



Sunday 30th April— TBA Catholic Hall

Luke 2:41-52 Parenting & Spiritual Growth

A reminder of today's BD message.....

Jesus Christ is the most polarising person in history. People respond to Jesus in one of three ways.

1. We love him with every fibre of our being, we live for Him, we long for His return. We become His disciples.
2. The mention of His name invokes hatred, bitterness and disdain. We oppose Him.
3. We're not for Him, or against Him, we just simply don't care because He means nothing to us.

Jesus evokes a response in everybody. **How WE respond to Jesus reveals the condition of our heart!**

In today's reading, Luke introduces us to Jesus parents and goes to great lengths to highlight their Godliness, devoutness and piety. Worshipping God and serving God took first place in their lives. Jesus parents were people who did everything required by the Religious Law. They prayed often, delighted in reading God's word, walked in obedience and lived righteous lives. Worshiping God was their priority. **God does His work in people who are devoted to Him!**

At the temple, Luke introduces us to another devout man—Simeon. We are told Simeon was devout and God-fearing and the Holy Spirit was upon him. Time and time again throughout scripture we see the Holy Spirit coming upon those whose hearts are surrendered to God and Simeon's heart was just that! And when Simeon held Jesus at the temple, his life was fulfilled as he KNEW he was holding The Messiah. He also knew that Jesus would be opposed. He knew Jesus would be the most polarising person in history.

Luke goes on to introduce us to Anna—an elderly prophetess who had been widowed for more than 80 years. Luke tells us she was always at the temple, she was always worshipping and praying and fasting..... she was devout in her faith! Anna lived in hope of The Messiah and her fulfillment came in Christ. Anna lived a devout life and the Holy Spirit was upon her.

Joseph, Mary, Simeon and Anna's devotion to God was spent looking forward to the coming of the Saviour. For us, our devotion to God is because the Saviour has come and now we wait for His return.

What stands out here is the Spirit of God comes upon those who are devout and righteous and are eagerly waiting for their Lord. Let us together be a church who are devout, a people who find fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ and who eagerly await His return. May we be a people of prayer and praise and worship!

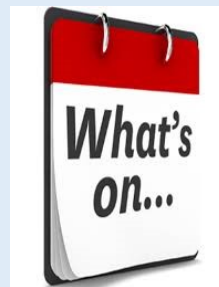
Lord, by Your Holy Spirit, make us a people of prayer and praise and worship; A people devoted to You, because You are everything!

Bush Disciples April/May Roster 2023

Date	Opening Prayer	Kids Story	Bible Reading	Com-munion	Closing Prayer	Morning tea
30/04	B&R	D&R	AH	D&P	A&M	J&S
07/05	J&S	B&R	AH	D&R	D&P	A&M
21/05	A&M	J&S	AH	B&R	D&R	D&P



As Simeon, a devout and God fearing man, held Jesus—he knew Jesus would become the most polarising person in history! What is your response to Jesus?



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

KYB—next meeting on 2nd May

Men's Bible Study—
7:30pm Mywybilla

Order of Service 30th April 2023

Welcome & Opening Prayer	Bruce & Rhonda
Songs x 2	Chelsea & Rhonda
Children's Story	David & Ruth
Bible Reading	Anne Luke 2:41-52
Message	Parenting & Spiritual Growth
Song	Chelsea & Rhonda
Communion	David & Pauline
Song	Chelsea & Rhonda
Closing Prayer	Andrew & Monique
Computer Operation	Harry
Morning Tea	Fellowship Bring & Share Supper