



The Grapevine 4/7/2021

The Vines Uniting Church

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Living by Faith #2: "So we do not lose heart." 2 COR 4: 13 – 18

Nothing passive about the way PAUL writes. He is a single focus sort of guy. But I guess when you are being persecuted for something you can't change about yourself what do you?

Paul originally went by the name of Saul. He was a Pharisee who was tasked with persecuting Christians. He was very good at it.

On the way to Damascus he encountered the Risen Lord and was blinded and utterly confused. His reason for being, his inner self was challenged and transformed. Saul renamed himself as Paul to reflect an INNER CHANGE.

Today we focus on Paul's words...

16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

Paul says that despite our suffering, despite the condition of our outer nature, which can be as cracked and ruined as an earthen jug or pottery and yet our Inner nature can be RENEWED.

BUT HOW... what is this crazy Christian message about?

THE POWER OF PERSPECTIVE

17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18 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."

Paul is talking about HOPE that comes from an eternal perspective.

When we forget that, our gaze drifts back to our outer nature – wealth, secular security, and this becomes the primary focus. But this can lead to despair. Paul states that our hope comes from the promises of He who raised Christ from the dead.

Rev DJ Prior

OUR MISSION:

To be a vibrant, growing community, reaching out to reflect God's love, connecting others to Christ.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Come along to The Vines Uniting Church for a morning of fun Bible-based music, games and craft. The theme is *"Running the Race"*.

Morning snack included (please advise us of any food intolerances/allergies).

Best-suited for primary school children.

When: 8th July 2021

Time: 9 am - 12pm

Where: 152 Reynell Rd, Woodcroft SA

Cost: Free

How: Book tickets at <https://events.humanitix.com/the-vines-uniting-church-holiday-bible-fun>

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Vines Children's Church Team

Please Note:

- Bookings essential: <https://events.humanitix.com/the-vines-uniting-church-holiday-bible-fun>
- Please book a ticket for each person who will stay for the session (due to COVID-Safe capacity limits).
- Children over 5 years will need to be signed in by a parent/carer upon arrival and signed out afterwards.
- Children under 5 years may be able to enjoy some activities with the support of their parent/carer.
- On entry, we ask that all parents/carers Check-In with the QR codes as per COVID-Safe procedures.
- If unwell on the day, please do not attend. We thank you for considering the well-being of others.
- If your child is not a regular attendee of The Vines Uniting Church, please arrive a few minutes early in order to complete a registration form regarding emergency contact details etc.



VINES MARKET

The next Vines Market at the Reynella Neighbourhood Centre will be on the 31st July. The last 2 markets have been very successful and we look forward to the next one. A suggestion is that it will have a “Christmas in July” theme.

Please consider how you might support this event as we make our presence known in the community. Further details will emerge as we get closer to the time. Please speak to Leon or Marj if you have any questions.

CHURCH SEATING

Please remember to leave a chair between you and the next person during Sunday services in line with Covid restrictions.

If you are a couple or family, or if you come to church with someone, you can sit together, just leave a space between your group and the next person.

Thank you!



*let everything
you do
be done in
love*

1 Corinthians 13:1

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:
Connect with others and *CHOOSE LIFE*
‘Cos to Grow stronger through COVID
We *have to* pass on God’s love!

Next week:

**11 Jul P07 LIVING BY FAITH #3: Walk by Faith, not by Sight.
2 COR 5:5-10 DJP**

LIVE STREAMED WORSHIP SERVICES

Each Sunday our worship services at the Vines can be accessed live at 9:30am via our YouTube channel. Please use the following link to access our services,

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

After the livestream, each service will remain on our YouTube channel for watching later. They can be accessed using the same link.

Our Children's Church....Sessions are held fortnightly, during the services at the Church. See the table below for the scheduled weeks.

Sunday 25th July
Sunday 8th August



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