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Neill's Letter

In our recent praise and thanksgiving service it was wonderful to hear so many of you testify to and give thanks to God for, his goodness in your lives. God is good, but sometimes in the midst of a challenging situation giving thanks isn't often the first thing on our minds. Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5 v 16- 18

Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Paul says Verse 17 says '*Be thankful in all circumstances.*' Is that possible? Does Paul mean all circumstances? Paul had been through the wringer in his life, in 2 Corinthians he recounts a long list that includes beatings, shipwrecks, stoning and adrift in the open sea! Yet is it possible for us to be thankful, when we are facing challenges that make life feel impossible, when the weight we bear feels like it is crushing us?

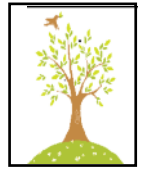
There are 3 things to note about what Paul is saying here.

1. We can be thankful, not about the situation but in the situation. We can be thankful that we have God's presence with us in difficult times. When I am at my lowest point, I know that I could not endure if God was not with me, and when I remember that I can be deeply thankful.

Psalm 46v1 says '**God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**'

2. Being thankful reminds us of God's nature. I have a ruminating mind, and I can go round and round in circles trying to solve a problem, even inventing problems that do not exist, and then trying to solve those. If I choose to be thankful, to focus on God and the many blessings he has lavished on me. Reminding myself of God's nature, his love, his faithfulness, his goodness then turns my gaze from my circumstances, and the circles of thought in my mind to my glorious Saviour.

Psalm 91 says '**This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. For he will rescue you from every trap...He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armour and protection.**'



3. Being thankful builds our faith. I'm sure for each of us we can look back at our lives and see how God has led through what seemed at the time to be impossible, unbearable circumstances. Thanking God for his past provision helps me to see that my God, who does not change will be with me today and tomorrow just as he was yesterday.

The promise of God in Deuteronomy, repeated in Hebrews and is demonstrated in the lives of countless individuals throughout Scripture and throughout history.

'I will never leave you, not forsake you'

There is a wonderful picture captured in Song of Songs chapter 8 verse 5

Who is this who comes up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?

I love the picture of this verse for so many reasons. It shows us that God doesn't wait for us to come out of the wilderness to greet us like someone meeting us at the airport when we get off the plane. He is there in the wilderness with us, walking alongside us, carrying us at times, leading us through. And when we come out of the wilderness we are leaning on God, closer to him than before, having experienced his presence, his strength, his grace, his love, his rescue.

Paul says **Be thankful in all circumstances.**

Be thankful when we are on the mountain top, be thankful when we are in the valley bottom. Be thankful.

As we enter the Autumn season, whatever your current circumstances I pray that you will know the experience of God's presence every day, as you lean on your beloved.

Yours in Christ
Neill.



Healing Ministry Team

If you would like to receive ministry and prayer for healing, please contact Alyn or Carole who will arrange for members of the ministry team to come and wait on the Lord and pray with you. The healing ministry team are: Alyn, Carole, Brenda, Denise, Jacquie, Dot & Ash.

Birthday Celebrations

2nd October - John

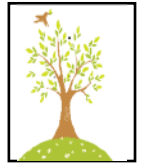
14th October - Joel

18th October - Pat

27th October - Maryana

27th October - Val

A Very Happy Birthday From Everyone At
Ackworth Community Church



This I Believe (The Creed)

Our Father everlasting
The all-creating One
God Almighty
Through your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Saviour.

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You.

Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious light
Forever seated high.

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
(I believe)
And I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again.

For I believe in the Name of Jesus
For I believe in the Name of Jesus
For I believe in the Name of Jesus
(We believe in Lord Jesus)

Benjamin David Fielding, Francesco
Lorenzi, Matthew Philip Crocker



The Thrill of Trusting God

Trusting God means looking beyond what
we can see to what God sees.

Staring across the Elah Valley into the eyes of Goliath, David recalled the times God had delivered him from the brink of disaster. God had always given him the ability he needed to triumph. Now he faced one of the greatest challenges of his life—a trained and well-armed warrior named Goliath.

