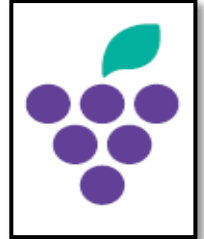


THE VINES UNITING CHURCH

23 The Grape: "Something to chew on."

Good morning!

Saturday 12th September 2020



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 #15: *Breaking the Old Anchor Chains:*

1 Peter 2:4 - 10



CHANGING OUR OLD ANCHORS

During the anchor series I have focused on God's Love as our Anchor. But the truth is we can have many Anchors holding us firm. These anchors can be based on our values, principles or even our history based on the good, bad and the ugly; all of which has the power to change our PERCEPTION of how we see the world and ourselves. For example



Who sees a Vase or lamp stand?
Who sees two people face to face?

Perceptions can change.

While our history doesn't change the way in which we perceive, our history can.

How is that possible?

Perception is basically looking at something from a different angle. When helping people work through hardship I often invite them to consider how their hardest points in life are actually Comparison points. Meaning that a negative can become a motivating point that affirms choosing life, e.g. for me in life I have used the following comparisons:

“Compared to the hardship of my time in India...” (1991 – 2016)

“Compared to deploying to Afghanistan...” (2016 -)

“Compared to 2018” (Wagga – Fathers' death etc.) (2018 -)

Using this comparison approach reminds me: “I am alive”, “I have got this far”, “what can I apply to my 2020 situation?” These questions change my perception of reality by reminding me that I have endured the hardest things life has thrown at me and **HERE I STAND!**

In addition I apply God's Anchor of Love... allowing me to use “How is God present with me?” to further change my perception of what is occurring.

Q. Do you agree or disagree with what I have said? WHY?

Q. How can using this Comparison technique be helpful?

Q. What have you discovered about what has kept you going?

Rev DJPrior

13th SEPTEMBER 20 INTERIM WORSHIP:

TIME: 09.30am Service Sunday morning (45 mins ish)

Max attendance 51 people (includes Worship team)
(No singing by congregation).

The Leadership and Worship teams are constantly reviewing and exploring what works best at Sunday Services and we thank you for your feedback and patience.

Service - Recorded and LIVE STREAMED onto Vines Web page.

https://www.youtube.co/results?search_query=the+vines+uniting+church

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

Tickets for the service on Sunday 20th September can be booked through **Humanitix** from 3pm on Sunday 13th, until 11 am on Friday 18th Sept. If you **NEED HELP** with booking, please contact

Colleen - H: 7220 7383 M: 0430 646 844
or Judy – H: 8322 0892 M: 0402 249 324

To book, please Google Humanitix, click on “events”, and in the box that says “search events”, type in; “The Vines Uniting Church”. The event will then appear for you to click on and book your tickets. There’s no need to print out your tickets.

Should you need **TO CANCEL** your tickets, please let Colleen or Judy know by **4 pm on Thurs 17th September**, (unless there are unexpected circumstances), to enable them to rebook the tickets.

Please do not attend the Sunday Service if you are at all unwell.

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!’



SINGING AT THE VINES



At the Leadership meeting on Friday 4th September it was agreed to recommence singing **by the Worship Team** again at the Vines, from this Sunday 13th September. This will be done with proper distancing, best practice and the safety of our congregation in mind in these Covid times.

The congregation are asked not to sing as yet.

Another review will be done by Leadership at the end of September.

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

At **11.00 am** tomorrow, **Sunday, 13th September**, 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>

ZOOM Children's Sunday Morning Chat 10.45 am – with Rev. David Prior

Please email Rev. David Prior davidprior@bigpond.com if you have children/grand-children who would like to be linked in, or phone him on:
M: 0403 991 475 before Sunday 13th September.

The Steadfast Love Of God

