

Thought for the Week

ONE STEP AT A TIME

Do you ever wish God would show you what your life was going to look like in the future? Perhaps you've wondered what job you might do, where you will live, whether you will win the grand final or who you will marry? They're all big questions. But will we find the answers in the Bible? Let's have a look at Psalm 119, which is the longest single chapter in the Bible with 176 verses. This Psalm (which is essentially a poem) contains a very famous verse, which you may have heard before. **"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."** (verse 105) As you read those words, it would be easy to think there it is! God has promised to show me the path of my life! And you would be right. He has promised to show you the path of your life – but not as you might think.

The author of this epic poem is unknown, but most scholars agree that it was written either by either David, Ezra or Daniel. Each of these potential authors suffered serious difficulties in their lives and knew exactly what it was like to try and navigate their way through tough and uncertain times. And the way that they got through those dark times was by relying on the light that came from God's Word. Now, we need to remember that in those days they didn't have Maglite torches that could project light far into the distance and light up everything around them. The light they had was a lamp that had a little wick and a little oil that cast a little glow of light. The light was sufficient to see a couple of steps ahead, but not much farther than that. It didn't illuminate the whole path that lay ahead, but it did show you where to safely place your feet for each step.

The same is true of God's Word in our life. You and I sometimes feel like we're being kept in the dark on the plan for our lives. We want to see the whole thing lit up in bright lights so we can be always certain of what lies ahead. But God says to us, **"Trust me for the big picture and use my word to guide your steps as you go along."** Just as God promises food and clothing for today but not tomorrow, he also provides wisdom and guidance for the next step, not the ones that come far later. Do you see how this makes a big difference about how we think about the future? The Bible is not a crystal ball. You can't look into it and see exactly how your life is going to turn out. Why has God organised it this way? Because our desire to know the future is all about trying to control our own lives. By only showing us a little bit at a time, we learn to trust God and not ourselves. God's Word is a lamp that never goes out and which you can always trust. Let it guide your steps as you walk towards the future that He has prepared for you.

God bless, Pastor John

Order of Service

VIDEO
"Thank you God"

WELCOME
Pastor Harrison

SONG
"A thousand Hallelujahs"

VIDEO
"2023 Hotshotz Soccer Camp"

Q & A
Parents and Players

PRAYER
Pastor Harrison

BIBLE READING
John 9:1-11, John 8:12 (Sue Wust)

MESSAGE
Pastor John

SONG
"Turn your eyes upon Jesus"

SONG
"O Praise the Name"

Morning Tea will be served in the hall (hot and cold drinks available)

Inflatables (jumping castle, giant slide and soccer darts)
operating from 10:15am to 12pm.

Kids vs adults soccer game from 11am to 12pm out on the oval.



WALKING SOCCER 5pm Mondays \$5

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PRIMARY AGED YOUTH GROUP

4pm –5:30pm Fridays (school term)

\$3 Afternoon tea provided

HIGH SCHOOLAGED YOUTH GROUP

4pm-5:30pm Thursdays (school term)

Afternoon tea provided \$3



PLAYGROUP

9:30am—11:30am

"Play, learn and grow... together." Tuesdays and Fridays (school term) \$5

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"Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." (John 8:12)