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*Richard*

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*Les*

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*Les & Narelle*

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Contribution:

*Richard & Narelle*

### NEXT WEEK

19 July 2020

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*Richard*

Lord's Supper:

*Titus*

Song Leader:

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*Warwick*

Greeter:

*Eric*

Morning Tea:

*Richard & Kathy*

Counting

Contribution:

*Barry & Norman*

## HOW CAN I GLORIFY GOD WHEN I FEEL SO HELPLESS?

I have had the perfect illustration today to the above topic. I started my article as I usually do but this time was different. I couldn't find the necessary tool bar anywhere so I couldn't start my article. Another illustration of not knowing what to do when you simply want to glorify God. How many people have been or are in the same situation? You want to glorify God but you don't know how or where to start. You may be living alone, most likely without transport and you feel so helpless especially when you read the command like **Matthew 28:16-20** where our Lord tells us to "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". We had already witnessed mixed emotions before this command was even given. In **verse 17** when they saw Jesus; they worshipped Him, but some doubted. Jesus made no distinction between the worshippers and the doubters, He simply said "GO". Now that is enough to send shivers down your spine for a start let alone being house bound and unable to "GO". Then you read a passage like **Matthew 9:37** where Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few". Now that really tugs at your heart strings! It certainly did for Jesus, notice in **verse 36** "When Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd". "Here am I" you say, "Feeling the same way as those who need saving – harassed and helpless in my situation!". The good news is, that you don't have to be that way at all no matter how isolated you feel. Notice Jesus had compassion on the crowds, He was teaching us to look outward and not to dwell on our own circumstances. Paul told the Romans, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (**Rom 12:2**). Peter reminds us to "Prepare your minds for action" (**1 Peter 1:13**), does that include me in my unique situation? Yes; it does, when you have compassion for others and you have trained your mind to look outward to the needs of others, with the purpose to glorify God and not for the praise of men then your mind has been truly transformed. Jesus said in **Matthew 10:42**, "And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth he will certainly not lose his reward". But we don't stop there; we keep on looking for ways to glorify God. Jesus knows your situation, He also knows there is always someone you can help, through prayer, a phone call, an e-mail or a letter of encouragement etc. When I was told I only had a certain amount of time to live, I began to feel helpless and harassed after such an active life doing the Lord's work, I knew I needed to stop and pray to God, "Lord, help me to understand I can't do what I used to do but in the time you have given me according to your grace help me to glorify your precious name". God has certainly answered that prayer and He will do the same for you no matter how isolated you may feel God can use you for His glory and you can have the peace that passes all understanding (**Phil 4:7**).

John Shepherd.

Pray and have faith.  
With God, all things  
are possible.

## FAMILY NEWS

Welcome to our worship this morning.

Please keep John and Anne in your prayers.

Sinai has a new phone number  
021 0262 0490

Moira is in Princess Alexandra, if anyone is visiting her could they please take a newsletter and read it to her.

Singing at Summerset this  
Wednesday (15<sup>th</sup>) at 1.30pm

Warwick Badham will be bringing us the lesson on the 19<sup>th</sup> July as well as Chris Miller on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Meeting times.

Prayers: All the time,

Morning Tea: Sunday, 10am

Worship: Sunday – 10.30am

-- 4pm

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To guide people  
into growing,  
healthy  
relationships  
with God

## Let Us Pray For:

- Those with health issues: Moira, Michael, Sally, Marie, John, Rosalie, Les, Norman, Judith Bing, Judy Bannister and Judy Martin.
- Personal growth and outreach opportunities.
- The men as they lead the body.
- Our Missionary workers in Fiji and Vanuatu.
- The Coronavirus (COVID 19) as it spreads around the world. We are at level 1 which really only effects our borders and we need to keep a diary of our contacts. We pray that our faith remains strong or becomes stronger through this period. Our hope is in Jesus, may it always continue to remain so. We have COVID19 back in our country because of failures at the boarder, we pray that the outbreak does not become unmanageable
- Those who are alone and are struggling, May we all reach out to them through prayer as well as the phone and internet and visiting.
- The elections are coming up in September, may the people of New Zealand make the right choice when they are casting their vote.
- 2020 will bring the truth to all those searching and even those who are not aware.



Les de Frere  
celebrates  
77 years  
on Friday (17<sup>th</sup>)  
Have a great  
day