At some point, each of us will face what seem to be mammoth trials and difficulties. This is why we must know how to respond to every threat by laying hold of the kind of victorious faith that looks beyond what we can see to what God sees.

The secret of David's success was his ability to trust and obey God. Had he looked merely at the giant challenge facing him, he would have turned around and run away, as did the rest of the Israelites. But through faith, David saw what his countrymen did not.

In times of extreme pressure, God stretches our faith and deepens our dependence on Him. Without a strong, abiding faith, we can quickly yield to temptation and fear, especially when the trial or difficulty is intense or prolonged. God developed David's trust until it became unshakable.

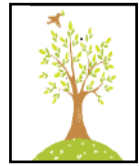
Whatever Goliath you face, you need to bury one truth deep within your heart: God loves you, and when you place your trust in Him, He will help you to triumph. You may go through times of failure. Life may not always turn out the way you planned. But ultimately, God will be glorified, and you will be blessed.

Every challenge presents an opportunity for the Lord to display His faithfulness and love. Instead of yielding to thoughts of fear and failure, make a commitment to trust God, even when you do not know what the next day will bring. Train yourself to look beyond what you can see to what He sees.

David founded his faith in the sovereignty of God; that's why he knew he would not fail in his quest to defeat the Philistine giant.

How can you gain that kind of faith?

Recall past victories. David recalled how God had delivered him from the paw of the lion and the grasp of the bear (1 Samuel 17:32-37). You first win spiritual



victories in your mind. If you cave into feelings of fear and doubt, you will lose. When you focus on the truth of God's Word, you win every time.

Reject discouraging words. No one in the Israelite camp encouraged David in his quest to defeat Goliath. The soldiers laughed at him. His brothers felt embarrassed by his presence and urged him to go home. Even King Saul doubted David. If he had listened to their disparaging comments, he would have given up—but he turned his heart toward the Lord and there found the encouragement he needed.

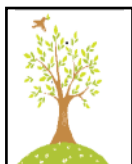
Recognize the true nature of the battle. David entered the battle shouting to his arrogant opponent the memorable words, "The battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands" (1 Samuel 17:47). What a victorious way to say, "God wins!"

Respond to the challenge with a positive confession. David asked the fearful Israelites, "For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?" (1 Samuel 17:26). To Saul he said, "The Lord . . . will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine" (v. 37). To Goliath he said, "I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel" (v. 45). David firmly declared his belief that he could not lose because God was with him.

Rely on the power of God. David did not need a spear or a javelin to defeat Goliath. He needed only his faith and a homemade slingshot. "That all this assembly may know that the Lord does not deliver by sword and spear" (1 Samuel 17:47). God provided the victory, and He received the glory.

Reckon the victory. Even before he stepped onto the battlefield, David knew he would not lose. He knew it wasn't his reputation on the line, but God's. He knew it wasn't his strength or cunning that would win the battle, but God's strength and wisdom.

You can face any circumstance with confidence and hope, because it is not your strength, wisdom, energy, or power that brings victory. Triumph comes because of Christ's ability, and when you place your trust in Him, you tap into an irresistible force that no one and nothing can successfully oppose.



