



19TH JULY 2020

**Blessed is he whose help is the
God of Jacob, whose hope is in
the LORD his God, the Maker
of heaven and earth, the sea,
and everything in them— the
LORD, who remains faithful
forever.**

- Psalm 146:5-6 -

TODAY:

Series: The Mission Commences

Study 6: A Vital Praise Given – Acts 4:23-31

Speaker: Pastor Tony

Sunday 26th July

Series: The Great I Am

Study 1: I Am Who I Am – John 8:48-59

Speaker: Pastor Tony

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*So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God
with one accord and said:*

*“Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth
and the sea, and all that is in them.”*

Acts 4:24

A Word From Tony

How Should We Pray?

Acts 4:24-31 contains possibly one of the most inspiring prayers in Scripture. The believers were living in dangerous circumstances. In this chapter, Peter and John were arrested after the healing of the lame man.

The apostles must have known it was no idle threat that they would receive much worse treatment if they continued to preach the gospel. But, they had already experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and realized their need for divine power. They had also witnessed many other extraordinary healings and miraculous signs that were intended to authenticate their message and encourage them to go on.

When they prayed for boldness in verse 29, they knew what they were praying for. The mission the Lord had given them had not changed, and neither had the source of their power. The prayer recorded in this passage is marvellous in its simplicity and its comprehension of the Person and purposes of God.

How should we pray about horrible events and persecution we hear of today? Should we pray that God would smite the evildoers and bring about a peaceful settlement? Or pray that the Lord would return immediately and deal the situation personally?

I would say that we should pray for our Christian brothers and sisters that the Lord would consider the threat against them and give them the boldness to stand faithfully in such a dangerous environment. For if the Lord were to take them all out, there would be no Christian witness there.

Furthermore, we could pray that the Lord would heal and perform miracles there that would lead men and women to faith. The prayer in Acts 4 is applicable today.

What a Friend We Have in

Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
And what a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer

Oh, what peace we often forfeit
Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Songwriters: Charles Crozat Converse / Joseph Scriven

GOD HAS PROMISED

*God has not promised skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;
God has not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.*

*God has not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;
He has not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.*

*God has not promised smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;
Never a mountain rocky and steep,
Never a river turbid and deep.*

*But God has promised strength for the day,
Rest from our labour, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing kindness, undying love.*

Annie Johnson Flint (1866-1932)



FTG Church Moving Forward Within Restrictions

Under current lock down restrictions, all gatherings of people at the church and in homes have been cancelled. Home groups can still continue to meet but only via Zoom or similar internet platform. But you are still encouraged to stay in contact with each other via phone.

Sunday services will still go ahead as they have over the past 3 months and those with internet access can view them on the church website, ftgbc.or.au Unless we go into Stage 4 restrictions, DVD's will still be delivered to those without internet access and who would like to have them to join with others of our church family on Sundays.

Church Ceilings

As mentioned in a text during the week, we have signed contracts for CHAD Plasterers to carry our work on the ceilings in the Church. As part of the contract, we sort further quotes to carry our work on the ceilings in the morning tea room and kitchen. This additional work came to \$3,704 and we have asked them to carry out this work as well. Harry, the man we have been dealing with from the CHAD Group is a member at Waverley Baptist Church. Work will commence tomorrow, Monday 20th July. We will keep you informed of progress and when work is expected to be completed.

Church Manse

Dan and Athalia Martin and their two daughters moved into the church manse last Wednesday. Athalia, is the daughter of Andrew and Jeanette Ullrich.

Dan and Athalia purchased Manfred and Hildegard's house and are currently doing renovations which they hope to complete by the end of 2020. Having the family living in the manse for the next few months, helps us with security issues around the manse and church.

Birthdays:

20th July Simone Engele

Remember to notify editor of any other celebrations in your family.





To continue worshipping the Lord with tithes and offerings you can:

Do a bank transfer into the Church bank account. Details are:

ANZ bank Ferntree Gully Baptist Church

BSB: 013287

Account: 296710027

Cheques written to Ferntree Gully Baptist Church may be sent to:
Andrew Ullrich 15 Chedworth Crt Kilsyth Sth 3137

Pastoral Availability:

Tony will be working from his home office but can be contacted on 0406686715.

He is available to meet with you at his home office, the Church office or your home.

Please call if you would like to meet.



As we have gone into 'lockdown' again, I decided it was time for some more humour at the expense of the corona virus.

SO . . .

I will tell you a Coronavirus joke now, but you will have to wait two weeks to see if you got it.

Finland has apparently closed all of their borders. Nobody is able to cross the finish line.

Now is definitely not the right time to start surrounding yourself with positive people.

There has been a lot of panic buying in Germany of sausages and cheese. It is a wurst kase scenario.

What's the difference between COVID-19 and Romeo and Juliet. One is the corona virus and the other is a Verona crisis.

