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SUNDAY TIMES:
BIBLE STUDIES: 09H00
WORSHIP: 10H00 TO 11H00
16 AUGUST 2026

Preacher: Mike Baisley
Sermon Topic: My Grace is Sufficient
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12: 7 - 9
Reading:

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY - 9 a.m.

We encourage everyone to attend the morning Bible Study classes, as we study the book of Acts. Johan is facilitating the class. Please join us during this time of learning God's Word. Continue reading through Acts!

Song Leader: Braam Le Roux **Scripture Reading:** Braam Le Roux
Opening Prayer: Des Hagemann **Lord's Table:** Ray Calder
Closing Prayer: Rudi Le Roux **Attendance last Sunday:** 33
Servers: Braam, Ray, Rudi & Des

Lessons From Ecclesiastes

Like the other books of wisdom in the Bible, Ecclesiastes is concerned with imparting wisdom and teaching all to fear the Lord. Ecclesiastes is consistent with the rest of Scripture in its explanation that true wisdom is to fear God, even when we cannot see all that God is doing.

1. Uncertainty Is a Part of Life

Surrendering to the uncertainty of life isn't always easy. People want to be in control and know what's coming next. Ecclesiastes touches on uncertainty in life. An example is Ecclesiastes 8: 7 - 8, which says, *"Since no one knows the future, who can tell someone else what is to come? As no one has power over the wind to contain it, so no one has power over the time of their death."*

Reading Ecclesiastes helps remind us that all people face uncertainty and we can't change that. However, we can cling to God and the idea of eternity to make that uncertainty a little easier.

2. Follow God's Commandments

Another lesson to consider comes from Ecclesiastes 12: 13 - 14, *"Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil."*

This passage reminds us to fear God and follow his commandments, as everything we do will come into judgment. It's a good guide for life at any age, and it is never too late to start following God's commandments.

Did You Know?

King Solomon wrote the Book of Ecclesiastes. However, the book does not name him directly. Instead, the author calls himself Qoheleth, which means "Teacher" or "Preacher."

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

All the ladies are invited to join in and attend the Bible Study classes, every Wednesday morning at 10am. The book of Hebrews is being studied and discussed.

BIRTHDAYS

Brenda Baisley - 18 August
 Raymond Calder - 20 August

As you celebrate your Special Day, may your day be filled with many Special Moments!

VISITORS

Welcome to our visitors. It was wonderful seeing several familiar and several new faces last Sunday morning!

PRAYER REQUESTS

There are so many people in our congregation who are in need of constant prayers. We think of the elderly, the ill and those who are hurting. Please add our dear Anle Roberts to your prayers as he recovers from surgery. We thank God for prayers He so faithfully answers.

URGENT APPEAL - JARS OF HOPE OUTREACH PROJECT:

The only hope many people have of a meal.
Please see the details on the reverse.

FUN QUIZ AND SUPPER EVENING

Every Third Friday Of The Month

You are invited to a fun Bible Quiz Evening filled with friendly competition, teamwork and fellowship. Test your knowledge of God's Word, bring some supper snacks - and invite a friend to join us. Looking forward to seeing you on **FRIDAY, 21st AUGUST - 6PM** Coffee and tea will be provided.

And to get those brain cells working - Which Old Testament figure did James use to show the power of prayer?
 (Answer: James 5: 13 - 18)



Please open your hearts and pockets and contribute one or several of the following items: **Quick cook samp, rice, macaroni, maize meal and soya.** The jars will be packed at the Ladies Bible Study Group on **Wednesday, 19th August.** The jars are distributed to those who are desperately in need of a quickly and easily prepared meal. For many this is the only meal they may have for several days.

Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.
Isaiah 58:10

Positivity and Purpose in Everyday Moments

Philippians 4: 8: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things."

It is often easier to be negative than it is to be positive. Why is that? We are heavily influenced by our environment. When we turn on the television or go online, would you say that the majority of what we see and hear is negative or positive? When we reflect on our personal life, do we sometimes focus more on the problems, aches, pains, fears, uncertainties, crises, arguments, etc. than we do the blessings, joys, hopes, promises, gifts and presence of God?

Of all people on this earth, Christians ought to be the most positive people anywhere. That doesn't mean that we can't have a bad day, or get stressed out, or be concerned about various circumstances. But those of us who are in tune with Jesus have mountains of reasons to be positive in this life. Let us train our mind to think positively (Phil. 4: 8). Train our words to speak positively (Ecc. 10: 12). Let the salt and light of Christ-like living make the world around us a more positive place to be (Matt. 5: 13 - 16).

The Tale of the Two Salesmen – and a Lesson in Positivity!

A large shoe company wanted to expand its market into a distant, uncharted island. They sent two of their top salesmen independently to assess the business potential.

The first salesman arrived on the island, stepped off the boat, and looked around with a sinking heart. Not a single person on the island wore shoes; everyone walked around entirely barefoot. He rushed back to the port, pulled out his cellphone, and sent a desperate message to the home office: "Terrible news. Nobody here wears shoes. There is zero potential for our business here. Coming home."

A week later, the second salesman arrived at the very same dock. He stepped off the boat, looked around, and noticed the exact same thing - not a single soul on the island wore shoes. Instead of despairing, his face lit up with a massive smile. He immediately sent an excited message back to the home office:

"Incredible news! Nobody here wears shoes yet. The market is completely untapped. Unlimited potential! Send all the inventory you can spare immediately!"