of the Holy Spirit. We need to walk in it. Not just "Zap me and I will be sweet". Continue to work out your salvation in fear and trembling... Partnership, choosing the will of God as we walk it out. We are responsible for our choices. We are accountable.

Mark 9:30-50 is the end of the work, His last teaching and interactions around the Sea of Galilee. This hyperbolic message concentrates on our response to the work of the Spirit. In verse 42 Jesus teaches on the concept of accountability and walking carefully to avoid stumbling. Sin comes from the heart. Jesus is using this technique to emphasise the seriousness of temptation and sin. We need to walk circumspectly, to be set apart, to be different to the world around us and to demonstrate holiness in action.

Psalms 1 Blessed are they who walk not in the counsel of the ungodly.

Romans 8 if by the Spirit, you put to death....

Col 3. Put to death....

Titus 2 Grace of God to say no to ungodly passions in this present age.

Hebrews 12:4. Let us run with perseverance.

The hand the foot and the eye. Symbolic of what we do, where we go and what we look at. The eye is a gate into the soul. We need to be careful with what we take in through our eyes from reading, viewing and reflecting on. We may need radical surgery with the things that

make us stumble. We need to be serious in dealing with stuff that is ungodly (commission and omission)

When we choose to go somewhere, we need to ask the question "are we going to be influencers or be the influenced." What consumes our attention? What about our thought life. God says. "Come to me and I will give you peace." Find a friend who can apply the scalpel of the Holy Spirit and ask accountability questions.

[2019 June 9 John Coman. Pentecost. Fire of the Spirit"](#)

Message on Pentecost. Fifty days after Passover. Celebrating Harvest.

Jesus rising from the dead is the first fruit and points to the harvest. Acts 1:8. About ten days after that promise we see it fulfilled. The outpouring of the Spirit causing a great harvest where the Christian Church began. That power of the Spirit was not for demonstration but for application. God still wants to empower us as He did the early believers. Where is our Pentecost today? Not from lack of supply from God.

Three types of Power:

Power for proclamation. You will be MY witnesses..with POWER in preaching

(The frightened hidden believers BURST out of hiding and preached the same Gospel that got Jesus crucified)

Power for purity. Power to walk in a godly manner. To BE witnesses, not just to speak truth but to BE truth. To walk the talk. Gal 5:26, Eph 5:18

Power for Praise. Praising God in many languages. It was so wild that people thought that the apostles were drunk.

Pentecost is for ALL believers. Where is our Pentecost? It happens again and again as revival breaks out. We need HIS SPIRIT today in Pinjarra, the Peel region, Nationally across Australia and Internationally.

[2019 June 2nd encounters Mark 7:31-37](#)

In Chapter 5 we read about the Gadarene Demoniac. A scary guy.

Miraculous transformation. Everyone without Jesus is lost.

Jesus went to Decapolis where the Gadarene Demoniac had gone back. Jesus healed the deaf man with the words "Be Opened". Things change in the community when they see God at work. We need to be led by Him. Whatever He sees what the Father doing... Says whatever He hears His Father saying. People were totally overwhelmed with amazement.

There was an unusual practice in healing. Jesus does things differently. Lord give us courage to embrace messiness where we need to.

Jesus sighed deeply... With compassion for the broken and the afflicted. This man was an outcast with two curses (deafness and inability to speak clearly). Jesus has a heart of compassion for everyone. He is not willing that any should perish.

Jesus spoke one word and a lot happened. Ephphatha! Everyone of us needs to come to Jesus. We may need chains broken to the past. In Christ, all things are made new. In our walk with the Lord, things happen to us that wound us. If our behaviour is tied to the past we need to ask Jesus to break those ties.

Finally, Jesus commanded him to be silent but we see a pattern. The boldness of the blind beggar speaking to the Sanhedrin about the amazing works of God. Let us talk about what Jesus is saying.

[2019 May 26 John Coman. Psalm 146 Praise the Lord](#)

Many are the promises that people make which can only be found in Jesus.

Is our trust found in rules, laws and Governments?

Hallel psalms finish with Hallelujah (praise the Lord). Praise is not an option or just for the super spiritual. We are wonderfully made for one major purpose to praise and worship God. I will praise the Lord all my life, as long as I live. It is my total purpose and nothing is left out. Paul spoke about positional righteousness and forgiveness. Phil spoke about the difference between us having the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit having us, (between becoming a Christian and then being filled with the Holy Spirit). Go on being filled...

Don't put your trust in men but put your trust in Jesus! The pastor cannot save, only Jesus can save. When our spirit departs we return to the ground and on that very day their plans come to nothing (if you know Jesus then we are absent from the body and present with the Lord).

In Australia, the Church is weak. Where there is savage persecution, the Church is very strong. We have been given a window of freedom in Australia and we need to wake up. Our trust is not in Government but it is in Jesus. If we lost our freedom then our trust would still be in Jesus. Blessed are those hope is in the Lord. Shalom peace. There are many references to the position of the Blessed in the Psalms.

We are designed to rest in God. God remains faithful forever. He loves the righteous but he frustrates the way of the wicked. <<comment about the election, possible edit>> we reflect God's character in compassion, freedom for the captives etc reflects Luke 4 at the start of Jesus ministry. We walk as God's people as a team and family supporting one another. We all have something to give even if we are different.

We need to stand up for righteousness, the refugees, the down-trodden and the homeless. God is not a man. He is the ETERNAL LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.

[2019 May 19 Rev John Laughlin. Prologue, or introduction: John Ch 1:1](#)

In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God.. In Him everything is held together... In Him was LIGHT and the darkness could not understand it...

The world did not know Him and even His own people did not receive Him BUT to all who did receive Him were given authority to become children of God.

Jesus is the Messiah. In receiving Him we receive eternal life. At the beginning of our journey with Christ, we become aware that we are sinners in the sight of God, deserving of judgment and death and as we cried out for mercy we became aware that Christ died for us and we reached out to understand this fascinating person who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords who stooped down to die for me.

The word Kingdom is mentioned regularly in Matthew, Mark and Luke but is mentioned only twice in John. Life appears almost on every page of John's Gospel. All of the description of Life in John matches all of the description of the Kingdom (eternal life and life in the Kingdom match exactly). The kingdoms of this world are based on self and "more for me". Self has to die, crucify the flesh and it's selfish desires. Jesus showed us the way.

How is self manifested. We seek pleasure, we seek relief from pain. What are our reactions to things which don't go our way. God created us to enjoy pleasure but the Devil tries to stifle our desire for joy in worshipping our God and present us as sour pusses. We need to nurture our spirit by being about his business and serving Him. It satisfies the spirit of a man.

There is far more pleasure in the Kingdom of God (steeped in eternal life) than the sham pleasures of the kingdoms of this world (which are steeped in death) Proverbs 10:22 (NET) The blessing from the LORD makes a person rich, and he adds no sorrow to it. We need his life living in us today. Each morning we could say, "Here I am reporting for duty..

What is it that you want me to do for you today"

[2019 May 5th Ian Cullen. Gravity of the Cross. Dealing with stuff part 2.](#)

A forgiven person has the righteousness of God. Our sins have been removed completely. This Scriptural truth is not just a "hope so" muttered by deluded optimists. We get a lot of lies fed to us in the world but when we commune with God we receive truth. We are immersed in a society that does not know or recognise God. Whom the Son sets free is free indeed. Do you want it? The impact of the cross helps us to live righteously in daily life. We need to deal with hindrances spiritually and commune with God. We are made in the image of God. We are His image bearers. Let God light us up.

It is possible for everyone in this room to receive Him in Power. This message is "Authentic dealing with stuff part two". Part one was confession. The best signs and wonders happen inside. We get trapped by negative branding "You are useless" (lies) and we need to be rebranded "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me"(Spiritual truth.)

God has a place for each of us as image bearers in His Kingdom. We need to honestly look squarely at our stuff before we can get rid of it. There is no more beautiful person than Jesus.

When His people deal with their stuff then outsiders see the beauty of Jesus in us. We need to be doing some shutting down of these ungodly things. God heals and delivers us from the negative voices, Since we have these promises let us purify ourselves....

[2019 April 28th John Coman Three lessons from Easter](#)

Easter is finished! Now what? We live the celebration of the Risen Saviour every moment of our life as we walk daily with Him.

- 1) **JESUS is GOD.** He claimed to be God and He proved it. That means that we have to take Him seriously and to do what He says.
- 2) **NOTHING is impossible for GOD.** (It's Friday....but SUNDAY is coming). He was dead and he rose from the dead and He is still alive today (forevermore). Let us trust Him with every aspect of our lives (*not just expect God to rubber stamp our plans*)
- 3) **FORGIVENESS is available** to everyone. We need to ASK. Jesus does not want anyone to perish. ***Reality check: Everyone falls short and we all need forgiveness.*** We need to come to Jesus for forgiveness and not just make dumb choices and wallow in them.

Let us celebrate Easter. Sin was paid for, death was defeated. Let us trust our ever living, all loving, ever powerful, trustworthy and merciful Saviour.

[2019 April 21st John Coman. Real life in Easter and a farewell.](#)

2019 April 21 John Coman. Easter message. Jesus was not wonderfully dressed and hung on a pretty polished cross. He was hung on an old rugged Cross. We celebrate the work of Jesus on the cross. Jesus did not stay on the cross. He was put in a tomb and sealed behind a large stone. BUT! He rose from the dead!

Every other religion and philosophy lacks THE risen saviour. The imperfect cannot become perfect BUT the perfect can come down from heaven and pay for our sin. He is RISEN indeed! Jesus defeated death from the inside.

Eggs are a sign of new life. The Easter bunny was talking to Santa Claus and said "What do you mean that we wouldn't be here unless Jesus came". Jesus came for the express purpose of giving us real life and to set us free from all of the shackles that bind us. Come to Me and I will give you rest.

Let us not settle for the fake news of "Eat Drink and be Merry for that is all there is". We need to know the living Saviour who calls us into eternal life.

[2019 April 19th Ian Cullen. Outcome of Good Friday.](#)

Jesus manifested divinity in the disciples' presence. He was supposed to be the Messiah. The Cross was not on their agenda. Mark fled into the night naked. However, if Jesus had not died on the Cross then there would be no possibility for our forgiveness. God had planned to deal with sin before the foundation of the world. Full and perfect sacrifice for all sin

Practical hints for doing confession properly. As humans we have trouble forgetting about sin. We need to deal with the stuff, dealing with realities. Have a good look at the stuff. What have we allowed into our life? "*O God show me what is really going on in my life*".

When we do a stocktake, then we need to deal with it. Some stuff has been done to us, like past harms. It can make us feel put down, then angry. Forgiveness means "Letting go". Let Jesus deal with the verbal, sexual or physical abuse done to us. **Forgiveness is not excusing the issue** but it releases us from ongoing harm from past harms.

There is a solution to this stuff. The first question we need to ask is "*What do I need to confess*"? And the second one is "*Who do I need to forgive*"?

Don't generalise. The Holy Spirit is specific. Don't excuse the sin. "Yes I did it **..but..**" No buts! Be thorough! When we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us because Jesus paid the penalty on the Cross. We are justly forgiven and released from guilt and shame because God has chosen to forgive us and He remembers our sin no more. True forgiveness does not remove the event but it erases the guilt and shame and pain caused by the event.

[2019 April 14th Jodie Woodward Palm Sunday: Jesus is the Boss](#)

Jodie, Jayvin and Gracie presented a call to surrender to Jesus is LORD.

There are only two masters:

God. Surrender to Him leads to life

Not-God Surrender to sin leads to death and the pension is death

Throw off everything that hinders usdaily. Sometimes sin is difficult to remove like a python wrapped around us. Our presenters shared a lesson from Eustace in the Dawn Treader where the outward manifestation of the greed with was that Eustace became a dragon. Getting rid of the dragon skin was painful for Eustace like it sometimes is when we have to let the Lord cleanse us from our sin (but the outcome is worth it). We were then challenged to ask the Lord what it is that Jesus wants us to lay aside or to take up as we listened to the final song. We were then challenged to write it down and commit ourselves to acting on what the Lord has revealed

[2019 April 7th Sharing Service](#)

2019 April 7th. **Paul** got our attention by sharing about heresy... Lighthouse analogy. Fire before us... There is Scriptural support for that in Exodus. *<Ed comment: Mobile phones are not mentioned but the moral principles about using them is in there>*

Missions: Open Doors. One with the persecuted church. Coptic Christians often wear the cross to make a public declaration of faith even in a dangerous place.

Jannah. Came across an old note. What am I practising.? When you feel most alone that is when God is saying "Draw near to me right now"

John: Rev 11:10-11 now has come the power ... Overcome by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony and that they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Ian shared about putting on the armour each morning and to pray for people in our Orbit.

Paul. Only one life it soon will pass, only what is done for Christ will last. (only what is done in Christ). Risk is right. It is better to lose your life for what is right than waste it. In our culture we are encouraged to seek comfort.

Cheryl. Shared about the Ladies bible study and the story of Lot. Lot started out at the edge of the city but ended up in the city and embroiled in the sin of the city. They lose everything. Sin goes on through the generations but God goes on seeking people. God is a God of second and third chances.

Jannah. Reading a historical fiction about Aaron in Exodus. Gods awesome power on display. Destruction of the Nation happened because of the hardness of the heart of one man. But by another man, Jesus, we can find forgiveness and true life.

John. Psalm 86 selections. Teach me your way O Lord.

Communion: Not with silver and gold that you were redeemed but by the precious blood of Jesus...

John. Offering is Worship. We give of ourselves. All that we have is His. Let us express our thankfulness to Him even if we have given online.

[2019 March 31. John Coman. Digression out of Mark and unpack Discipleship a bit more. Acts 11:19-26](#)

Followers of Jesus were first called Christians at Antioch

Discipleship: (being a disciple of Jesus)

Learning (starts as gathering facts, counting the cost. The Devil believes all the facts about Jesus but remains opposed to Him)

Trust (absolute full and total commitment to Jesus as the only way to live. "Boots and all")

Growth. Our lives should continue to grow in Grace. We do live in a fallen world and have "ups and downs" but an upward trend. To become more like Jesus with His lovely character shining through (fruit of the Spirit).

Bear much Fruit. This is evidence that you are my disciples and glorifies Me.

Who should we disciple? Deut 6 Impress these things on your children.

Family (Model what it is to love Jesus)

Church community (local and all other believers of all backgrounds. 2 Tim 2:2)

Wider community (unbelievers)

Out there and over there (Evangelism) Matt 28:19-20

As we model life in Jesus, people will ask us for the reason for the hope that we have.

2019 Mar 24th. John Coman: Mark 6:45-52 Walking on water : Importance of prayer

Originally the disciples were supposed to have some down time but ended up feeding the 5000 and end up in the middle of the lake, dead tired, about 3am. They see an apparition walking on the water and they were all terrified. Life without Jesus is pretty dangerous (stay close)

Jesus has authority over Nature, natural laws and power over sin and death. He told the disciples, "Take courage I AM" (it loses something in the English when it is translated "It is I"). An overlooked necessity is in vs 46 "Jesus went up the mountain to pray". This verse is sandwiched between two exciting miracles. Luke, the details man, said that Jesus often withdrew to lonely places to pray. If Jesus needed to pray then how much more do we need to pray. **Jesus didn't do ministry without asking His Father. Dare we....**

Our society shapes us to value things that can be seen and measured and to see non-visible things as not valuable. We say that we are not influenced by that but we are. Prayer is to faith like air is to the body. Ephesians 6. "Just do it".

Pray with someone else regularly.

Share requests and answers to prayer as it encourages us to pray.

Attend a corporate prayer time

Write prayers in a journal

Use a method:- Lord's Prayer, ACTS, 5Ps etc

Pray from the heart.

Samuel Chadwick said that the Devil fears nothing but prayer. He does not fear prayer-less work, religion, study or toil.

2019 Mar 17th. Paul Staer: "North Korea"

2019 Mar 17 missions spot. North Korea starves because of drought while world leaders argue. Their food rations have been cut to 300g a day. Only the wealthy can afford extra food on the black market. Life is much worse in the labour camps where 50,000 Christians are interred. They have to be courageous in their faith because it happens to be the most dangerous place on Earth to be a Christian. Please pray for the persecuted Church in North Korea.

2019 Mar 17th. John Laughlin: "Noah and an Uh Oh" Genesis 6

John Laughlin's message. God is Good. Story of Noah. Words like Noah, Ark, two by two are well known in the wider community but the story is taken by most to be just another myth. The historical event took place because it is used throughout the OT and NT and by Jesus.

Genesis 6. There are very sobering truths here. *God destroyed the world because the people had corrupted themselves*. As it was in the days of Noah so it shall be at the coming of Jesus. Jesus is coming to judge the living and the dead and the Earth will be destroyed by FIRE. God knows how to rescue godly men and women. We have more fear of being found out than having proper fear, awe and reverence for a **HOLY GOD!** There is awesome punishment coming for the ungodly. There is a hell to avoid. The Church has generally lost the fear of God and we are not as worried about the fate of the lost as we should be. We need to be re-awakened to the TRUTH that sin actually matters.

John the Baptist preached a message of righteousness so that people could escape the judgement to come. Noah, John the Baptist, Jesus, Peter and Paul all lived out what they preached. *But now a righteousness from God, apart from the law, has come that we may live in righteousness by faith. Ephesians 2:8*. Gods gives His righteousness to us when we accept His GIFT of "Christ in you". Our views on righteousness and unrighteousness will be different from the community we live in and, when we are His, we will align ourselves with God's view.

Our carnal nature wants what the world wants. Our carnal nature is at war with the Spirit of God within us. Our old nature cannot be gradually improved! Our old carnal nature has to die so that we may live by faith in Him. We are to be in the world but not of it, as pilgrims travelling to our true home

2019 Mar 10th . John Coman: "Immediately" Mark 6:30-44

The apostles drove our many demons, healed people and then they returned. They shared what happened with Jesus

Feeding a crowd. The disciples had no place to rest and were invited to withdraw from busyness by themselves...but the crowd followed them. Taking the five loaves and two fish, Jesus enabled them to feed five thousand men and there were twelve baskets of fragments leftover. This is a true historical event. This was recorded in all four Gospels. We need to pay attention to events, especially when they are repeated in Scripture.

The disciples fed the crowd by stepping out in faith, trusting Jesus, using what they had (*and Jesus multiplied their provisions as they trusted Him*). Jesus does amazing things when we respond by faith to Him. The apostles' faith and the result of their trust is a pattern for us. This is a well-known story, but it is also a challenge to us when we look closely. There is no natural explanation for what happened.

1. Our perspectives are challenged. How to feed 5000 people with 5 loaves?

2. We are challenged by the obedience of the disciples. (We might look at the lack)
3. Submission. What is in our hand? What giftedness do we have?

What is God calling me to submit to Him for His Glory...TODAY?...

(unfortunately, there is no audio for this message)

2019 Mar 3rd . John Coman: Commission Mark 6:6-13

Jesus sent them out two by two with authority over evil spirits and power to heal. They went out. Their equipment was the instructions. Often when we are called, we start planning. Planning is good but *sometimes we need to just do what God asks us to do*. We need to walk by faith in Jesus and not by our own strength. They had to do ministry instead of expecting Jesus to do everything.

In Acts we read about the missionary journeys. They went out and proclaimed the need to repent. Not one of the top five good words in Australia. The opposite is proclaimed. "Don't let anyone tell you what to do" implying that not even God can tell you what to do or not to do.

The key message is not that we care but that people need Jesus or they are lost. We care because Jesus cares. We don't want to just make people comfortable in this life while they are on their way to hell.

Matt 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8 Commissioned, sent out with POWER. The command is not to "Go" but the command is to "**make disciples**". The going verb should be translated as "In your going" or "while you are going" **make disciples!** Our challenge is for every believer to grow through discipleship and then going on to disciple others.. Not just being consumers.

Who am I discipling?

2019 Feb 24th. Peter Rugendyke: Becoming a Christian

Peter started with his conversion experience. There are many examples of conversion eg. Petrol to gas, Eagles to Dockers, Metric to Imperial. In general, conversion is an exchange of one measure for another. Many people may say that they are converted to Christianity. Luke 13:1-5. Everyone must repent (or **turn** or **be converted** from selfishness to Jesus)

I need to be saved from a disaster. We were all dead in our trespasses and sin.

There are no innocent human beings.

What should amaze us is that **anyone** is spared another day to repent.

I need to be reborn come alive spiritually

I need a new kind of life

I need a profound change of heart

Acts 16:14. Peter describes the new heart

My side of conversion. Do a U turn Ezekiel. I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that they turn and live. Being sorry for sin is not enough. There has to be a willingness to turn away from sin.

Turn from sin towards Jesus in faith.

Ask for forgiveness

Believe in Jesus' finished work

Confess that Jesus is Lord

God's side of conversion. He draws us and gives us opportunity to respond. He gives us gifts of faith if we are willing to receive them. The Holy Spirit is the mid-wife of the new birth.

