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Ash's Letter

*LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure –
Psalm 16: 5*

It is difficult to know how we will react sometimes, particularly when we are faced with difficult situations or circumstances.

In one of the Alpha sessions Nicky Gumbel tells this story: *I heard about a young police officer who was taking his final exam at Hendon Police College in North London. The first three questions in this exam were relatively easy and then he got to question four. Question four went like this: 'You're on patrol in outer London when an explosion occurs in a gas main in a nearby street. On investigation, you find that a large hole has been blown in the footpath and that there is an overturned van lying nearby. Inside the van there's a strong smell of alcohol. Both occupants, a man and a woman, are injured. You recognise the woman as the wife of your Divisional Inspector, who is at present away in the United States. A passing motorist stops to offer you assistance, but you realise that he is a man who's wanted for armed robbery. Suddenly another man runs out of a nearby house shouting that his wife is expecting a baby and the shock of the explosion has made the birth imminent. Another man is crying for help, having been blown into an adjacent canal by the explosion, and he cannot swim. Bearing in mind the provisions of the Mental Health Act, describe in a few words what actions you would take.'* The police officer thought for a moment, picked up his pen and wrote: *'I would take off my uniform and mingle with the crowd.'* Sometimes difficult situations can be very revealing!

We are living through unprecedented times, difficult times, challenging times and yet in the midst of them, I'm sure there are many things we can learn about ourselves, about the Lord and about the things that are important in life.

I remember one particularly stormy day in our old house, the rain was lashing down outside, it was thundering and lightning and we suddenly developed a new water feature in our kitchen, as the rain poured through a crack in the roof.

It revealed to us that the new roof light flashing that we had fitted in the loft hadn't been installed properly and needed repairing. It was also interesting that a problem in the loft manifested itself as a downpour in the kitchen.



Perhaps these days have revealed to us areas of our lives, where we need the Lord's help to come and fix and repair us.

Conversely though, I've sat through other equally ferocious storms and remained warm, calm and secure as the house stood firm. Perhaps these have been days where you have been able to shelter in the Lord. Again, that's something worth noting.

If you read through the Psalms, as I have been doing again at the beginning of this year, you can't help but be struck by their honesty, their range of emotions covered and their constant call to come to the Lord, whatever the situation. There are psalms, where the writer confesses their sin, there are psalms when the writer feels afraid, there are psalms when the writer feels abandoned, or alone, or discouraged, or helpless, or dry and thirsty and I could continue; like I've just said they are very honest and cover many of the things that we are facing in these days (there are happy and joyful ones as well by the way). However, in them all, there is always a similar refrain, which is find your hope in the Lord, find your refuge in Him and give Him your praise. The truth is that as difficult days can reveal things about us, they can also reveal to us things about God too. It is sometimes in the midst of a fierce storm that we discover afresh that God is good, is faithful and is a place of refuge.

Also, as things have been stripped away over these past weeks, I'm reminded of a little phrase given to the priests in the Old Testament. When the promised land was being divided up, all the tribes received a portion of land except the Levites (the priestly tribe). Instead they were given this phrase 'the Lord is your portion'. In other words, God would be all they got, but God would be enough. The truth is that God is our portion too and as other things have been stripped away, we can see and realise that actually, He is enough.

Ash.



Our Web Site

Our Sunday services are now online as well as the monthly news letter both are in the resources tab on the website.

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Birthday Celebrations

15th May - May

16th May - Dylan

16th May - Andrew

23rd May - Alison

28th May - Lycan

**A Very Happy Birthday From Everyone At
Ackworth Community Church**



Through the Waters

The movie *The Free State of Jones* tells the US Civil War story of Newton Knight and some Confederate deserters and slaves who aided the Union Army and then resisted slave holders after the war. Many herald Knight as the hero, but two slaves first saved his life after his desertion. They carried him deep into a secluded swampland and tended a leg wound he suffered while fleeing Confederate forces. If they'd abandoned him, he would have died.

