

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"I never made a sacrifice"

David Livingstone was born March 19, 1813. He gave his life to serve Christ in the exploration of Africa for the sake of creating access to the gospel. A year before he died in 1873, he wrote in his journal on his 59th birthday, "My birthday! My Jesus, my King, my Life, my All. I again dedicate my whole self to Thee." On December 4, 1857, he addressed the students of Cambridge University about "leaving the benefits of England behind." In this address he spoke the sentence that, of all his sayings, has made the greatest impact on me.

I knew that, if I were ever to see Christian joy the way the Bible sees it, I would have to do my ministry in the joyful shadow of those who suffered as they spread the gospel. These are the servants whose testimonies can bear the weight of scoffers who say the New Testament is naïve when it tells us repeatedly, "We rejoice in our sufferings".

Here is what Livingstone said to the Cambridge students. It's the last sentence that captured me.

"For my own part, I have never ceased to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office. People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. . . . Is that a sacrifice which brings its own blest reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? Away with the word in such a view, and with such a thought! It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say rather it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger, now and then, with a foregoing of the common conveniences and charities of this life, may make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver, and the soul to sink; but let this only be for a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall be revealed in and for us. I never made a sacrifice."

Livingstone did not hide the painful experiences of "anxiety, sickness, suffering, and danger." Most people would consider those sacrifices. But then he explained that he was speaking comparatively. "All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall be revealed in and for us." They are "nothing" — no sacrifice — by comparison! He is speaking the way Paul does in Philippians 3:8: "I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." The worth of knowing Jesus is so great that by comparison all else is as if lost.

By John Piper, from DesiringGod.org

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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 16th Steve C

Aug 18th Lucas E

Aug 22nd Catherine D



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Soccer Celebration

On Sunday August 23 we'll be holding our annual soccer service and awards day. During the service we'll be taking some time to remember and thank God for CBBC's soccer ministry, followed by a BBQ lunch for soccer families and the soccer club awards day after lunch. It will be a busy Sunday, and the car park will be full, so plan accordingly.

SOS -Seniors Out Somewhere

Our next outing is to La Balsa Park in Buddina on Thursday 27th August. Meet at 10am at the park for a walk, fish, play lawn games or just sit and chat. BYO morning tea. Hamburger lunch at no cost. Sign up list in foyer.

Accommodation Needed: Jared & Verena Bradley

Our mission partners Jared & Verena Bradley (with their two little boys) will be on the Sunshine Coast on home assignment and are looking for short-term accommodation. They need a place to stay from November 24—January 12. This could be housesitting, granny flat, short-term accommodation, or perhaps another creative solution! They are also looking for car seats for a baby and a small child. If you can help, please let Sue Wust know (or reply to this email).

Bill away Mon–Wed next week

Bill will be away at a pastors retreat from Aug 17–19). Please contact our elders John or Greg with any urgent pastoral needs.

Men's Breakfast – Date Claimer

Men, you're invited to a men's breakfast on Saturday September 19th at the church (8am–11am). After breakfast we're going to have a panel discussion about why, what and how suicide affects us as men. Speak to Richard Van Eck for more info.

- Pray that we will submit every part of our lives, including our wealth, to Jesus as our Lord. (Mark 10:17–31).
- Pray for those in our extended church family who are unwell or recovering, including Arthur & Gloria, Philip J, Beth P, John B, Dawn J, Brian S, Alice D.'s husband Graham, and others, plus all those with long term health conditions. Pray for Jack & Karen Chalmers as they spend time with Karen's father in palliative care in Sydney.
- Pray for the Alpha course continuing on Thursday nights. Pray that people would continue to attend, would feel welcomed, and be open to the gospel.
- Pray for handover plans for the soccer club regarding next season now that our home games are complete. Pray also for the end of season Soccer Service on August 23.

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"To know Christ and make Him known"



THE GOSPEL OF MARK

KNOW JESUS. FOLLOW JESUS.

"Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." (Mark 10:15)

16th
August

9AM *Pastor Bill*

Who Do You Worship: Jesus, or Money?

Mark 10:13-31