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[2019 Feb 3rd. John Coman "Encounters by the sea". Mark 5:1-20](#)

The disciples witness a terrifying spiritual power encounter between Jesus and a legion of demons. The madman falls down at the feet of Jesus. The demons recognised who Jesus was and pleaded with Him not to torment them but to give them permission to enter the pigs. Clear theology does not save us. Even demons believe in Jesus. Head knowledge does not save us. Humble obedience and submission to the only One Who can save, Jesus Christ the Lord, is the only way to be saved.

We fear what we can't control. Jesus continually challenges and shakes our world view. The villagers begged Jesus to go away even though they had seen the healing of the madman. We get thoroughly shaken when we witness supernatural events. Jesus changes lives. It is not the healthy who need a doctor. Jesus came for sinners like us.

Are we allowing Jesus to change us or are we allowing the world to influence us so that we have one foot in the world and one foot in the kingdom? We are called to make disciples and we cannot do this until we are a disciple of Jesus ourselves. Then we need to share with our family what God has done for us. May God use us in this region for His Glory!

[2019 Jan 27th. John Coman "Encounters by the sea".](#)

Mark 1:23-28. Encounter with an evil spirit. "What's this... a new teaching"

Mark 1:34 The whole town gathers. Jesus healed many and drove out evil spirits

Mark 3:11 Jesus had withdrawn to a quiet place because of the crush of people

We see that Jesus has power over the spiritual realm. The natural scientific man is not comfortable with the demonic and would rather keep Jesus in a comfortable box. We would rather medicate people than admit that unusual behaviour might be demonic. Our world is the same world that Jesus walked in and Jesus is the same Jesus yesterday, today and forever.

Jesus laid hands on lepers, forgave sin, healed the paralytic, raised the dead. Back then they said that this is beyond our understanding (nothing has changed). We are Western Christians with our naturalistic bias but we are still called to engage in spiritual warfare and to make disciples and to demonstrate the power of Jesus.

Lessons from the calming of the storm. The main point of this Scripture is not just a parable showing that “Jesus can your storm” (which is true) but it is a real historical event recorded by Mark to show the Sovereignty, Power and Authority of Jesus. The teaching of this passage is: “**take note of Who Jesus is**”. We need to lift our vision to Who Jesus is. Where is our faith? Why are we afraid?

When was the last time we trusted Jesus to do something supernatural? Is it time to renew our awe of the Omnipotent Creator and to let Him shake our foundations, to return to our first love and walk supernaturally in this natural world as we did after our first commitment?

2019 Jan 20th. Phil Ticehurst “Jesus Christ is LORD”.

Matt 16:13-27 “Who do you say that I am.

Jesus is not just the Lord’s Christ.... Jesus is Christ the LORD

Col 1:15-20 All the fullness of God Almighty dwells in Jesus Christ

Is Jesus really LORD of my life?

Both Peter and Judas ministered with Jesus. Both spoke for Satan. Peter was restored and Jesus said that it would have been better for Judas that he was never born. What can we learn from this?

Faith to believe is a gift from God. This gift requires accepting and then walking in fellowship with God. The rejection of this gift will lead to a downward spiral. Think of the thief on the cross next to Jesus. It would have required enormous faith to believe that this battered bleeding dying man was anything special let alone the Saviour of the world. This gift is available to all who would open it.

2019 Jan 13th. Sharing service focussing on Glory of God in Creation

Halley shared how creation itself glorifies God

Liz thanked God for His gracious provision.

Cheryl shared how the tiny Jarrah plants glorified the Creator and showed how young plants like ourselves need careful nurturing.

Paul mentioned 1 Peter 3:15 as the Scripture for sharing Jesus with our neighbors and then went on to share about the Sovereignty of God.

Debby shared an insight that God showed her how He loves Debby's children even more than she does

Peter shared about the wearing of rocks exposes the inner beauty and it shows how God works on us and shapes us for His Glory.

Dean summarised the sharing service

[2019 Jan 6th. John Coman. Walking with God into 2019.](#)

We stand in a wonderful place, despite where we have been. We have an awesome call on our lives and a challenge to respond to that call.

We, who know Jesus, have a promise that He will be with us and will never leave nor forsake us. Ephesians 2:8-10 Even the faith to believe is a gift from God. He lavishes His love upon us. Any of our dumb choices in 2018 or the present day can be washed away and cleansed as we confess our sins and turn around and walk with Him. The old things have passed away when we give them to Jesus. The old life only has power over us when we try to walk in our own strength and not in dependence on Jesus. Prov 16:9,

Micah 6:8. Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.

May I never forget on my best day that I still need God as desperately as I do on my worst day. Psalm 143:8. Let me hear Your loving kindness in the morning. Teach me the way in which I should walk for unto You I lift up my soul.

[2018 Dec 30 John Coman Symbols on the Christmas tree](#)

The Spirit of God guides us into all truth.

An Evergreen tree is a symbol of life. We declare that Christmas is about life, eternal life in the Son.

There is a Christmas Angel as a tree topper. This symbolises that the Angel declared that the Messiah was born.

The star guided the wise men. Wise men and women still respond to the call of the light of the World. The only way to the Father is through Jesus.

The Holly is a reminder of the crown of thorns that Jesus wore. The red berries are a symbol of His shed blood. The colours of Christmas are red and green. Green for life and red for blood.

Mistletoe is an important symbol. They survive by attaching themselves to the roots of other trees. It would die if it is not connected to another root. Symbol of remaining connected to Jesus. The Australia Christmas tree is style of mistletoe. It has gold flowers symbolising the King and it only survives by remaining attached to the root.

Lights symbolise the Light of the World. His light shows us the way and we will never walk in darkness if we follow Jesus.

The wreath with bells. The circle symbolises that God's love continues forever. The bells ring out the good news. The shepherds used to ring a bell and the sheep would come.

Gingerbread men. Food hung on the tree. It is a reminder that God created us out of dust. When the relationship was broken God made a way for us to be restored. The candy cane, white for purity, red for blood. The shape is the letter J standing for Jesus.

At the bottom of the tree are gifts. **The greatest gift is the gift of Himself.** It needs to be received. It is not ours just because it was paid for, it needs to be received. We can get so busy with the season that we can forget the reason for the season. The cross is at the heart of Christmas. Galatians 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law. The real Christmas tree is the Cross. Direct quote from Deuteronomy. Cursed is anyone who hangs on a tree.

2 Chr 5:21 God made Him who had no sin to become sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of Christ.

[2018 Dec 25 John Coman John Ch 1 vs 1-14.](#)

Great Video: "I wonder what happened to baby Jesus?... He became the walk on water Jesus? I wonder what happened to that Guy?... You mean that baby Jesus is the same as the Cross Jesus?.. Maybe we should not make Christmas a single event but make it an on going event. How often do we have the disconnect from the baby Jesus to Jesus as LORD GOD Almighty.

We take Jesus out of the Nativity scene and put him back in the box on Boxing Day (***and not take Him out of the box again for eleven months***).

The characters in the Nativity... God has a habit of turning our culture on its head. Angels, Chippy, Mary, three wise men (Kings), Shepherds (*not considered trustworthy enough to be a witness in a court case*). Those whom society rejects and those whom society think are great. God came to save sinners.

Sometimes we do the holiday and religious practices but we forget about the dramatic event which changed the course of history. Jesus is not willing that any should perish but that all people turn from their sin and be saved. John 3:16-17. Happy Christmas. The best present. The presence of God in our heart.

[2018 Dec 23 Ian Cullen Nativity Scene.](#)

We may get a stony response when we tell people that Christmas is about CHRIST! God walked with man in the Garden. His plan is to enable that to happen again. His birth was announced to shepherds, bottom rung of society. Symbols of Christmas.

1. Angels announced the Good News to shepherds.
2. Nativity Emmanuel (God with us)
3. Bread. Nourishes us.
4. Star light of the World. Shows us the way and sheds light on the things that needs to be dealt with. Confess, repent and thank God for His forgiveness.
5. Presents. The greatest gift of all is HIM (Yahweh saves). The Name above all Names. He makes a way where there is no way.
6. John 1:12. All who believe have the authority to become children of God.

We have a message of hope for all people from Shepherds to Kings. God will respond to our prayers even from a dark place. It is a good message to share with people even if they initially respond frostily. God is preparing people's hearts to hear the message and so don't be afraid to share with people

[2018 Dec 16 John Coman John Ch 1 vs 1-14.](#)

His Word is not inactive. We need to both hear the Word and act on it. God with us. Emmanuel. John 1:1-14. (In the light of John 20:31)

Fourteen powerful verses that unpack the story behind Christmas. Our Christian Faith depends on two facts. Jesus is fully God and Jesus is fully man. "God with us" was pre-existent before creation. Phil 2:7-8 In Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form.

He (Jesus) is the Creator. He is the source of life. He is the source and sustainer of true light, even eternal light. Mankind dwells in darkness but Jesus offers us both light and life. Jesus offers us adoption as his children (verse 12).

John Chapter 21 Calls for a response. Chapter 3:16-17 calls for a response. Where is your heart this morning? Would Jesus say after your death "Well done good and faithful servant, come enter in.." or "Depart from me you cursed one, I don't know you. depart from Me.." God is with us... Are we with Him?

[2018 Dec 9 Boddington. Gal 4:4 Obedient hearers.](#)

Mary: Luke 1:26-38. A blessed young woman. God Himself was born as a baby through a virgin pregnancy.

Joseph: Matthew 1:18-25. Believed the Angel and immediately he took Mary as his wife.

They were both visited by an Angel, they lived in the same town and they were both obedient to the revealed message. The authority of the message is not by the visitation of angels or

other spiritual experiences but by the Word of God. Joseph did what the LORD commanded him. God's word is our foundation and God calls us to respond with obedience.

God works with both people in a relationship.

2018 Dec 9 Pinjarra Ian Cullen. Best medicine is praising God. Gloria in Excelsis.

*** Extended summary of excellent message. No audio available***

Busy at Christmas? The enemy wants to get us off track spiritually and concentrate on stuff that does not matter. We get distracted by perceived needs. We can develop false expectations at this season. What was God doing before Christmas?

God dwells in an unseen realm which we do not normally see. Prophets do see what is happening now and again. Zechariah, father of John the Baptist, was able to declare what God was up to. Jesus and the Father were preparing the Heavens and the Earth for the coming of the Son of Man.

No person is a puppet. God can Sovereignly act but we have a choice. God knows everything that will happen when we make the right decisions and also what will happen if we make wrong decisions. On the dark side there was Herod, the Romans and Judas. We can look back and see what happened. However, even during the 400 years of silence there was Zechariah, Anna, Mary, Elizabeth and many others who were seeking God.

If we make self-centered decisions then it will have bad results.

Are we going to trust God with the outcomes of life or are we going to try and handle it in our own way? Man is born to trouble. How are we going to handle the conflict of living in this fallen world? Where is our joy centered this morning?

Is economic success the most important thing in the world. How do we vote for politicians. Is it on the basis of righteousness or is it on what is best for my hip pocket? Missions 119 devotional is a great tool for connecting with God on a daily basis. We can become a selfish grump if we take our focus off what God wants to do in my life. (Check out... Kristene DiMarco " Through it all it is well with me <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CfHOHW-ZSJ8>)

2018 Dec 2nd Peter Rugendyke "Waiting 400 years"

Waiting! In a holding position. Sometimes we just can't wait. We don't do waiting well. There are distinct periods of waiting. Eg waiting nine months... First steps, going to school, away from home on camp, getting drivers licence, exam results, finding to find that special person. Wretched waits for rebellious children to turn back from error. Waiting like Joseph in a pit or in prison or in bad circumstances. Job lost everything and did not know why or sense God's presence when attacked by appalling circumstances.

Then there was 400 years of silence after a warning from the last prophet of the Old Testament. The next time that God speaks is in the New Testament through John.

During the silence, Israel returned from captivity. The priesthood had been restored. However, the Jews were not honouring God. Then Alexander the Great defeated them and brought in the Hellenistic Empire. This Empire was attractive economically, rationally and socially. A bit like today's hedonistic, rational humanistic society.

God may not have been speaking through His prophets, for four hundred years, but He was certainly active, preparing the perfect time for the arrival of His Son. In the **FULNESS** of TIME... God's timing. All the necessary ingredients were ready for Jesus to arrive. God's timing is always brilliant.

2018 Nov 25th John Coman [Isaiah as a Christmas Book](#)

John saw the Book of Isaiah in a new light and declares to us the message contained in Isaiah for us, the people of God. There IS a Redeemer. Isaiah ministered for fifty years under four Kings and prophesied in accurate detail the events surrounding the birth of Jesus some 700 years before the event (which happened in the fullness of time). For unto us a Child is born. John had difficulty speaking to us but was so fired up by the message that he spoke despite a heavy cold. The overall thrust of the message is that God is for us. Yes, He must judge sin. Justice is a very serious matter. We have no excuse if we ignore so great a salvation. Let us take on board the offer of life and share it with those around us who are yet to understand how important the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus is to us all.

2018 Nov 18th [Sharing Service](#)

00:00 to 10:27 John Coman "Life Happens"

10:28 to 18:28 Jocabed "Free at last, forever I'm free"

18:30 to 22:22 Jannah "From a spirit of heaviness to a garment of praise"

22:23 to 22:59 Jayvin "Answered prayer"

23:00 to 23:13 Silvia "Thanks" (possibly part cut out during audio changeover)

23:14 to 23:36 Jenny "Fellowship in Kathmandu"

23:37 to 32:37 Peter "Let us pray for God's Word to have a powerful impact in Feb 2019"

32:38 to 37:10 Paul "Making Disciples during training for Franklin Graham Crusade"

2018 Nov 11th [Hayley Blakely's poem "The Poppy"](#).

This is a short Remembrance Day audio about the lessons that we can learn from the Poppy. Introduced by John Coman, Hayley reads her own poem.

2018 Nov 11th [John Coman Encounters by the sea](#). Mark 4:1-21 Parable of the sower

A neighbour warned her neighbour that their house was going to burn down. Because the neighbours listened to the message and fled, they were saved. There is a greater fire coming. Who will warn them with the **message of salvation?** We sow Truth into the world and it produces a crop which depends on the readiness of the hearers' hearts. Hearts that are as hard as a beaten path do not allow the word to take root. Rocky soil represents the people who receive the word with joy but turn away when there is any trouble. People who are represented by thorny soil, look ready for sowing but weeds, the cares of the world, which look so pretty, choke and poison the crop.

However, there is good news! Thy Word is a lamp to our path. The seed that lands in good soil represents the heart that humbly receives the Word and produces good fruit. Good soil **can** produce weeds and so we need to tend our soil carefully. Unforgiveness can grow and choke us with bitter poison. Our challenge is that we need to sow generously. We can be like a farmer that has everything needed but he does not sow any seed. We also will reap nothing if we do not sow the good seed. 2 Cor 9:6. Be politically incorrect and talk about God this week. The Devil wants us to keep our seed in the bag not plant it.

2018 Nov 4th [John Coman Encounters by the sea. Mark 2:1-12](#)

Who can forgive sins but God alone? Jesus demonstrated remarkable hospitality when the friends of the paralytic cut a hole in the roof of His own house. Jesus showed that He could not only forgive sins but that He had power over infirmity. People who argue that Jesus did not claim to be God, face another huge hurdle with this passage of Scripture when Jesus Himself was the answer to the question, "Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Do we have a tender attitude to the difficult people around us, like Jesus demonstrated towards those people who were destroying his property. Jesus was kind towards the intruders even as dirt and debris started pouring onto the table that He was entertaining guests at. ***(Reality check. What level of mistreatment by others is required to trigger our own grumpiness?)***

Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever and still forgives sin, heals infirmities and welcomes us even when we are acting like the broken human beings that we are. Jesus still says, "Come to Me, all who are burdened and heavy laden.."

2018 Oct 28th [Special Kid's Service. John Coman Encounters by the sea.](#)

Story about the Rainbow fish. The other fish were amazed and his beauty. The Rainbow Fish was so proud. He did not consider others. The other fish would not come near the arrogant proud fish. The Rainbow Fish became lonely and so he went to the starfish and the wise Octopus for advice. The wise Octopus said, "Give a glittering scale to each of the other fish so that you won't be the most beautiful in the sea". He gave one scale to the little blue fish and then the other fish also wanted a scale. He was then accepted by all the other fish in the sea.

What lesson do we draw from this story? It has a biblical basis. We are not called to be **buckets** but we are to become **pipes** through which God can pour His Grace to others. Mark 9:36-37. Sometimes when we come to faith in Jesus we can lose sight of the work of God to save us by His Grace. There is a whole lot of teaching in the Bible about surrendering to Jesus and then serving others in His strength. Being a servant rather than lording it over others. We live in a blessed country. Let us share our "shiny scales" with others.

2018 Oct 21st [John Coman Encounters by the sea..](#)

We will be blessing others when we pack the shoeboxes. The blessing is also an opportunity for local believers to reach out with the Gospel of Life in Jesus. Whoever welcomes one of these little ones in my Name welcomes me. We are covered with shiny scales... Let's share some of them with others. God's will is for us to know how to walk with Him. Mark 1: 14-20. Repent and believe. Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men.

Calling: Follow Me. Radical response by the fishermen to drop everything and continue to follow forever. Our faith is not just a bunch of rules or performing rituals. These things are an expression of our faith. We follow Jesus. Take up your cross and follow Me. Count the cost, even lay down your life. We have to hear Jesus calling us to seek His will and put it higher than any other priority.

The TASK. The call does not have anything to do with "doing" but has everything to do with "becoming". The reason for our existence in this life is to praise God and tell others about Him (we make it complicated but it is not rocket science).

The TIMING. Immediately (the word appears 39 times in Mark's Gospel and it occurs 40 times in the rest of the Gospels). The fishermen were called to walk away from a thriving family business..... Immediately. Becoming a disciple starts in a moment of time but it is a lifetime journey.

Responding to His call today. What does He want to change in **us today**. How can we respond better to the task of sharing our faith. Are we choosing to be a **bucket** and hold the blessings for ourselves or are we willing to be a **pipe** and pour out the blessings for others. ***Are we willing to say, "Here I am Lord, send me" before we know where God wants to send us ?***

[2018 Oct 14th Sharing Service.](#)

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[2018 Oct 7th Peter Rugendyke. Vine Life.](#)

This message builds on Ian's message. Drawing divine life from the good root. VINE LIFE, living the Grace filled, spiritually gifted life of Jesus. Peter illustrated this by looking at the cave rescue of the soccer team in Thailand. The rescue team had to work together, bring their unique gifting and submitting to one another to achieve the rescue against impossible odds. Likewise we are involved in God's rescue of his lost people. We need to bring our unique spiritual gifting to the table and work together, being energised by staying attached to the True Vine so that we can encourage each other in this divine rescue mission. Vine life and Kingdom living. Peter also issued a challenge to anyone who were hearing God's call for the first time to step up and publicly declare their desire to be born from above.

[2018 Sept 30th Ian Cullen Good Root. Col 1:17 and John 15:4.s.](#)

Jesus is before all things 24/7. Jesus sometimes needs to prune us so that we may bear good fruit. If we become fully aware that God holds all things together 24/7 then we will be more in tune with God by yielding to what God needs to do in us. We get enamoured by the branches and the stuff going on around us (The good life). The good root is Jesus but we often draw on the world and feed on rubbish instead of feeding on Jesus. Everything that God made is good but the Devil corrupts what God has made.

Col 1: 15-20 Pigin interpretation "Number one stop on top allgether".

What we believe about ourselves drives our behaviour. If we do not realise that Jesus is supreme then we will not pray and then can we hinder, not help, extend His Kingdom. We don't need a skill set to serve, we need a "will set". We need to realise that there is a bigger battle going on for the hearts and souls of men. We cannot bear fruit unless we remain in Him. We have a superior family

with one head, the Lord Jesus Christ. Popular opinion is being worshipped as God. We need to pray for a revival and awakening in Australia. Don't let your destiny be decided by popularity, advertising or ungodly opinions. We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses Heb 12:1-2. The cure for a loss of focus is to refocus on the good root of Jesus, being subject to He who is the source of everything.

[2018 Sept 23rd Matt 28 The Great Commission.](#)

If we are going to be disciple-makers then we need to be faithful disciples ourselves. The Great Commission was among the last things that Jesus said. The emphasis is not on "go" but it is "**as you are going**" **make disciples** of all Nations (The verb is **MAKE** DISCIPLES). We are called to make disciples, along the way, as we are going, or in our going. The word disciple means students or followers. The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch. Disciples start out as interested onlookers and learners and some go on to become disciples and others resist and stir up riots.

We become a Christian by a transformation and a lifelong commitment to Jesus as Lord. Bear much fruit and show yourself to be My Disciples - Not being influenced by the world but being an influencer in the world. We need to submit to God, not merely having God as an optional extra. We may need to stir up our heart and the gifts that God has placed in us. What does God want us to do this year?

We may already be filled with His Spirit but there may be areas where we have not surrendered control to God. Are there weeds in our garden? We need to go on being filled.

