

# Mainstream



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Today we are looking at **Chapter 7 of The Story, The Battle Begins**. This chapter focuses on the book of Joshua, and specifically on the battle of Jericho. This truly is one of the most exciting stories in the Bible, and yet again it is an incredible story that proclaims the power of Almighty God.

The Old Testament contains many glorious battles. But we see through every one of them that when the Israelites were faithful and kept their eyes on God, the Lord fought the battle and gave them the victory, but when the Israelites got caught up with sin and trusted in their own power and ability they lost the battle and were handed over to their enemies.

We often trust our own ability or resources or strength. But that is not the key to victory in the battle of life. True victory will only come when we put our faith in the Lord and allow him to fight the battle for us.

The challenge for many in the battles we read about in the Bible is that God often does things very differently that goes right against human logic and reasoning. (Joshua bringing down a great wall with trumpet blasts??? Gideon defeating a fearsome army of thousands with just 300 men??? A young teenage shepherd boy defeating a powerful warrior who stood three metres tall???) But isn't it awesome when God does something in such an unusual way so there is no mistaking that it was He who gave the victory?

ZECHARIAH 4: 6 says *"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the LORD Almighty.*

**ANDREW**

## Worship With Us

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 in the hall following the morning service.

### Today, Sunday 26th April

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

**THE STORY 7 - The Battle Begins**

Worship Leader

Josh Cole

Communion Leader

Michael Waters

6.00 pm

Andrew Tonkin

Worship Leader

Isaac Fabich

Church Café this evening - Women's Group

### Next Week, 3rd May

10.00 am

Andrew Tonkin

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**THE STORY 8 - A Few God Men ... And Women**

6.00 pm

The Word of God says, "When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3). Very sadly the Christian values that have made Australia a great place to live are rapidly being undermined and are in danger of collapse. Our foundations are being destroyed! This Anzac Day we remember all those who have responded to the call to protect our freedoms and Australian way of life over the last 100 years. Lest we forget their sacrifice, we want to continue to protect the Australian values that many of them died for. "When Christian values are respected and allowed freedom of expression, our society is richer and healthier."



# Loving God - Loving People

**GODLY GENEROUS GENERATIONS GRACE GOSPEL**



## Family News & Prayer



- \* Congratulations to Ayden Thorne who celebrates his 18th birthday today, 26th April.
- \* Be in prayer for those in nursing homes:  
Nance McAllister, Max Wright, Des Hammond, Vic Robinson, Peg Furze, Alan Clark, Norma Fechner, Claire Foster.

### **C.W.F. Ladies 'At Home' Afternoon**

May 7th at 1.30 pm

An afternoon of singing, quizzes and skits

Devotions by Naomi Thorne

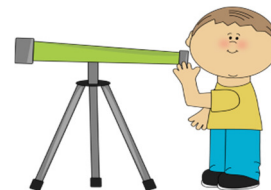
Everyone is welcome

### **B.I.G. BLOKES INTO GOD**

#### *Stargazers' Evening*

At the end of the month.

Details coming soon.  
Contact Peter Kelly  
or Noel Underwood



### Attention Ladies

#### **'Days for Girls' Sewing Group**



Wednesdays 9.30 am - 3.00 pm

Come along and enjoy some fellowship as we cut out and sew hygiene packs for the young women/girls of Kenya.

Come for an hour or two, or bring some lunch and come for the whole day.

For more information, talk to Carolyn Waters, Riana Bekker, Charlotte Armstrong or Janette Cooke.

## **YOUTH GROUPS - *FUEL***

Friday, 1st May      6.00 - 9.30pm

### **FUEL RALLY**

*It's time for our Annual Fuel Rally. Start with a barbecue and some fun activities, followed by music, games and a great message.*

At the Church - \$3

### ***URGENT: Intercession called for Franklin Graham***

Billy Graham was a pastor to presidents and certainly addressed the moral slide in America as far back as the 1950s, but Franklin Graham seems to be wearing his dad's mantle on steroids. The once-prodigal son is not shrinking back from hot button cultural and political issues. Why is Graham so bold? Because he sees an Islamic storm coming against America (and)...he has strong discernment and enough boldness to go toe-to-toe with the principalities and powers that have targeted Christians for destruction.

