

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Four Ways the Gospel Changes Our Serving (Part 1)

1. From Emotional to Consistent

Often, we serve emotionally. A GoFundMe shows up. A tragedy happens. A big event needs support. We feel moved, so we give, help, respond, or rally around the need. That isn't bad. But sometimes the big gesture feels easier than the daily one. It's easier to buy flowers than to do the dishes every day. We may more readily commit to a Disneyland vacation than to a regular practice of family worship. It's easier to say, "I would die for Jesus," than to say, "I'll mow the lawn every week for Jesus." The Bible calls us to more than bursts of emotional service. Paul says, "Do not grow weary in doing good" ([2 Thess. 3:13](#)). That command assumes a life of repeated, ordinary, tiring good. Jesus gives us the clearest picture when He washes His disciples' feet. He takes the posture of a servant and does something basic, dirty, menial, and lowly. Then He tells His disciples to wash one another's feet too ([John 13:14](#)). True Christian service often looks less like changing the world and more like showing up again and again in ordinary ways.

2. From Words to Action

Christians know how to use words. When people are in need, words can roll easily off the tongue: "God bless you." "Go in peace." "I'll pray for you." Words matter. But the danger is that words can make us feel and look good without actually helping the person in need. Love is not merely something we feel; it is something we do. John says we know love because Jesus "laid down his life for us," and therefore "we should also lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." Then he says, "Let us not love in word or speech, but in action and in truth" ([1 John 3:16-18](#)). Christian love should cost us something so others gain something. One way we try to cultivate this in our church is by asking small groups to share not only "prayer requests" but also "needs requests"—real, practical ways the body can help.

By Caleb Davis, from ForTheChurch

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WHAT'S ON?

MONDAY

7AM Community Breakfast

TUESDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

WEDNESDAY

9AM Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY

9AM Quilters/Craft

FRIDAY

9:30AM Playgroup

BIRTHDAYS

Aug 2nd Pam S

Aug 5th Len C

Aug 5th Kim B

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Accommodation Needed: Jared & Verena Bradley

Our mission partners Jared & Verena Bradley will be on the Sunshine Coast on home assignment and are looking for short-term accommodation. They need a place to stay from September 30—October 7, and again from November 30—January 12. If you can help, please let Sue Wust know.

Calling all Crafters and Sewers

Trish is looking for people to make A4 size fabric bags with drawstring (like library bags) for Homes of Hope International (HOHI). She will be taking them to Bangladesh and buying products there to fill the bags and give them to the children, widows and workers of HOHI homes and projects. The next team trip for Bangladesh is 3rd September this year.

Soccer Homes Game

There is one more home game left in the season - can you come along and help out on August 8? Signup and details are on the board in the hallway.

Men's Breakfast - Date Claimer

Men, you're invited to a men's breakfast on Saturday September 19 at the church (8am-11am). Speak to Richard Van Eck for more info.

Can You Pray?

Can you serve our church family through prayer? We need people who commit to pray for regular prayer points sent on Monday each week, plus people who can join a church WhatsApp group to receive urgent prayer points. You can also join a text message prayer team during the Alpha Course or come along in person to pray at 9am each Wednesday at the church (all welcome). Reply to this email or let Bill know.

PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for those in our extended church family who are unwell or recovering, including Trish F, Arthur & Gloria, Philip J, Maria B, Beth P, Veronica, John B, Ilia Z and others, plus those with long term health conditions.
- Pray especially for Dawn Johnston, who has been diagnosed with cancer last week and is undergoing tests to create a treatment plan.
- Pray for the soccer club as the end of the season approaches, and for handover plans regarding next season. Pray also for the end of season Soccer Service on August 23.
- Pray for God's provision in the search process for a new Associate Pastor.
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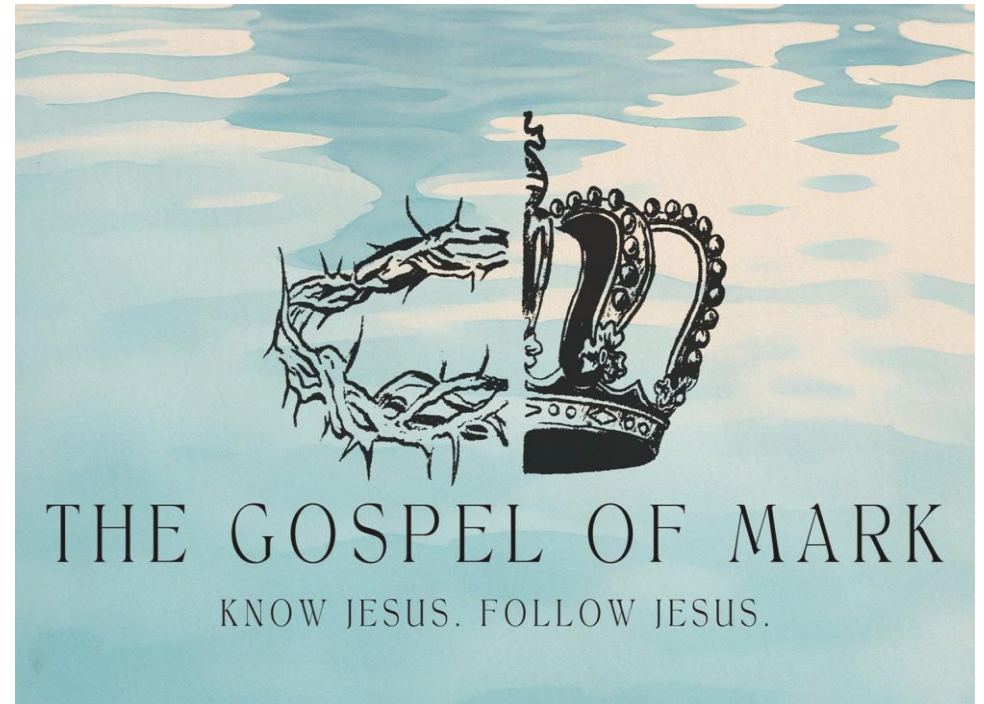
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"Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

2nd
August

9AM *Pastor Bill*

Humbled by the Cross

Mark 9:30-50