[2018 Sept 15th Special Testimony:](#) This short clip is from a sharing service in 2011. It has been a great blessing for everyone who has listened to it over the years. It is an anointed word from God to every struggling believer and to those who do not know Him. Melanie has a gift of dreams, visions and prophetic words. Melanie may seem a bit hesitant in speech but that is because God's words to her overwhelmed her even as she spoke.

[2018 Sept 16th Pinjarra John Coman Romans 10:11-17](#) Gods plan for missions

People often do not hear what we are saying. The same Lord blesses all who call. Faith comes through hearing the message. How will they hear if people are not sent? Gospel is for all people. All the Etne. Every nation, tribe and tongue.

The Alliance is a missionary society with churches, not a Church with missions. We are working in 80 countries and we have a heart for people to hear the Gospel. We have Fourteen different people groups in seventy seven CMA Churches in Australian. Witnesses need to share or they are not witnesses. People need to be sent! God is the ultimate sender.

There must be some that remain to support those who go. The local Church is a support network for missions. Pinjarra is famous for prayer support on the field. Prayer and spiritual warfare is a crucial work of the local body for supporting the field workers.

There must be proclaimers for people to be able to hear about Jesus, then there will be responders. We cannot sit on past performances because our relationship with Jesus needs to be made new every morning.

Witness (share and ask God for opportunities)

Prayer (regular, for protection, for warfare, both privately and corporately)

Sending (encouraging and supporting others and also be willing to go)

Giving (local national and international)

2018 Sept 9th Sharing Service

Phil. Salvation is the doorway to a new creation. The old has gone the new has come.

Andrew. It is well with my soul, despite life's hard knocks.

Jayvin. Noah's ark and the flood. God promised never to destroy the Earth with a flood.

John C. Salvation is a doorway to the new life. God will complete that which He has begun.

John C. Training for the transplant games. Psalm 118:17 I will not die but live.

Jannah. El Elyon. The Lord Most High. No matter what my life looked like, that God over all is in control. EL Roi. God Who sees (who Hagar was in her core being).

John M. I was meditating about the promises that we make as humans and the promises that God makes. God always keeps His word. God said, "I have got plans for you", not audibly but I knew what God was saying. I made a promise in a "rock and a hard place promise" to dedicate my life to God. I had difficulty keeping that promise but God always keeps His.

Jannah. Thinking about the promises of God in general. "Good one Lord". Ezekiel means, "The Lord is my strength". I did not have to be strong, because God is strong for us. We sometimes have to be still and let God be our strength.

Kathleen. Gods promise during a dark time

2018 Sept 2nd Ann Grinnell Missions Boddington Is God touching your heart tonight?

And there went with him a band of men whose hearts God had touched.

2018 Sept 2nd Ann Grinnell Missions Boddington Q and A

Short session of questions and answers after the message at Boddington

2018 Sept 2nd Ann Grinnell Missions Sunday Are you a grace flaunting risk taker?

In the cool of the day, the Lord God walked in the garden looking for a man and a woman. God has always looked for His man and His woman. 85% of Indonesian people are Muslim making hundreds of millions of people on their way to a lost eternity through lack of knowledge. God is on the lookout for candidates whose heart is set on pleasing Him and looking with a single eye to give Him Glory in this world. He is on the lookout for a God fearing person willing and able to take risks. To be able to flaunt His Grace.

When you fear God you fear nothing else. If you do not fear God then you will fear everything else. (Oswald Chambers). It is OK to say no to the mission board, say no to the district superintendent but it is not OK to say no to God. When a missionary group going to Africa was asked, "Why are you going to certain death?" the group replied "We died before

we left to go to a place regarded by the world as "God forsaken". We need to be willing to be a risk taker for God's Glory. Daniel risked all to serve God. Likewise, we will find that His Grace is sufficient for us when we are quiet enough before Him to be filled with His Power.

2018 Aug 26th Tim Crouch Missions Intro: Date with Destiny

1 Peter 2:4-12 Peculiar People. It is from an old translation of this verse. Peter was writing to Jewish background believers scattered around the Roman Empire. These people felt lost among the people where God had placed them. They knew the Old Testament very well. Living for God's Kingdom can be very different to the life of an average Christian. If we choose to walk in the Kingdom, rather than live average Christian lives, then our lives will be very different.

Choose to Live such Godly lives among the Pagans, so that even though they think that we are nuts, they will glorify God on the day He visits us. Acts ch 15:14. God first visited the Gentiles.... God will show up with Authority and Power on Judgement Day but also when the people of God share the good news with people outside the Kingdom.

In verse nine, a chosen people "God's special possession" chosen for Him alone. Exodus Ch 19:4 my treasured possession. Isa Ch 43:1 My own people whom I formed for myself. What will keep us reaching out to the lost. It is Love springing from being in step with the wellspring of God's heart. We are not just to be hearers of good news but to be walking it and spreading it (it will wear thin if we are not connected to God). It is a priestly duty. By God's design, Priests bring God before others and bring people before God.

Isa 56: Joy in the House of Prayer for all Nations. God's heart is for the Nations and His desire is for His peculiar people to reach out to all the peoples of the world so that those first gathered will gather still others to the Kingdom.

Link to Video of message: <https://www.cmalliance.org/video/watch/37579/?autoplay=true>

2018 Aug 19th Phil Ticehurst 2 Chr 7:14 If My People

Background. Our God is a HOLY God. His judgments are righteous altogether. We live in a fallen world which is under the influence of evil. Bad things happen to good and bad people. God gets blamed for what men do under the influence of evil spirits and the Devil gets blamed when God pours out judgements on the Earth. **2 Chr 7:13-14** "When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, 14 "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (*there is a whole sermon here in this one verse...*)

Why would a good God send severe devastating drought on people? Doesn't He care about the innocent children and little animals? If we human beings will only cry out to God or listen to Him when we are in trouble is it not reasonable to consider that we are asking for trouble?

Amos 4: 6-12 What is the repeated phrase?

Given the background that drought on a large scale is one of the ways that God speaks to us through a megaphone about our need to change. Is there anything in Australia that might bring us as a Nation under divine judgment? The daily news reads like it was taken out of **Romans 1: 29-32**

Let us take 2 Chr 7:14 to heart over the coming days and weeks. Every revival in history has been birthed in prayer. The disciples prayed in unity for forty days before the greatest revival in history took place at Pentecost.

2018 Aug 12th Alex Winning Luke 16:13-15; 19-31 the Gospel is Good News to the poor

This Parable is unique to Luke and it is a significant warning to us in the West. The theme is wealth and money. The religious leaders were proud and loved wealth. Jesus said that what people valued highly is worthless and detestable. This parable carries an urgent message about the need to see God's heart for the poor on our doorstep.

This parable has a warning about complacency. Money has spiritual power to provide comfort to us and can be a bondage. When we give generously beyond our means it actually breaks the power of the god of money. We need to live as Christ lived among us. Jesus took off his robe and dwelt among sinners, liberated those who were demonised, amongst the desperately ill so that those who were low could be lifted up. When we help the poor we become vulnerable. Poverty cannot be alleviated by giving money. It takes followers of Christ to invite strangers into the kingdom.

We walk a wide berth around the homeless and the beggars. We need to turn hostility into hospitality. We cannot delay O Church, when Lazarus is lying at our door. Let us welcome the stranger into our homes with open arms. One day it will either be too late or a time when we will not regret what we have given away. Read Psalm 51 let us repent of selfishness and complacency so that people can see Christ in us.

2018 Aug 5th John Coman ninth message about "Being the Church"

The Great Commission of Jesus is to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the ends of the Earth. The Vision Statement for our Churches has not changed since Matt 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8. We are to be witnesses to those around us and to the ends of the Earth by building relationships. Can you believe that there are people in Pinjarra which has five Churches, who have NEVER heard about what Jesus accomplished for them? Some people have only heard the Name in curses and do not realise that we have really GOOD NEWS for them.

2018 July 29th John Coman eighth message about "Being the Church"

Equipping the Church.

Coming into a relationship with Jesus is the only way into the Church.

In a healthy Body we should find:

1. There is Unity
2. Discernment
3. Truth

4. Love (demonstrated)

I studied in college to become a pastor. My expectations exceed my abilities. When I read Eph 4:11-16, I was challenged to equip the saints. Everyone who is a believer, is uniquely shaped and gifted individually for the work that He has prepared for us to do. The Church is also gifted with individuals whose function is to prepare and equip the believers for doing the work of ministry. To release people with their unique gifts and enable them to put their gifts to work. The leaders are also to use their unique giftings to build one another up.

We are all to do what God has called us to do and then Jesus builds up His body.

Many leaders are trained to do a bit of everything but are not trained to train others to do the ministry. This verse is crucial. Train people to do the work that they are called to do instead of doing it for them. We are called and need to pour our lives and abilities into others so that we all grow into maturity.

One challenge: For each of us to do our part. Equipping the Church

2018 July 22nd John Coman seventh message about “Being the Church”

Seventh message is on unity. **Eph 4:1-3**. By way of context, the first 3 chapters of Ephesians show our position in Christ and the next chapters are the practical outcome of **demonstrating his character** not *living out a list of rules*.

Eph 1:1-13 sets the **foundation** for our position in Christ.

Eph 2:1-7 details our **position before** we became His. By Grace we have been saved.

Eph 3:10-11 God is going to demonstrate his manifold wisdom to the world through us (Lord that is a BIG ask).

Eph 3:16-19 the **new life**. Filled to the measure of the fullness of Christ.

Eph 4:1-3 We do these things because of who we are, not in order to try and become acceptable. Being the Church means walking with all humility. ***Do nothing out of selfish ambition and conceit***. Biblical gentleness is NOT timidity or weakness but it is kindness and compassion contrasted with harshness. Keep loving one another earnestly and being patient.

The theme is that when we are living out being the Church in the fruit of the Spirit, then the body is built up in health and the manifold wisdom of God is demonstrated to the community. Make every effort to maintain the bond of peace. The promises of God are not empty, but He **lavishes** His love in us even when circumstances are very challenging. Unity not unanimity.

2018 July 22nd Colossians 2:13-15 John Coman in Boddington

A true before and after story:

Before: We were FULLY DEAD Spiritually in our sins and sinful nature. Our best efforts to live a righteous life is described as filthy rags. The standard is perfection 100% always.

After:

Alive with Christ
Fully Forgiven
Debt Cancelled
Devil stripped of power and authority in the lives of believers

How: We owed a debt we could not pay. Jesus paid a debt He did not owe. The record of our sins were literally nailed to the Cross and our record is wiped clean. (Now **that is good news indeed**)

2018 July 15th Thoughts about Communion

John shared about how Communion went from a dark affair to a celebration

Jochebed shared about the presence of God when Christians meet together in unity

Dean applied some Scriptural thoughts before we shared Communion together

2018 July 15th Sharing Service

2018 July 15. **Jannah** was obedient to prompting. Toby Mack song contained a line from Westminster Catechism "To Glorify God and to enjoy Him for ever". Jannah asked herself the question, "How do I do that today and everywhere. Jannah added, "Unfortunately I do not have all the answers, but what is our response to the call of 'The Chief end of man is to....'"

Phil shared about the amazing work of the Holy Spirit in Karnet

Testimony of **Charles**. I refused to cry before becoming a Christian. The Scripture that I laid hold of was "The Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth". Reading the Book of Mormon and the Bible. I heard the Truth from Jesus. When I decided to follow Jesus, the Power of the Holy Spirit came upon me and I am a different person. In addition. After being born again, I was a single dad. My second marriage to a woman with three kids, as a Christian was a disaster. We had a child between us but she took her own life. Then I met Fiona. We both discovered that we had both written Christian songs.

Paul. Words will be connected to Fiona and Charles. I have been blessed by audio books by John Piper about the Glory of God and Desiring God. Thought and a challenge. "We Glorify God by enjoying Him forever". This is an interesting thought that rather than concentrating on salvation but recognising that He is the gift for us to make Him central and our source and goal. Jesus is the Way and He is the Life.

John. God does amazing things with each one of us. We overcome the enemy by the word of our testimony and the Blood of the Lamb.

2018 July 8th John Laughlin in Boddington. The Kingdom of God

This is a very important five star message. **If you listen to only one message this year then this is the message for you.** If you have ever wondered why the world is in such a mess

when God is all powerful or if you have ever wondered what God is going to do with this mess, then hear this message.

However, be warned! John is very humble and soft spoken but this message has a mighty punch and will leave you with both a life changing challenge and an increased dose of hope.

[2018 July 8th John Coman's 4th message on 1 Peter 3:15. God Who Speaks Today](#)

Know what you believe
Know your testimony
Give an answer to everyone who asks (**Dialogue**)
With gentleness and respect. (**Commanded**)

It breaks Gods commandment when we treat people as evangelistic targets rather than relating to people with gentleness and respect. God is a God of Love compassion Mercy and Grace but He is also a God of Justice and Holiness. Both sides are true and people need to hear the whole truth in ways that are meaningful to them. God's Grace is greater than our sin but we need to be obedient. We are all called to be His ambassadors whether we are type A or prefer to sit alone for a couple of days.

It is not our job to convince anyone but we are to be ready to do whatever God wants us to do. It is His Spirit who convinces people of sin and righteousness and judgement. People have a God given right to choose for themselves. Allow people their right to choose and give them time to count the cost.

[2018 July 1st Dean's Testimony](#)

Sharing our faith. Last week's message was to be prepared and know your testimony and being clear on what we believe so that we can share it powerfully with others. Dean's testimony "*I don't remember saying yes to sharing this morning*" In 1986 there was a Bill Newman Crusade when I was 12 years old and I was challenged to accept Jesus. Outside the crusade, on the lawn, I came to realise that Jesus is real and that I needed what he did for me. Then it was all plain sailing.....(*much laughter*)

Trying to fit in as a teenager, I heard from God, "You are mine, you do not fit in here" and then there was this girl in the youth group.... We became best friends and she ran the service this morning. God was challenging me with things like, "Here is a good example for you to follow". I got married to her and then it was all plain sailing..... (*even more laughter*). We had a challenge to our marriage at year ten but God provided for us through His people. Looking back at our struggles, we realise that we can help others when they go through similar struggles. Being brought up in a Church is great grounding.

[2018 July 1st John Coman's third message on 1 Peter 3:15](#)

We need to talk **to** others rather than talking **at** people.
Last week's message was **to be prepared**.
This week's message is **how to give an answer**.

Make sure that there is an indication of interest. Don't shirtfront people. When we are rejected it may not be because of the Gospel but because we are acting like a Whacko. We are not being ambassadors for Jesus if we do not show respect to others.

Make sure that it is a dialogue not a monologue. Talk with, not at. If they are not asking questions or making comments then they have switched off. This is the only message that reaches beyond the grave. People have a free will. Be sensitive. People know if you are selling a package. Come let us reason together...

Build relationship. Don't be a salesman but be a friend and build a relationship. Be an example of Jesus in your conduct and be ready to give an answer (*we need to wait for the question*). Be a real person and love them. We may not have all the answers but we must not let that hinder us to tell others what God has done **for us**.

2018 June 17th Being the Church Acts 2:41-47

We are put around people and they are put around us. When we share the goodness of God with others we are sharing our testimony rather than a presentation

We work well when we are switched on. The Church consists of the gathering of believers worldwide in local settings. At Pentecost 3000 people responded and became believers. The Visible Church was born at Pentecost. Acts 2:41-47 is the first expression of characteristics of the ecclesia (public gathering of believers).

The early disciple devoted themselves to: (*are we "devoted to" or are we "snacking on"*)

Apostles teaching (Word centered Church obeying the Great Commission)

Local Fellowship (developed relationship like a family vs the independence of the world.)

THE Breaking of bread (celebrated as a Cross centered Church in a distinct act of worship).

We need to hate sin and turn from it.

Prayer. A praying Church. The completed Jews understood the importance of praying and they moved from a religious observance to a relational activity with God.

Signs and Miracles. Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. We are to be a Supernatural Church. We are to have real relationship not a circus. *There is a real challenge here. If the Holy Spirit did not turn up to Church, would we notice the difference.*

Sharing. A generous Church. We are called to stewardship and looking after one another.

Evangelism. The Lord added to their number. We are called to be a reproducing Church.

2018 June 10th Boddington Col 2:8-16

Spirituality is on the rise in Australia. A lot of self-help literature is spiritual but not godly. We need to avoid deception. Deception is usually attractively packaged to make us feel good but it does not deal with the problem of Sin.

When we connect with God through Christ we have:

Fullness of God and Fullness of Life

Relationship with God

His Spirit dwelling within us

2018 June 10th Sharing Service

2018 Jun 10. Jodie talked about suicide to two teenagers and they shared about a stranger who intervened just in time. Life saved by testimony.

Kathleen. Talked about the Aussie who got caught in a scam and served five years in Laos over a \$100 fraud. God turned this disaster into an opportunity to hear the Gospel.

Liz talked about Wongatha camp in Esperance and kids who gave their lives to the Lord from all over WA

Cheryl. Inspire conference in Busselton. Foxglove. The work is in Rwanda. Personal transformation and National Transformation. They have gone from killing one another and reliant on overseas aid to a transformation. Forgiveness and reconciliation (on a mind blowing scale. We are practising forgiveness until we know how to do it) self help group who commit themselves to each other for life. We find it difficult to commit to a five week bible study.

Pete seagulls at peace and in safety on the rock in the midst of a churning dangerous sea. Image of Christians safe on the Rock of Ages in a dangerous world.

Debby. Very boring life (Barrie's comment). Steadfast blessing.

Phil. We are Co heirs, one blood with Jesus.

Paul. In our culture people believe the lies about God. We can follow God or try to find life elsewhere and reap death. He rescues people from death and takes us to life. Homestead for youth rescues young people.

2018 June 3rd John Coman Stepping up

Being the Church. Call to step up to be what God has called us to be. We are jars of clay and are cracked vessels. We leak and constantly need to be filled (*we have all of His Spirit but He does not always have all of us*). We need to walk in close relationship with Jesus and each other and not act according to rules and regulations. The church is a community of believers gathered together.

Phil 1:27-30 **Standing firm in one spirit.** Whatever happens in any circumstance and wherever you are then consistently walk in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ in front of any audience (even before an audience of One). Integrity and character is what we are when only God is watching. Circumstances changes but God does not change. God often changes us rather than changing the circumstances. Unity is striving (a wrestling term) together as one man in defence and offence. **As we gain ground we are not give away a single inch of it.**

Having courage when we are facing opposition sounds a warning note to those who oppose us that they will be held accountable. We are granted a gift to suffer for Jesus. God can shape our character in sufferings. God speaks to us when things are going well but he can speak to us through a megaphone during our suffering even when he is silent (*that makes no sense physically but it is spiritually true*)

2018 May 27th John Coman in Boddington: VOGA and Bright Lights Philippines

Ever wondered why John and Maria Coman are so passionate about Bright Lights in the Philippines (supported through Voice of Grace Australia). This message has been heavily redacted to protect privacy. If you want to know more then talk to John Coman.

2018 May 27th John Coman Primary Focus

Jesus did not want heaven without us. He is not willing that any of us should be missing. New mini-series, "Being the Church". The Church consists of believers world-wide expressed in a local context. The primary focus of the Church is found at the end of Matthew and in Acts 2:14-36. GO into all the world and tell them about Me. We are to reach lost people. **The Church is not a hotel for saints but it is a hospital for sinners.**

2018 May 20th John Laughlin. Repent. Luke 13:1-6

Jesus passionately loves us despite saying things that might not seem so loving. The background to the parable of the fig tree shows love in an unusual way. ***Unless you repent, you shall also perish.*** It sounds harsh and uncompassionate, unloving and insensitive. Jesus always declared the truth about the Kingdom of God. He declared the Holiness and Justice. Sin is not just a weakness, it merits judgment.

It is a loving act to warn people that sin leads to death. It is loving to warn people that they are lost and need a Saviour. His Church is supposed to show the Glory of God. The gardener represents Jesus who works on the fig tree, pruning, fertilising and watering it so that it can once again bear fruit. The Western Church ***over-emphasises the love of God over the Wrath of God*** and our need to repent. We cannot see our need for a Saviour unless we know that we are lost. When we know that we are lost then we will seek a Saviour.

2018 May 13th Phil Ticehurst Mother's Day. The Challenge of unanswered prayer.

We cannot make miracles happen, raise people from the dead, heal people, walk on water or cast out demons in our own strength and therefore we are not responsible for the outcome of our prayers. It is all God's work! However, there is still a very challenging sting in John Ch 3:23-24. "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive....,

Delayed answers to prayer can be in God's Sovereign timing. At the same time, we need to be very clear in our own spirit that we are not blocking what God wants to do in and through us because we are saying to God "Not Thy will but my will thank you very much. Is there some habit, or character issue, that we need to change this morning. Is there something that God is asking us to work in or work out.

Oswald Chambers May 9 When once we lose sight of God, we begin to be reckless, we cast off certain restraints, we cast off praying, we cast off the vision of God in little things and begin to act on our own initiative.