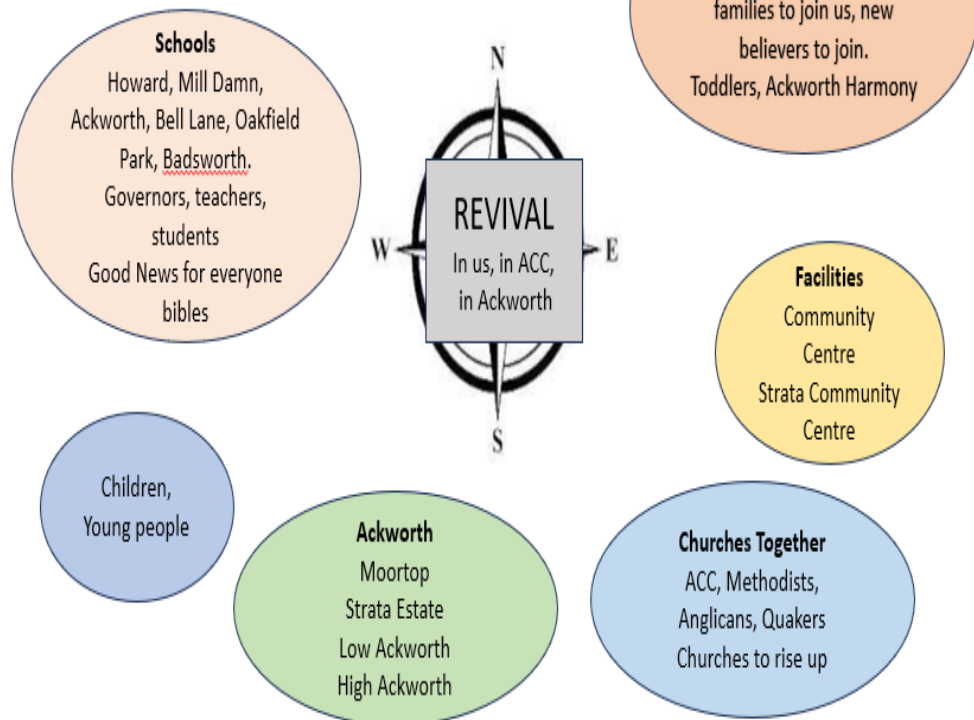
Praying for Ackworth

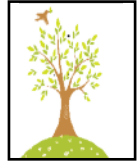
The 'visual' shows the areas that the Tuesday prayer group have been praying for over the last few weeks. Our main focus is Revival in us as individuals, Revival in ACC and Revival in Ackworth. The compass points are a reminder for us to pray for people to come from North, South, East and West.

Alyn.

Praying for Ackworth

...all things are possible with God





Malawi Prayer Update.

Please pray for John Seda, the leader of the Church of the Disciples of Jesus (CDJ) as he seeks God about the direction that he should be taking and to focus on what the Lord wants him to do. If this is to take a new direction, help him to leave the old way behind.

John is helped in leadership by a group of three leaders (trustees), based in different parts of Malawi. One of the leaders, Billiat, from the Lilongwe district has resigned and moved to another church, please pray for the appointment of a new leader to replace Billiat, plus the opportunity to review how many trustees should be in the leadership team as the church grows in Malawi.

A brother called Josiah will fill the role left by Billiat in the interim, he currently leads a church in Lilongwe district that is growing, but he has been seeking the Lord as to whether he should move to the south of Malawi to lead the churches there. Please pray that the Lord will provide direction to the leaders about the way forward for Josiah, the leadership in Lilongwe district and in CDJ overall.

Malawi had presidential elections of 15 September. The votes are still being counted. Please pray that the new president will be able to deal with the corruption that exists in government and society, so that limited resources will be distributed fairly to all.

Many thanks
Alyn.

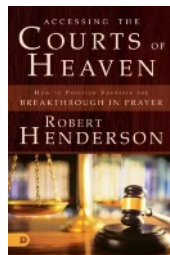


Book
Review
by:

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Accessing the Courts of Heaven

£4.28



What does it mean to make your case in the "courts of Heaven?" In recent years, God has raised up Robert Henderson as a prophetic voice, calling Christians to pursue breakthrough by using the courts of Heaven prayer blueprint.

God is more willing to answer our prayers than we will ever know! The problem is that we face a legalistic accuser and adversary--the devil--who wants to prevent these prayers from coming to pass. Your victory against him is not fought on a battlefield; it's won in the courtroom.

When your prayers are answered, God's purposes are fulfilled on the Earth.

Understand the three dimensions of prayer

Discover the 3 keys to unlocking your breakthrough in the courts of Heaven

Learn the 6 prophetic declarations that Jesus' blood makes on your behalf

Cancel the devil's accusations by releasing the supernatural power of your testimony.



