
WELCOME

Pastor Brian Hughes welcomes all visitors.
We invite you to sign the Guest Book in the Fellowship Hall.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

John 14A "Do You know The Way"

THE WORD OF LIFE

Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

If God is a Father who loves us, Jesus is an Advocate standing beside us, and we are a Bride invited to come to a throne of grace, why don't we pray? Why is it that Jesus must ask, 'Will I find praying faith when I come back again?'

People stop praying whenever they go to the Lord with a problem, a need, and He doesn't answer them speedily. 'I've come to You, Lord, for weeks and months about this problem, and there seems to be no solution,' they say. 'I've come for years, but there seems to be no provision. Why pray?' they finally say. And they stop praying altogether, failing to understand that, because he is made in the image of God, he is composed of three parts—body, soul, and spirit—and it is the spirit which is most powerfully impacted by prayer.

You see, the body is that which relates to the physical world through the senses of sight and smell, touch, taste, and hearing. The soul, comprised of mind and emotions, is that which relates to people through one's personality. But because it is the spirit—the deepest part of man—which relates to God and will live forever with Him, it is most often through the spirit that prayers are answered.

The problem is that we limit our prayers to the realms of only the body or soul. Either we want a physical, tangible answer to our prayers, or we want to feel better after we pray. But God knows that what we are truly craving can only be fulfilled in the realm of the spirit.

'Father,' we say, 'my finances are low. I need bread.' And although He is a Father who will indeed provide our daily bread, He also knows bread will not satisfy us ultimately. So He sent His Son to be Bread for us (**John 6:35**).

'I need direction,' we pray. 'I am the Way,' Jesus says (**John 14:6**).

'I need peace,' we cry. 'In Me you have peace,' Jesus answers (**John 16:33**).

What we think we need is rarely that for which we pray.

What we need is the Lord Himself.

I pray about making the basketball team, and the Lord says, 'That's not what you're really longing for, so keep coming. Keep asking. Keep knocking. Keep seeking. And as you do, you will find such fulfilment in Me that making the team will no longer be important.' And therein is the mystery of prayer.

Prayer is not to get the goods. It is to enjoy the One who is good.

Prayer is not to get the gifts. It is to have fellowship with the Giver of all gifts.

Prayer is not to claim the promises. It is to embrace the Person.

Everything you crave is found in the Person of Jesus Christ—and you will discover that to be true if you pray and don't faint.

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PASTOR BRIAN HUGHES

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday - 1st day of the week

- 8:30-9:20am Prayer Ministry - Please join us in prayer for the service. Meeting in the upstairs classroom.

- 9:30am - Morning Worship Brian Hughes
The Sanctuary - Worship in Song, God's Word,
Communion (2nd & 4th Sunday)

- 11:00-12:00-Transformed 12-18 years *Begins 12/2*

3rd Day of the Week

- 7:30pm - Gospel for Asia - Missions Prayer Meeting
- 10:00am - Biblical Self-Confrontation Course. Jim Wilson
Please contact us if you need childcare.

4th Day of the Week

- 7:00pm - 8:15pm Revive Worship Midweek Meeting,
children's program provided

5th Day of the Week

- 9:30am-Tots & Tunes - All ages welcome, \$2 per family

6th Day of the Week

- 6:00- 7:00am - Men's Prayer Meeting
Meets at the Church. Phone: 918 8000
- 7:00- 8:30pm - Junior Youth Group. 9-12 years. *In Recess*
- 7:15pm - All for Jesus (Senior Youth Group).
13-18 years. Phone 027 544 9223 for details. *In Recess*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Breakfast

11/2, 9am in the Fellowship Hall - Theme, "Loving Life." Please sign up and prepay, cost \$5.

New Weekly Groups

Starting this week: Biblical Self-Confrontation Course, Revive Worship, Tots & Tunes, Transformed for teens.

Bible in Schools

Every year we are short teachers. This year we are in need of 6 teachers at Forrest Hill School and 2 teachers at Target Road School. Could you please pray and consider. Contact: Kathy

MEMORY VERSES

(**John 14:5-6**) Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

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OFFERINGS OF WORSHIP

The giving of one's money at church is an act of worship and recognition that God is the rightful owner of all that we possess. It is to be done joyfully, freely, sacrificially and discreetly. If you would like to worship God in this manner, we have provided a box on the wall in the fellowship hall.

SONDAY SCHOOL

Sunday morning crèche for babies. Age-appropriate teaching for children 2-16 years. Please leave your children in their worship area at 9:25am to avoid interruption and collect them promptly after the service is finished.

MEDIA MINISTRY

Audio CDs of Calvary Chapel Auckland messages can be requested for a donation of \$3 per CD, or \$4.50 posted. Request at sound desk. Messages can also be downloaded free of charge from the website or iTunes podcasting—just search 'Calvary Chapel Auckland'. Visit www.calvarychapel.org.nz. Teachings are kept current weekly.

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PRAYER

For prayer requests please email prayer@calvarychapel.org.nz For practical help call the church office on 918 8000 or for after-hour emergencies, call 021 50 1903 or 021 50 1900.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

'We're blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places,' Paul writes jubilantly from his prison cell, 'and they're all in Christ!—not from Christ, but in Christ. The blessings we crave are not promises we pray for, but a Person we walk with.

'Oh, Lord,' we say, 'I need some bread.' 'I am the Bread,' Jesus answers (**John 6:35**).

'Show me the way,' we cry. 'I am the Way,' Jesus declares (**John 14:6**).

'Tell me the truth,' we pray. 'I am the Truth,' Jesus proclaims (**John 14:6**).

We think we need help in this area or deliverance from that thing. We think we need satisfaction in a profession or blessing in a relationship, little knowing that our heart's desire will only be truly fulfilled in Jesus. How do I know? Because II Corinthians 1 ends by saying, 'Yea, all the promises of God are in Him yea and amen' (see v. 20). All the promises of God are fulfilled in Him, in Jesus.

With Tammy away at a pastors' wives' conference and the kids tucked in, I grabbed my Bible one night and had the best time reading **Isaiah 54** as I walked the streets of Jacksonville. God spoke to me through each phrase as I stopped under the streetlights to read another verse and marvel how it related to me. I returned home awed at how the Lord walked with me in the evening hour.

Do I tell you this to impress you? No. I say it because you can find the same thing tonight. Turn off the TV. Put down the TIME Magazine. Grab your Bible, go for a walk, and I promise God will meet you.

Jon Courson

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