Oswald Chambers May 10-" We are in danger of forgetting that **we cannot do what God does**, and that **God will not do what we can do**. We cannot save ourselves nor sanctify ourselves, God does that; but God will not give us good habits, he will not give us character,

he will not make us walk aright. We have to do all that ourselves, we have to work out the salvation God has worked in. "Add" means to get into the habit of doing things, and in the initial stages it is difficult. We have to get into the habit of listening attentively to God about everything, forming the habit of finding out what God says.

2018 May 6th Peter Rugendyke: Light part 2

Rebellion started by Lucifer in pre-human history ended up with Lucifer becoming Satan. Man was created as an image bearer. Satan wanted Man to worship him but in a turnaround they declared their own independence. Rebellion always affects others. There are Eternal consequences. Sin's curse became the norm. Sin is a suicidal exchange. Sin is a falling short. We could have had God's Glory as treasure but instead we have Eternal loss and an inferior substitute.

Jesus meets our Earthly and Heavenly predicament. He disarmed the powers of darkness. Lucifer was once known as the morning star but Jesus is now the Bright Morning Star that outshines every other star. Jesus is the most Holy One and the Brightest Star. Satan is a created being. Jesus is the eternally existing Holy One, the True Son of God. Satan is a roaring Lion but Jesus is **The Lion of Judah**.

The legal requirement of sin is death. The stupendously good news is that the gift is not like the trespass. Jesus has dealt with sin. No one will go to hell because of their sin. Jesus has paid the full price. People will go to hell because they do not accept what Jesus did for them. Once we accept that Jesus has paid the full price for us then we are translated from the kingdom of darkness and into the Kingdom of Light and we are able to leave the works of darkness and walk in the light as He is in the Light.

2018 April 29th Message given in Boddington Feb 18 John Coman

This is the seventh message in Colossians. John read from Col 1:19-23. *“For God was pleased to have all his fulness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.”*

What a great and glorious hope! Because Jesus is both God and Man, He is able to present us **without blemish** and **free from accusation** because the death and resurrection of **Jesus** was more than **enough**. No other religion offers such certainty because Jesus is the only Way and Truth and Life.

2018 Apr 29th John Laughlin in Boddington: THINK!

Christians are quite comfortable with the words “Behold our God”. John asked us to remember when was the last time that we used the word “Behold” in regular conversation. If

you asked people in the street what they think of when they hear the word “God”, more than 30% would categorically deny the existence of such a being and nearly half are not interested at all in knowing about such a being. If you probe deeper to get people to describe their idea of “God” you will get a very mixed bag of opinions. We need to be very wise when we seek to inform people about **THE** God.

God is Always Present, All Knowing, Wise, Eternal, Holy and Sovereign. Importantly, God is **Spirit** and that is where the natural man will arc up because of a deeply ingrained belief in the natural and bias against anything Supernatural. There are a great number of words which describe His Character. Loving, Merciful, Gracious, Just, Angry, Jealous and Righteous are just a few among many.

How do we get to know such a Being? One of the more important means is for us to THINK! Believing in God does not involve throwing our brains away, but it is actually a rational response to God’s general revelation to us. As Peter pointed out in the Pinjarra message this morning, there are several billion image bearers on planet Earth right now and each one points back in some way to the original source. Creation itself is a message writ large to all who will engage their minds and think about the What, the Why, the How and even more importantly, about the **WHO** is behind it all.

[2018 Apr 29th Peter Rugendyke LIGHT Part 1](#)

In Job, we read that the morning stars sang together and shouted for Joy. At some time in eternity past the angelic host were created before Genesis 1. Pre-human history causes us to think very clearly about our lives now because of what happened before Creation. Scripture describes Lucifer as a beautiful creature and powerful protector of the throne of God. Lucifer was the light bearer, the stimulating one that makes him attractive. The first sinner of all the created ones was Satan. His heart was lifted-up because of his beauty. A word describing a shining one was used about the serpent (*rainbow serpent*) that deceived Eve. Satan can appear as an angel of light. Original sin was being independent and separate from God "**I** will...." Not **Your** will..

Creation of our world followed creation of the Angelic host. We are made in God’s image as rational beings. Each of us are images, which are supposed to point back to the reality which is God. There now are several billion image bearers of God and each one points back in some way to the original. Humans did not want to glorify God because they wanted to go their own way. "**I will**". The essence of sin is to pursue happiness and fulfilment outside of God's will. We have a messed-up heritage. Our lives are so much more that we see at present. There are mysteries but there is also enough clarity to see God and hear Him calling us to acknowledge our past rebellion and come out of the darkness and back into His light.

[2018 Apr 22nd Sharing](#)

[2018 Apr 15th Ian Cullen: Active living part 2: Full Life](#)

Go make disciples of all Nations. Jesus told them to wait for power from on high. While we are waiting we need to keep focus and live life to the full. A full life, defined as perfect according to our own desires and ideas, is usually the most expensive we can imagine. We live in a world barraged by evil messages. Look at the markers in Jesus life. A truly full life is

a life of **character** which Jesus gives us when He lives in us. A good question is "Do I have this overcoming life really manifesting in me?" Can I truly say, "It is well with my soul!" and "The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places" when the negative stuff of the world is thrown at me.

The essential foundation to a rich full life is the character of Jesus manifested in us. We need to examine ourselves honestly and see what needs transforming and then to let God have His way. Have a good look. The easiest way to prevent this self-examination is to stay busy. We need to spend time alone with God and listening to His assessment of our lives. Do we feel grumpy, do we feel entitled? (be real). If we are immersed in God's Word, then God will speak to us if we allow Him to speak to us. We need to listen to God as we read and be willing to obey or godlessness will come in. Prayer is essential as we read His Word. We need to be in conversation with God so that we can leave our past behind and move forward.

2018 Apr 8th Ian Cullen: Active living part 1: Waiting

A statement often repeated can become truth to us. During the waiting times we can get confused and listen to lies. The disciples were waiting for something to happen. Maybe waiting for the Jews or the Romans to round them up. They were told to "**Go**"! and they were also told to "**Wait for Power from on High**". After waiting "*long enough*", Peter and his buddies went fishing. There are lots of times, while we are waiting for prayers to be answered, that we can hear chatter from lying spirits ("*You might as well give up and go fishing*").

Waiting badly. Focus is me, myself and I (Ian gave an excellent roundup of our excuses)

Waiting godly. Focus is on God (Ian gave an excellent roundup of ways forward)

We need to be thorough and honest before God and clean up our stuff. Sin denies what Jesus came to achieve. Ian then asked a penetrating question "**What kind of a waiter are you?**" The stakes are very high. Eternal separation from God is the saddest thing that could happen to a human being and it is not God's will for anyone. Jesus made a way back for us from any failure.

2018 Apr 1st John Coman Voice of Grace Australia

Bright Lights Learning Center was started by Missionaries Rick and Maria Bell. John describes the work of Voice of Grace Australia which is supporting this work in the Philippines. For further information click on the following facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/Voice-of-Grace-Australia-137776430272071/>

2018 Apr 1st John Coman Easter Sunday. Boddington. Resurrection Life

Similar message to sermon preached at Pinjarra but with quite a few changes

2018 Apr 1st John Coman Kids spot Easter Sunday

Empty eggs illustrate the empty tomb. (John gave hollow eggs to the kids)

1. Cross. Luke 23:3
2. Dice. Matt 27:35-36 Cast lots for His clothes
3. Stone. Matt 27:65-66 A large stone sealed the tomb.
4. Nothing. Matt 28:6 The tomb is empty. Hollow egg symbol.

Because He is alive we can celebrate the resurrection and the promised return of Jesus.

2018 Apr 1st John Coman Easter Sunday. Resurrection Life

We have good reason to celebrate because we serve a risen saviour and we are not tied to following the teachings of some dead religious leader. Our hope is well founded, historically attested, and seen as logically true even by those who do not want to follow the One who has destroyed death. Stop being religious and dive deep into the life of Jesus

The Life that Jesus speaks of.

1. **It is a promised life.** *Remember God 's word is true. God always does what He says He would do. He is working to make all things new. It does not look like what we expected.*
2. **A present life.** A focussed life, a fruitful life
3. **A permanent life** (radically different to natural life). He ever lives to intercede for us.
4. **A life held by Jesus.** (Nothing is able to take us out of His hands)

Jesus made a large sacrifice which has an ongoing lasting life changing impact on all who will trust Him. May this date bcome an anchor point, a milestone marking the time of full commitment to Jesus.

2018 Mar 30th John Coman Good Friday

Good Friday 2018.

Seven phrases of Jesus on the Cross.

1. Father forgive them because they do not know what they do.
2. Today you will be with Me in Paradise (World and individually)
3. Behold your mother, behold your son.(John 3:16, 1John 3:16)
4. Eloi Eloi Lama Sabachthani (first separation in an eternal bond)
5. I thirst (points to Jesus's humanity and that he felt it all as a human)
6. It is finished (Telestai?) While we were yet sinners...God triumphed.
7. Father, into Your hands I commit my Spirit. (full surrender)

Psalm 22, 69, 35 prophecies.

We have free salvation but it had an enormous cost to God.

2018 Mar 25th Jodie Woodward Palm Sunday

The The disciples were waiting for a King. Jesus is King but He came as a Saviour. We normally remember the historical event of Palm Sunday, the week before Jesus died. We forget the main point of this story because we so often we forget.

God 's word is true.
God always does what He says He would do.
He is working to make all things new.
It does not always turn out like we expect.

People were ready and desperate for rescue. We have a deep down longing for things to be made new and for God to bring about what He said He will do. We are supposed to feel that something is missing in this world. The whole of creation is groaning. We groan inwardly as we wait to be saved. Then I saw a new heaven and a new Earth... Look God's dwelling place is among His people... The old order has passed away.... I will wipe away every tear from His eye. I AM the Alpha and the Omega.

God does not want us to tread water or to be in maintenance mode. On this side of waiting, we thank God for the finished work on the cross

[2018 Mar 18th Family Camp John Coman Care and Compassion](#)

This is a great message on Care and Compassion. Pity and feelings for the less fortunate were regarded as character weaknesses in Jesus time. People who were doing it tough were regarded as deserving of their fate. Jesus changed the game and turned the opinion of the culture of the world on its head. Countries without a foundation of Christian ethics act the same way today (eg Karma teaches that the less fortunate are reaping the consequences of bad choices in a previous life). (*Apologies for the poor audio in this message which was recorded on a phone in a noisy environment. The message is worth listening to*)

[2018 Mar 4th Boddington John Coman Colossians 1:24-29 "Paul's example of maturity"](#)

This is the eighth of a series of nineteen messages. A baby is very demanding and totally self centered. Baby Christians start out as babies, demanding lots of attention and milk. However we should not stay that way. It does take time to grow until we can take solid food. Jesus brings us to birth into a new life and He provides all that we need for us to grow to maturity. This process cannot be rushed but it can also be stalled if we refuse to take solid food, refuse to be disciplined or refuse to do the works that God has prepared for those who love Him.

[2018 Mar 4th John Coman JESUS the Game Changer: Women and Children](#)

Love mercy, and act justly. Jesus broke the cultural norms of His day and treated women and children with having dignity and worth. We take it for granted but it is not taken for granted in many parts of the world even today.

Matt 18:1-6 A little child.

Luke 10:38-42. Mary and Martha. Martha was doing what was required by her culture. Mary was in the place of learning that men usually sat in.

John 4:4-42 Samaritan woman from a half caste nation and they were called dogs. She was on the bottom end of the bottom end but was treated with dignity.

John 6:1-13 feeding 5000. He used a little kid's lunch to feed everyone.

Luke 8:40-56 A little girl mattered to Jesus

Luke 8:42-48 Bleeding woman. Commended as a woman of great faith.

Our challenges. Sex slavery, objectification of women, pornography, domestic violence and abortion. Women are constantly being denigrated and demeaned by the media. We have a call to holiness and we have the power of the Holy Spirit to break the power of these horrible things and to treat people with dignity and respect. We need to stand up for the people who are being abused and to stand up for those who are being killed without a voice. We need to treat people with dignity and respect.

People would flock to Jesus if they really understood the freedom that Jesus offers. Let us walk in a way that clearly shows people who Jesus is.

2018 Feb 25 John Coman JESUS the Game Changer: Equality

Structural inequality was built into cultures from ancient times. Discrimination is an outcome of evolution theory. Some will be slower and some will be stronger and "therefore survival of the fittest" ensures that discrimination is entrenched. **Jesus taught people differently**

Biblical view: Christianity teaches equality and the importance of the individual. We know that it is an ideal that we should hold to and that we need Jesus to empower us.

John 8:1-11. Woman at the well. Jesus calls her to change treats her with respect.

Matt 8:1-4 A leper appears in front of him. Jesus treats people equally.

Matt 8:5-13 The Centurion. Jesus treats an enemy of his people and a gentile with respect.

Equality of the person vs equality of ideas. We need to respect people who violently disagree with us and treat them with gentleness and respect. We need to share the message that everyone matters equally because God made each of us in His image.

2018 Feb 18 John Coman Col 4:7-18 Final Greetings and celebrations

This is the nineteenth and final message in Colossians. Final greetings and celebration. What a team. Together with Paul they wrote half of the NT.

Tychicus and Onesimus (wonderful story of redemption)

Aristarchus and Epaphras (trustworthy and capable servants)

Mark and Demas. Mark started badly and ended well [don't let the past dictate your future].

Demas is a warning to us. Demas started out well and ended badly.

Luke. The beloved physician. Luke took careful notes.

Nympha and Archippus. Home church and Paul encourage Archippus to fulfil what God has prepared for him.

Finally, like an after-thought. Remember my chains. It is sort of a "by the way, remember my chains and pray for me". If we fall let us not sit back and say, "Ah well! I have blown it now and so I may as well just give up".

2018 Feb 11 John Coman Col 4:2-6 Being a faithful Church (servant).

Millions of people are interested in spiritual things but do not go to Church. We have a beautiful message, but the world is not hearing us clearly. Jesus is Lord and He is the only one who can change us to become everything that we were designed to be.

We need to be faithful in our walk so that people see the hope that they need. The communion table demonstrates His intentions for the lost. The Gospel is The Good News about JESUS. Let us make every effort to connect people with this Truth.

2018 Feb 4 John Coman Col 3:17-25 Honouring God in all that we do

Honouring the Lord. The context is verse 17. Honour God in every relationship. It is a call to honour God in everything that we do.

Col 3:18-25 this verse is often taken out of context justifying male domination but it is the **exact opposite**. Husbands are to love their wives Agapao style. Women are called to voluntarily choose to support their husband and children. This submission cannot be demanded. Women have rights to speak because of Christian impact on our culture. People have the right to criticise the very religion that gave them that right.

Children are called to show their love for God by being obedient to their parents and thereby honouring God. This obedience cannot be demanded.

Christians need to work in such a way that God is honoured. Christian employers need to honour God in the way they treat their workers

2018 Jan 28 Sharing service: Paul Staer and John Coman

Some very personal sharing has been redacted for privacy reasons

John. Message for the kids. Australia Day. You can choose to become a citizen. Pledging allegiance to Jesus is the only way to be born into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Paul said that it does not matter what we have got, or even if we bring nothing to the table, God will get the job done and He only requires us to be obedient and for us to surrender to Him and to walk with Him.

John led in Communion and said, "We bring our sickness, sin, sorrow and suffering to the foot of the Cross and He says, I have made a way for your inadequacy to be dealt with. The gift that Jesus brings is Himself and all that He is".

2018 Jan 21 John Coman Col 3:15-17 Dressing Spiritually with four Ts.

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These verses apply to us individually and then in the out working corporately.

Let the peace of God be your umpire... What would it be like to walk this corporately in our community, demonstrating and showing Jesus in our community.

Tranquility <umpire>

Thanksgiving <commanded>

Teaching <let the Word of God dwell in us richly>

Thankfulness <God is worth all our thanks>

We are to make every effort to maintain peace in every situation, as far as it is possible to do so. We are to respond rather than react. We are Commanded to BE thankful (NOT an

optional extra or "try to be thankful"). Even mundane tasks of life can be acts of worship. Every breath we take is a gift from Him.

2018 Jan 14 John Coman Col 3:12-13 Dressing Spiritually

The first two chapters of Colossians... Don't hang onto the past. Don't underestimate the power of sin or it will knock you over. Therefore put to death everything that belongs to the old life.

Because we are CHOSEN Holy and dearly loved, distinct and separate people set apart to model a different life. Therefore: Clothe yourself with compassion (empathy), kindness, humility, gentleness (meekness not weakness, real strength under control, a willingness to waive your rights for the good of others. It is the exact opposite of rudeness and abrasiveness), patience (long suffering and bearing the bad, difficult and exasperating behaviour of someone else for a long time).

The only people who can live like this have been empowered by God's enabling and their response to that enabling. We need to forgive completely as we have been forgiven.

Over all these virtues, put on LOVE. Remember 1 Cor 13

2018 Jan 8: John Coman New Year Resolution: Fix your eyes on Jesus.

.Hebrews 12 is preceded by a whole chapter on faith heroes. Ordinary people maintaining their faith in the face of extraordinary suffering. The opening words of Chapter 12 starts off with **Therefore**: What follows in the next few verses is to be read in the light of Hebrews Ch 11 (Biblical hint, "When you see a 'therefore' you need to ask what it is there for because what follows is very important and is an illustration, amplification or follows on from what precedes the 'therefore'").

God's standard is "**perfection or nothing**". Only Jesus met the standard and only Jesus can present us faultless before the Father on the basis of what He alone has accomplished on the Cross. God is at work in ordinary people, wicked people, self-righteous people and even among people who couldn't care less (they do not yet know that they should care more because all other plans to make their lives count are doomed to fail without a relationship with Jesus.)

2017 Dec 31: John Coman Christmas Angels Series Angels in Revelation.

Revelation Ch 2, 4, 5 and 22. The thin red line of the Blood of Jesus passes through all of Scripture. There is Good News for every tribe and tongue and Nation. Rev 5:6-14. To the One who was seated on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honour and glory and dominion forever and ever because Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and praise. He was the only one found worthy to open the scroll.

See also Rev 4:6-8. Rev 7:9-12 A crowd, in heaven, so large that no-one could count were dressed in white robes, signifying forgiveness, purity and righteousness. They were worshipping the One who saves. **We celebrate Christmas but the Angels point us to**

Easter. Rev 22:16-17. I am the bright and morning star and I say to you "Come!". The mess of sin cannot be cured by man's effort. It can only be cleaned away by the Blood of Jesus.

2017 Dec 24: John Coman Christmas Angels. From on High Luke 2:1-20

This is a very familiar story of immense importance. This piece of God's Word shows that every social class was impacted from lowly shepherds to the most highly educated wise men.

1. It is Good News. Do not be afraid.
2. It is Good News to all People everywhere.
3. A Saviour has been born
4. The Saviour is Jesus Christ The Lord

Jesus came into our world from outside, to die on Calvary to cancel the penalty of sin, and He rose from the dead to bring life to all who will believe in Him. We need to remember that Easter is the reason for Christmas. We need to know the bad news, that we all have a sinful nature, before we can appreciate our need for the GOOD NEWS of our Saviour Jesus Christ The Lord. Our own efforts to atone for sin are like trying to swim from Sydney to New-Zealand and being saved is like being picked up by a rescue boat and getting to New-Zealand by provision which is beyond our own ability. (*Flying to the nearest star by flapping our arms is probably more like the gap between our sin and salvation*)

2017 Dec 17: John Coman Christmas Angels. Incarnational announcements

Isaiah 7:14 prophesied 700 years before Christ's birth that He, the Saviour of the world, would be born of a Virgin. The visits by Angels to Joseph and Mary. It was anathema to a lot of people, right at the beginning and even today, that God could become a human. The Word became flesh (John 1:1).

Joseph: Matt 1:18-25, 2:13-15, 19-23. Each time Joseph hears and obeys immediately despite great personal cost (Joseph would be accused of fathering a child out of wedlock). Like-wise for Mary: Luke 1:26-38. Mary was immediately obedient to something that was going to cost her dearly (she would be regarded by her society as being promiscuous and the death penalty was possible)

What can we learn? Angels appear at very important times. The incarnation was the pivotal event in history. There is no other Name that could save people from their sins. God cannot be put in a box, He acts Sovereignly and unpredictably (except that He is always true to His Holy Nature). Therefore, Angels will always have a message that is clearly in line with God's Word. We need to check anything that we hear against God's Holy Word.

2017 Dec 10: John Coman Christmas Angels. Gabriel visits Zechariah.

Zechariah had a personal visit by Gabriel announcing John's birth. Luke 5:21-25; 57-66. Gabriel had appeared earlier in Daniel and has a job of pointing to the fulfilment of God's plans and pointing to end times. Gabriel spoke absolute truth. John the Baptist was the promised messenger proclaiming the coming of the Messiah and was filled with the Holy Spirit in the womb, When Zechariah spoke at last he began by praising God.