Quarantine Diary:

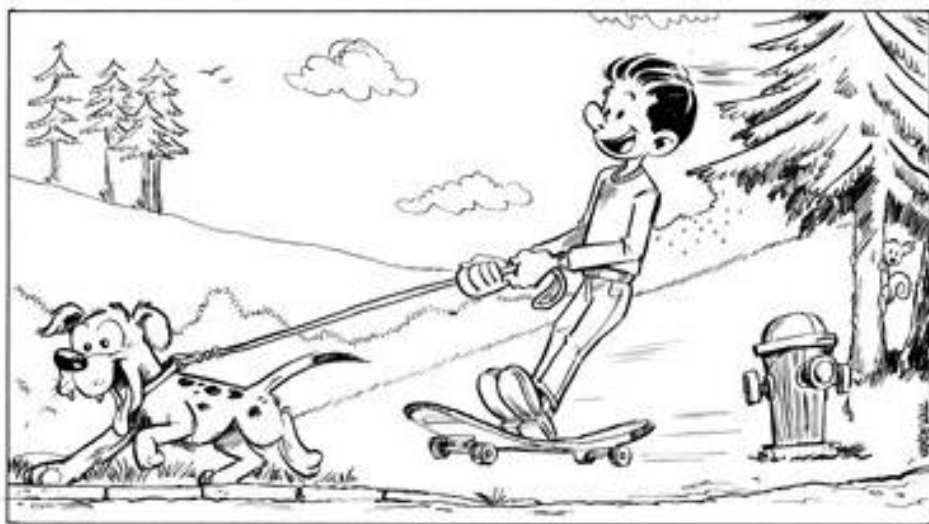
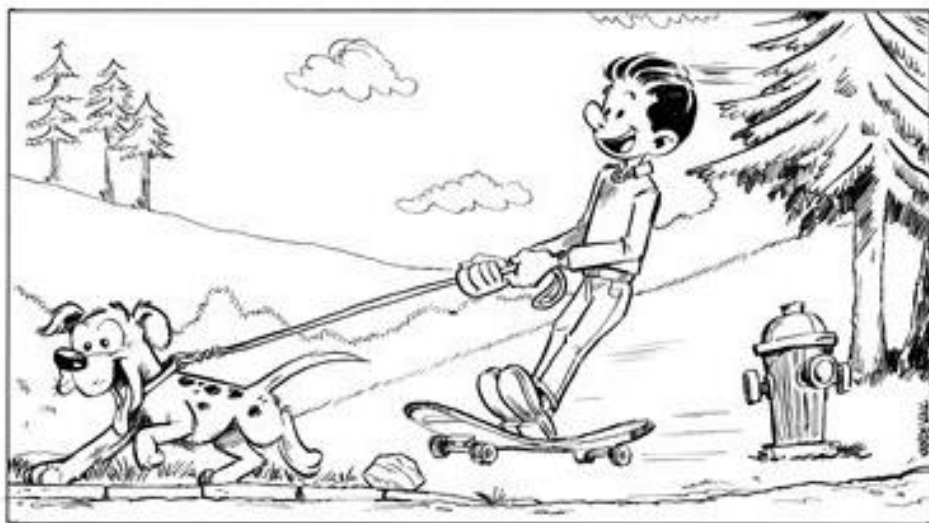
Day 1. I stocked up on enough non-perishable food and supplies to last for months, maybe years, so I can remain in isolation as long as necessary.

Day 1 + 45 minutes. I'm in the supermarket because I needed Tim Tams.

Don't forget your daily exercise now we are back in lockdown!

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

Find 10 differences between the 2 pictures!





Please keep the contractors from the CHAD group in prayer as they commence work at the Church.

Keep Evelyn Wakeling in prayer as the colonoscopy was not able to be done and now she needs to have a colonography to access future medical procedures.

Keep Manfred and Renate in prayer as they are currently in NSW and have a permit to travel into Queensland today Sunday 19th July. Renate has asked for prayer especially for her knee which she twisted a few weeks ago.

Continue to pray for Daniel Andrews, our premier, and those providing him with advice, to be wise and compassionate in decisions made. Also, to be mindful of those who are vulnerable due to age, health or financial situations.

Wings of Hope Sri Lanka ZOOM Meeting

Mukti Australia has organised a Zoom update meeting with Rebecca Alexander, CEO of Wings of Hope in Sri Lanka for this Wednesday night 22nd July from 7pm. If you would like to be involved, the Zoom ID is 875 2751 0626 and Password is 106089.



Please pray:

For the safety of the team as they visit the children and their families in their homes every week.

For the safety of all children as schools are scheduled to open in stages during the month of July.

That Wings will be able to resume project activities soon.

For Wings as they continue to distribute more relief aid.

For the team as they plan programs for the rest of the year.

For land or a building for the Hatton project.



Pray for the MISSIONS & WORKERS

we take an interest in including...

Andrea Rothweiler (Wycliffe PNG)

Ange Bakhtiari FTG Nth Primary
School chaplaincy

Andy and Cathie Staunton
(GIA Cambodia)

Mukti Wings of Hope

Reach Beyond Helga



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On my daily walk:
Waiting for a train!

