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"Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember?" – Mark 8:18

07  
December

9AM Pastor Bill

'Bill Forgeard  
"Do I Not Yet Understand Jesus?"  
Mark 8:1-21

## Thought for the Week

### LEAVEN

Jesus warned His disciples to watch out for the "leaven" of the Pharisees and of Herod. He saw how both parties were dangerously corrupting God's message. The Pharisees had added so many regulations to God's Law that its original intent had been blocked. Herod, the puppet king hoisted up by the Romans to rule the Jews, was notoriously violent and immoral, and although he hoped to set up a future dynasty of kings, he represented anything but what the true king of the Jews should be.

Even today, Christians must watch out for potential "leaven" in our Gospel proclamation. A preoccupation with minor doctrinal details or biblical intricacies can trap us in a legalistic mindset that leads away from the message of love that stands at the heart of the Bible. Turning the Gospel message in on ourselves conceals God's light under a bowl instead of allowing it to shine from a lampstand.

Others try to make the Gospel more palatable for a modern-day audience by diluting Jesus' message of repentance and faith. In these cases, listeners often become enamored with the messenger instead of the message. The end result is a corrupt church system that parodies what a true community of believers should be.

Jesus warns us against joining either camp. The more we add to Jesus' Gospel message, the more we subtract from its original purpose. The more we dumb down the message to tickle listeners' ears, the greater the impurity grows. Jesus' warning is clear. Watch out for those who are altering God's message and leading others astray.

By Trevin Wax, [www.thegospelcoalition.org](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org)

## Prayer Points

- Pray for Matt and Uli Hosang in Vietnam. Pray for health, safety, travel, and guidance. Thanks for great opportunities, and pray that seeds sown will fall on fertile soil
- Pray for those in our extended church family who are unwell: For Trish F, Lesley G, and Brian Scales as he awaits his eye operation
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel during this Christmas season
- Pray for the teenagers at CBBC. For deepening knowledge and love for Jesus

## 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

## Birthdays

Today Megan Cracknell  
8th Ruth Sinclair & Dave  
Lever  
9th Elliott Thorne  
13th Jo Aldag



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

### AGM REMINDER

Just a reminder that our AGM will be on today after church, so please stick around for that

### CAROLS THIS AFTERNOON—Not too late to invite!

4:30pm Kids Activities  
5:30pm Sausage Sizzle  
6:30pm Carols

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We will be holding a church service to celebrate the birth of Jesus at 6pm on Christmas Eve. Who can you invite to join you for church at Christmas?

### LOST PROPERTY TABLE

There are LOTS of items in the hall that have been left at the church over the past months that have not been claimed. Please take a look and help yourself if you'd like to. We will be taking what is left and donating it to Care Outreach.

### 2026 MEN'S CONFERENCE EARLY BIRD BOOKING AVAILABLE

On Saturday 14 March 2026 the CBBC men will be attending The Men's Conference in Brisbane! We will be organising carpooling on the day, and Early Bird tickets are available now online. You can get more info and buy tickets now at <https://www.mens-conference.com/>. Select the group booking option to get a cheaper price. Talk to Richard Van Eck for more info, and if you need help booking tickets.

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