

# CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017

## MONDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2017

There was no Chapel message today.

## TUESDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017

Taloha ni - Good Morning All!

This week New Zealand celebrates Tokelaun Language Week. We will acknowledge this later in the week.

CONGRATULATIONS to Year 12 students Larenz Tupaea and Ocean Tierney who last week were received awards at the CMRFU Junior Sports Awards.

THANK YOU to former Wesleyan student and 2011 Senior Prefect William Poesse who led chapel worship this morning.

The theme for this week is GRACE.

The Bible reading was from 2 Corinthians 12:9 on pages 1268 and 1445 in the Wesley Bibles. But he said to me "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me God's grace is Enough - My grace is all you need!

Grace is a gift - Don't strive just BE - We are made strong by God's strength and power. Don't strive but just BE-

God accepts us as we are. Funny how people think they need to get themselves right before meeting God. We are accepted for who we are and then starts the journey of God moulding us and bringing out the gold/goodness within us.

God completes us. This is so encouraging - basically it's saying it is okay to have weaknesses. For when I am weak, then I am strong ... strong because we recognise this and recognise our need for God's intervention. When we recognise this, we recognise we are loved, we are children of God and God is pleased with us.

### Story

Growing up I was a people pleaser- Tried things just to get the approval from others which led me to comparing others to myself -

Comparisons will rob you of your destiny- I lived my life trying to be someone I wasn't and who God didn't call me to be.

Comparisons led me to feel like I wasn't worthy enough because I felt I didn't have what others had or I wasn't as cool as others.

I didn't realise that God was pleased with me already so I didn't need to chase approval. All I needed to do was to be content with what God had given me and to just keep running my own race.

1. Grace is a Gift - Don't strive just BE - We are made strong by God's strength and power
2. God's approval is greater than others- Be content and thankful
3. God's grace sets us free

Practical application -

Declarations- Speak the truth over yourselves

Count your blessings- Write a list down- Tell God and be thankful for everything you have

Bible App- Bible plan with your friends

Have a blessed day

## WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017

Taloha ni - Good Morning All.

[Te Vaiaho o te Gagana Tokelau](#) - Tokelau Language Week celebrates the culture and language of the people of Tokelau heritage who live in New Zealand.

In 2006, there were around 6,819 Tokelau people living in New Zealand.

In 2011, the population of Tokelau was 1411

The theme for te vaiaho o te gagana Tokelau is: Tokelau ke mau ki te Gagana a nā tupuna auā he tofi mai te Atua

Tokelau hold fast to the language of your ancestors because it is an inheritance from God.

Fakafetai lahi lele Miss Tufala who led chapel worship this morning.

Fakafetai lahi lele Hostel Parent Ms Dejoles Pereira who led the prayers.

Malo ni



Tokelau is made up of four atolls "Atafu, the northern most motu [atoll], then the beautiful Nukunonu, the historical home of 'Tui Tokelau' on Fakaofu, and never forgetting the ancient communal lands of Olohega in the south." Politically, and as part of the processes of colonialism, Olohega is currently administered by the United States. Atafu, Nukunonu and Fakaofu are administered by New Zealand. However, historically and culturally Olohega is part of Tokelau.

Low coral atolls like those of Tokelau are formed from a coral reef that has grown on top of a submerged volcano. The actual land consists of sand and coral that has built up on the surface of the reef. The atolls of Tokelau sit on extinct volcanic peaks.

The coral atolls of Tokelau have no surface fresh water. The people had to dig wells to a lens-shaped natural reservoir of fresh water trapped beneath the sand. This precious resource is replenished by rain.

Environmental threats to Tokelau includes cyclones, tsunamis, and drought. Rises in sea levels erode the atolls.

A rise of a few metres would make these islands uninhabitable. Seawalls and sand bags help keep the ocean back.

Ke manuia i te alofa o le Atua - Be blessed in God's love.

## THURSDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017

There was no Chapel message today.

## FRIDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

Taloha ni - Malo ni ...Greetings and thank you for the acknowledgement o te vaiaho o te gagana Tokelau this week. The theme: 'Tokelau ke mau ki te gagana a na tupuna aua he tofi mai te Atua.' 'Tokelau! Hold fast to the language of your ancestors because it is an inheritance from God.' The Bible reading was from 2 Corinthians 12:5-10 on pages 1445 and 1265 in the Wesley Bibles.

The theme for Tokelau Language Week speaks alongside our theme of GRACE.

The people of Tokelau acknowledge that God is at the centre of their faith and their life demonstrated in their thankfulness to God for the gift of their language.

From our context, we give thanks for God's grace moving in the lives of the early Methodist missionaries whose vision and foresight led to the establishment of a school caring for the disadvantaged of our society.

It was by GRACE unmerited favour and blessing then, it is by GRACE unconditional love and never ending compassion that we continue to do what we do today - transform and change young people's lives.

When we are changed and transformed by God's GRACE, we know then what it is to give GRACE and to be gracious. It calls us to a way of Be-ing which reflects in whose GRACE we move and live and have our Being. GRACE ... God's radical and creative extravagance! Our weaknesses become strength made strong in and through this radical and creative extravagance called GRACE!

CONGRATULATIONS to Hostel Parents Cheryl and Murray Cudby who celebrate their second grandchild and first granddaughter Shanita Cheryl. Nice!

TGIF! Have a blessed day and weekend

