

## "The Game Plan" (Psalm 62)

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'To know Christ and make Him known'



"God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken." (Psalm 62:6)

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9AM Pastor Harrison

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## Thought for the Week

### SAFE AND SOUND IN OUR MIGHTY FORTRESS

People were seldom, if ever, frightened inside the Murud-Janjira fortress off the coast of India. It was built to provide protection from pirates and was rated as one of the most impenetrable forts in the old world. It's surrounded by water, has 12 metres high walls and only has one entrance for its 572 cannons to protect. Over the centuries, it has been besieged by the British, the Portuguese, and various Arabic nations, but none of them were able to conquer it. In an uncertain and threatening world, it was a place of total safety for all who took refuge inside its walls. As David was experiencing a season of desperation he composed Psalm 62 and in that song he talks about an even better, more eternal place of safety and refuge. "I wait quietly before God, for my victory comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken." (vs1-2) David had many troubling experiences during his lifetime. He lived for years as a fugitive, was engaged in many battles with his enemies and often had the threat of death looming over him. In the face of such adversity, David would understandably feel vulnerable and overwhelmed. In these circumstances it would be normal to panic, but instead of doing that, David preaches to his troubled and fragile heart. In this song he affirms that power and wealth (vs 9-10) are not a lasting source of comfort and security. He also reminds himself, and us, that it is only in God and His promises that we will find a refuge and a fortress where we may flee when we feel weak, vulnerable and fragile. Promises such as "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5), "My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19), "Do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or drink,... about your body, what you will put on... But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matthew 6:25, 33) and hundreds more. In our desperate season, when something or someone is threatening our hope, and we feel on the verge of collapse, we must turn from looking at the threat and instead look to the source of our hope. It is in these times of desperation that we really learn what it means to pray and to trust God. Few things move you to pour out your heart to God in earnest prayer than when everything seems chaotic, and you wonder if you're going to make it. Most people don't run into a fortress unless they're faced with real danger coming their way. So, if you are feeling threatened today, or whenever those times of desperation come again, preach to your troubled heart about the guaranteed refuge and victory we can have with God our mighty fortress.

God bless, Pastor John.

## Prayer Points

- Judith Howland (Steve) as they await the delicate operation to remove her cancer.
- Monday morning breakfast – give thanks for our dedicated volunteers and pray for stronger connections with all who attend.
- Ministries starting up this week – Playgroup, Kid's Ignite and Youth.
- Thanks that Abby has purchased a car to help them minister in Ecuador.
- Trisha F as she takes on leadership of the HOHI tour this year and for HOHI projects (orphans, widows and rescues).
- That God will convict those who are lost in their sin, of His coming judgment and of their need for a Saviour.

## 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: Today Patricia Walker, 29th Kya Thorne, 30th Rod Acreman & Gay Fitzpatrick

### BAPTISMS NEXT SUNDAY

We are celebrating next Sunday with three baptisms happening in church in our new "pool". Please be in prayer for Carin, Jenny and Dawn as they look forward to this amazing day. Please note that because of our baptisms we will be postponing our monthly celebration of communion until the following Sunday 11th February.

### MENTORING/DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

Would you like to learn how to mentor other people in their Christian walk? What about discipling new believers? Colin Lituri will be leading some classes over three **Sunday nights: 4th, 11th, 18th February at CBBC from 7.00-8.00 pm.** Please put your name on the list in the gallery if you are keen to attend.

### WALKING SOCCER MANAGER

We are looking for someone to connect with the Walking Soccer players on Monday afternoons. This will entail collecting the money from players, helping to set up (but they do most of it) and liaising with them regarding wet weather and equipment. There will be a cash 'gift' of \$30 per week. If you are interested please see Pastor John for more information.

### SOCCER SUBSIDIES FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES

Each year we have a number of families who receive Fair Play vouchers from the government to help subsidise their registration fees. Unfortunately this subsidy does not cover the full amount of registration and as a Club we look to meet that shortfall so that they don't have to pay fees at all. If you are willing to donate towards helping the Club meet those costs, then please see Chris Hampton.

### CREATION, SIN AND THE NATURE OF GOD

Next Sunday will also be our first message in the 10 week series on Genesis 1-11. The study books will be available for Home Group leaders on Wednesday this week. The books for everyone else will be available next Sunday 4th.