

# Thought for the Week

I was once teaching Genesis 22 to teenagers, sketching the picture layer by layer: "Isaac is the only beloved son, the hope of the world, the source of all blessing. He's trudging up the hill with wood on his back (Gen. 22:6); remind you of anything? It's a hill near Jerusalem; ring any bells?" Suddenly, it was as if someone electrocuted a girl in the front row. In a good way. She started thumping her friend next to her—really thumping her—with the kind of violence born of pure joy: "Oh my gosh, oh my gosh, oh my gosh. It's Jesus! It's Jesus! It's totally Jesus!"

That, essentially, is why the Bible was written. It was written to make us say, "It's Jesus, it's Jesus, it's totally Jesus!" When we read the Scriptures like this, they start to make sense. Instead of Genesis 22 being an insurmountable barrier to faith, with Jesus at the center it becomes an incredible boost to faith. Remember that Genesis 22 records an event two millennia before Christ was crucified. But from the beginning, the Bible has always been testifying to history's central event.

God didn't ask Abraham to go through with the sacrifice. But one dark Friday, God would provide. The beloved Son of the Father would walk willingly up that hill, carrying the wood on his back. And there he would be slain to save and bless the world.

If we attempt to read the Bible primarily as a rulebook, it crumbles between our fingers. With such a mindset, Genesis 22 is a scandal and a barrier to faith. Yet when Scripture is read as intended, we see it as a testimony to Christ. Suddenly we realize that all the Bible, and all believers in every age, are fixed on the one truth that towers above all others: "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

By Glen Scrivener, from TheGospelCoalition.org

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## What's on?

### TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

### WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

### THURSDAY

9AM Quilters/Craft

### FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

## BIRTHDAYS

Jun 16<sup>th</sup> John C  
Jun 16<sup>th</sup> Michael W  
Jun 18<sup>th</sup> Judy M  
Jun 20<sup>th</sup> Maree Mc



## SOS Outing

Next SOS outing ("Seniors Outing Somewhere") will be on Thursday June 25 for Mini Golf at Maroochy Golf Club, followed by a Sausage Sizzle at Muller Park Reserve (both on David Low Way). Please put your name on the list in the foyer if interested. See Anneli for further details.

## Soccer Home Games

Can you come along to the church oval on a Saturday morning to help out with a few jobs? Home games are on June 20, July 18, July 25 and August 8. Contact Phil Roberts for more details, or sign up on the notice board in the hallway.

## Care Outreach - Volunteers Needed

Do you have any spare time in your weekly schedule? Care Outreach would be only too happy to help you fill in that time - whether it be a couple of hours or a full day.

- serving customers in the shop (35 Dacmar Rd in Coolum Industrial Estate)

- sorting donated goods in the warehouse

- wrapping gifts for outback families

- and a myriad of other jobs to keep you busy in a friendly and 'work at your own pace' atmosphere.

For more information, talk to Pam Scales or phone Melissa (5471 7636).

## Seniors Plus Conference

Seniors Plus Encore is a two-day event for retirees at the Sunshine Coast, held on the 18-19th of August. This conference features 4 Bible teaching sessions, 3 electives, and 2 encouraging HymnSings. The Bible teaching is by Simon Manchester from Sydney, focussing on the theme, "Deep People in a Shallow World", with studies taken from 2 Corinthians 2:12-7:7. See <https://www.mtcc.org.au/events/> to register, or talk to Pam Scales or Ros Maves to find out more.

## Prayer Points:

- Pray that we will trust God, keep praying, and wait patiently (Genesis 21).
- Pray for those in our extended church family who are unwell or recovering, including Trish F, Arthur & Gloria, Jeff Byrnes, Brian S, John B, and others, including those with winter flus.
- Pray that God would oversee the search process for a new Associate Pastor and provide the right man in the right timing.
- Pray for the soccer club as efforts continue to hand the club over to community leadership for next season, and for the remaining home games this season.
- Pray for safety for all those from CBBC who are away travelling during the winter period.

Notes

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*'To know Christ and make Him known'*



" Abraham answered, 'God himself will provide the lamb for the burn offering, my son.' And the two of them went on together." (Gen 22:8)

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*June*

**9AM** *Pastor Bill*

**The Perfect Sacrifice for Sin**

Genesis 22:1-24