God keeps His promises. He is faithful and true. He calls us to be obedient and hopeful. Let us re-read this story in Luke Ch 1 over the next week and ask God to refresh our hearts as we realise the depths of His Love.

2017 Dec 03: John Coman Christmas Angels.

The actual word Angelus means messenger and that is their job description. About 51% of all Australians believe in Angels which is a whole lot more than the number of people who believe in The Bible is the word of truth and attend a Church as a committed Christian. Popular culture is loaded with lots of errors (Humans become angels and that angels are divine). Angels are not gods or Demi-gods nor are they divine and they are not to be worshipped. We have only ONE intermediary and that is Jesus. Angels don't understand salvation. They see the effect of salvation but do not understand it.

Angels are spirit creatures, different to humans. They can manifest but are normally invisible. It is very important to realise that there are two types of Angels. There are good Angels and bad Angels (called demons and evil spirits). About one third of Angels are demonic of whom Satan is the chief, and he is a liar, robber and a murderer. Satan hates God and God's people and uses all of his powers (which are great) to trip and trap God's people. Satan is not equal to God like Yin-Yang. It is also important to realise that Satan had a start date and that he has an end date.

2017 Nov 12 John Coman Colossians 3:1-11

Our authority is on the finished work of Jesus and He living in us. We lose focus if we hang on to or hanker after the past life. Say goodbye to death and leave the old life behind. We have been raised in Christ so we need to let go of the past. We need to do it. It is not God's job. A person with one eye looking back and one eye looking forward will fall flat on their face because they cannot focus on what is right in front of them.

We lose focus if we have mixed up priorities, We can ask God to change our hearts and ungodly desires to become one with His Heart and His Desires. Our life should not be driven by feelings. It should be driven by His Truth. No amount of analysis or determination can make a lasting change if we are working in our own strength. Put off the old and put on the new man. God's word says to do it and therefore it must be possible because God does not mock us.

2017 Nov 5 John Coman Col 2:13-15 Before and after.

Before:

1. We were dead in our sins (a heart that is rebellious is spiritually dead)
2. We are dead in our sinful nature (from conception)

After:

1. We are alive! (Jesus reached us while we were dead in our sins)
2. We are forgiven all of our sins. (Not a licence to sin)
3. Our debt is cancelled (nailed to the cross PAID IN FULL)
4. The devil is stripped of all of his power and authority. (Court Martial - Absolutely defeated). We are to be wise and watchful but not fearful.

God reached down to us and then we respond by saying "I have decided to follow Jesus" but, really, the first decision was God's. ***This is both a humbling and a liberating truth.***

2017 Oct 29 John Coman Col 2:16-23 Spiritual self-defence, dealing with heresy.

Hold onto the faith and let's not be led astray by side issues. Many forces are active in pushing a non-Christian world view eg a hate campaign against those who declare the bible to be true. We need to love our enemies and to do good to those who hate us. We need an ongoing work of the Holy Spirit to enable us to live a holy life. We need to be changed from the inside out.

Christians are often known by their do-nots and we should be known by our "do"s and our love for one another. **We should be known by our abundant life and not by our abundant restrictions.**

2017 Oct 22 John Coman Col 2:8-15 Biblical Worldview.

Jesus is the Truth. God's Word is Truth and can be relied on. There is a deep interest in Spirituality but people are not looking for True Spirituality which is found in Jesus, His Work and His Love. The World is in darkness and cannot see the Light because it is Spiritually discerned (Spiritual truth cannot be understood by the natural mind because it is Supernatural). We need to stop chasing STUFF and instead seek the source and to draw near to the One in Whom are all things.

2017 Oct 15th John Coman Col 2:6-8 Steps to Maturity.

In the beginning we learn something about Jesus (receive some information) and we initially respond to Jesus as Saviour. However, we need to move from this baby step into spiritual maturity and submit to Jesus as Lord. We can desire God's approval and be protected by Him but we can then choose to go on living for ourselves and carry on with life as before we received Jesus as Saviour. Eventually we need to bend the knee and submit to Jesus as LORD or we will remain as a baby. A baby is defenceless and needs constant care by others. Choosing to remain as a baby is very selfish choice and it is not God's will for us.

2017 Oct 1 John Coman Col 2:1-5. Avoid Deception and grow in Grace.

Scamwatch. The greatest deception is that man does not need God. Colossians 2:1-5. We need to avoid spiritual deception because it has eternal consequences. Paul deals with deceptions in Colossae by prayer and teaching. By encouraging them to be united in Jesus in whom is hid **all** the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. To learn truth so that no one can deceive us with fine sounding arguments. We are charged to stick with all good discipline and stability of our faith.

We are surrounded today by fine sounding arguments that say that religion is evolving and that bible beliefs are old fashioned. Nothing has changed since Genesis. Truth is found in **no other Name but Jesus**. Stand firm. Love the lord, love one another and love our enemies.

2017 Sept 24 John Coman 1 Col 1:19-24. Jesus is Lord. We are called to maturity.

Amazing creativity of God. Butterflies do not start their life as beautiful creatures. They start out as eggs, become grubs and, after looking like a dried leaf, then they become butterflies. They need to grow into maturity. As Christians, we do not start out as spiritual warriors. Paul did not become a full blown New Testament writer the moment he was knocked off his horse. Paul was taken on by the Son of Encouragement, Barnabas, for around ten years before he was called to be a member of a team going out into a mission. He then grew into maturity from a baby Christian and eventually wrote about a third of the New Testament. In Church, there are no spectators. We are not an audience. We are all partakers and participants. In the exact moment that we become saved we are made fit for heaven. We are left on Earth to draw others into relationship with Jesus.

As we are grow into maturity we may fall flat on our faces and say hurtful things. We are to depend on God so that we can mature and sacrificially serve. Not a “Feed me” mentality and “Serve me” but we need to serve Christ and serve others (paying the price whatever it is).

2017 Sept 17 Phil Ticehurst Holiness and Spiritual Gifts.

If feelings dictate how close we are to God then emotional highs may have become an idol. We can lose ourselves in worship music which ministers to our soul and lose sight of Who we should be worshipping. Our body, mind will and emotions can be fully engaged and enraptured during an uplifting event. We might be singing to God and telling Him how great He makes us feel or telling Him we what Him to do. We might even be telling God how great He is but are we listening to Him or submitting to Him when we worship. If we have to do special things “To get in the presence” or seek out places, meetings or conferences where we are blessed with joy and peace and love, then spiritual pleasure may be our god. If we are seeking the gifts and not the giver Himself then we are not worshipping (**this is serious stuff**).

2017 Sept 10 Ali Dench. Intimacy with God.

When our next of kin is no long available then we can feel very vulnerable. Alison heard a word of comfort from God that was a word of healing and not just an intellectual event "Ali, I am your next of Kin. I am your kinsman redeemer". Ruth and Boaz are linked in with the bloodline of Jesus. This love story is also an allegory of our own love story. Boaz represents the Kinsman redeemer. Ruth is keenly aware of the gap between herself and the master Boaz (kinsman redeemer). Naomi represents the Holy Spirit. Naomi teaches Ruth how to lay claim to the Kinsman Redeemer. Holy Spirit leads us into a relationship with Jesus, our Kinsman Redeemer.

Are we following the promptings of the Holy Spirit to renew our romance with Jesus? We need to learn to worship in fresh ways. Who are you? Are you seeking God Almighty? Is He your kinsman redeemer?

2017 Sept 3rd Dean Chrisp: Growing Dads God's way.

Fathers don't always get it right despite their best intentions. We should not condemn ourselves for “what I sorta coulda shoulda done” but we also need to realise how important our influence is on our children and those around us. A father's absence in a family is highly significant and can cause severe problems in nearly every area of life. James 4, Deuteronomy 6:1-4 (blessing and decree), Prov 22:6, the film Courageous and the book Resolutions. ***Presence is more important than presents. Children spell love as TIME.***

The wise learn from their mistakes and the wisest learn from other people's mistakes.

2017 Aug 27th Visiting Speaker. Missions Convention Luke 3:4-6.

Prepare the way. Empty hearts filled, pride broken, sinners freed, attitudes refined. Then become **Goers** (*cross cultural*), **Groaners** (travailing as prayer warriors), **Givers** (*supporters*), **Groupers** (*mobilisers*), **Greeters** (*welcomers*). What is my part in the Great Commission?

(Some parts of this message have been redacted for privacy reasons)

NFP Carol Sarenas

2017 Aug 20th Visiting Speaker. Retuning. Luke 19:1-10 and Luke 7:36-48

When we tune a guitar, some strings are low and some are high. When the strings are in tune there is a real resonance. However, you cannot just set and forget. We also need constant retuning to the Mission Heart of God. What tweaking do we need to do today...We just sang the song, "**Break my heart for what breaks Yours**". We need to get back into tune with God's heart and use our natural and spiritual gifts to take the Gospel to the ends of the Earth. The Son of Man came to seek that which was lost.. Wherever God's Spirit is at work that is where we need to be at work.

(Some parts of this message have been redacted for privacy reasons)

NFP Ian Cullen unedited version is available privately

2017 Aug 13th Bill Jensen Clean and Unclean Mark Ch 7

This passage Mark Ch 7 talks about spiritual cleanliness and being set apart for God. Jews could become ceremonially unclean by contact with Gentiles in the marketplace and were made clean by following a ceremonial ritual. We can become really worried about being defiled by the world but miss the heart of God's care for people. The leaders were worried about being made unclean but they only looked at the surface. Jesus said that what comes out of a man's heart makes him unclean. Our purpose is to worship God and be in a relationship with Him. The things that damage us do not come from outside but from inside. Whatever is pure honest lovely virtuous and praiseworthy think on these things.

2017 Aug 6th Sue Oliver Prison Fellowship WA

Sue Oliver shared about three programs run by Prison Fellowship (*many other programs are conducted by them*). There was no recording of the message but further details are available on the following links.

The Prisoner's Journey. Testimony Videos <https://vimeo.com/album/3159785>

Sycamore Tree Project. <https://prisonfellowship.org.au/programs/sycamore-tree-project/> prisoners and victims meet each other in a safe place where reconciliation and forgiveness can take place.

Angel tree <https://prisonfellowship.org.au/programs/angel-tree/> Children and families of prisoners are also unwilling victims of crime. Here is how you can help.

2017 July 16th John Coman. Pauls Prayer in Ephesians

We can have all the head knowledge in the world and become deeply religious but what we really need is a deep heart knowledge. Young people are growing up without hope as evidenced in the rise in mental disorders, eating disorders, self-harm and suicide. We NEED a DEEPER understanding of the HOPE found in JESUS. Not a “cross your fingers and hope for the best” but the certainty of waiting expectantly for Jesus who is the author and perfecter of our trust in Him. The enemy does not want us to pray because when we really get connected to God then Kingdom things happen.

2017 July 9th John Coman. Prayer

Have you ever prayed long or loud prayers and hoped that God would hear you? What about “make a wish” or “dial 000” prayers? We have no right to come before God except through Jesus. We can come boldly before Father God as His child with confidence, not “making a deal” or “I will give it a shot and see what happens”. God relates to us in our journey even when we are ridiculed, opposed, rejected, tempted, and condemned. Jesus went through all of these things Himself and was even executed as a criminal. Don’t listen to lies that God does not care. The King’s children can come confidently into the King’s presence at any time.

2017 July 2nd John Coman. Psalm 103 part 3

The final part of this Psalm shows that God is Eternal, Loving and Sovereign. We can encourage our own soul to respond to the call of God and lift up our heart to praise He who is and was and evermore shall be.

2017 June 25th John Coman. Psalm 103 part 2

The middle part of the Psalm shows more of God’s character. He has a heart for the oppressed. He is not distant and angry but reveals Himself. He is gracious and compassionate. He lavishes love on us. Not just a set of rules to obey but we see that God is relational. If you want a snapshot of God the read Psalm 103.

2017 June 18th John Coman. Psalm 103 part 1

This Psalm has major encouragement for all of us. David starts of by Blessing the Lord as he remembers that God is for us. We are forgiven, healed, redeemed, satisfied and renewed. At least that is the offer for all who draw near.

2017 June 4th Patrick Coman. Seeds, Soil, Words and Heart

Mark 4:13 says “Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable?” The parable of the Sower (Matthew Ch 13 vs 3-9) is key to understanding every parable. A parable is a story that everyone can understand but it is also able to convey very deep spiritual truths when looked at from the point of view of Jesus

2017 May 28 John Coman. A snippet from Habbakuk

This very short surviving snippet of the sermon makes me want to hear more of this message. There is a lot of bad news and bad things happen to good people. We need to think more deeply about positively good news.

2017 May 14 John Coman. [Where your treasure is, your heart will be also Part 2](#)

The broad path has lots of room for our own choices. The wide gate is the majority choice. However, easy and popular it does not make it right. Popular Christianity has the message "God loves you and wants to bless your sock off" and "What's in it for me". That is a side benefit but the real message of our need is that we are sinners doomed to destruction and that we need rescue, forgiveness and salvation. This hour and a half is not the most important time of today or even this week. The walk of faith on the narrow path by the Power of the Spirit during the rest of the week is the more important time.

Jesus calls each of his disciples to be fruit inspectors. False prophets are known by their fruit. There are a huge number of teachers on-line and we need to be very careful and look at the fruit. It was a big problem even in Jesus day. Jesus described some religious leaders as "Whitewashed tombs that look good on the outside but are full of rotteness and dead men's bones." Don't just accept every teaching that comes our way. Test the fruit. It is not about public display. It is about personal purity and the Holiness of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Giving not taking. Serving that focuses on the Father in Heaven and not on earthly treasure.

We cannot use the gifts of God to feather our own nests. Film "Leap of Faith" concludes with "you cannot fake the real thing". Am I walking in holiness, following Jesus and the teachings of His Spirit for the glory of God the Father? We are sinners saved by Grace and we need to walk carefully.

2017 May 7th John Coman. [Where your treasure is, your heart will be also Part 1](#)

How

2017 Apr 30th afternoon in Boddington John Coman. [Psalm 51](#)

How to come back from complete moral failure and disaster. Practising

2017 Apr 30th morning session in Pinjarra Kenn Iskov. [Holy Spirit Power](#)

Is the Christian Life easy or hard? John 15:5 says that apart from a close personal relationship with Jesus we can do NOTHING!. The Holy Spirit helps us with His Power. Jesus builds His Church and intends to use you and I to make the Church more inclusive. The promise "You shall receive Power" is not just to individuals but to "you all" as a plural 'you together'. Reaching out to despised people like the Roma Gypsies in our own community is tough work and we need the help of the Holy Spirit to do this work

2017 April 29th Training day

Kenn and Leonie Iskov shared some insights and pictures which cannot be shared in an audio format. Leonie made the comment that "When we focus on the broken and the needy with the Gospel both they and we get blessed." The following messages were greatly encouraging and challenge us to a deeper walk. Some content has been edited out.

- 1) 2017 April 29th Training day Church planting insights
- 2) 2017 April 29th Training day Getting out of the way and into the call
- 3) 2017 April 29th Training day Ring the BELLS (Bonus content and REALLY worth a listen)
- 4) 2017 April 29th Training day Barnabas, the son of encouragement

2017 Apr 23 Ken Graham. We are a people of HOPE

H Healthy relationships with God and Man
O On Mission, to everyone everywhere 24/7
P People of Prayer and Praise
E Empowered by the Holy Spirit for service

2017 Apr 22 John Coman and Ken Graham. Dedication of the Chapel

Official opening and dedication of our new chapel

2017 Apr 16 John Coman. Easter Sunday. The Resurrection matters

We can visit mausoleums which contain the remains of great religious leaders. The tomb of Jesus is empty. Mary Magdalene saw the stone being rolled away. The angel did not roll the stone away to let Jesus out, because Jesus had already left the sealed tomb. The stone was rolled away to let people look in to see that it was empty. Mary had been tormented, oppressed, depressed and rejected and Jesus had released and healed her. Mary saw her Lord die on Friday and came to embalm the body and to grieve. The same joy and hope that she felt when she saw the empty grave can be ours as we take in all that the resurrection means for us right now.

Thomas struggled to believe and looked for evidence. Unbelief is the decision not to believe after examining the evidence. Peter, “boots and all writ large” who usually jumped in feet first and then wondered if he had a place to land. Peter experienced a complete reinstatement by the Risen Lord despite having denied Jesus (big time). Peter had cursed and sworn with oaths that he did not know Jesus and he had even run away when His Master needed him the most.

The stories of Mary and Thomas and Peter show that we also can be set free from our past failures, doubt and fear despite how we feel this morning. The Resurrection is not just an interesting story. It is key. It proves the truth of Jesus’ claim to be “The Truth, The Way and The Life”.

2017 Apr 14 John Coman. Good Friday

Tetelestai! It is finished. Literally “Paid in Full!” Romans 5:6-8; 2 Cor5:21. We can enter into the presence of a HOLY GOD because our sin has been paid for in full by the Blood of Jesus. Col 1:19-20. The possibility of peace between God and man comes to everyone who believes what God has said.

2017 Apr 09 Peter Rugendyke Palm Sunday

Jesus came on the first Palm Sunday riding on a donkey. The Jews had waited with intense anticipation for the Messiah as the conquering hero. They did not expect the suffering servant. Jesus will come again riding on a white war horse to judge the living and the dead. Peter challenged us to consider what that means for us personally. *(Peter's message contained audio visuals with music which enhanced the message but those parts have been edited for the purposes of this recording)*

2017 Apr 02 Phil Ticehurst What does repentance look like?

Mark 1:14-15 Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." We can have an emotional change and regret having failed our own standard. We may be sorry that we were caught and have to face the consequences of misdeeds. This is not real repentance. Lauren Green, author of "Lighthouse Faith" commented that "All of our misdeeds and misguided choices stem from something we all do every day of our lives, and that is **worship**". What we worship, or submit ourselves to, at the very deepest part of our lives affects our choices for good or evil. We need to look deeper than appearances because we may look rough on the outside but have a deep connection to Jesus on the inside or we can look really good on the outside and be full of things on the inside that we would be ashamed to have revealed in public. Jesus came for sinners and he commands us to have a complete change of heart at a deep level.

2017 Mar 26 evening. Dr Mark Harwood "A brief but true History of Time part 1

All we have is the present. Evolution tries to explain everything in terms of natural events. This ignores and misses the possibility of supernatural means. Evolutionary theory is atheistic in it's roots. Evolutionists need massive periods of time and therefore they have to "die in the ditch" defending the assumption of long ages. However, evidence for young ages is everywhere. For more information visit <http://www.creation.com> . Creation ministries have made a professionally produced downloadable video version of the above message available for purchase at <https://www.austore.creation.com/a-brief-but-true-history-of-time-video-download>

2017 Mar 26 evening. Dr Mark Harwood "A brief but true History of Time part 2

The message continues looking at the evidence of fossils.
For more information visit <http://www.creation.com>

2017 Mar 26 evening. Dr Mark Harwood "A brief but true History of Time Q&A

The evening ended with a Q&A session where dating methods were discussed.
For more information visit <http://www.creation.com>

2017 Mar 26 John Coman Storing up treasures part 3 Do not worry

The command "Do Not Worry" is not a suggestion. Worry is interest on borrowed trouble. We live in a world of fear. When Jesus gave the command "do not worry", He was living in a country occupied by an invading army, there were no social safety nets, food was dependent on the weather and there was corrupt leadership. Jesus stated that in this world we will have

trouble (no kidding!!) but still He says “Do not worry”. John shares how this is possible and we must choose between going the way of worry or the way peace.

(The audio is a bit muddy but the message is worth listening too. We are sorting out the issues)

2016 Oct 23 Peter Rugendyke “HE IS” part two

The rest of the verses say that everything came from Him for Him and to Him... HE IS supreme. We have all seen vivid images on TV of the staggering variety of creative designs. Jesus is the ultimate artist. These things proclaim the glory, majesty and beauty of nature and deny the Creator. How can people not understand this. *(The truth is spiritually discerned and unreal to the natural mind.)*

Everything in the Spiritual realm, the physical realm, on the Earth, under the Earth, above the Earth and in the heavens came from the Creator and for the Creator. Evolution theory allows people to be their own gods and this lets people do as they like because it takes us from under Gods authority. Unfortunately it also takes out from under His protection and we can become drug addicted, sex addicted and money addicted. A fool can be a very clever person who rejects sound advice and uses knowledge unwisely.

We are called out to be HIS. Is He your head?

2016 Oct 16 Peter Rugendyke “HE IS” part one

The message of Col 1:15 is HOPE born out of knowing that "HE IS" not "Me, myself and I". Some hope to find freedom or find an ideal life. What good is wealth and fame to a man condemned to death? There is no degree of success unless the Lord is in it. It is supreme folly not to acknowledge the Sovereignty of God. Col 1:15 Christ holds it all together. There is true hope. Life is not meaningless. When I get to the place that I cannot fix, I find that He is bigger than my sin, bigger than my circumstances, bigger than the box that I have put Him in, bigger than terrorism, bigger than anything. We are a people of hope because of who HE IS.

