

"The Sons Of Noah (Blessing and Curse)" (Genesis 9:18-29)

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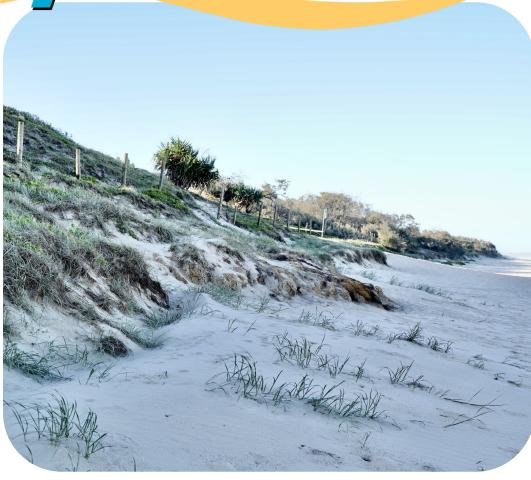
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'To know Christ and make Him known'



"Blessed be the LORD, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant." (Genesis 9:26)

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9AM

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Thought for the Week

# OVERCOMING INADEQUACY

Moses said to the Lord, "Pardon your servant, Lord. I have never been eloquent. . . . I am slow of speech and tongue." —Exodus 4:10

When John first approached me to consider the role of a contact point for the church until a new pastor is found, I felt totally inadequate. I thought that there are more experienced and more eloquent people who could do the task.

In our life of faith, there are times when God calls us to tasks that can seem beyond our abilities. Like Moses, we might think we lack the skills or eloquence to do what God has asked. Doubts and insecurities can grip our hearts, causing us to question whether we can truly serve God's purpose. When God called Moses to go before Pharaoh and lead the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses hesitated. He felt that he could not communicate the message well. He may even have had a speech impediment. The years of training and education in Pharaoh's house should have equipped him for the task but he still felt inadequate. But God said, "Who gave human beings their mouths?" In other words, God is the one who equips and empowers the ones he calls. So, he assured Moses that he would be with him, guiding his words and actions. Just as God did not overlook Moses' concerns, he also sees our doubts and knows our limitations. But God chooses us, imperfect as we are, to accomplish his plans. And it is in our moments of weakness that God's strength shines through. He delights in using us to accomplish extraordinary feats for his glory. When we feel inadequate, let's remember that our sufficiency comes from God alone. God has brought us all on a journey, given us experiences and has brought us through situations that have challenged us. He has spent your whole life preparing you to where you are right now in life and what you are going to face in the future. He provides the necessary resources, wisdom, and strength to carry out his purposes. We can trust that God will equip us with exactly what we need, and he will never leave us to face our challenges alone. God chooses us despite our weaknesses. He strengthens us to step out in faith and to serve Him as He calls us to do His will. So be encouraged, trust God to overcome our inadequacies.

God Bless, Greg Blunden

Prayer Points

• We need to continue to pray for guidance for John and Shauna as they head up their new ministry in Biloela.

- We need to pray for the Pastoral Search Committee as we advertise for a new Senior Pastor.
- Please pray for our ministry leaders as they recommence our ministries after the school holidays.

What's on?

MONDAY 5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY 9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY
9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY
9AM Quilters

FRIDAY 8am Good Friday Service



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

BIRTHDAYS: 17th Jess Gallagher, 19th Marthie Robinson

## SOS AT MINI GOLF

LAST CHANCE TO LET ANNELI KNOW IF YOU ARE GOING TO MINI GOLF next Thursday. Please let Anneli know today & pay \$15 cost.

# PASTOR HARRISON AWAY

Pastor Harrison, Jess and the boys are up in Ayr for Harrison's brothers wedding, arriving back this afternoon.

#### SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING

There is s special members meeting to be held after the service on Sunday 28th April, so please keep that date clear so you can attend to hear what exciting things are going on!

## **GALLAGHER BABY SHOWER**

To welcome the newest little member of the Gallagher family, and their first girl, Jess is having a baby shower on Saturday 18th May. All the ladies are invited so keep an eye out for more details soon.

