



Sunday 5th November

Luke 7:33—8:3 Loving God With Everything

A reminder of Sunday's BD message Luke 7:1-35

Every single person must decide for themselves who Jesus is and how they are going to respond to Jesus *because* of who He is. In this reading Jesus says 'blessed is the one who is not offended by Me". What does He mean by that?

Jesus is looking for faith. The faith of those who recognise who He is and the authority that He holds. And like the Centurion, when we understand the authority that Jesus has **to save and to judge**, it changes the way we respond to Him; it changes the way we pray; it changes the way we obey/disobey; it changes how loosely we hold this life. When we recognise the authority of Jesus, our faith increases exponentially.

God has visited His people! Our planet earth was visited by God in our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus came to show us the way to salvation and life. Jesus came to reconcile Himself to humanity. The only way to the Kingdom of God is through His Son. When we understand that God has visited His people, our faith increases exponentially.

But who wants a Saviour if they don't know they need saving? This was the job of John the Baptist. John preached about the wrath to come—it was a message of judgement and pointed to the second coming. The message of John was meant to heighten our awareness of sin and reveal the consequence of sin. The message of John was also meant to reveal our need for repentance and our need to be saved. John the Baptist preached that God's judgement is coming! And how we respond to the message of John the Baptist, will determine how we respond to Jesus! If I'm convinced by the message of John (that I'm a sinner in need of a Saviour) then I'm ready to receive the Gospel of Jesus. But if I reject the message of John and if I don't recognise my sin and I don't admit to my dire need to be saved, then the Gospel will be offensive! "*What do you mean that I'm a sinner???*"

Those who reject Jesus, do so because Jesus and everything He achieved on the cross is offensive to their prideful selves. Blessed are those who are not offended by Jesus.

Have you not yet made up your mind who Jesus is? Indecision *will* exclude you from the Kingdom of God. Becoming a Christian is not a decision to be taken lightly. It's not just simply 'adding a bit of Jesus to your life and everything will be good'. Becoming a Christian is not a bed or roses, it's a cross of nails. It's a big deal becoming a Christian because we put to death our old way of life and become a completely new creation. It's not for the weak—in Christ— we must be strong to follow Him. The day of decision is here. Repent of sin, and find grace and forgiveness and new life in Him.

God's plan and God's purpose is for you to turn toward Him with your whole heart. When you do make that step many will think it strange/weird/naïvebut as a Christian, don't ever forget, you're in good company!

Bush Disciples November Roster 2023

Date	Opening Prayer	Kids Story	Bible Reading	Com-munion	Closing Prayer	Supper
05/11	B&R	D&R	Anne	J&S	D&P	Shared
12/11	AGM	Rhonda	AGM	AGM	AGM	Shared
19/11	J&S	D&P	Anne	D&R	B&R	Shared



Men's Prayer Meeting 6am "Mywybilla" every Wednesday

KYB—7th November 8:45am "Mywybilla" Study 4

Men's Bible Study—Tuesday's 7:30pm "Mywybilla"

12th November—Worship, Fellowship Bring and Share Finger-food Lunch and AGM of Bush Disciples



Don't be like the foolish person who only read the instructions (the Word of God) but be like the wise person who DID what they said!

Order of Service 11th November 2023

Welcome and Opening Prayer	Bruce & Rhonda
Song	Here I Am to Worship
Children's Story	Dave & Ruth
Bible Reading	Anne
Message	Luke 7:33—8:3 Loving God With Everything
Song	Holy Is The Lord
Communion	Justin & Sarah
Song	King of Kings
Closing Prayer	David & Pauline