The world tries to take us captive by hollow philosophies. Jesus is the primordial creator of all things, the owner and Lord of it all. Reflect on this hope. Preach Christ in such an irresistible light that other religions would not even be an option. Our answer to the question "who is Jesus" is the acid test of our lives.

2016 Sept 4 Ian Cullen “Heritage”

Ian Cullen gave this stirring message with a very deep voice due to the effects of the flu. Like Paul, Ian has learned to be content in every situation. We leave a heritage for our children and grandchildren by our current lifestyle choices. We need to recognise the sins of our ancestors, forgive them and then “God think” our past. We need to express appreciation to God for our new heritage. The success of our future needs daily, moment by moment, focussed choices, discipline and courage to follow hard after Jesus. The greatest disasters have occurred as a result of choices by those who do not persevere. Hezekiah did what was right wholeheartedly and God prospered him.

2016 Sept 11 John Coman “Through the eyes of Jesus”

John introduced our Missions Convention week. We look at Matthew 9:35-38 through the eyes of Jesus. He saw hurting, harassed and helpless people with eyes of compassion. He saw me and He sees you. What we all need is hope and all of us have that “God shaped vacuum that only He can fill”. When we see that and are transformed by Him, then we can see others with eyes of compassion and we are able to tell them about the good news... that Jesus came to Earth for sinners. Jesus is the only Truth that lasts beyond the grave.

[2016 Aug 28 John Coman Testimony](#)

John gave a short testimony about the Grace of God as shown by deathbed conversions

[2016 Aug 28 John Coman Colossians Ch 1 verses 3-8](#)

These verses show Hope Faith and Love working together in the heart of new believers. Real Faith is total trust in God with no plan B. Hope is not a “hope so” but a certainty based on the character of God and His Word as a guarantee. Love is the outworking of the heart of God in our own hearts as we care for sinners for whom Christ died. This is not based on a wishy washy gooey feeling but on a solid choice to love others with the same love that drove Christ to the cross for us.

[2016 July 10 Ian Cullen. “Mighty Warrior”](#)

We often have a choice of battles. We need to choose carefully and fight the right battles. God is a mighty warrior. Jesus could have fought the battle in the flesh. Had He done so then He could have wiped out the entire universe in a fit of rage and we would all be dead. But Scripture tells us that God is not like that. We sing about it but we should never take God’s forbearance for granted. We too need to pick our battles carefully or we can be destroyers of relationships if we battle in the flesh. How do we fight the battles “God’s way”? Click on the link and listen to Ian as he describes the way forward for us in the battleground of life.

[2016 July 3 John Coman on Psalm 146](#)

Have you ever prayed for days and only heard dead silence? Preparing for this sermon was a little different. Friday night had rolled around and it felt like my prayers were bouncing off the ceiling all week. I did not want to write out of my teaching abilities but to preach what God wanted to say. This is a long sermon but it is real balm for anyone longing to hear the words of God saying “Trust Me...It is OK, trust Me”

[2016 June 26 Ken Graham on being empowered for service](#)

Missions without the Spirit risks becoming humanitarianism. Deeper life without Missions risks becoming “It’s all about me”. Ken explained that we all need HOPE.

- H. Healthy relationships.
- O. On Mission at home and overseas
- P. People of Power
- E. Empowered by the Spirit for the task

God has gifted us with the Nations and we are blessed to be a blessing. This is a long message but if you really want to know about the DNA of the CMA then this is the message for you.

2016 June 19 John Coman on Psalm 51 part 2

David's response to being forgiven and restored was to cry out to God, "May I teach transgressors Your ways so that sinners will be converted to You". We need to stand out in the present darkness as beacons of light with a broken and contrite heart open to God's work. Many denominations are in decline. It is rare to hear the cry, "Sirs! What must I do to be saved?". We have been saved and gifted for the work that God has prepared beforehand for us to do. Let us enter in to all that Jesus died to make His own.

2016 May 29 John Coman on Psalm 51

This Psalm was written by David when he recognised his sin and his need for forgiveness. If you have ever realised that you have blown it and don't really know how to get the joy of your salvation restored then this message will be a big help. The sin from which man turns not God looks at and must punish. The opposite is also true in that the sin that man turns from, God chooses to forgive and forget because the punishment is laid on the cross.

2016 May 22 John Coman on Prayer

The disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. True Prayer is deliberately aligning ourselves with God's will rather than trying to get God to align with our will. Matt 6:9-13. God made the first move, while we were yet sinners, and we are to do the same with those who sin against us. The "Our Father" is a **model** of how we should pray. Praise Him; Surrender to His will; Ask for today's needs; Examine relationships; Seek protection

2016 May 15 Dean Chrisp on Change

Dean modelled his sermon by being willing to step out of his comfort zone and allow God to do something new in him. This is a short message which is really great to listen to if you want to go deeper with God

2016 May 8 John Coman on Mothers Day

This message is a treat. Sometimes we feel that God is ignoring us when actually it is our stubborn rebellion which places a barrier between us and hearing from God. During John's message Russ sings a song where he proclaims "Those who want to defeat me will have to meet me at the foot of the cross". Russ also passionately declared that there is never a day when we don't need to pray.

2016 May 1 Message Holy Fire. Phil Ticehurst

Timothy Keller wrote: "An idolatrous attachment can lead you to break any promise, rationalize any indiscretion, or betray any other allegiance, in order to hold on to it. It may drive you to violate all good and proper boundaries. To practice idolatry is to be a slave." This message is about putting these idols to the torch. We need to be desperate enough to let God refine us with His Holy fire. When we realise that it is by Grace we are saved and all discipline, correction, cleansing and leading is all by unmerited undeserved Grace then we can become truly thankful for His rescue and appreciate Him for who He is.

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=W5mbldTkruM&feature=share

2016 April 17 Message Psalm 19 part 2 From the Harp to the Heart

God's character is reflected in His Word. Many people worship the creation but do not know the Creator. God's Word brings about good consequences and speaks to us personally. By Conviction, Cleansing and Correction. Our response is to listen as we read His Word but we also need to respond with a heart response like Psalm 19:14. We are human being living in a fallen world and only God can meet our deepest needs.

2016 April 10 Jesus is coming back. Phil Ticehurst

An idol has no power unless we worship it. An addict can tell you that in the beginning, the illicit pastime be it alcohol, drugs, sex, money, thrill seeking gave incredible pleasure. However, the more the idol is worshipped and desired, the more demanding it is and the more you need to give of yourself for lower returns. We are more hopelessly enslaved to our sin than we thought possible but Jesus is the chain breaker. An idol is only our lord as long as we yield to it but Jesus Christ is forever LORD whether or not we surrender to Him. Jesus is coming back and every knee will bow (even His enemies). Can the one you worship offer you forgiveness?

2016 March 12 Church Camp intro Kyran Holmes

No recording available but here is a precis. If we worship to gain a gift or wisdom then we are ascribing worth to the gift and not God which is not worship. Worship of anything that is not God is idolatry. God is completely happy with His own company and is/was/will be fully self-sufficient. Everything that God does is for our own benefit and He does not need us. If God wanted to do anything perfectly then He would **never, ever** use anyone to do the job. He does things for our benefit. He does not need us to worship Him, He is not cosmically lonely or needs us to stroke His ego, but we have a deep need to worship Him.

We have worth and value, but this worth comes from the reason for our existence which is to show the value of God. If we buy a chainsaw then it is created for a purpose. It comes with skull and crossbones warnings of the consequences of misuse. We also come with a tag "To worship God, to ascribe worth to God and to enjoy Him forever". We also come with warnings "Doing these things (sin) will lead to death"

We were created for a purpose, Gen 3: walking with God in the cool of the evening and it made/makes sense.

2016 April 27. Easter Sunday John Coman

Jesus is risen. The tomb is empty. People have been raised from the dead but they all died again. Jesus rose from the dead and is still alive and will be alive forever. The living Saviour is THE ONLY WAY. ***We have to abandon the politically correct doctrine that there are many ways to God.*** All roads might lead to Rome but only one road leads to God. Sincerity is not the issue but Truth is the issue. How awesome is that ***the death of Jesus conquered sin*** and then ***through His resurrection death has been conquered forever.***

2016 April 25. Good Friday John Coman

Gods deliberate intention and plan. It was a **vicious** death. We have made the cross into a piece of jewellery it was designed to cause death with great suffering. It was a **vital** death. Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin. It was a **vicarious** death. He was pierced for our transgressions. It was a **voluntary** death. He knew what was coming but he set his face to go to Jerusalem. It was a **victorious** death. O death where is your victory. O death where is your sting He overwhelmingly conquered. *Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and natures night. My chains fell off, the dungeon flamed with light. I rose went forth and followed Thee.*

This 2016 Mar 19. Palm Sunday John Coman

P Peacemakers Are we peace makers, actively walking under His Lordship?

A Adoration. With all our being? Whole soul and mind and heart and strength?

L Lament. What breaks our heart? Break our heart with what breaks yours!

M Mission. Do we live on Mission? Jesus has chosen you and me for his purposes!

Our battle is not against the boozy neighbour who holds noisy parties. Our battle is against the powers of darkness who have blinded the eyes of our neighbour who needs to know the Lord of Love and the Prince of Peace. Do we live as ambassadors, as salt and light, as witnesses, as disciples, heart broken for the lost around us? The challenge is for all of us to be real and not just part of a rent a crowd.

This 2016 April 3. Resurrection of a Vision. Peter Rugendyke

This is a very encouraging message about Grace. What is in a name? Jesus wanted Peter to move from being Simon to become Peter. Jesus was not just planting a seed, Jesus could see the Harvest. Jesus wants to move each of us from our natural life into a real life in Him. When we first experience healing from Jesus it feels marvellous (and so it is). Peter likened our experience like the progression from first aid, to getting in the ambulance, to arriving at the emergency ward, then intensive care and finally, convalescence in the hospital before being released as a healed person. It is Grace all the way, at whatever stage we are in.

2016 Feb 28. Greg Stubbs sings Deep River and other songs

Greg sang songs during his messages but these have been cut from the main message because of file size limits. Greg has produced CDs which are of much better quality than these compressed files (the songs have been uploaded as a sample of what Greg sang during the messages)

2016 Feb 28. Thru the Storm part two (Valley of Bacca). Greg Stubbs

Greg said that it is easy to trust God when things are going great. If you are in the front line you will be attacked and so it is a good idea to know where the priority is.

2016 Feb 28. Thru the Storm part one. Greg Stubbs

Greg shares his testimony about recent storms in his life and how God provided for his family in the midst of the storm

2016 Mar 7. Death of a Vision. Peter Rugendyke

When we are called into a ministry then we enter a time of preparation. Often we want to move from A to Z but we have to go through b and c and d etc. David could not proceed until he was ready. Everyone's anointing needs a preparation time. We get a vision but then there is a kind "but" and a scary "but" so that God's perspectives are realised. God gives a vision and then it appears to die, which is part of the preparation. The failure of the vision allows development of the good "God Stuff". Our "good ideas" become "God ideas" during the refining process. David ran for his life for 20 years, Moses was in the desert for 40 years, Joseph was imprisoned for 13 years. David wrote Psalms during his time in the desert and learned how to fight and survive. Are we waiting for something to happen? We cannot proceed until the preparation time is completed.

2016 Jan 17. [What Next: Part Two. Ian Cullen](#)

Ian continues his message about how to prepare ourselves for the "What Next". We are to be alert, be watching and be ready for His return. All of the Law is summed up in a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. God has joined us to Himself. *Ephesians Ch 2:8-10* ***For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.***

2016 Jan 10. [What Next: Part One. Ian Cullen](#)

Ian pointed out that there are many unknowns in life but that there is an over-arching "what next" question that can be answered in Scripture. Nobody knows the day or the hour of the end but Jesus told us about the season of the end-times. If we knew that a bushfire was bearing down on our town then we would get to a place of safety. How much more then, should we be preparing for the battle which is coming. What are the signs of our times?

2015 Dec 27. [For unto us a Child is Born. John Coman](#)

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called **Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.** John unpacked this verse of Scripture for us and showed how marvellous was our Father's Grace and Mercy in sending His Son to Earth.

2015 Dec 25. [Christmas Present. John Coman](#)

This is a short ten minute excerpt from the Kids Spot where John shared about the significance of Christmas presents. The main service was a series of short Scriptures read by the young people which painted a complete story of the first Christmas and we also sang some beautiful carols.

2015 Dec 20. [Christmas. Why was a small beginning necessary?](#)

Phil shared from Ezekiel Ch7. In the New Testament we read about an unmarried maiden saying to an Angelic visitor "Let it be unto me according to thy word" and with an incredibly TINY beginning, the Earth shattering event took place where God Himself became flesh. Why was such a universe shaking moment needed? Why did Jesus need to come to Earth, be born, live, die and rise again? Ezekiel Ch7 gives us a picture of God's view of self-willed

rebellious humans. The prophecy was fulfilled in Israel and the Book of Revelations indicates that it will be fulfilled again in the end times. Is this the time for a new small beginning in our own hearts?

2015 Dec 13. Christmas Shepherds

John told the familiar Christmas story. However, have you ever wondered why the shepherds were able to visit Jesus first and then the noble wise-men. Shepherds were a smelly lot and often rejected by “important” people. Jesus came for all people, rich, poor, significant or insignificant (He came for such as you and I). John challenged us to listen to what God is saying and then to respond to Him.

2015 Dec 06 Sharing service.

Kathleen shared about Missions work in Thailand, Murray and Betty celebrated 63 years of marriage (not recorded), Jill exercised faith and praised the Lord, Phil read from Oswald Chambers which showed that we have no excuses for sin and no excuses for neglecting holiness. Jodie VR shared about the unconditional love of God for people who choose wrongly and about a friend who recently came to the Lord (name omitted for privacy reasons)

2015 Nov 22 John Coman. Ordinary people, Extraordinary God.

No part of Scripture should be overlooked. The New Testament ended a period of 400 years of silence from God but it does not start with the birth of Jesus. We usually skip straight to the birth of Jesus at Christmas but the New Testament starts with the birth of John the Baptist and Luke Ch 1 begins with the story of John’s parents Zachariah and Elizabeth.

2015 Nov 22 John Coman. The work of the cross

This is an eight minute mini message about the work of the Cross given before the communion service.

2015 Nov 15 Phil Ticehurst. The Greatest Commandment

“Out of the mouths of babes and infants Thou hast perfected praise”. This message about love was inspired by the whole hearted worship expressed through one of our youngest believers at a worship team practice session.

2015 Nov 08 Sharing Service: Sovereignty of God

A short snappy collection of testimonies about the Sovereignty of God from a number of people, including messages from the Lord through our children.

2015 Nov 01 Russ white. The Priesthood of Believers

Russ shared a timeless message from his keyboard about the lost-ness of this world, the power of Jesus to rescue people and our responsibility as believers to share the good and the bad news with those around us (There is good news to those who respond to Jesus and bad news for those who find themselves outside of Christ when Jesus returns)

2015 Oct 25 Jannah Coman. Packing shoeboxes with Love, Joy and Peace

Message about Operation Christmas Child. Why do it? We have received Love that never fails, Life everlasting, Joy, Hope and Peace because we know the Prince of Peace. These shoeboxes may be the first gift that a child receives but the doors opened into the communities for local churches by Operation Christmas Child lead to amazing blessings for whole communities to hear about the love of Jesus.

2015 Oct 18 Three Paradoxes. Apparent contradictions. Ian Cullen

- 1) **We cannot see or hear God but we can.** How does a blind person see? The sceptic says "Well I haven't seen him." We need to be less busy and stop and listen.
- 2) **God is kind but God is also stern.** We cannot earn Gods grace. God disciplines us for our own good.
- 3) **If we lose our life for His sake, we will find it.** Now **there** is a paradox.

2015 Oct 11 Patrick Coman

We sometimes think that ignoring the Devil is wisdom but the Scriptures tell us not to be ignorant of his schemes (so that we can **resist** his schemes). Patrick discusses how to tell if a thought that arises in our minds is inspired by God or by the Devil. The old man in us was under the sway of the evil one but we have a new nature. We need to take every thought captive to obedience to Christ. One of the Devil's schemes is to inject a thought into our minds and then get us to think that it is our own thought. If we are not awake then the Devil can start accusing us and bring us into condemnation and shame. **How can we tell where the thought comes from?**.... Listen to the message and get some really practical help.

2015 Oct 4 Acts 28, last message in OUT series John Coman

The written book of Acts ends in Chapter 28 but the Acts of the Holy Spirit, the continuing ministry of Jesus in leading us home to the Father, are still being carried out today. All believers have a part in the continuing story of Acts in getting the message OUT to the Nations. There are no unimportant roles in this story and all of us should be active participants.

2015 Sept 20 Becoming all things to all people. John Coman

If you have been put off by bible-bashers then this is the message for you (If you **are** a bible-basher then this is also a message for you.) Paul was an expert in Jewish Scripture but he reached out to the Athenians without quoting any Scripture. We are not saved by Father, Son and Holy Scripture. People who do not believe in God cannot understand Scripture without the work of The Holy Spirit because spiritual things are spiritually discerned. *People need Jesus and the Holy Spirit knows the best way to reach people for Jesus.*

2015 Sept 6 Fathers Day. John Coman

Where do we go to find good models of fathers? John looked at Abraham, Noah, Eli and David and said, “C’mon God, Your Word is supposed to be showing us what good fathers look like!” The Bible tells it like it is and has real people in it (Warts and all). The story of the prodigal son was well known in Jewish culture and shows what a wastrel will receive. When Jesus told the story, everyone would have expected the father to give him a good thrashing and give him what for. What Jesus did with the story shows us a glimpse of the Father’s Heart for us (despite what we really deserve)

[Pastor 2015 Aug 30 Psalm 121: Bill Jensen.](#)

Pastor Bill Jensen from Southern Districts CMA Church expounds Psalm 121. This is an encouraging word to look beyond the problems that we constantly face in this world the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth. We are reminded that Christ has the final victory no matter what life tosses at us.

[If the 2015 Aug 23 The Simple Gospel: Phil Ticehurst.](#)

If the Gospel really is so simple that a three and a half year old can respond to it and be radically transformed, then why is it so hard for most of us? What gets in the way?

The example of our lives may be the only Bible that a lot of people around us are reading. What message are they getting and what do we need to do to make the Gospel clearer to those around us?

[2015 Aug 16 Sharing Service Part One: Dealing with Distractions](#)

The theme seemed to be “getting a touch from Jesus”. Some content has been removed for privacy reasons. Jannah talked about work for homeless people. Paul shared about distractions, Steve Grace and prayed for the Mandurah AEF outreaches into Pinjarra. Cheryl praised the Lord net-work relationships. Kathleen also shared about God working during distractions. Phil shared about the need for people to see Jesus working in and through us

[2015 Aug 16 Sharing Service Part two: Getting a touch from Jesus, Micah 6:8](#)

Cheryl praised the Lord healing her brother Wayne. Jodie shared a very deep and inspiring message about our need for significance and where might find it. Wayne shared a testimony of healing and answers to people’s prayers.

[2015 Aug 9 Ali Dench: Jump in.](#)

God has given us the amazing, all encompassing indwelling Holy Spirit to enable us to “Jump in” to His purposes. Ali is a gifted communicator and this is a great message with a challenge

[2015 Aug 3 John Coman: Purpose of the Church.](#)

The first eight minutes of this message is an excerpt of the Communion Devotional about the repentant thief given by Ian Cullen. The rest of the message is about Luke 4:18 where Jesus describes His purposes concerning His mission for us and through us. John also gives us an interesting testimony of God’s Sovereign Power working through a very weak vessel. We

may be the only book some people are reading about God. Can Jesus be seen in our actions? Do our lives match our words.

2015 July 26 John Coman: Commissioning.

This another in the series of OUT sermons. Followers of Jesus were first called Christians in Antioch. Acts 13 is a pivotal point in early Church history because we see a fulfilment of Acts 1:8 (Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth). The early Christians were sent out and we, likewise, need to be available wherever God wants to use us

2015 Mar 1 John Coman: Pictures from the Vineyard.

This the 6th sermon from the series HIStory. There is no audio available for this message but you can click on the link for a short précis of the main points.

2015 Feb 1 John Coman: How is God writing HIStory today.

In our series HIStory so far we have looked at the big picture. The overview of Creation & Crash – Christmas & Crucifixion – Coming & Consequences. We know that God's story is eternal with no beginning or end but that our story fits inside this with a physical start & finish. We know where we have come from and what is coming in the future – and we know that in our rapidly changing society God remains constant and trustworthy. This all should fill us with confidence to then ask the question – “How is God writing HIStory today?”

