



DUNFERMLINE
WEST BAPTIST

JESUS SAID

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD -
LIKE A CITY ON A HILLTOP THAT CANNOT BE HIDDEN

Be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Ephesians 5:15-20)

Dear friends,

Last Sunday Alan shared three deep concerns of Jesus witnessed in The Feeding of the 5,000:

1. Jesus was deeply concerned for the wellbeing of the Disciples ...and us
2. Jesus was deeply concerned for the wellbeing of this immense crowd of needy people
3. Jesus was concerned about people having enough and that no food was wasted

After feeding the crowds spiritually Jesus went on to feed the crowds physically. In this Jesus demonstrated a concern for our whole being. Many of us are fortunate to have relatively good health and have lived without the concern of where our next meal is coming from but sadly this is not the experience of so many people across the world. The passage above is a challenge to us to make the most of every opportunity. The Greek word here for opportunity, often translated as time, is *Kairos*. *Kairos*, in the New Testament, represents a God given opportunity, moment or turning point. As the young boy (or laddie as Alan said) approached Jesus with his lunch he couldn't have imagined what Jesus was about to do with it. Jesus took what the boy offered and turned it into something unimaginable. This was the boy's *kairos* moment. I wonder what would have happened if the boy hadn't offered the little that he had to Jesus, thank God we will never know.

If you would like to find out more about *Kairos* then please read a reflection I wrote last week concerning it called "The Busy Pastor". You can read the reflection at:

<https://dunfermlinewest.org/assets/files/the-busy-pastor.pdf>

What's on

At the start of the **weekly prayer session** (Wednesdays 11:00) I will be reflecting from the Psalms on how they might be speaking into our lives today. Tomorrow I will be considering Psalms 19 to 21 and the presence of God. You may wish to read the Psalms in advance.



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How the king rejoices in your strength, O Lord!

...

He asked you to preserve his life,
and you granted his request.

The days of his life stretch on forever.

Your victory brings him great honor,
and you have clothed him with splendor and majesty.

You have endowed him with eternal blessings
and given him the joy of your presence.

(Psalm 21:1,4-6)

On Sunday we will be gathering online at 11:00am. Anthony will be continuing our Choose Your King Series exploring 1 Samuel 20-22. You may find it helpful to read the chapters before the service.

Our **weekly evening prayer and bible study** continues this Wednesday at 7.30pm over zoom via the standard meeting details. The group follow the study questions from our service.

Sharing In and Out Together

Please do **share any pictures with us** (if you are able) of what you are getting up to. You could share them to our Facebook Page, over What's App, or email them to me. Below is a beautiful photo taken by Liz while on a walk and Irene's recently completed cross stitch, which she finally finished after not working on it for several years.

World Mission: Wycliffe Bible Translators

The Executive Director of Wycliffe says 'When people read the word of God in their language they are transformed in a far deeper way. Yet there is still much work to do. 1.5 billion people do not have the Bible in the language they understand best: that's 1 in 5 of the world's population'. The latest statistics show the progress being made in Bible translation worldwide. This year: 698 languages now have a complete Bible – up from 683: 1,548 languages have a complete New Testament – up from 1,534: 1,138 have some translated portions of the Bible – up from 1,133: 2,617 languages have active translation work going on.



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These numbers represent the dedicated and urgent work that translation teams are doing around the world, sometimes in difficult and dangerous situations as was the case for Benoit who carried on with translating the Gbeya Bible the Central African Republic while fleeing from rebel forces with his family. Wycliffe is involved in about three-quarters of worldwide Bible translation work.

Generosity

We would like to thank all of you for your generosity in continuing to give to the church during this time. We appreciate that these are uncertain times and are grateful that many of us are still able to contribute to the mission of the Church. You can find further information on how to give to the church via bacs (preferred), cheque or cash at:

<https://dunfermlinewest.org/giving/>

Study Questions on Mark 6:24-44

If you haven't had a chance to watch the message from Sunday or would like to watch it again you can watch it at: <https://youtu.be/ogzP375kX9E>

- 1) The miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 was set in the context of pressure. Jesus was told of the death of John the Baptist and felt in need of some 'withdrawing' and quiet, and the disciples were excited but exhausted after their preaching and healing mission. Jesus told them to go with him by themselves to a quiet place and get some rest.
 - a) Can you think of other places in Scripture where Jesus offered rest to people?
 - b) How important is it to draw aside today from our busy lives?
- 2) The disciples were sent out on a training mission that had stretched their faith and seen miracles happen.
 - a) In what way was Jesus still training them and stretching their faith at the end of the long day of teaching?
 - b) Has God ever asked you to do something that has stretched your faith to the limit? Were there any miracles as a result?
- 3) Sometimes God wants us to be the answer to our own prayers. The boy gave what he had. Can you think of others in Scripture who did the same? What else can we offer to God?
- 4) Read Amos 5:24 and Micah 6:8 How can we fulfil these exhortations today?

Buddy groups and prayer items

Keep up to date with prayers for our community at <https://dunfermlinewest.org/prayers>.



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Worship music

As we are creating new songs we are adding them to a YouTube playlist which you can listen to whenever you like at: <https://dunfermlinewest.org/worship/playlist>

Let us continue to stay in touch, to pray for one another and do not lose hope.

Your brother in Christ, Anthony