Simple Prayers for Men

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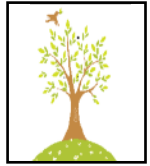
"There's no right or wrong way to feel, and there's no right or wrong way to pray. As an editor, there's so much I admire about David's writing. He doesn't offer us platitudes. He instead offers us lifelines.

He never preaches down to us because he's always the one who's down trying to look up and see how to get back up toward God. Short, readable, reliable, honest, insightful, and real. A friend."

For men seeking genuine connection through prayer

Helps you find comfort and guidance in tough times

You will experience a deeper sense of peace and faith.



Coming Events for October

Sunday 19th October

Members Meeting 10.30am followed by a bring and share lunch and prayer.

Monday 20th October

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

Sunday 26th October

Tony & Jilly coming to take the Service.

Wednesday 29th October

Toddler half term week.

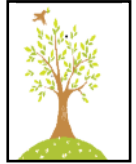


The Information Exchange

This is a place where you can request prayer for yourself or others, share your need /request for help, exchange surplus goods, or if you have some spare time, help someone with gardening, housework, shopping etc. You can use this section also if you want to say anything to the Church. Just ask Lisa to place your request.

Remember to Recycle

Please remember to recycle your empty Ink Cartridges. (HP, Cannon, Lexmark, Dell) and Stamps. Lisa is collecting them, each item donated will raise money for a Charity.



Coming Events for November

Monday 24th November

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

Friday 28th November

6pm Christmas Lights Switch On at All Saints Church - With Churches Together in Ackworth and Ackworth Parish Council.



Small Group Meetings

Do get involved in a mid-week group and let us know which one you're hoping to be part of.

Power Prayer (Revival Prayer Meeting) Tuesdays 10.30am

Venue to be arranged.

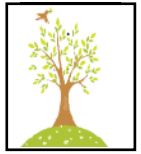
Thursday Lunch Group led by Denise.

Meet on Thursday 2nd October, Thursday 9th October, Thursday 16th October, Thursday 23rd October. Meet at Lilian's 12 noon.

Ackworth Harmony led by Sue & Cheryl

Meet on Thursday 2nd October, Thursday 9th October, Thursday 16th October, Thursday 23rd October 7.15pm – 7.30pm Coffee/Tea, then 7.30 - 8.30pm singing at The Community Centre.

Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting at 6pm, at The Community Centre.



Worship, Preaching, Projection and Children's Rota.

Date	Time	Theme	Worship	Preaching	Projection	Sunday School	Creche
5-Oct	10.30am	Simply Jesus / Communion	Ash	Ash	Lisa	No Sunday School	No Creche
12-Oct	10.30am	Nathaniel	Sue	Neill	Joel	Ash	Cerwys
19-Oct	10.30am	Members Meeting	Ash	Neill, Ash, Denise	Lisa	Carole	Val
26-Oct	10.30am	Free Topic	Jilly	Tony	Joel	Di	Holly

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 Adrian & Anne	2 Neil & Eileen	3 Ann	4 Stan & Moirra	5 Alyn & Carole
6 Tony, Jilly & Family's	7 David & Carol	8 Neill, Sue, Grace & Hope	9 Xochilt, Jonathan, Julissa & Alissia	10 Lisa	11 John & Pat	12 Dimytro, Natalia & Denys
13 Dot	14 Julian & Val	15 Joel & Holly	16 Kevin & Jeanie	17 Andrew, Kimberley, Hannah & Joanna	18 Jacquie	19 Lilian & Family
20 Matt, Cheryl, Oscar & Georgina	21 Denise	22 PonRaj, Jenifer, Judah & Piniel	23 Maryna	24 Ash, Di. & Ceryws	25 Brenda	26 Brian & Linda
27 Amanda	28 Danny & Pauline	29 Anne- Marie & Alison	30 Julian & Caroline	31 Elders		