



**27TH SEPTEMBER 2020**

*The steadfast love of the Lord*

*never ceases; his mercies never*  
come to an end; they are new  
every morning; great is your  
[the Lord's] **faithfulness.**

- Lamentations 3:22-23



**TODAY:**

Series: Significant Hymns and Songs

Study 2: In Tenderness

Speaker: Pastor Tony

**Sunday 4th October**

Series: Significant Hymns and Songs

Study 3: He's Alive Again

Speaker: Pastor Tony

**Lord's Supper** (Take the opportunity to prepare bread  
and juice prior to service)

For viewing these services, log on to the church website -  
[www.ftgbc.org.au](http://www.ftgbc.org.au)

*What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them does leave the ninety nine in the wilderness and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he finds it, he lays it on his shoulders rejoicing. Luke 15:4-5*



## Message From Tony

### The Lost Sheep

In the parable of the Lost Sheep, Jesus invites His listeners to place themselves into the story with, "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep." In doing this Jesus is appealing to their reasoning and life experiences. As the story completes, the Pharisees in their pride refuse to see themselves as shameful "sinners," but eagerly take the honouring label of being "righteous." However, by the implication of their own pride, they place themselves in the position of being the less significant group, the ninety-nine: "There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." It can be rightly assumed that there is a bit of sarcasm in the reference to the Pharisees "who do not need to repent" (see Romans 3:23).

A closer examination of the parable shows that Jesus was turning His listeners' understanding of things upside down. The Pharisees saw themselves as being the beloved of God and the "sinners" as unclean. Jesus uses the Pharisees' prejudices against them, while encouraging the sinners with one clear message. That message is this: God has a tender, personal concern ("and when he finds it, he puts it on his shoulders," v. 5). God has a joyous love for individuals who are lost (in sin) and are found (repent). Jesus makes it clear that the Pharisees, who thought they were close to God, were actually distant and those sinners and tax collectors were the ones God was seeking after.

We see this same message in Luke 18:9-14. There, Jesus is teaching on attitudes of prayer, but the problem He is addressing is the same as in Luke 15. In Luke 18:14 Jesus provides the conclusion for us: "I tell you, this man went home justified (before God) rather than the others; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."



## IN TENDERNESS HE SOUGHT ME

*1 In tenderness He sought me, Weary and sick with sin,  
And on His shoulders brought me Back to His fold again.  
While angels in His presence sang Until the courts of heaven rang.*

*Chorus:*

*O the love that sought me! O the blood that bought me!  
O the grace that brought me to the fold,  
Wondrous grace that brought me to the fold!*

*2 He washed the bleeding sin-wounds And poured in oil and wine;  
He whispered to assure me, "I've found thee, thou art Mine;"  
I never heard a sweeter voice; It made my aching heart rejoice!  
(Chorus)*

*3 He pointed to the nail prints, For me His blood was shed,  
A mocking crown so thorny Was placed upon His head:  
I wondered what He saw in me To suffer such deep agony.  
(Chorus)*

*4 I'm sitting in His presence, The sunshine of His face,  
While with adoring wonder His blessings I retrace:  
It seems as if eternal days Are far too short to sound His praise.  
(Chorus)*

This hymn was written by Walton W Spenser, a missionary who worked in Durban South Africa in the 19th century. About 1889, W. Spenser Walton founded The Sailor's Rest where he ministered to the spiritual needs of seaman. During the Boer War, he distributed Bibles to the English soldiers. Spenser Walton's work is known mainly through the books and pamphlets he wrote. He is also credited with this one hymn published in 1894.

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

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



### **Birthdays:**

1st October: Lynne Burgum

4th October: Jacob Laukart

Special congratulations

### **Zoom Home Groups**

Wednesday - 8pm

Thursday - 2pm

Both groups are using the Bible Study material which is currently being made available in the weekly news sheet.

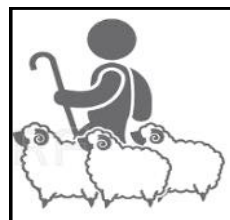
Please contact  
Pastor Tony  
if you would  
like to be  
involved  
in either of  
these groups.



### **Pastoral Availability:**

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

**Please note:** Under current restrictions Tony can only meet personally with people under special circumstances. If you have a need to meet, please contact him.



# **AMAZING FACTS** Written by Doug Batchelor

## **BARBERSHOPS - Haircuts and bloodletting**

Do you know why some barbershops have a red, white and blue spiral pole attached to their storefronts?

During the middle ages, dentistry and some medicine in Europe was practiced by ‘barber-surgeons’. These community professionals served townspeople by performing a wide variety of services from cutting hair to extracting teeth to bloodletting. The colours of the pole represent red for bloodletting, white for bandages and blue for non-oxygenated blood.

For hundreds of years, physicians would bleed people with fevers and other symptoms, believing such patients had too much blood. (Light bleeding was often accompanied by leeches.) Gradually dentistry and surgery were taken over by specialists and the barber was left with only his scissors and comb.

Jesus allowed the blood to pour from his body so that we might receive spiritual healing.

*‘He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.’ Isaiah 53:5*

*‘In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.’ Ephesians 1:7*

Source:

Amazing Facts

Volume 2

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## **Bible Study, Old Testament Characters – Esther** **Saying ‘Yes’ to God – Esther 4:1-17**

We often find it easy to obey God when there is little risk or cost involved. However, when God prompts us to speak to a stranger about Christ, to take an unpopular position on a moral issue (such as abortion or homosexuality), or to take a step of faith into the unknown, we can often become indecisive.

Four centuries before Christ, Esther found herself at a similar fork in the road with only two options before her: to offer herself as God’s instrument or to deny her identity as one of God’s people.

