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THE GRAPEVINE 4/9/2022

WK#3 – The Potter & the Clay: shaped by God & Life?

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Let me say right at the outset... the Old Testament (OT) gives us images of God that our 21st century Australian sensitivities struggle with. We are so use to talking about love, I do every week, but the OT sees things a little differently.

Could we call it tough love? A Carrot and a Stick?

Jeremiah says to the people of Israel that there are consequences for following other gods, for doing their own thing. Idolatry would not be tolerated. Jeremiah said it was considered a Sin, meaning Judgement would be passed and Punishment would be the outcome.

*¹¹ Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, **I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.***

Did you know that for the people in Jeremiah's time, this passage was full of hope. **HOPE!!!** Yes, hope. How can I say that? There is a clear flow here, if you make a mistake you will pay for it. However, the Prophet says if you **TURN NOW** (repent) and **AMEND** your ways the mind of God will be changed (forgive).

In 18:4 while Jeremiah watches the potter work he sees:

*⁴ The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, **and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.***

So, the meaning emerging out of this for me is this, if God the Potter does not discard us when we make mistakes, but wants to remake us, what is our role in this process? After all we are in a relationship with God.

Peace, Rev DJPrior

❖ OUR VISION:

To be a vibrant, growing community of Faith.

❖ OUR MISSION:

*To reach out and reflect God's Love –
connecting others to Christ.*

BIBLE STUDY WITH REV. DJP.

Rev. DJP's five week Bible Study course is currently running: Please note that there is one week off.

#4 – 01 SEPT

08 SEPT – NO Group

#5 – 15 SEPT

They will be Sermon based studies, picking up the sermon from the previous Sunday and reflecting, chewing on its meaning for life.

TIME: 4pm – 5pm

VENUE: The VINES UC

RSVP: Rev DJP

“SPRING MARKET” There is still a need for helpers on the craft and cake stalls on Saturday. If you could help even for an hour, Marj would love to hear from you. Thank you in anticipation.



FOOD PARCEL MINISTRY

Thank you and may God bless you for your continued support for this ministry.

With the cold weather upon us now, we are in need of the following.

- Cereal
- Tea
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Vegetables
- Soup
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Baked Beans
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Toiletries or a cash donation marked "Food Parcel Ministry".

Thank you again, Leon and the Pastoral Team

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church is held fortnightly during school terms. See below for Term 3 dates!

11 Sep 22

25 Sep 22

Kristen Waters and Renjini Samuel

Remember OUR key MESSAGE:

Phone a Friend

Connect with others and CHOOSE LIFE

'Cos to Grow stronger through COVID

We have to pass on God's love.



Next week:

11 September - Pentecost 14

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 20-28

Doing the same, expecting a different outcome!

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.



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