2015 Jan 25 John Coman: One Unchanging Thing

Look on google with “pace of change” and you will find articles on morality, economics, technology, politics... BUT all of these point to the fact that change and uncertainty are increasing at an exponential rate. One YouTube clip said that we are now training kids to take jobs that are not yet in existence to deal with problems we have yet to encounter In this changing world - HIStory hasn't changed – His Word is also unchanging and can be trusted

2015 May 25 John Coman: Acts Ch 1:1-11.

This is the first in a new series “OUT”. Ray Stedman quote: “Acts 1:8 is a “Table of Contents for the Book of Acts” We are to get the message out to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the Earth. The ones who have experienced the power of the message become the bold witnesses. John quipped, “The fact that we are sitting here, at the ends of the Earth from Jerusalem, proves the power of the Gospel message”

2015 May 15 John Coman: Ascension Essentials.

This is the final message in the “HIStory Series”. The Ascension of Jesus marks a transition point between the earthly ministry of our Saviour Jesus Christ and His Spiritual ministry through us to the world. In the first few minutes of this sermon, John reviews some of the promises worth standing on and then launches out into message from Acts Ch 1. We have a commission to reach all the Nations with the Gospel. To do this we have a need to receive the empowering of His Holy Spirit. We then need to walk this message with love and live expectantly for the return of Jesus. That is our spiritual DNA.

2015 March 8 John Coman: The Sower.

Jesus taught people with simple stories which contain very deep truths. He began with what people know and point them towards the previously unrecognised truths and challenges of spiritual life. The question we need to ask ourselves, before God, is “What kind of soil is my heart?”

2015 March 29 John Coman: Palm Sunday: Significant Day in a significant week.

John pointed out that there are only three events which appear in all four Gospel accounts. Firstly at the beginning of the ministry of Jesus at his Baptism, secondly at the feeding of the thousands and lastly the final week. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the final week. Jesus knew what the cheering crowds would shortly do. “O Jerusalem , O Jerusalem, if you only knew how much I longed to gather you..”

2015 March 22 Dr Laurence Spencer: All History revolves around Jesus

Dr Laurence from Gideons started with this quote “All life has to be viewed looking forward, but it only makes sense when looking back”. Life can be very confusing in the midst of the circumstances and future promises can look hazy. We can look back to the beginning in John Chapter one and this gives us a rock solid foundation upon which to walk out our lives.

2015 April 12 John Coman: The True Thomas

John discusses the well-known character, often called “Doubting Thomas”. Have you ever been in the position where you exclaim something like, “I don’t understand what the heck you are doing Lord?” (even though you KNOW that God is GOOD, have you ever been left scratching your head...) *If so, this is the message for you.*

2015 April 26 Ian Cullen: Christian Basics

Ian asks, “What is wrong with the Earth?” Tsunamis, earthquakes, mud-slides, floods... Why do these things happen? We just celebrated ANZAC day which, although it celebrates a great disaster, marked a new beginning for Australia as a Nation. We are all called to make good decisions in the midst of day to day turmoil. Ian discusses three basic keys for deciding what is right and wrong. We need to stop looking through drinking straws and start seeing the vastly bigger picture and see what is truly REAL.

2015 May 3 John Coman: Resurrection Challenges

Our calling in Luke 24:36-49. Double Escape, double proclamation, double audience, double witness and double blessing. This leads to five challenges, as we are called live in the power of the resurrection of Jesus. To call people to repentance and point to forgiveness, to be clothed with power as we preach the gospel to the Nations

2015 May 10 John Coman: Mothers day

Living Victoriously. Do you ever walk into a Christian bookshop and see a book with a title like” I’m living on the mountaintop and I won’t come down till Jesus comes to take me

higher?" or do we live in the real world of sin and disappointment. Mothers, have you ever been beaten up by people quoting Proverbs 31 at you. John looks at the reality of Christian living and points to our hope in Jesus, right where we are.

05-04-2015 John Coman: The Resurrection changes EVERYTHING

The women ran into the room saying "He's ALIVE". Death has been defeated because of the Resurrection. When Paul wrote about the Resurrection, his fellow Christians were being slaughtered for their belief in Jesus. The same is happening today. Without the Resurrection, the Christian religion would be pitiful.

Frank Morrison, aka Henry Ross, wrote, "Who moved the stone" as a result of trying to disprove the resurrection (*and he found that the evidence was overwhelming for the reality of the Risen Lord*).

1 Cor 15-20 must be taken at face value. We can choose a faith that suits us personally but there is only ONE TRUTH. Truth does not change. We have freedom to choose what we believe in, but only truth is truth. Pilate asked, "What is truth?".... And the answer was standing in front of him.

03-04-2015 John Coman: Good Friday

It wasn't the nails but His love that kept him on the cross; Col. 1:19-20
Reconciling all things by His Blood. His death brings us peace.
P. Premeditated, not a last minute panic to the unexpected.
E. Exchange, done on behalf of others. His punishment was for our benefit.
A. Awful death. Cursed is anyone who hangs on a tree.
C. Conquering death. 1 Cor 15
E. Essential death. It had to happen otherwise we all would have no hope.

23-11-2014 Ian Cullen on "Revelation" Part 1

Ian shared three messages on Revelation. Have you ever wondered what this book of mystery is on about. These messages share a lot about what we want to know about the Book of Revelation and probably some things that we don't want to know but need to hear.

Part one "Birds-eye view of Revelation" What will I be going out from here obeying rather than what will I go out knowing in my head. What I know in my head should be manifested in my heart and outward life. Who is Jesus? He is the one who was, is and is to come.

11-01-2015 Ian Cullen on "Revelation" Part 2

Part two "Revelations Ch 2 and 3" More Pride is generated by rule keeping than glory is given to Jesus. We need to keep the commandments out of love for Jesus. God is reaching out through His Church to the Nations, to the politicians. Our significance as people is through Jesus in us. We cannot repent until we know what the sin is. Are we so full of our own opinions that we cannot see sin. Be transparent before God.

18-01-2015 Ian Cullen on "Revelation" Part 3

Part three “Revelations” The vivid imagery of the earth being reserved for judgment by fire has sometimes been misused by some preachers to control people by fear. This misses the point and it seriously misses the heart of God. He takes no pleasure in the death of sinners but wants people to be saved from the wrath to come. Mercy triumphs over judgment

22-02-2015 Alison Dench “Mind the Gap”

Mind the gap. I need to step across the gap to get on the train. There is usually a gap between our plans and God's plans which are much more exciting and scarier than anything that we would like to get involved in.

People are despairing of life. Do you see the gap? Do you feel the gap? Do you care about the gap? God is still looking for someone to stand in the gap. The Devil wants to keep us down a hole, in the dark, in fear, silent, in secret and not declare anything about Jesus.

There are a number of gaps in our lives and our natural reaction is to run away from God's call. I am the least, in the weakest clan... Most unlikely.... But so was David who became King... So was Rahab... All completely out of their depth. ***We are supposed to feel the gap. It not about us and our resources but about Him and His resources.***

Clay pots are a symbol of us and fire is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Smashing of the clay pots symbolise the removing of the flesh so that the fire of the Holy Spirit can be released.

28-12-2014 John Coman “Looking forward, looking back.”

Phil Ch 3 and 4. Our story sits inside HIS Story. We do not put confidence in our credentials, our heritage, abilities or good works but we place our confidence in the finished work of Jesus. We are called to live in harmony and not in contention. To be at peace and be anxious for nothing... *(But how? Interested? Then click on the link and listen)*

21-12-2014 Phil Ticehurst: Christmas Angels

While we look at the work of these messengers we have to bear in mind that the messages are far more important than the messengers themselves. The Heavenly Hosts singing to the shepherds must have been an overwhelming sight but their message was even more glorious.

Lots of people say things like, “I will believe it when I see it”. Thomas did not believe his brothers when they saw the Lord Himself. The same attitude is prevalent today. “If I wasn't there, then it probably didn't really happen”. Phil discusses three different types of experiences with Angels that occur in the Christmas story

14-12-2014 John Coman “The 6 Cs of HISStory.”

We see Jesus at the beginning of history, we see Jesus at the very fulcrum of our history, at the cross and we see Jesus at the end of our history when Jesus returns. Our history sits inside God's Eternal “HIS STORY”. We need more than just head knowledge which leads only to a religion that cannot save us. We need to go deeper than the “What”, exploring the “So What” and the “Now What”, and move deeper into relationship with God.

John discusses three pairs of “C”s. Creation/Crash; Christmas/Crucifixion; Call/Coming Again. Find out how we can truly be saved from the wrath to come and truly know that we know that we are saved.

07-12-2014 John Coman “HIStory.”

This is the first sermon in the series “HIStory” which will run through Christmas and on past Easter. Long before our history began in Creation, before time began, God had a plan to deal with our sin. A plan that would cost Him everything. God asked Adam in the Garden of Eden, “Where are you Adam?” God hadn’t lost Adam but Adam was trying to lose sight of God because of his shame. God asks us, “Where are you?” (...*in relation to Me*). Learn how it is not God’s plan for us to hide from Him because of shame because He has paid a great price for us to deal with our sin and shame. “Where am I”, is a good question to ask ourselves.

16-11-2014 Phil Ticehurst “Hand in Glove”

Phil said, “I thought that I was doing OK with contentment bit until I was put to the torch. The question of “Am I prepared to let Jesus fill me with His Holy Spirit” or was there still a bit of *whine* to be emptied out? We need to be emptied first and there is the pinch point. Not less of me and more of Thee but eventually Lord, none of me and all of Thee”.

One thing we can be sure of. We only see the surface but God sees the motives. If God appears to be acting in a way that is wrong then we can be certain that we do not have the whole picture.

09-11-2014 John Coman “Bless THE LORD O my soul”

John brings his last message on the theme of “Light you are”. The presence of God in a Christian believer makes all the difference. When you need to make a course correction then you need a fixed point of reference. For Christians, THE fixed point of reference is GOD HIMSELF. Psalm 103:1-5 shows us that God is a forgiving God, who has made a way for us to be forgiven through the Blood of Christ

26-10-2014 John Coman “Source of our Light”

John talks about the difference between the appearance of light and the source of the light. We shine our light in the world but a good question to ask ourselves is “What is the source of my light”. Our light comes from deep down inside us. John challenges us to listen out for His Voice so that we shine His light

19-10-2014 Alison Dench Acts 9:1-19 “Missions Sunday”

This audio has been edited to remove references to sensitive information. Ali talks about the “other person” in this passage. Ananias was obedient to God’s call to pray for, heal and release his former enemy into ministry. Are we still enthusiastic and ready for God’s call “Pick me, pick me” or is there a blockage in our hearts? Do we need to release others into ministry? Ali has an incredible sense of humour and humbly shares what God has been up to in her own life. It is a very encouraging message.

12-10-2014 John Coman "Missions"

John talks about why Missions is central. God has a missional heart. John's testimony is that he and his wife Maria are in ministry today because an ordinary couple heard the call of God on their lives and were obedient to the call to Missions.

28-09-2014 Ian Cullen "HOLY"

Ian discusses the "Altogether OTHER". The Transcendent HOLY God Who is Always There (with Whom we have to deal with). Ian asks, "How many times have we refused to fellowship because we have the 'grumps' or 'feel ashamed' or we are 'under the pump'. We try to avoid the awkward reality of "He Who is Always There". The truly good news is that "God cares".

21-09-2014 Sharing Service

Glenda read from Job, John shared about a tough week and tough year. Owen shared about a major victory and spiritual challenges that can arise when you share what God wants you to share. Robin shared about the importance of handing over idols to the Lord. Kathleen discussed insights from the book "Missing believed killed". John asked for prayer for the Philippines and various people prayed for John. Jodi shared Psalm 139 and John encouraged us to lift our eyes above our circumstances.

14-09-2014 John Coman Light Bearers of the Gospel

John talks about a lifestyle which is different to the world around us; Practical, visible, God Honouring and different. John shares the testimony of two liver transplant patients. One survived and one died. Both saw that "Woe is me" was not an option. Both fixed their eyes on Jesus during inexplicably hard times and glorified God. This is an encouraging message.

Editors suggestion: Robin Marks in "Not by Might" in the Album "Come Heal This Land" touches on the same subject of trusting God during hard times (listen to Robin's prayer at 4 min 30 sec on the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGItWp6kmM> which also links to a site for purchasing the song if you would like a copy)

31-08-2014 Phil Ticehurst: Walking in the Spirit

Galatians 5:13-25 and Psalm 119:5-6. "Oh that I was predisposed to keep your statutes. We are not predisposed to keep God's statutes and in fact we are predisposed to follow our own desires. **But**, we have hope because of what Jesus accomplished on the cross. We have a choice and we must not be passive. We cannot afford to be passive, **because** we are not predisposed to doing good. We need to be actively submitted to God's leading by His Spirit and that is the key to being good. (The audio was not recorded)

24-08-2014 John Laughlin: Installation of John Coman as Pastor

John Laughlin formally recognises John Coman as pastor of the Pinjarra Alliance Church. John and Maria were prayed for and then John Laughlin gave a message from 1 Cor 13

17-08-2014 Sharing Service: Theme- Blessed to be a blessing

This sharing service and fellowship lunch was specifically to celebrate the people who stepped up to leadership positions for the coming year. Barry was obedient and shared what the Lord laid on his heart about sleep apnoea. Subsequently, God stirred our hearts to be a blessing to Barry because, as God's children, we really are blessed to be a blessing.

Have you ever tried to use a right handed computer mouse with your left hand?

10-08-2014 John Coman John 14:6

John talks about a seriously challenging portion of Scripture which is offensive to many ears. Jesus is uncompromising when He says, "I AM the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE". When people meet for Interfaith prayer meetings they pray to their "own god" but to whom are they praying? Not all roads lead to God. Tolerance says "Respect everyone" and that is true BUT we do not have to agree with them. Universalists say that Jesus died for the sins of the world and therefore everyone will be saved no matter what. You would then have to call Jesus a liar in passages like Matt 25:31-46. It is a very unpopular truth that Jesus is the ONLY way to GOD.

03-08-2014 John Coman "Servant-hood"

John outlines servant-hood from a Scriptural perspective. Matt 20 and Acts 6. Men who were appointed to "so called menial tasks" had to be filled with the Holy Spirit and Wisdom. Leaders were to be servants (*Those who want to be first must be slaves of all*).

20-07-2014 John Coman "Who are we"?

We are a Chosen People, a royal priesthood, a Holy Nation, God's special possession. We are to declare the praises of God Who called us out of darkness into His wonderful Light, in all places and in every way, under all circumstances. Grasp it! Walk it! Resist the enemy of our souls and the enemy MUST flee.

13-07-2014 Peter Graham: Trusting God when things don't work out

Peter Graham is the Coordinator of Alliance Youth Australia. He shares his testimony including how to trust God when His will appears to be diametrically opposed to what we want. He and his wife Liz experienced a softening of their hearts when they trusted God to make Phil 4:4-7 real to them (Rejoice in the Lord always... even when the circumstances were not naturally leading to rejoicing... and they found that The God of Peace is REAL)

29-06-2014 Ian Cullen "Who am I...really"?

The audio technician apologises for the poor quality of the recording. It makes Ian sound harsh and angry due to severe over-modulation but the message is worth listening to.

Ian started with 1 Thess 5:23 and opened this one verse to us. Ian asked the questions "Who am I" and "Who are you". We are body soul and spirit. Our spirit is joined to the Spirit of the living God, if we are His. We do not have to battle against the forces contrary to us in our own strength (great news) but we must be diligent to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit within us.

22-06-2014 John Coman Teaching on Baptism

John discussed what Baptism is. It is a command. It is a public declaration of commitment. It is an object lesson and it is done out of obedience. Baptism does not save us. If it is to mean anything at all then it must be an outward sign of an inward work.

15-06-2014 Alison Dench gave a video presentation on “Wooing the Nations”

Alison started with Job 7:6 and Isaiah 38:12 and asked the question, “Am I making a difference for God”? Alison noted that we can see spiritual different gifts in operation all around us all the time but when we look back over a number of generations we see the hand of God as great movements over a time span of many lifetimes. Alison gave a brief video history of Mongolia from 500BC to the present day and looked at how God has been wooing the Nation of Mongolia over that time. There is only 5 minutes of audio on this message because the presentation was almost entirely visual.

□ 12-06-2014 - John Coman asks, “How do we get a passion for Holy Living”?

This is a great message given by John Coman on 8th September 2013

http://www.pinjarracma.org.au/files/uploads/audio_files/08th Sept 2013 John C.mp3

We have talked about fire and light in past messages and this morning (*Sept 8th 2013*) I want to talk to you about developing a passion for Holy living. Keeping a set of rules is religious behaviour and is NOT HOLY living. Holy living is loving God and out of that relationship, asking God what HE wants us to do. It is God who works in us both to WILL and to WORK to do HIS good will (*That in itself is great news*). Holy living and holiness comes from the indwelling Holy Spirit but we have to co-operate even if the going gets tough. We are to make different choices than the world around us, not out of keeping rules or being better than others but by making our choices under the influence of the Holy Spirit, being accountable to each other, challenging, rebuking, encouraging and loving one another... (Radical.... Listen to the message if you are prepared to be stirred deeply in your spirit)

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□ 08-06-2014 - Chaplaincy with Justin Hill

Have you ever wondered what Chaplains do for our kids. Are Chaplains just an optional extra that we could dismiss as “not cost effective”? Listen to Justin Hill explain what a typical workload is (*you will need a box of tissues*). Chaplains are now a fundamental part of caring for our students in the high stress environment of modern living. Hear how Justin has been able to bring hope into very dark places because Jesus has a heart for people. Jesus came to rescue sinners and transform lives from hopelessness to dignity and purpose

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04-08-2013. Jesus as LORD and Saviour

28:18

John Coman looks at John 14. Jesus said, "***If you love Me, then you will do what I ask***". Obedience is not an emotion, it is an act of the will. It is not enough to say, "Jesus is my Saviour". The evidence that we love Jesus is that we are obedient to Jesus as LORD. John Coman commented that he thought that the Apostle John was the Apostle of Love but when he studied one John, two John and three John in Bible College then he changed his opinion to "John is very blunt and "in your face"". This is a very challenging message where we are invited to go deeper with God and to experience more of His Grace in our lives (if we let Him at us!)

25-05-2014. From the wreck I rise (based on a devotional from Oswald Chambers May 19th)

3.44Mb 20:03

This message is primarily for Christians under pressure. The two readings from Job and John seem to indicate to me that opposition for CHRISTIANS is guaranteed. Jesus did not say “You may from time to time, perhaps if you are unlucky, possibly have a spot of bother”. Jesus said, to His disciples, “You WILL have TROUBLE” BUT praise God for the “BUT” be of good cheer for I have overcome the World. In Me, Jesus says, you will have PEACE!

We need to concentrate on the things that we can do something about and spend very little time in the areas that we are helpless in. Isaiah 26:3 says “Thou wilt keep in perfect peace whose mind is staid on Thee.

18-05-2014. Hagar and Ishmael (You are the God who sees)

4.02Mb 23:28

Alison Dench looks at the lessons to be learned from Hagar and Ishmael’s lives. God asked, “What are you doing here, Hagar”? Hagar replied with complete openness and honesty’ “I am running away from my mistress Sara”. No matter where we are and how far away from God we feel, God is “The God Who Sees”

11-05-2014. Mother’s Day. Generational blessing and curses

4.08Mb 23:49

Cheryl Cullen talked about physical characteristics passed on by genetics and the spiritual biases passed on by our ancestor’s choices. We inherit both blessing and curses from our fore-fathers. Cheryl discussed how to appreciate and pass on the blessings and how to get free of the negative baggage that we, our children and our grandchildren do not need.

04-05-2014. Gideons

5.29Mb 30.52

Phil Weickhardt from Gideons shared briefly about the work of Gideons and then preached a message about life. Phil pointed out that great suffering and tragedy in this world is fairly normal. We have fabulous news to share with people but even this good news arose out of great tragedy. God cares about us but that does not make us immune from tragedy. Phil reflected on the experience of the disciples following the crucifixion.

27-04-2014. Original Glory (Intimacy with God)

4.35Mb 25:22

Alison Dench pointed out that at our deepest level we were made to have an intimate relationship with God. We hear a lot about Original Sin but that was not our design purpose. We do not hear enough about the state for which we were made. That is the position to which Jesus came to restore us to so that we can bring Glory to our Creator

06-04-2014. Divine Sorrow

5.07Mb 29:34

Does it matter that nice people do not know Jesus? Ian asks the question “What trivia has upset you today?” God gives us a choice NOW. Will we choose to glorify God in the midst of our grief or will we allow ourselves to become embittered (it is a real choice). Ian prayed an inspired prayer at the end of his message and invites anyone who wants to experience transformation from the inside out to download, listen to and pray this prayer for themselves. We need to grieve over the right things (Godly sorrow)

30-03-2014. The Rachamim (tender heart of The Father)

3.99Mb 23:16

Years ago my heart was stirred as I listened to a theologian explaining how he caught a glimpse of the Rachamim love of God. Rachamim is a highly emotion-packed word. It is defined as “bowels, tender love, and pity” and is always in plural form, possibly to convey the intensity of the emotion behind it, though it’s not always translated as plural. It is love felt in the gut which is why older translations and commentaries refer to this word as “bowels of compassion”.

