

Thought for the Week

One of the best examples of an unshakeable faith is a young teenage girl named Mary. She was engaged to a great young man and their wedding plans were going well. Then suddenly her happily ever after dreams were interrupted by an angel with some history changing, earth shaking news. "Don't be afraid Mary, for you have found favour with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son and you will name him Jesus." (Luke 1:30-31) An understandable reaction to this news would have been, "What? Pregnant? I'm not married yet! There's no way!" While Mary had questions about the possibility of her becoming pregnant, given that she was a virgin, she doesn't become overwhelmed with anxiety, fear or doubt. Her response isn't, "This will be the end of me! What will everyone say about me?" Her ultimate reaction is grounded in her unshakeable faith in God. "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true" (Luke 1:38). Mary responded with such assurance because her confidence was founded on her relationship with God and on his unshakeable word. It was not built on something, like her reputation which was outside her control and at the mercy of ever-changing social standards and personal opinions. It was not built on someone, like Joseph, who would most probably leave her when he found out about the pregnancy. It was not built on some place like having a dream home, because she could be rejected by everyone and thrown out on the streets. Does that mean Mary fully understood everything God was doing? Unlikely. Would others judge her? I am sure they did. But Mary did not allow people's opinions to prevent her from embracing God's calling, even if she didn't completely understand it. The lack of details didn't dent her confidence in God's plans for her life nor minimise her trust in God to take care of her.

I am sure that there have been times when all of us have based our confidence and joy on how others think of us. A spouse's affection, a coach's affirmation, a friend's approval or the recognition from others. We can also base it on our 'performance' as a parent, worker or follower of Jesus. We can also base it on what we own and what we dream of having. But like Mary, we need to learn that the unshakable confidence we yearn for is not built on someone, something or someplace, but on God alone. As we face inevitable uncertainties in life, in our relationships, in our futures, we must remind ourselves to put our confidence and hope in our Him. All that he has said and promised will come true and that means we can have unshakeable assurance in the midst of our struggles, storms, battles and trials. We can be confident, because in the end, God wins! And that means we win as well.

God bless, Pastor John.

Prayer Points

- Pray for all the fathers and grandfathers in our church family. May they always strive to rely on your truth, wisdom and strength. May they reflect your love, mercy in grace as they lead their families.
- Pray for our state and territory leaders to be surrounded by wise advisers whose hearts are open to God's truth.
- Pray for Elaine (shingles and sore shoulder) and Gary (bad back)
- For Daphne and Brian as they struggle to journey through his prolonged deterioration of health.

What's on?

MONDAY

5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

9AM Quilters

FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

4PM Kids Ignite & Youth



If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact Pastor John 0408 402 476

BIRTHDAYS:

ROMAN'S BAPTISM

A big welcome to Roman and his family on this very special day. We are so blessed and excited to see Roman declare his faith in Christ as his Lord and Saviour and to celebrate his baptism today. Roman will share his testimony during our service this morning and then afterwards (about 11am) we will head down to the beach at Victory Park (on Lorikeet Drive) in Peregian Beach for the baptism. "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)

FATHER'S DAY

A big welcome to all the dads, granddads and great granddads on this special day of the year. May you be appreciated, applauded and encouraged in all that you do for your family. We also pray that you will know God's blessing, strength and wisdom as you continue to lead, guide, love and nurture your family. Please join us for a special morning tea after the service.

COMING UP IN OCTOBER

During the month of October we will be hearing from Colin Lituri who will be preaching on the topic of heaven. Then at the end of the month we will be having a representative from Creation Ministries International come to share with us

ALPHA WEEK 2

We had an amazing start to our Alpha Course last Sunday evening. This Sunday we are continuing our journey of discovery by looking at "Who Is Jesus?" Please in prayer for the team and their four guests as they share a meal, enjoy fellowship and learn more about our Lord and Saviour.

WELCOMER'S MEETING

We are looking to get together with all our Sunday morning greeters just to share some ideas, clarify expectations and to say thanks. This meeting has been postponed until after the service on Sunday 17th September.

Notes

"A better Mountain"(Hebrews 12:12-29)

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"To know Christ and make Him known"



"No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering" (Heb 12:22)

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9AM Pastor Harrison

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(Hebrews 12:12-29)