

"Listening and Doing" (James 1:19-27)

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'To know Christ and make Him known'



"But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it" (James 1:25)

9AM

9AM John Curtis

October

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Thought for the Week

HANDICAPS AS ASSETS

Dan Chun is the pastor of a Presbyterian church in Honolulu.

He tells the story of a teenager who had lost his left arm in a horrendous car accident. The boy was extremely depressed. One day, the boy told his father that he would like to take judo lessons because it was possible to do judo with just one arm. The father, eager to do anything that might cheer up his son, quickly he agreed and secured a sensei to instruct his son.

The young man went for lessons three times a week, and while he learned some basic judo movements, most of the time was concentrated on learning just one move. Time and time again, the training sessions focused on this one specific move that the judo teacher insisted that the boy learn perfectly. After a couple months, the judo teacher announced to this young man that he was going to be entered into a tournament. The teenager responded with surprise. "Sensei," he exclaimed, "I've only been taking judo for a couple months. I only know one move very well, and I only have one arm. I don't think I'm ready for a tournament." But the Sensei insisted.

The day of the tournament came and to the young man's surprise, he made his way through the first round and then the second and the third round. He couldn't believe his success. What ultimately surprised him was that he made his way to the finals. Confronting the champion of the state, he was sure he was going to be destroyed, but to his amazement, he not only survived but also was victorious. On the drive home, the young man turned to his Sensei and said, "I don't understand this, Sensei. I have been taking judo lessons for only a couple months. I only really know one move and I only have one arm. My left arm is gone and yet I just beat the state champion. I just won't the tournament. Sensei how is this possible?"

The Sensei responded with great dignity, "you have won for two reasons. First, the one move that you do know well is the most effective move in all of judo. The second reason why you won is because the only defence against that move is to grab your opponents left arm!" Jesus makes it clear that in our weaknesses, He finds strength. In short, what we consider to be liabilities and shortcomings, can be turned into assets when we are yielded to the service of Christ. James would agree with that totally!

Prayer Points

- Pray for Brian as he was admitted to hospital earlier this week with sepsis. He has taken well to the medication, but pray for him as he continues to recover
- Continue to pray for our pastoral search committee as we review the candidates who apply for the pastoral position
- Pray that we would not only be hearers of God's Word, but doers. That we would trust and obey, walking in humble dependence upon God and His Word

What's on?

MONDAY

5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

9AM Quilters/Craft

FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

4PM Kids Ignite

& Youth



If you would like to know more about our Home Groups, contact Beth Pfeffer 0449 584 284

BIRTHDAYS: Today Karen Chalmers, 24th Tim Rushbrook



"THE GREATEST GOOD THAT GOD INTENDS FOR HIS PEOPLE, HE MANY TIMES WORKS OUT OF THE GREATEST EVIL."

(THE RARE JEWEL OF CHRISTIAN CONTENTMENT)

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UPCOMING AGM

Just a reminder our AGM is on Sunday 1st December. An email has gone out with the Nomination information. Nomination forms are now available in the foyer. Please see Nikki after the service if you are not on our emailing list and would like a hard copy of the Nomination information.

MEN'S MINISTRY

With storm season upon us, are you prepared for what it could bring? Why not join us to our trip to the SES Coolum shed, after a hearty breakfast in the church hall on 2nd November.

After breakfast we will head down to the shed, where we will have a guided tour of the emergency services unit and all the gear they utilise for rescue work and supporting our community in disasters. If you would like more information please see Richard

DATE CLAIMER

We have a pizza and movie night coming up on the 9th of November for a time of fellowship, so if you are interested please make sure you lock that one in your calendars.

CARE OUTREACH & CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We are looking for donations that will go out with Care Outreach, we are running this during the month of October. There will be a table in the gallery. More information is on the brochure or please talk to Pam Scales.