

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 28th OCTOBER 2016

MONDAY, 24TH OCTOBER
Labour Day

TUESDAY, 25TH OCTOBER

Good Morning All

Welcome back everyone after a wonderful Labour Weekend weather-wise!

CONGRATULATIONS to Hostel parents Trish and Saua Leaupepetele who celebrated 18 years of being COMMITTED to each other. Nice!

Our theme for this week is COMMITTED.

The Bible reading was from Deuteronomy 6:1-8 on pages 184 and 218 in the Wesley Bibles.

Being COMMITTED is the action we commit to, when we have commitment.

We are COMMITTED ... staunch, steadfast, and faithful to something or someone.

It's like our students here - staunch Wesleyans ... Wesley hard and it doesn't matter whether you have been here one or five years, we become COMMITTED to a school and to one another in ways which provides the strongest sense of belonging.

Today we read from Deuteronomy a book written well before Jesus was even born.

v5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

If we turn to the Gospels Mark 12:30 it says ...

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

The statement 'with all your mind' has been added to the directive in Mark's Gospel.

It's like God has recognised that as a human race we are all grown up now. We have the mind and intellect and learning to be able to make decisions for ourselves. God doesn't have to be in our faces so much as God needed to be with the people of Israel.

We can act for ourselves, think for ourselves, make decisions on our own, guided by what we know in our hearts and souls.

And with all our strength be a COMMITTED people, because it takes all our strength.

God's COMMITTED action toward us and the world is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

It provides the strongest sense of belonging which when we commit to, our only response is to be COMMITTED.

Have a blessed day

WEDNESDAY, 26TH OCTOBER

Good Morning All

Weather is a bit ambivalent today but we continue to give thanks for the new day.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Junior Touch team who played strongly and COMMITTED to both their games. They are a work in progress. Well done!

We continue too with our theme for the week COMMITTED!

The reading was from 2 Corinthians 5:18-6:2 on pages 1260 and 1438 in the Wesley Bibles.

A COMMITTED life to Christ does not come by accident. It is a life that is purposefully lived.

A COMMITTED life to anything whether its family, friends, a relationship, marriage, our School, our school work, sport... all these things are not by accident ...we purposefully work hard at maintaining to keep these things and relationships in our lives because we value them. 'If we don't use it we lose it' a well-known rugby catch phrase means if we don't purposefully work at not only making friends but keeping them, then we may lose them.

Reconciliation is reaching an understanding or an agreement about something. In the Methodist Church we decide things by consensus, meaning we will discuss issues until everyone agrees and it may be that we end up agreeing to disagree but whatever the issue is, the issue doesn't become what divides us.

Being reconciled to God through Christ means we are one with God and we're reminded again of the COMMITTED action God took when Jesus died for us -so that we wouldn't become so hung up on sin and forget that our purpose in life is to be as it says in v29 'ambassadors of Christ' living lives purposefully filled -DOING COMMITTED, BEING COMMITTED, ACTING COMMITTED, STAYING COMMITTED! When we fail at something, it's usually because of a lack of faith, our lack of being COMMITTED. "The faith" of the gospel of Christ produces the faith by which we walk and work and live.

Let us work, walk and live as ambassadors of Christ, leading purpose filled lives. COMMITTED!

Have a blessed day

THURSDAY, 27TH OCTOBER

Good Morning All

A warm but cloudy start to our day. We give God thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 10 Nathanael Tu'uta who took out the Rosehill Club Chess Competitions.

2nd place was Year 9 student Douglas Osgood and 3rd Year 10 Wiremu Cassidy.

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 12 student Tomasi Manase who has been picked up by the Warriors to play U18s and Development Squad.

Given this year is Tomasi's first at playing League, a great achievement.

COMMITTED is the call for this week.

THANK YOU to Year 12 students Siosifa Latu and Xavier Faitala who led chapel worship this morning.

The Bible reading was from Exodus 19:4-6 on pages 79 and 91 in the Wesley Bibles.

A story from Xavier ... two young brothers stood atop a cliff that overlooked the pristine waters of a blue lake.

It was a popular diving spot and the brothers had often talked about making the jump.

Neither of them wanted to make the jump first. The height of the cliff wasn't that great but for the two brothers, the distance increased every time they leaned forward over the cliff and their courage faded.

Finally one brother placed himself at the edge and moved decisively forward to which the other brother responded 'maybe we should wait till next summer!'

The other brother's momentum moved him forward even more 'Brother I'm COMMITTED!'

He splashed into the water and surfaced with a victorious shout. The second brother followed instantly.

COMMITMENT is a bit like taking a dive, either you are COMMITTED or you are not.

Either you are moving forward or you are standing still. There's no halfway.

We all face moments of indecision which will change the rest of our lives.

As Wesleyans 'Will we dive in or just stand at the edge?'

Be COMMITTED to everything, but most importantly to God. Give 100% and strive for excellence.

Do your best on the field and in the classroom.

Be COMMITTED and make the decisions today that will change your life tomorrow.

Have a blessed day

FRIDAY, 28th OCTOBER

Good Morning All

A beautiful sunny day here at Wesley and the end of the week. We give thanks that it's FRIDAY Friday!

THANK you to Year 11 students Sione Tuliakiono and Taniela Prescott for sharing their experience about being in Dunedin for Shakespeare Week which required every bit of COMMITMENT on their part.

It's been a week of being COMMITTED.

The Bible reading was from 1 Kings 8:54- 61 on pages 345 and 420 in the Wesley Bibles.

V 61 But your hearts must be fully COMMITTED to the Lord our God to live by his decrees and obey his commands , as at this time.

When we're COMMITTED there's no going back, there's no decision to be made, no will I or won't I? because when we decide to COMMIT in that very decision, we are saying we're in, we're saying yes, we're saying I am making the COMMITMENT to be COMMITTED.

As the Year 13s consider their options for next year, some will be thinking about career paths, and continuing their education. Hopefully they will be considering opportunities that will bring them job satisfaction and joy. Some jobs are considered a vocation meaning that inherent in that notion is the sense of being called and of the One who calls.

When God calls us it is both decisive and definitive. God isn't thinking will I or won't I.

When the call comes God is decisive, COMMITTED and when we COMMIT in response to that calling, everything we are, everything we do and everything we have, is given over to responding equally decisively to God calling us. When God calls you will know it, because the call is decisive and compelling, captivating and insistent.

Our only response is to be COMMITTED!

Have a blessed day and weekend.