09-03-2014. What does Missions have to do with anything

4.03Mb 23:30

Rick Bell is no ordinary entrepreneur. Rick and his family practice hearing what the Father is saying and doing what they see their Father doing. Out of the grinding poverty of the slums of Manila they have seen reclaimed lives blossom and hope transform whole communities. This is just a short taster and an inspiration to rise up and be the person that God has created you to be

02-03-2014. Finding God in the ordinary stuff of life

5.43Mb 31:28

Trying to live out a Godly life, according to Solomon's advice in Ecclesiastes, sounds like a recipe for running around in the dark and leading to the assessment of Theroux "**Most men live lives of quiet desperation**". It **is** a wretched business to know what we should do but have no power to do it or to know what we should not be doing but have no power to stop. Even Jesus said, of myself I can do NOTHING. I only say what I hear my Father say and I only do what I see my Father doing. The key is to get into a quiet enough state spiritually so that we can hear what our Father is saying. Lazarus heard the voice of Jesus when he was REALLY quiet! (and then he was then able to rise from decomposed stinky dead into new life)

23-02-2014. Jesus is the Light of the World

4.86 Mb 28:20

Jesus is not just some cool guy or great prophet. Jesus is much more than that. Jesus is one hundred percent God. Light from Light, True God from True God. Is your spirit yearning for Truth. Get inspired by this message from Ian

16-02-2014. Centrality of Jesus

3.73 Mb 21:46

Jesus came to this Earth for His Father's Glory, to rescue sinners and to destroy the works of the Devil. If we live by the Word alone, we dry up! If we live by the Spirit alone, we blow up! But if we live by the Word and the Spirit, we grow up! The letter of the Law kills but the work of the Spirit is Life

Jesus is unique and central. He did not put on a superman suit and fly through the air and say "Now you try and do it". Jesus emptied himself of all but love and REALLY put on human flesh. He was so ordinary looking that he had to be picked out of a line-up of suspects by someone who knew him well enough to identify Him to the authorities. Jesus was totally submitted to His Father and only said what He heard His Father say and He only did what he saw His Father do.

09-02-2014. Sharing Service edited

5.66 Mb 32:58

Phil and Cheryl talked about the remarkable transformation seen at Council 2014 held in Canberra. Paul shared a 5 min Gospel presentation on a train because he sensed God's leading and he was obedient. Jodie challenged us with the question "Who am I when I am alone"? Maria, John, Debby and Bethany also shared.

02-02-2014. What is God up to when Journey appears to be doing nothing and there is NO LIGHT?

4.33 Mb 25:15

Phil showed a short clip where Larry the Cucumber was asked “How much stuff do you need to be happy?” and Larry replied “How much stuff is there?” Chasing stuff is one of the problems that can drown out God’s voice but we can also become “unstuck” when God is actually silent. Phil talked about the problem of silence when walking with God. How do we cope when there appears to be no light or revelation? Is our situation unique? Can the Bible shed some light on this quandary?

What does the prayer written in 1780 have to do with the present? Caution do NOT pray it unless you are prepared to allow God to reach right down into your mess and put you where HE wants you to be!

26-01-2014. John the Baptist (Prams, Disneyland, locusts and us)

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Peter initially showed us a lot of pictures of prams and urged us to hang in there. Pete’s premise was that Disneyland prepares the way for families to come in. John the Baptist thoroughly prepared the way for Jesus and we also need to prepare our hearts for Jesus to come in.

What made John the Baptist GREAT... He was obedient and was filled with the Spirit from his mother’s womb and he was controlled by the Holy Spirit. His food and clothes were only what was necessary. He was humble.. Lord I have need to be baptised by you. He is greater than I. He must become greater, I must become less.

John lived out his call to be about his Father's business.

Phil 2 says Let this mind be in you...taking the form of a bond servant.. Humbling himself...

19-01-2014. God dwells in unapproachable light (How can we draw near?)

3.95 Mb 23:02

Phil outlined the Scriptures showing that there is going to be a meeting between us and God. It will take place either before we die, when Jesus comes back in Great Glory or when we die. Either way there will be no place to hide from the light of His gaze. All things are open and laid bare before the one to whom we have to render an account. If it was unsafe for the men of Chernobyl to go near the exposed reactor core and given the impossibility for us to survive skimming across the surface of the sun then it will be much more unsafe to stand in the presence of the Living God if we are not perfectly protected.

12-01-2014. Jesus is THE Great I AM, the LIGHT of the World

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John outlined the Scriptures showing that Jesus was not only the light of the Jews but is the LIGHT of the WORLD... and He is the ONLY WAY. Only the Spirit of God can open the Word to us. We all crave light We no longer need to live in darkness. Leading, direction, purpose, freedom from fear, delivered from prince of darkness, forgiven and cleansed from our dark deeds, he is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path. Jesus is the greatest Evangelist but did not get 100% result because some

people wanted to kill him, others ignored him or sneered at Him.. BUT the TRUTH remains, whatever our individual response.

05-01-2014. *Sharing Service (Theme was "All the Nations)*

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Owen shared about boat people, Paul shared about refugees, John talked about work in the Philippines, Phil talked about Cat and Dog Theology, Jannah testified about the benefits of the Kairos course and Kathleen then talked about the ethos of Kairos- that we are a blessing to the Nations and that now the Nations are coming to us

29-12-2013. *Light and Dark (The one who loves truth comes into the light)*

5.09 Mb 29:41

Light: Gen 1:5, John 1:5 and 1 John 1:5

Helicopters and tomato sauce: Hebrews 4:13; Rev 6:15-17

A quick look at our hearts: John 3:16-21

Slaves ("Ya gotta serve somebody")

1Peter 1:2; 2 Peter 1:1; Romans 6:16-23

Ephesians 6:1-8; Hebrews 12:6-11

A) What did I do right this year

B) What could I have done better

C) What did I do wrong

Phil asked an awkward question John 4:23-24 (Have I been filled with The Holy Spirit?)

19-05-2013. *Seriously (We all need help)*

Peter shared that we all need external help. The task of living can present far too many complex problems for an individual to solve on their own. Peter asks the question "Are we "hit and miss" Christians?" Peter looked at the amazing life of John Wesley. We saw a couple of videos (excluded from this audio message) showing the power of steam and applying that to a believer's need to get warmed up by spending time with God and other believers. We also saw the problem faced by the crew of Apollo 13 when the air purifier failed. The problem needed a big team working on Earth racing against a very limited clock using only the materials found on the spacecraft. Without the massive external problem solving help provided by NASA, the astronauts could not have made it home. The polluted air was affecting their ability to help themselves. In the same way, we humans have massive external help available if we would only ask Jesus for help (and if we would also follow His instructions!). We listened to the song "Ancient Words" by Robin Marks. *Ancient words that will guide us home.*

12-05-2013. *Mothers Day (Wonderful mother-in-law Naomi)*

John looks at the life of Naomi. Naomi was a good mother-in-law to Ruth. Normally we focus on Ruth when we read the Book of Ruth but we see that Ruth was outside of Israel until Naomi reached out to her daughter-in-law. Ruth became part of the genealogy of Jesus (which is a fascinating subject on its own) and John delves into the life of this wonderful Mother-in-law who demonstrated the ABCs of being a good 'relater'. Acceptance, belief and concern. We all need acceptance, we all need someone who believes in us and we all need someone who is concerned for our welfare. In this message about a great model of motherhood we also learn about the character of Jesus, our loving Saviour.

05-05-2013. Blessed to be a Blessing Part 2 the Spiritual Temple

What is in the "outer court" of our own personal Spiritual Temple? The Holy Spirit lives within believers. The outer court of our personal spiritual temple is supposed to be used for the blessing of the Nations. However, it is a sad statistic that the average Christian spends nearly all of their income on themselves. The contents of the average Christian Bookshop is filled with DVDs, Books, CDs, Bibles for the blessing of believers. Worldwide giving to Missions is a staggering thirty billion dollars each year. However income for Christians world-wide is thirty trillion dollars (this means that 99.9% of income is spent on ourselves and only 0.1% is spent on blessing the unreached). Even sadder is that the amount of money embezzled, **each year**, by "Christians" in Christian organisations is about the same amount as is spent on Missions. What changes would Jesus make in our priorities if we let Him? We listened to "Just another Birthday" by Casting Crowns as an example of the change that Jesus can make in a broken life when we let Him in. <https://castingcrowns.com//updates/just-another-birthday-official-music-video-1388>

28-04-2013. Sharing Service

This is a heavily edited extract for privacy reasons. Dolores and Phil marvelled at the durability of natural bone versus steel. Owen gave a great message from Haggai, Kathleen rejoiced over God's lavish love. We also prayed for a recently baptised relative and Jannah shared the good news about a revival taking place at Ningamyar community headed up by the Stokes family.

21-04-2013. Blessed to be a Blessing Part 1 the Physical Temple

Phil acknowledged his indebtedness to the Kairos Course (Highly recommended course about the centrality of Missions, link for more info is <http://www.kairoscourse.org/about-kairos>). We looked at the Old Testament picture of the Temple and the Abrahamic Covenant. Phil then concentrated on one tiny part of the Physical Temple:- The Outer Court of the Gentiles. He looked at why Jesus got angry with the buyers and sellers in the Temple. Phil explained about the "US" and the "THEM" camp and showed that the Scriptures call on the "US" camp to bless the "THEM" camp. The relevance of the physical court of the Gentiles to the Spiritual Temple and the relevance of it to us today will have to wait a fortnight for the second instalment.

14-04-2013. Appointment of Pastoral Leadership Team

John explained the reason for appointing the pastoral leadership team and the gravity of the commitment made between the team and the congregation to support one another. John also

gave a message of encouragement to rise to the challenge. The elders shared their ministry passions and hopes for the future of this congregation.

07-04-2013. Flavour Series: Jesus as Coming King

John expounded the Scriptural basis for expecting the second coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are closer than at any other time in History to the second coming of Jesus. How then should we live? As John said at the end of his message... *“So what!?”* There will be a second part of this message soon on the application of this scriptural truth to how we are to live while we are waiting.

31-03-2013. Easter Sunday: Living Saviour. Not Churchianity but real relationship

John gave us words from a resurrected Saviour. “Fear not!”, “Touch Me!”, “Follow Me”, “Go into all the world!” There are no bones or ashes of Jesus in a grave somewhere because He is still using them! The disciples went from running scared after the crucifixion to preaching boldly when they saw their risen Lord and were filled with His Spirit.

29-03-2013. Good Friday: Precious insights from a teacher who is listening to God

Peter gave us a humorous but challenging insight on how God considers our choices from the point of view of a teacher on playground duty. Small problems can become a matter of life and death for the little kid. The problem gets blown out of all proportion and prevents the child from enjoying his play time.

Peter then looked at the Scriptures concerning the cleansing of the Temple where Jesus was anything but a mild mannered wus. What made Jesus so angry? Is there anything for us to learn from His outburst today? Jesus went to the cross so that we could be set free from sin and become focussed on the real purpose of life. We are a Temple of the Holy Spirit (*Is there any part of that inward Temple that needs the cleansing work of Jesus?*)

24-03-2013. Flavour Series: Jesus our Healer

What is in a Name? God reveals Himself by using the Name “The Lord is our Healer”. This name occurs some sixty times in the Old Testament. Healing is found at the Cross of Jesus. “By His wounds we are healed” Isaiah 53:3-6, Matthew 8:4-5, 1 Peter 2:24. Healing was practiced by early Church Acts 3:1-10, Acts 4:4, Acts 5:12-14 and James 5:14-15.

What about medicine? Luke was a doctor and was called the beloved physician (not the guy who used to be a physician). Paul and Silas had their wounds bathed. It is OK to go to a doctor without sidelining the work of Jesus.

What about today? There have been abuses of the healing ministry in the Church today and that has put a lot of people off from seeking the real healing which Jesus offers. John went on to describe the healing ministry of Jesus today.

17-03-2013. Flavour Series: Jesus our Sanctifier.

The Temple of the Old Testament was a shadow of the real thing. Jesus is the Bread of Life, The Light of the World and He is our cleansing laver. The washing that Jesus offers sets us

apart. Scripture is jam packed full of the HOLINESS of God. We are to be set apart FROM and set apart TO. We are to be in the world but not of it. Not half set apart but we need to come into a full relationship with God....*but how?*

It all starts with the Cross. The beginning is salvation. John gave a quick run through of Scripture showing the stepping out of and stepping into (Death/Life, Dark/Light, Lost/Found, Old Life/New/Life).

John went on to discuss how we are to continue this in this walk of faith. We know that we are not perfect. We are saints (*set apart*) who sometimes sin, which is why we need to be washed on a continuing basis. The bottom of the washing laver was highly polished so that the priests could see their reflection as they washed their hands. They were reminded that they were frail human beings going into the presence of a Holy God. We are reminded that the Word of God is a mirror. We need to step out in Faith into the presence of God knowing that, because of His washing, we are holy, we are being made holy and that we will become holy.

Theme 10-03-2013. [Sharing Service God's remarkable provision.](#)

Theme was that God can be trusted even when the way looks very dark or uncertain. Jill talked about the World Day of Prayer and a devotional from Andrew Murray on the "Harvest Field". John discussed an amazing opportunity to support "Bright Lights" in Manila. Jannah talked about a Ravi Zacharias devotional on Intercessory Prayer and a set of sermons by John Piper on "The Holy Spirit". Kathleen and Phil looked at the effects of intercessory prayer offered by this Church. Patrick reminded us to focus our prayers outward instead of being focussed on our own needs. Peter reminded us of the painting in the Sistine Chapel (*where both God and Adam are reaching out to each other*) and challenged us to draw near to God in prayer as we look at choosing a new leader for our little family

03-03-2013 [Jesus is the All-Powerful Saviour](#)

What sort of a Church is the CMA anyway? My family thought that I had joined a cult group! The CMA is not very well known in Australia with a very small group of 5500 members. However it is a very large group worldwide who want to follow Jesus

Salvation is not based on religious behaviour but on the work of Jesus. He is an Exclusive Saviour! Many will argue that we are being narrow minded but that is not our word it is His Word. We cannot start with fallen-ness and end up with perfection but we can reach out and touch the One Who says "*I am willing.. Be Healed*"

Jesus takes us out of the muck, cleans us up and places us on a solid foundation. We are saved from ourselves. I don't need anyone to trip me up. I am my own worst enemy... True.. Jesus is God. Satan is a fallen created being. They are not enemies of equal strength. There is absolutely no comparison despite Satan's posturing.

As believers we have been transformed, we are transformed, we will be transformed. It won't happen immediately but it will happen. Read Ephesians 1 when you feel down.

10-02-2013. [Sharing Service.](#)

Theme was being there for one another. Content has been heavily edited to protect privacy. Unusual answers to prayer. We often look at the world upside down. We see a huge problem but see God's influence as being small. In reality we have small problems and a HUGE GOD.

17-02-2013 Twenty Mile walk

20 mile walk seven hundred mile trip Scott and Amundsen

Joshua 1: 1-9; 1405 BC a land to claimed. He successfully claimed the land for a wandering people. As I was with Moses so I will be with you. Be strong and very courageous and obey all I command you and then you will have good success.

Let us not be distracted but be led by Your Spirit. We face a future yet to be written for us individuals and as a collective. We are naturally creative but we are not naturally disciplined

Both Scott and Amundsen set out to succeed. Scott pushed to the margins of their endurance and had no reserves left when there was a nine day whiteout 11 miles away from food.

Joshua turned to God and His counsel. Joshua Ch 6. God came in with His plans and Joshua was listening. The battle was strategic and divinely inspired and very specific plans were sent and received. No one would have come up with the plan that God gave. God is all powerful but His perspective is different and Joshua submitted to the very odd plan of walking around with the band blowing trumpets (it would be a great plan for kids!) Jesus has already given us the victory and Joshua 's fame spread throughout the land

Each of us is called to arise ... individually and collectively we are called to walk consistently no matter what and draw on each other's strength and live by Faith (we do not have the strength to do this in our own strength. God's will for us is not to wander aimlessly in the wilderness. **Jesus Calling**: come to Me with all your weaknesses. Pry your mind away from your problems and remember that I can do more than you can ask or think. Abandon yourself to My will. Find your security in Me.

27-01-2013 – *Sin, repentance and forgiveness (Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation 2 Corinthians 7:10)*

What does sin look like? One of my young grand-daughters is an avid photographer and video maker. She set up a video camera and started doing some investigative journalism with me as her subject. She asked me. "Grandpa, are you a Christian?". I answered yes. She then asked "Do you believe that Jesus has forgiven your sins"? "Yes!" I replied. The next question was a little more searching. She asked, "What sort of things have you done that you had to ask Jesus for forgiveness"?

What sort of things spring to mind? My grand-daughter gaily skipped off to the kitchen to get some snacks, leaving me with a running video camera. Good question eh? We tend to think of bad things that we have done (like a sin list). **We tend to look at sins but Jesus looks at SIN.**

Oswald Chambers Oct 5th *When Our Lord faced men with all the forces of evil in them, men who were clean living and moral and upright, He did not pay any attention to the moral*

degradation of the one or to the moral attainment of the other; He looked at something we do not see, viz., the disposition or our sin nature

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20-01-2013 – Report back from the Thailand short term missions team

The Thailand team had a very mixed trip, visited two orphanages, met nearly all of the Siam Mission Team at a leisurely retreat, talked to students at a Bible College helping them practice English speaking, did some heavy maintenance and sorted out the English section of the College library. It was not all plain sailing as two of the team of eight missed their flight connection after a long stopover in Singapore due to misunderstanding a one hour time difference between Bangkok and Singapore.

Another team in the Philippines planned to visit friends after helping out at Bright Lights School and Children's Garden but they ended up helping out with flood relief instead.

A full report and videos for both trips will be presented at a Missions Night (to be advised later) sometime in March

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13-01-2013 – God Cares (Psalm 102)

John Richardson looks at the vexed subject of a caring God in the midst of a troubled world and troubled people. The Psalmist in Psalm 102 sounds like the cry a person who feels abandoned by God but even in the midst of despair he cries out to God for relief and worships the living God

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06-01-2013 – Passion for Jesus (Faith is meant to grow!!)

John Laughlin examines the central Rock of Faith, Jesus, which stands against changing circumstances, feelings, finances, sickness like a rock in a storm. This rock also stands out when the surroundings are tranquil. How do we handle crises of faith, prayers not answered, attacks on the authority of God's word and so on. We cannot sustain faith by effort or by a disciplined program of reading, prayer or works. These things only come "naturally" when our focus is on Jesus Himself and we have a passion for Jesus (Philippians 3:7-14 describes a man who is passionate for Jesus

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09-12-2012 – Christmas Special (Jesus is ALMIGHTY GOD!!)

John Coman takes us through the Scriptures expounding the nature of Jesus. John reminded us of the time when Jesus said, "before Abraham was, I AM". The Jews knew that Jesus was claiming to be God because they tried to stone Him. There are three promises in Isaiah 9:6->

- 1) Promise of a special (virgin) birth.
 - 2) Promise of God becoming man
 - 3) Promise of Salvation.
- The main reason for Christmas is Easter!!
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02-12-2012 - *Grace Series (Grace in the Song: Song of the Heart)*

Ian discusses the spiritual song in our heart as we connect with God. We get lifted above our circumstances when we begin to realise that there is more than literal words and literal music when we experience God's compassion/love/song somewhere in the tension between a flat tyre and Christmas celebrations. The Devil tries to get our focus on the circumstances and God tries to keep our vision on Him. God is the master instrument player and so let His words resonate as He plays His song in our hearts.
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25-11-2012 - *Grace Series (Grace of Prophecy)*

Ian examines the nature of the prophetic gift today. Some personal prophecies were given at the end of the message but most have been removed from the transcript for personal and technical (poor sound quality) reasons
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18-11-2012 - *Grace Series (Grace of a Miracle)*

Ian expounds tackles an issue which bothers a lot of people. "How can I believe in something that I cannot see or test"?
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11-11-2012 – *Sharing Service (Ian, Dolores, Jill, Debby and Cheryl)*

You had to be there to hear more than this heavily edited summary. Some personal sharing has been shortened or deleted. Smokin' Leviticus, part of the communion service, real treasure is a relationship with Jesus, praise and a prophecy for Bethany
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04-11-2012 - *Grace Series (Growing in Faith)*

Phil tackles an issue which bothers a lot of people. "How can I believe in something that I cannot see or test"? We have a problem when the Bible states that the natural mind of man cannot understand spiritual things. There are also supernatural forces teaching attractively packaged lies. We saw an excerpt from "Homer the Heretic" and unpacked a review by Nathan Rabin expounding the views of that skillful and influential teacher "Homer Simpson". TV is packaged as containing "believable information" while the Bible is caricatured as containing "unbelievable information". Believers are portrayed as weak minded party poopers Phil examines ways to navigate the minefields and go deeper for Truth.

Dads were also encouraged to be there for their families, especially for daughters. Well worth a watch, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Tu6NQ4L01w&feature=player_embedded (referred to this YouTube clip from the official Casting Crownsweb site on <https://castingcrowns.com//updates/just-another-birthday-official-music-video-1388>
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