

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 21st OCTOBER 2016

MONDAY, 17TH OCTOBER

Good Morning All

It's a beautiful sunny day here at Wesley. We are thankful for the new day.

OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS for Ben and Sione Hafoka and their Family as they grieve the loss of their great grandmother who passed away recently.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr Das who left last Friday winging his way to London for his son's graduation.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr and Mrs Faitala who celebrated another wedding anniversary in the weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rev and Mrs Faulkner who celebrated their first grandchild's baptism in the weekend.

Welcome to Week 2 and our theme for this week LOYALTY.

The Bible reading was from 2 Chronicles 1:1, 7-13 on pages 432 and 525 in the Wesley Bibles.

The word LOYALTY brings to mind words similar in sentiment, meaning and action. All that is 'similar' speaks about our relationships with God and with one another. It goes without saying or does it, that there is a level of expectation and expectancy when we think about LOYALTY and our relationships with others? Who makes friends thinking that they untrustworthy and undependable? Quite the opposite!

Our friendships are built on similar ways of thinking, of acting, of expectation and these work to enhance our relationships.

What would it be like if we could not depend on our family, our friends?

God gives life in all its fullness to be lived fully, and the ways by which to experience fully what this means.

LOYALTY is a lifestyle choice which brings into play God given gifts to help enhance our lives.

LOYALTY also gives credence to the belief that God wants what is always the best for us. Like King Solomon who asked for wisdom and knowledge and was blessed with every other worldly wealth, when we are LOYAL, LOYALTY brings blessing. A given, an expectation, a gift.

Have a blessed day

TUESDAY, 18TH OCTOBER

Good Morning All.

Tis a beautiful spring day here at Wesley. It is good to be alive and thankful for life!

We continue with our theme for the week LOYALTY.

The Bible reading was from Proverbs 3:1-6 on pages 651 and 773 in the Wesley Bibles.

Incarceration is something one doesn't wish on anyone least of all anyone from Wesley College.

I was visited by an Old Boy yesterday who while we were catching up, shared with me that he served 3 months inside, in Australia. I was shocked because he was one of those whom you always thought would stay on the right side of the law.

As I listened and cried as he shared his story, he said one of the things he wanted to do when he finished his time was to come back to School. He hadn't been back since he left in 2009.

While he was doing his time, a prison guard turned up with food and blankets for him. When he asked who the gifts were from, he was told from another former Wesley Old Boy also serving time ... a long time.

Somehow the older Old Boy heard the younger was a Wesleyan and so began 3 months of being looked after. The two never met.

Such is the LOYALTY of the Brotherhood, that no matter where you are, your brother will look out for you.

The older told the younger when he had finished serving his time 'Don't come back!'

v1 My son don't forget my teaching, keep my commands in your heart.

v3 Let love and LOYALTY never leave you , bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY, 19TH OCTOBER

Good Morning All

Another beautiful warm spring day here at Wesley. We give God thanks.

A reminder that it is Sports and Cultural photos tomorrow morning. Everyone in their Numbers please.

LOYALTY is our mantra for this week.

The Bible reading was from Psalm 103:11-18 on pages 618 and 735 in the Wesley Bibles.

The word LOYALTY brings to mind a powerful sense of belonging and solidarity. With it comes the idea of wholehearted devotion and duty.

God established the very essence of LOYALTY through a covenant relationship with His people:

God's people are assured of His never-ending love and have the promise that even "if we are faithless,

God will remain faithful, ...

We are able to practice LOYALTY because of the practice of others, and so we learn to recognise and know what LOYALTY is.

Through the LOYALTY of others, we feel the strongest sense of belonging, of oneness, of family.

There is nothing we wouldn't do to protect those whom we love and share that sense of belonging with.

We maintain a sense of LOYALTY even when we are apart from those we feel at one with.

The sense of LOYALTY sustains us even when we are alone.

LOYALTY then is something already within us and comes to the fore when we are reunited with those whom we are united.

We see it in the acts of love and compassion and care and concern - devotion and duty.

These acts of LOYALTY bring us into covenant relationship with one another and with God who is all LOYAL!

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY, 20TH OCTOBER

There was no Chapel Message today.

FRIDAY, 21ST OCTOBER

Good Morning All

FRI-nally it's Friday! We give thanks to God for the end of another week and the beautiful spring day to begin the long weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Christine Pereira former HOD Maths who has been appointed Assistant Principal to begin 2017.

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 12 students Caitlyn Smythe and Eric Tali who were commended at chapel for achieving their NCEA Level 2 credits. Awesome!

CONGRATULATIONS to Taine Denny for achieving his NCEA Level 3 credits. Well done!

CONGRATULATIONS to Samsara Faitala who received two awards at the Rosehill College Pasifika Prize-giving. Nice!

CONGRATULATIONS and FAREWELL to Year 12 student Ngarimu Lewer who has completed her NCEA Level 3 credits and is off to university. Wonderful achievement!

Our theme for this week has been LOYALTY - a value which resonates strongly with us here at Wesley.

The Bible reading was from Proverbs 3:3-6 on pages 651 and 773 in the Wesley Bibles.

v3 Never let go of LOYALTY and faithfulness. Tie them around your neck, write them on your heart.

v4 if you do this, both God and people will be pleased with you.

Three women walk into the CIA headquarters and ask to be hired. A man there replies, OK, but first we have to test your LOYALTY.

He says to the first woman: "Here's a gun to prove your LOYALTY. We have your husband in the other room. Go shoot him."

So she goes in and comes out fifteen minutes later and says: "I tried, but I just can't do it."

The next woman goes in and the same thing happens.

Then the last woman goes in and sees her husband sitting there. The man who is testing her is waiting to hear the gunshots. The gunshots ring out and then crashing and more banging sounds come from the room. The woman with the gun comes out, and the man who is testing her says, "Congratulations! You are now a member of the CIA," to which the woman replied: "Yea, great, thanks, but some idiot put blanks in the gun! I had to kill him with the chair!"

LOYALTY perhaps a little misplaced.

Have a blessed long weekend everyone.

