

THE VINES UNITING CHURCH

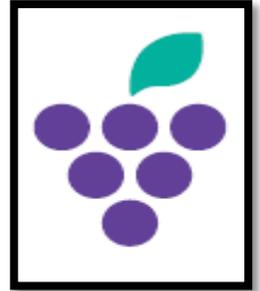
#15 The Grape: "Something to chew on."

Church in your pyjamas!

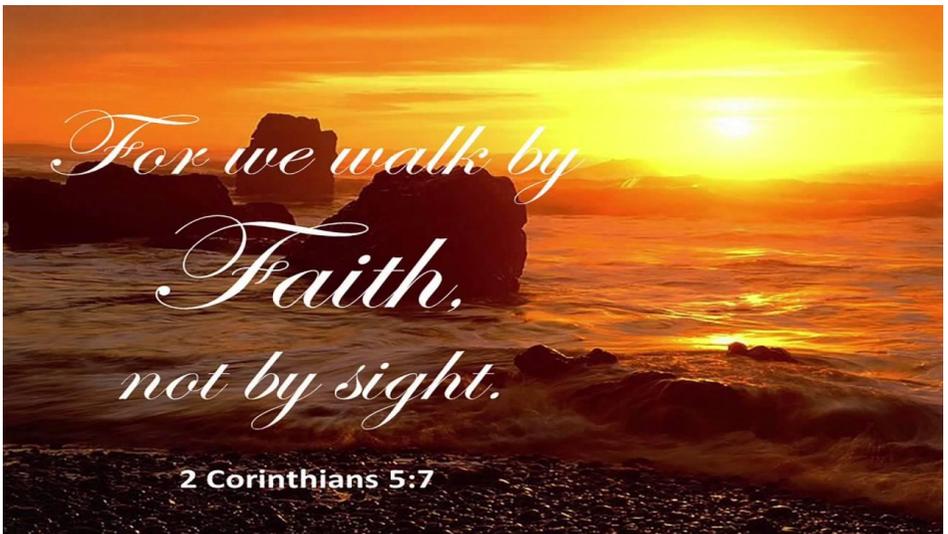
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The GRAPE: It is a solitary thing and yet even in isolation it has come from a bunch and the bunch is connected to the Vine.



ANCHOR SERIES #6



FURTHER REFLECTION:

“PERSPECTIVE OF ETERNITY”

READ 2 Corinthians 4:16 – 18 (NRSV)

¹⁶“So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.”



The Eternity image was graffitied on walls and footpaths in chalk throughout Sydney between 1932 and 1967. The artist, who remained unknown until 1956, was an illiterate former soldier and alcoholic named Arthur Stace. In 1940 Arthur became a devout Christian, maybe experiencing

a Paradigm shift, a new perspective emanating from the word he was estimated to have written 500,000 times.

2000 years earlier Paul seemed to be saying the same thing:
“So we do not lose heart... because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.”

Q. Does eternity factor into your faith experience?

If YES, in what ways?

If NO, why not?

Q. Does having a perspective of eternity impact on your interpretation of hardship?

YES / NO

Explain your answer

Q. How would you finish this sentence? - *“So we do not lose heart...”*

LEADERS MEETING UPDATE 10th JULY 2020

Good news, we now have some framework for worship.

RECOMMENCING INTERIM WORSHIP:

DATE: 9TH AUGUST, 2020

TIME: To be confirmed

DURATION: To be confirmed

FREQUENCY: To be confirmed

The reason our services are called “Interim” is because our NEW NORMAL is very different. The picture below indicates what church corporate worship will most likely look like, taking into consideration social distancing requirements.



Not the same is it?

So the good news is we have a date, the challenge is to get all the processes in place, hence one of the reasons the **2nd Sunday in August** was chosen.

The recent Vines Survey indicated that up to 90 people would like to attend the first service and as the church only holds 50 when applying COVID 19 restrictions, we have to figure out how that works.

Some things to consider include cleaning everything after each service, probably no morning teas, no hugs, no handshakes after the service with David; what will our gathering together look like?

So there's lots of stuff to work out: being patient remains important as we, your LEADERSHIP TEAM, continue to be proactive in working through these variables.

STAY TUNE, MORE TO FOLLOW..... Rev DJPrior

EMAIL REFLECTIONS:

“Greetings David,

...I am enclosing a few thoughts following on your sermons on Peter walking on water to Jesus. I notice it was when 'Peter saw the wind,' a strange expression actually, he became afraid, and got that sinking feeling! Had he kept his gaze directly on Jesus, he might well have completed his walk in faith.

Is it not a lesson for us, that if we look steadfastly to Jesus, we will continue on without distraction and fear? Reminds me of that lovely old song, 'Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of the earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of his glory and grace.'”

With every encouragement,
June G

Join us for online tea and coffee after church again this Sunday

At 10.30 am tomorrow, **Sunday, 12 JULY**, we will again catch up for
VIRTUAL coffee and tea after Church.

Visitors welcome!

Please refer to this week's Grapevine for more information

CHECK <https://thevinesunitingchurch.com>

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

“Phone a Friend and Choose life”

‘Cos you can’t catch the virus over the phone...

But you can pass on God’s love!’