The people of Judah were wounded and desperate, facing enemies and feeling helpless. Israel had been overtaken by Assyria, and Isaiah prophesied that one day they (Judah) would also be overcome by an enemy—Babylonia. Judah needed a God who would help, who would rescue and not forsake them. Imagine, then, the surging hope when the people heard God's assurance: "Do not be afraid, for I am with you" (Isaiah 43:5). Whatever calamity they faced or trouble they would endure, He would be with them. He would "pass through the waters" with them, leading them to safety (v. 2). He would "walk through the fire" with them, helping them through the scorching flames (v. 2).

Throughout Scripture, God promises to be with His people, to care for us, guide us, and never abandon us—whether in life or death. Even when you find yourself in difficult places, God is with you. He'll help you pass through the waters.

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Prayer and Pastoral Support

Just a reminder that should a need arise; there are a couple of means of support available. Firstly, there is prayer support, so if you contact Ash or any of the elders with a prayer request then they can circulate it to people through e-mail and word of mouth.

Also, there is pastoral support, so again you could contact Ash, Tony, Neill, Alyn or Denise and they will arrange some appropriate help where possible.



How and Why You Should Memorize Scripture

Remember what Christ taught, and let his words enrich your lives and make you wise.” Colossians 3:16 (TLB)

The Bible is a gift that offers you so much. But like a box full of treasure, it does you no good unless you have the keys to unlock it.

One of the keys to unlocking the Bible is Scripture memorization. Nothing will do more for your Christian life than developing the habit of memorizing Bible verses.

It’s a habit that will assist you in overcoming temptation. Psalm 119:11 says, “I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you” (NIV). Memorizing the Bible helps you to resist temptation.

John 15:7 says that having God’s Word in your heart also leads to answered prayers. It says, “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you” (ESV).

Memorizing Scripture also helps you have victory over worry, keeps you encouraged, and develops your prayer life. Having God’s Word memorized makes it easier to counsel and share the Good News of Jesus with other people because you have Bible verses always at the ready.

I’ve heard all the excuses for not memorizing Scripture. People say, “I just can’t memorize.”

The truth is that you remember what’s important to you and the things that you use. So the questions are: Do you value God’s Word enough to commit some verses to memory? Do you read God’s Word often enough that you start to remember it?

Think of all the times during the day that you pick up your smartphone—maybe as you’re waiting in the carpool line, on your lunch break, or sitting on your couch in the evening. What if you spent those times memorizing Scripture instead? In your lifetime, you’d probably memorize several books of the Bible



If you're new to Scripture memory, start with just one verse a week. Write the verse on a piece of paper or in a note on your phone. Pull it out and look at it several times a day. And when you're ready to move on to the next verse, keep reviewing the ones you've already memorized.

It's important to get a partner— maybe a friend, coworker, spouse, or child. Say your verses to each other and encourage each other to keep up the habit.

As you memorize the Bible, you'll find yourself changing for the better: "Remember what Christ taught, and let his words enrich your lives and make you wise" (Colossians 3:16 TLB).

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Hold each others Hands

Moses was called to lead his people through the desert to the promised land. This was a long journey with many battles and much difficulty, Moses grew weak in body, although his trust in God held firm. So in the battle with Amalek, Aaron and Hur stood firm beside Moses at the top of the hill. As the strength of Moses failed, Aaron and Hur held up both his hands. As the sun set, so the forces of Joshua prevailed in the strength of the Lord. Exodus 17 v 10-13

We are isolated from one another at this time but we can still 'Hold each others hands up in prayer'

No, in all these things we are more then conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8 v 37 - 39

Submitted by Eileen
(Taken From Holy Habits)



Bible Quiz

1.) How many books are there in the New Testament?

12

39

66

27

2.) Who wrote most of the books in the New Testament?

Peter

John

James

Paul

3.) Which of these women is mentioned in the New Testament?

Sarai

Martha

Hannah

Rebekah

4.) Who married Moses?

Bathsheba

Michal

Ruth

Zipporah

5.) Jesus chose Matthew as one of His disciples. What was Matthew's occupation?

