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A CONVERSATION WITH JESUS Mark 10: 46-52

A conversation is defined as 'a talk, especially an informal one, between two or more people, in which news and ideas are exchanged'. Other synonyms for 'conversation' are: discussion, chat, dialogue, conference, and heart-to-heart. I particularly like 'heart-to-heart' as this, to me illustrates how special a conversation can be. It's a sharing of hearts; it goes far deeper than a chat about the weather.

How many of us really have a conversation with Jesus? Some people just don't know how to pray. For others, life is so busy or distracting that all we can fit in is a 'Dear Jesus, bless me'!

When we look at the story of 'Blind Bartimaeus, we can learn so much about what a conversation with Jesus can look like and the great joy that can come from it.

I pray that through this message today, we will all go that little bit deeper with our conversations with Jesus. That we will give Him our time to not only discuss life with Him but to hear what it is He has to say to us.

DIANE MORRALL

Welcome

Welcome to church today. If you are a visitor we offer you a special welcome. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. Please stay for a cup of tea or coffee following the morning service.

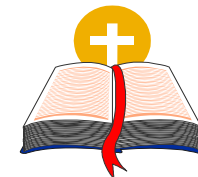
Today, Sunday 24th August

10.00 am

Diane Morrall
GOSPEL OF MARK
"What do You Want me to Do?"

Worship Leader
Communion Leader
Reading

Matthew Cameron
Jon Armstrong
Mark 10: 46-52



6.00 pm

Diane Morrall
GOSPEL OF MARK
"What do You Want me to Do?"

Worship Leader
Communion Leader

Isaac Fabich
Bruce Eaton

Next Week, 31st August

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin
THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Mark 10: 46-52

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you."...

Loving God - Loving People

GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL



Family News & Prayer



- * Congratulations to Graham Dunkley who celebrated his 60th Birthday on Wednesday 20th August.
- * Continue to pray for those in nursing homes or who are house-bound:
Nancy McAllister, Max Wright, Des Hammond, Isabel Betlinski, Dorothy (Lois' mum), Edith Giddings, Norma Fechner, Peg Furze, Gwen Curtis

SAMARITAN'S PURSE BOXES

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Samaritan's Purse boxes are now available for collection
with a brochure from the church Foyer.

Remember to put a strong rubber band around your boxes to hold them
shut and as we do not have any storage space at present, please do not
return full boxes until asked for.

Pray for those who persecute you - Matthew 5: 44

A soldier made it his practice to end each day with Bible reading and prayer. As the others gathered in the barracks and retired for the night, he'd kneel by his bunk. Some of them saw this and began to mock him. But one night, the abuse went beyond words. As he bowed in prayer, one soldier threw his boots and hit him in the face. The others jeered, looking for a fight, but there was no retaliation. The next morning when the boot-thrower woke up, he couldn't believe what he saw. There at the foot of his bed were his boots - polished and returned. Imagine shining the boots that kick you! That calls for grace. It means deciding what your response will be, before the offence comes!

This requires more than church-on Sunday religion. It calls for a Christ-like, example setting, love-displaying response that makes others sit up and take notice. Your 'rights' and your wounded ego are not the issue - the One you represent is!

YOUTH GROUPS

Friday, 29th August

7.30 - 9.30 pm

IGNITION - for years 5-8 and XLR8 - for years 9-12

Formal Junk Food Crawl

Tonight's the night to dress up as we trek the town
for some of the finest junk food.

At the Church - \$3

Mission Update



SIM - Ruth Perkins in Niger

"Each day, women across Niger can be found pounding millet, which will then be made into a big pot of tuwo - thick porridge. In a smaller pot, balanced on three stones over a smoky fire, they will prepare a sauce with spices and leafy green vegetables, which provide most of the family's vitamin intake. When plentiful, these leaves are dried and stored for use later in the year. Fresh fruit is a rarity, mostly coming from wild, often endangered species. A simple way to add some vitamins to the diet is by growing tomatoes.

The rainy season is, for the agricultural team, the busiest time of the year. However, for me it's the quietest time when I hope to do lots of things I don't have time to do when I'm teaching. Not having IT backup has slowed things down; a necessary computer upgrade left me with lots of little computer issues that are slowly being resolved."

Read more of Ruth's letter on the foyer notice board. You can support Ruth in her work by giving to the Faith Promise for Missions.

This Week

Sunday	24th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	25th	11.00 am	Craft
		7.30 pm	Board Meeting
Tuesday	26th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
Thursday	28th	12 noon	Meet And Eat
Friday	29th	7.30 pm	Youth Groups
Saturday	30th	6.30 pm	FAFFS



Meet And Eat

Time for lunch together at Jenny's Coffee Lounge this Thursday. See you there at 12 noon for lunch and fellowship.

Adventure Club Kitchen -Zena Stewart and Red Team

Church Café - 31st August - Adventure Club - Josh Cole

CRAFT

Card-Making for Father's Day

With Sue Ferguson

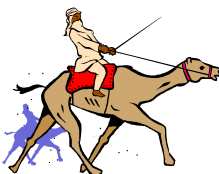


Monday, 25th August
11.00 am
Bring along some lunch.

F.A.F.F.S Family And Friends Fifties & Sixties

An evening with Malcom and Beth
travelling to the Middle East

Saturday, 30th August
6.30 pm



Ring along a
casserole and a
sweet.

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NEXT WEEK, 31st August

10.00 am

Worship Leader
Communion Leader
Children's Church
Singers
Band
Projector/Sound
Officer on Duty
Welcome/Reception
Helpers

A. Tonkin
B. Giddings
C. Beasy Prayer Leader H. Atkins
M. Straub
J. Trewin, M. Giddings, K. Hawtin
A. Thorne, B. Kiley, I. Stewart
T. Eaton / B. Moritz
J. Cooke
M. King / D. Shields
G. Beruldsen, G. Diggle, C. Meade, D. Ferrett, H. Atkins,
L. Arnold, R. Jackson (reader), R. Jackson ?

Crèche

Cuppa
Communion Prep.
Grounds

J. Kelly
J. Barthelson, R. Barthelson, P. Castleman
P. Midgley
C. Beasy & B. Eaton

6.00 pm

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A. Tonkin
B. Kiley
J. Cole
N. Moritz
J. Gardner, S. Armstrong, D. Gray
G. Cowling, B. Moritz, B. Kiley, I. Stewart
J. Corrie / J. Armstrong
J. Kelly
M. Whitehead

A village pastor, who had a weakness for trout, preached against fishing on Sunday. The next day one of his members presented him with a fine string of fish and said, hesitatingly, "I guess I ought to tell you parson, that those fish were caught on Sunday." The minister gazed appreciatively at the speckled trout and said, "The fish aren't to blame for that!"

The minister arose to address his congregation. "There is a certain man among us today who is flirting with another man's wife. Unless he puts five dollars in the collection plate, his name will be read from the pulpit."

When the collection plate came in, there were nineteen five dollar notes and a two dollar note with this note attached, "Other three on pay day."

