



Press on till the end

One of my favourite Chapters in the Bible is 2 Corinthians 4. I love it because it captures the heart for reaching out, it captures the struggles of the faith, and it captures the reason we press on. Can I encourage you to read it later for encouragement but what I would love to do here is write a similar encouragement from my point of view, and with a reminder of what we have been looking at the last few weeks in Church.

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ, it is so remarkable that we can address each other that way. Not just friends but a body, a family held together by Christ. It never ceases to amaze me that God would choose a motley crew like us to call his spotless bride and to reveal such a beautiful gospel. What have we done to deserve God opening our eyes to His truth? Nothing. We are so undeserving. Yet in His divine love God has shone light into our dark lives and revealed Himself through the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures.

Sometimes it feels like it is too much of an honour for someone like me. Sometimes I just can't understand why others haven't grasped this fundamental truth of life. But I'm reminded that satan is a deceiver and has captured and tormented God's good creation. Yet God's word is there for all, and is a ready open door to freedom for anyone who calls on the Lord in repentance. All must die because of the separation from God, but to those who have Christ dwelling within, resurrection stands waiting, new life is our future. I've heard it once said if you truly grasp what a gift God has given you wouldn't stop telling others, and if you are quiet on such a wonderful reward, you must truly hate everyone you fail to tell. We've been commanded to tell everyone go and make disciples of all nations. For this is the purpose of Christ saving us, that we might bring honour and glory to Him. His glory is His death and resurrection, for through that death and resurrection He calls people to life. His glory is displayed through this simple good news. So, as His people we show forth this truth as plain as we can and to anyone we can. We do this for His glory and honour until the day He returns.

Therefore remember, you are special. You are one of God's elect. Do not lose heart, yes I know it is hard, this body is weak and the hours are few. But do this, fix your eyes on Christ, fill up on His light, so that you may overflow with His presence as a testimony of Him to all people. For the rewards of heaven are infinite and the trials of this life are short. God's glory is apparent, and His hope is sure. Press on till the end hold firm to the faith and share it without restraint.

God Bless you in this calling
For His Glory alone
James Barnes

We acknowledge the
traditional custodians
of this land, the
Wiradjuri people.

On this land they taught their children their beliefs, knowledge and culture and we pay our respect to them as we seek to do the same for our children. As we gather on these ancestral lands, we also acknowledge our God and heavenly Father who made the heavens and the earth, and to whom we are responsible for the current stewardship of this land that has been entrusted to us.

Prayer Points

Sunday, Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Monday, for our community, friends, families and church family. For those who are alone, feel unloved, are unemployed, homeless or in any kind of need.

Tuesday, for a spirit of compassion within us all, so that those who gain much may share more generously and that each person is seen as precious in Your sight.

Wednesday, for our world – for all its people and countries – for those living in oppressed or war-torn conditions. Praying for the people of Gaza and Israel, Ukraine and Russia, Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan and so many more countries.

Thursday, For our Christmas Services, may they point people to the true gifts of Christmas, love hope, joy & peace.

Friday, for the Women's Evet this week, may it be a time of fellowship & joy. May those who attend understand the true message of Christmas.

Saturday, For those who find the lead up to Christmas a time of stress or sadness, may they find comfort in you.

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Notices

Christmas Wreaths

Women's Event

December 7th

6:30 pm

Tickets available after each service

All Welcome

Hi, Parish women who are coming to the Christmas Wreath-making event, to keep our ticket price low, could you please bring a plate of Christmas fare finger-food, please Gluten & Dairy free are particularly welcome, fruit and cheese as well. Please also bring secateurs. Thank you very much

TOYS AND TUCKER

Baskets are rear of church for donations of perishable food items, toys or small gift items for adults. Our pick up has been delayed so there is still time to get items and drop them off at Church Office, Everything will be collected after Sunday Dec 3rd.

Men's breakfast

Portland Church hall

8am Saturday 9th dec.

breakfast and a chat about the theme Men's health.

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