Prior to the study, read Esther chapters 1 to 3 to gain an understanding of the context.

In what situations do you find it difficult to openly confess or obey the Lord?

Read Esther 4:1-17. How do Mordecai and the Jews in the provinces react to the edict of the king (vv. 1-3)?

What steps does Esther take to comfort Mordecai and understand his distress (vv.4-5)?

Describe the message Mordecai gives to Esther through the king’s servant Hathach (vv. 6-9).

Why is Esther reluctant to heed Mordecai’s exhortation (vv. 10,11)?

When have you been asked to do something that involved personal risk or cost? Explain

What argument does Mordecai use to contend with Esther's hesitation to intervene on behalf of her people (vv. 12-14)?

What does he seem to understand about God's sovereignty and care for His people (v 14)?

Mordecai asked "And who knows but that you have come to the royal position for such a time as this?" This question is one of the most famous lines in the Old Testament. Where had God placed you at this particular time in your life?

How does Esther finally respond to Mordecai and ultimately to God (vv. 15-16)?

How does the support of other Christians encourage you to say "yes" to God?

Esther, after the three-day fast, is graciously received by the king and effectively intercedes on behalf of the Jews. How can her example encourage you to make better use of the opportunities God has given you?

Questions taken from 'A Life Guide Bible Study Book' by Peter Scazzero

## BELGRAVE HEIGHTS

### WOMEN'S CONVENTION ONLINE 10TH OCT

**The 15th Belgrave Heights Women's Convention will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October. The theme is "Generation to Generation" and guest speaker is Cathie Hillman.**

**This will not be a physical convention but on line and you will need to pre-register.**

Cathie will bring two messages and there will be four interactive elective options that will be presented twice. The electives are to be chosen when you register which is why you must pre-register prior to Wednesday 7 October 2020.

The program commences at 9am and concludes at 12.45pm with breaks between sessions.

The Electives this year are:

1. Mentoring-Helping others to maximise God's grace in their lives with Vicki Mustafa
2. Parenting through the ages with Jenny Wraight
3. Grieving Well with Dot Hodge
4. Generations sharing their faith with Ruth Newmarch

Please see website or facebook for more information.

<https://www.facebook.com/BelgraveHeightsConvention>

<https://www.bhc.org.au/womens>.

Registration is available on-line <https://belgraveheights.venue360.me/public/events/homepage?event=34>

Cost \$25 per household. \$20 for concession card holders. – registrations close Wednesday 7 October 2020.

## NEEDING SOME INSPIRATION & CHEER IN YOUR DAY?

Enjoy listening to the Getty family singalongs on [www.gettymusic.com](http://www.gettymusic.com)

Listen to inspiring stories of God at work in lives of ordinary people on [www.realfaith.org.au](http://www.realfaith.org.au)





## THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.  
His mercies never have come to an end;  
They are new every morning,  
New every morning:  
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,  
Great is Thy faithfulness!  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.  
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Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,  
Great is Thy faithfulness!*

‘I’ve done a lot of waiting in my life. I’m not referring to the little things like standing in line at the grocery store or sitting in the exam room wondering if that doctor is ever going to come in. I’m talking about the big waiting. This is the kind of waiting that goes on for weeks, months, and years, even decades. It’s remembering God’s steadfast love that has brought me through those times.’  
Anon





*A letter recently received from a man call Ramu:*

*'I was helping a lady to open the shutters on her clinic. I am a taxi driver but during this pandemic and lockdown, we are not allowed to work. I was very much disturbed and was sitting on the roadside. When I found that lady struggling to open the shutter I went to give her a hand. By then another man came and was speaking to me and thanking me for my help since he was supposed to do that work. I was sharing about my situation to him and we were having a chat about the situation in common. He then shared a WhatsApp message to me and encouraged to listen to that word and prayed for me, he also told me that God will surely bless me and will not leave me.*



*No one has taken this time to speak that word to me. I was even sad that my brothers didn't call me to find out about my situation during this pandemic. I now receive the message instantly through WhatsApp and started listening to it. I should tell that I received hope from the Lord and I am not a believer till I*

*received this message. This message gave me peace and hope and I trust in the Lord and today I am forwarding this message to so many people now.*

On my daily walk:

One of many "Spoonvilles" I pass.



Please continue keeping the family of Mandy Grapentin in prayer: Esther, Christa, Heidi, Ralph, Frank and Bernie as they come to terms with the death of their mum, but also their own mortality and God's gift of grace and forgiveness. All at one time were involved with the Ferntree Gully Baptist Church.



Please pray for Giovanni who is currently in hospital. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and God's peace for him and the family.

Hubert has injured his wrist. Please pray for healing.

Continue to keep Henny Luppa in prayer after her fall the other week as she is still experiencing pain and bruising.

Please pray for Audrey de Jong who after recent medical appointments, has discovered she has a spinal canal stenosis and needs to see a surgeon on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Pray that she will get the right help and treatment will avoid any long term effects.

Praise God for provision of a part time job for Simone Engele at her local Bunnings Store. Continue to prayer for Simone and the other young adults as they balance Uni, work and their faith journey's.

Please pray for comfort for Heidi who has just heard about the death of her brother Werner in Germany. Heidi is now the last of her siblings.

Prayer for the Belgrave Heights Board and Council as they continue to look at ways of providing ministry through conventions. Especially pray for the upcoming Women's Convention and also planning currently under way for the Summer Convention.

**Day Light Savings** commences next Sunday morning 4<sup>th</sup> October so don't forget to put your clocks FORWARD one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



**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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**“The living God pursues  
us, no matter how often or  
how fast we run.  
If you don’t believe me,  
just ask Jonah.”**

**-JOHN STRUBHAR**