'For Muslims, peace comes only through submission to their religion to Islam. When they speak of peace, they mean submission to their religion,' Graham says. 'Worldwide, tens of thousands of men, women and children have been slaughtered in the name of Allah, under the bloody flag of Islam.'

Mike Bickle last month called for believers to support and pray for Graham as he has 'boldly yet tenderly taken a Biblical stance in warning in relation to Islam, gay marriage and several other important subjects'.

'I'm making an even more fervent call for intercessors to rise up and pray for Graham day and night. The enemy would like nothing more than to silence this mouthpiece for God who is confronting and pushing back darkness in our generation. Likewise, those who subscribe to anti-Christ agendas are raging against his voice.

Saints, let's make it a priority to lift up Graham in prayer, wage spiritual warfare against the attacks on his life and bless his ministry. Amen?'

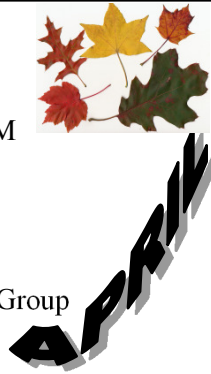
*-Jennifer LeClaire, Charisma News*

"In the face of the man-made calamity that every war is, one must learn to re-affirm again and again that the waging of war is not inevitable or unchangeable. Humanity is not destined to self destruction."

*-Pope John Paul II at Hiroshima*

### *This Week*

Sunday	26th	9.30 am	Prayer
		7.00 pm	Ray on Radio 106.7 FM
Monday	27th	11.00 am	Craft Group
		7.30 pm	Board Meeting
Tuesday	28th	5.30 pm	Adventure Club
			(Zena & Blue Team)
Wednesday	29th	9.30am	Days for Girls Sewing Group
Friday	1st	7.30pm	Youth Groups



### **SHARE GROUP**

#### *ArtBack Gallery Visit*

Meet at the Church at 1.30 pm  
There will be a cost -to be advised  
Put your name on the list if you are joining us



### **EXTEND ACCOUNT**

#### **DIRECT DEPOSITS - Mildura Church of Christ**

NAB - BSB number 083764    Account Number 15423 4854

### **GENERAL ACCOUNT**

#### **DIRECT DEPOSITS- Church of Christ Mildura**

NAB - BSB number 083-764    Account Number 51591-4637

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

May 7th	C.W.F. 'At Home'
May 10th	Mother's Day
June 13/14	Leadership Weekend
June 22	Pastors' Prayer Partners' Dinner
July 18	Women's Ministry Breakfast
August 7/8	Encounter Youth Camp
September 5	Ladies' Day

### **NEXT WEEK, 3rd May**

#### 10.00 am

Worship Leader  
Communion Leader  
Singers  
Band  
Projector/Sound  
Officer on Duty  
Welcome/Reception  
Helpers

A. Tonkin  
M. Waters  
M. Cameron  
D. Clark, M. Gardner, R. Jackson  
N. Moritz, C. Beasy, E. Tonkin, A. Thorne  
E. Moore / B. Moritz  
R. Hawtin  
D. Ferrett / J. Ferrett  
G. Beruldsen, M. Cox, N. Underwood, P. Duscher,  
J. Booyesen, J. Wiffen, C. Meade, G. Diggle  
K. Hawtin, A. Beasy

#### Crèche

Children's Church

Cuppa

Communion Prep.

Cleaning / Grounds

#### 6.00 pm

Worship Leader

Singers

Band

Projector/Sound

Officer on Duty

Reception

Crèche

C. Waters  
J. & R. Barthelson / M. Cameron  
A. Tonkin  
B. Moritz      Prayer Leader D. Morrall  
N. Moritz, J. Gardner, D. Gray  
K. Stewart, B. Moritz, J. Tonkin  
C. Tonkin / P. Norris  
R. Hawtin  
G. Muller  
A. Munro

Question: What man in the Bible had no parents?

Answer: Joshua, the son of Nun.

*Question: What did the people of Israel think when Joshua told them the walls of Jericho would come tumbling down when they walked around them?*

*Answer: They thought he was Joshing.*

Question: How did the people of Israel feel after walking around the walls of Jericho for seven days?

Answer: Week.

There are no victories at discount prices.

-General Dwight Eisenhower