

## Zoom Church this week

### Wednesday 20 October- 10am Service

Leader	Bible	Prayers	Sermon
Ken R	Jeannie Y Jonah 3 Luke 12:39-48	Greg H	Continuing with Jonah

### Sunday 24 October - 9am Service

Leader	OT Bible	NT bible	Prayers
Bili M	Russell B Jonah 4	Jeni M Hebrews 7:21-28 Mark 10:46-52	Janine L

### To join our Worship

- Click on the link button on the front page of our website, **OR**
- paste this link into your internet browser on your smart Phone, tablet or PC  
<https://adcg.zoom.us/j/93204140807?pwd=dC9ZWDR3aUNicmxLanhoZ0pjbzBBdz09>

## Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup>

### We are back in Church 8am & 10am Services

Everyone is welcome but there are some health regulations to know

- Everyone must wear a mask
- Keep the 1.5-meter social distance
- No singing... just yet... and
- We will not have morning tea for a couple of weeks

**For those who can't attend in person the 10am service will still be available on ZOOM**



At the height of his singing career, Johnny Cash was one of the most recognizable faces and voices in the world. But Cash became an out-of-control drug addict and loathed himself for it. One day he decided to end it all.

He went to a cave system by the Tennessee River called Nickajack cave. He crawled, walked, and shimmied deeper and deeper into the labyrinth, determined to go on until his flashlight died—which it did. Later, Cash wrote:

*“I was as far from God as I have ever been. My separation from him, the deepest and most ravaging of the various kinds of loneliness I’d ever felt over the years, seemed complete.”*

But then something happened in him. With a sense of utter peace and sobriety, he realized that he was not in charge of his own destiny. He started crawling in the direction he had come from, and hours later feeling a breeze and seeing light, he realized God would save him too from that grave.

As he emerged into the light of day where he had abandoned his Jeep, there his mother and close friend were waiting.

In Christ, God has made redemption possible. It is never too late for us.

- We are never too far gone.
- God is never too far away.

As Titus 2 says, Christ was given to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify us.

Johnny Cash knew that someone greater than he needed to break him free.

Somebody stronger needed to supply the price to set him free.

A lot of people do not hit rock bottom the way he did, and so they do not have a sense of the nearness of wickedness or the need for purification.

But the cave starts getting dark just a few steps in. Sometime **today** take a few minutes to pray and to tell God where you need the light of his truth and purity in your life and ask for His guidance.

## Find your Garden and Be Still

*A devotional from Lectio 365, Monday the 18th October.*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Father I pause to have an encounter with You; the One who loves to walk and talk with His children. Help me to still myself, to hear Your voice, understand Your word and grow in closeness to You.

### **Rejoice and Reflect**

I choose to rejoice in God's stillness today, joining with the ancient praise of all God's people in the words of Psalm 46...

*'Be still, and know that I am God!  
I will be honoured by every nation.  
I will be honoured throughout the world.'  
The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us;  
the God of Israel is our fortress. (Psalm 46:10-11 )*

Today we are reflecting on how as a Christian, we are drawn into a relationship that involves deep daily encounter with God. I liken this daily encounter, my quiet time, to walking in a garden...

*Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, 'Where are you?' (Genesis 3:8-9)*

Before the fall people spent time with God in a garden. What a beautiful picture; God, as the Creator of His paradise walking regularly for pleasure with Adam and Eve. I can almost picture them stopping, waiting and listening, maybe excitement rising, stilling themselves, getting ready to walk with God. God still calls to me regularly: 'Where are you?'. Not because the omniscient (all knowing) one has lost me, but because it is His desire for me to walk with Him.

### **Ask**

Lord forgive me for when I don't make time for You in my life, when I allow busy-ness to take over and forget to walk with You. How do you want me to spend time with You this week?

Father help me to share the joy of my encounter with You. Who can I speak to today about the peace I find in encounter with You?

As we return to the passage I listen for a particular word or phrase that the Holy Spirit is highlighting to me today...

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The word that struck me is 'garden'.

The Hebrew word for garden is gannah, which literally means 'a covered or hidden place.' Gardens in biblical settings were usually small, walled enclosures; tranquil spaces in which you could tuck yourself out of sight and find a moment of rest and connection.

I have a chair where I spend my quiet time, this is my metaphorical 'garden'; my place of encounter; and morning is my time. Location and time of day can be completely different for everyone.

## **Yield**

Lord I surrender to You and Your gracious pursuit of me, one that is laced with kindness. I do not fear encounter because in genuine encounter I am made whole.

And now, as I prepare to take this time of prayer into the coming day, the Lord who loves me says in Romans:

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:1-2)*

## **Closing Prayer**

Father, help me to live this day to the full,  
being true to You, in every way.

Jesus, help me to give myself away to others,  
being kind to everyone I meet.

Spirit, help me to love the lost,  
proclaiming Christ in all I do and say.

Amen.

**You can explore the themes of this devotion further with Brian Heasley's book, Be Still.**



## Relationships



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***Always make sure that in any serious relationship one of you is good with money.***

***After all there is a reason why we call them the SIGN/IF/I/CAN'T other!***

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***Oh yeah, here is one of mum and the kids....***

***but we are very worried about the middle one...***

***he seems to be fading fast!***

## [How to Check In without a smart phone](#)

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## [2022 Rosters](#)

If you are wanting to continue on or offer your time and energy to one of the rosters which support our regular Church Services for 2022 please email Janet ([admin@stpaulsginninderra.org.au](mailto:admin@stpaulsginninderra.org.au)) or Ken ([ken@stpaulsginninderra.org.au](mailto:ken@stpaulsginninderra.org.au)).

There are rosters for

- Service Leaders,
- Bible Readers,
- Intercessions,
- Musicians,
- Greeters,
- Morning tea,
- Communion setup,
- Sound and video, and
- Usher (new)

Training will be provided for everyone.

**If we don't hear from you by the end of November, we will assume that you don't wish to be included on a roster.**

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