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9AM Pastor Bill Forgeard

"The King who meets our greatest need" Mark 2:1-12

Thought for the Week

AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE SINS

I love this miracle, and I love the Miracle Man. This is not a tender miracle, as the last one was: "He stretched out his hand and touched" (1:41) the incredibly unclean leper. This is an audacious show of authority. He calls himself the Son of Man." He speaks of his authority to forgive sins. He gives the paralytic three direct commands ("I say to you"): "Rise, pick up your bed, and go home." Does he think he is the divine being described in Daniel 7? Yes, he does. Does he think he is God's representative on earth to forgive whoever's sins he wants to forgive? Yes, he does. "Through the Son of Man, God's heavenly forgiveness has now come to earth." Does he think he has resurrection power? (No one in the history of the world has ever seen a paralyzed man stand up and walk away!) Yes, he does. He has resurrection power. He can recreate the heavens and the earth, if he wants to—and one day he will do so.

But this display of authority is not just Jesus' sending out the full fleet of the oceanic creatures to fight for him (Leviathan and the like) or commanding the air forces of angels to swoop down and destroy. It is the ultimate picture of what he has come to do. He has come to forgive sins. And, to God, the forgiveness offered in Jesus is a mighty power. It is a power that says to a paralytic, rise up and walk out.

Doug O'Donnell, Expository Reflections on the Gospels: Mark, page 63

Prayer Points

- ◇ Pray for the pregnant mums in our church, for healthy pregnancies and a safe birth.
- ◇ Pray for the Alpha Course continuing on Wednesday nights (7-8.30pm) with coffee and dessert at the Church. Pray that God would bring the right people to participate.
- ◇ Pray for our Local, State and Federal government leaders, that they would lead wisely and compassionately. *("I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1Tim 2:1-2)*

What's on?



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

MONDAY

5PM Walking Soccer

TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

9AM Quilters/Craft

7PM ALPHA

FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

4PM Kids Ignite
& Youth

Birthdays

5th Len C.
5th Kim B
7th Harrison

SENIORS PLUS CONFERENCE

Bible Teaching Conference on August 19 & 20, Buderim. Pick up a brochure in the foyer, or talk to Brian & Pam Scales for more information.

NEW MARK HOME GROUP BOOKLETS

Pick up a home group study booklet for this term (covering Mark 1-4) from the front desk.

SOCCER CELEBRATION SERVICE

Our Soccer Celebration Service is quickly coming and will be happening on the 17th August. There are a number of jobs which are out on the soccer board in the gallery. Please put your name down for whatever you think you will be able to help with.

SOCCER HOME GAMES

Our next soccer home game is quickly approaching on the 9th August. So if you are available and keen to help out on that, please put your name down on the list out in the foyer.



"IN PRAYER IT IS
BETTER TO HAVE A
HEART WITHOUT WORDS
THAN WORDS WITHOUT
A HEART."

—JOHN BUNYAN