Fisherman

Tent maker

Tax collector

Carpenter

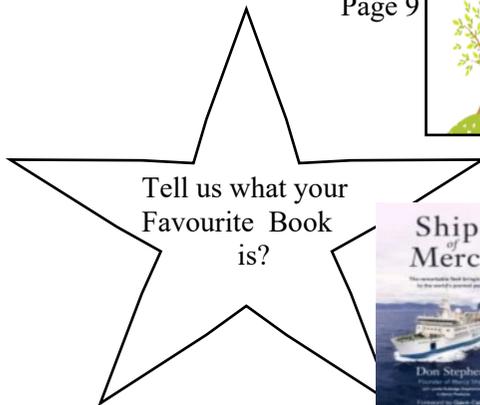
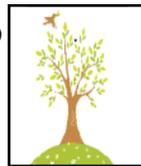
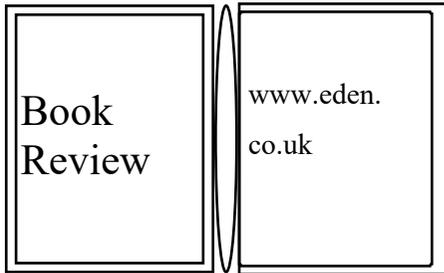
6.) Which of these narratives was recorded only by Luke?

Jesus washing the feet of His Apostles

Jesus cleansing the temple

Jesus' sermon on the mount

Jesus teaching in the temple as a 12-year old



Ships of Mercy £7.49

The improbable but thrilling story of how a Colorado farm boy built a navy, how a decrepit ocean liner learned to be a hospital, and how a boat load of volunteers are literally changing the face of the world ... one face at a time.

Ships of Mercy tells the riveting true story of Mercy Ships, the astonishing fleet of hospital ships that sail the globe, bringing dramatic change to the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in the most impoverished and disease-stricken corners of the world.



Her Daughter's Dream £12.70

by Francine Rivers

In the dramatic conclusion to the Marta's Legacy series, the beloved author of Redeeming Love and The Masterpiece delivers a rich and deeply moving story about the silent sorrows that can tear a family apart and the grace and forgiveness that can heal even the deepest wounds.

Marta's granddaughter, Carolyn, comes of age during the turbulent sixties, struggling to navigate a tense family life. Though college offers a taste of freedom, tragedy shatters her confidence and she disappears into the heady counterculture of San Francisco. When she reemerges, more lost than ever, she reluctantly turns to her family to help her rebuild a life for herself and her own daughter, May Flower Dawn.

But familiar tensions emerge when Dawn develops a closer bond with her grandmother than her own mother. As she seeks to avoid the mistakes of those who went before her, Dawn determines to become a bridge between the women in her family.

Answers from page 8 1. 27 2. Paul 3. Martha 4. Zipporah Exodus 2:21
5. Tax Collector 6. Jesus teaching in the temple Luke 2:41-52



Coming Events for June - (if possible)

Saturday 6th June

A weekend with Bishop Ken Clarke.
(there will be no Messy Church in June).

Sunday 7th June

Bishop Ken Clarke.

Saturday 13th June

6pm Church Youth – Hemsworth Christian Fellowship.

Monday 22nd June

All articles for the News Letter must be received by Lisa.

Wednesday 27th June

Fasting and Prayer Walk for breakthrough meet at 11.30am at Brackenhill.

Saturday 27th June

Ackworth Gala has been cancelled this year.

Prayer Diary

Please pray for each other.

If you would like to be on the prayer list please let Lisa know.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1 Brian & Linda	2 Alyn & Carole	3 Kevin & Jeanie
4 Neill, Sue, Grace & Hope	5 Joan A James Vera	6 Ann-Marie & Alison	7 David & Carol R	8 Denise Joan B Lisa	9 Ash, Di, Joel & Cerwys	10 Adrian,& Anne
11 Neil & Eileen	12 Dot Brenda Jean	13 Somesh & Jasmine	14 Steven & Christina	15 Andy, Sue & Rachel	16 Jacquie May Julie	17 David & Janet
18 Matt, Cheryl, Oscar & Georgina	19 Derek Catherine & Family	20 Julian, & Caroline	21 Dayo, Anu, Shalom & Shekinah	22 Parent & Toddler	23 Tony & Evelyn	24 John & Lilian
25 Owen & Vickie	26 Andrew, Kimberley, Hannah & Joanna	27 Kate & Jean L	28 Stan & Moir	29 Florence. Nick, Becky, Lycan & Archer	30 Julian & Valerie	31 Elders