

Brisbane City Temple

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“A disciple is simply someone who believes in Jesus and seeks to follow him in his or her daily life. Originally, of course, a disciple was someone who literally knew Jesus in the flesh and followed him — but after he was taken up into heaven, anyone who was committed to Jesus was called a disciple. And that’s what you are, now that you have come to Christ and are seeking to follow him.

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? It means first of all that we want to learn from him — and we will, as we study God’s word, the Bible, and listen to others teach from it. Make the Bible part of your life every day. The Psalmist said, “The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple” (Psalm 119:130).

But being a disciple also means we want to put God’s word into action by seeking to live the way Christ wants us to live — with God’s help. Thank God every day for his great love for you, and ask him to help you share his love with others.”

Billy Graham



Our National Vision

Wherever there is hardship or injustice
Salvos will live, love and fight
Alongside others
To transform Australia one life at time
With the love of Jesus

Time to Share

Hope ...a short word, but used often in everyday speech. And probably used more frequently during these times.

What is hope? *A feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen.*

For quite some time, I have been thinking about this word 'hope'. The hope for something good in the future, a thing or things in the future that I would like – and thinking that the desire or want would be fulfilled. There is also an element of uncertainty in this.

I am sure that the word was from God because I have also been challenged by 'hope' from a Biblical perspective.

What does the Bible say about 'hope'? Lots and lots! Biblical hope is *'the confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength in His faithfulness'*.

Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

The book of Job has numerous references to hope. Job had every reason in the world to ask 'why' and referred to the hopelessness of his situation but he was also a man of great faith and realised that knowing God was better than knowing the answers.

We can have an incredible hope – but sometimes life can get in the way - and it can be hard to hold on to that hope. When we have hope, it helps us not to get discouraged, not to give up, because we have something to keep going for – the hope of eternal life – God's promise to us.

In 1966, Major Joy Webb wrote the timeless song "There will be God" – its message as clear today as it was when it was penned. The words speak of the confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength in His faithfulness

**Man walks alone amidst uncertainty
Only one thing can still make him strong
In the pain, in the doubt, in the loneliness
In the struggle of right against wrong
Somewhere amid the confusion
There will be hope
There will be love
There will be God**

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Basil Bate passed away on Tuesday 12 May. We thank God for his life and his influence and we pray for his family as they grieve.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Our weekly sermons and worship service is pre-recorded and available for viewing either from our Corps Facebook page or from our Corps website.

Links for Viewing

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BrisbaneCityTemple>

Or you can follow the link on the

Homepage of the Corps Website: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/brisbanecity/>

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Have you thought about how you can continue to give your tithes and offerings during this time where you are not able to physically place them in the offering bag? This is what somebody from our Corps shared during the week

You can make a direct deposit into the Corps Account.

Bank Account details are:

NAME: *The Salvation Army BCT* **BSB Number:** 034 004

Account Number: 810612

SATURDAY @ 10AM

A weekly opportunity for women to catch up and encourage each other via zoom. Message Susan on 0438 556 432 for more information on how to connect.

How can you be involved?

1. Donate directly to our fundraising page
2. Sign up as a fundraiser for our local appeal.

To find the BCT Red Shield page

Go to our Digital Doorknock page

<https://digitaldoorknock.salvationarmy.org.au/t/brisbane-city-salvos>

To create your own Red Shield fundraising profile...

On the [Brisbane City Salvos](#) page click [Join this team](#)

Complete the sign-up details to create your own fundraising page

Personalise your fundraising page (add a profile picture, set a fundraising goal, tell everyone why you're fundraising)

You are now ready to start sharing your page and fundraising.

Any donations are included in the Brisbane City Salvos overall total

3. Share the fundraising page with your friends, family, colleagues and other networks



**RED
SHIELD
APPEAL**

Spiritual Growth

This weeks bible reading is from Matthew 5:17-20 NIV. Here's some questions for you to consider and thoughts to ponder after reading .

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

How might you have allowed tradition to overshadow the commandments of God?

When you think of authority what comes to mind? Do you have a negative or a positive reaction?

How does Jesus' demand for righteousness challenge you personally?

Don't try to execute everything perfectly and miss the God and the character of the God that's behind it.

Don't violate the greatest command—love God, love others—in order to keep a secondary command.

Jesus invites us to have a transformed internal life rather than a conformed external life.

BCT MEN'S OUTING

“Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt.” – John Muir

Men you are invited to go for an easy walk on Saturday May 30.

Meet at Mount Ngungun on Fullertons Rd, Glass House Mountains at 9:30 am.

Remember to bring water and a snack

For more information, contact Scott -0416 133 938



We have an opportunity to pray for each other during the week. Dot H. son Nick, Jacky, Rodney S., People who have lost jobs due to closing business, people working on the frontline dealing with Corona Virus, People who have lost family members, People who are experiencing anxiety and mental health issues, Teachers and Children who returned to school.



Praying for each other: Colonels Don & Bernice, Kevin, Kylie, Angus & Sam, David & Anne, Scott & Sharon, Kingsley, Tim & Bev, Richard & Kerry