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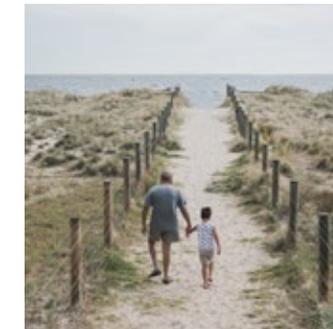
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A note from the Editor

Can you believe we are almost half way through 2019 already? Not sure how this year is working out for you but hopefully the articles in this edition will help encourage and inspire you to keep going.

Life can be described in a variety of ways- a journey, a rollercoaster, a marathon, an adventure, a battle, and even a storm. Life can be scattier than structured, is both brutal and beautiful and as the world seems to spin more out of control we can easily become overwhelmed by just having to face a day. BUT despite the uncertainty or how you may choose to describe your life one things remains true and constant, He is a person and His name is Jesus.

When we remember that He chose to give His life because of the enormity of His love for us, everything changes. His love is like no other. His grace, kindness, and mercy are without measure and are yours, everything you need He already is.

CS Lewis said "You never know what you can do until you try, and few try unless they have to".

Maybe the lemons life tries to throw your way could be your "have to" moment. But rather than use them to make lemonade - get creative! Fall in love with, and be inspired by, the stories found in the pages of the Bible. Switch off, disconnect and make time to be still, allow the Holy Spirit to whisper and resonate with the deepest places of your heart and soul. Be intentional about figuring out what God is saying to you and through you. Use the "lemons" to motivate and activate your faith, to effect culture in a meaningful way that champions the Church and encourages and inspires others to do the same.

I pray you enjoy the edition and it inspires you to make much more than lemonade!

Much love

Sara x

NEWS



HONOUR SERVICE FOR HUGH THOMPSON BEERSBRIDGE ROAD

We had the privilege of honouring Hugh and Sally Thompson as Hugh stepped aside from his position as Elder on Sunday the 10th of March 2019. Hugh and Sally have been an integral part of our church family instilling Godly wisdom and humour. During their time in Beersbridge they have served in

many departments of the church with a combined ministry of 122 years. If you were around church for any length of time you will have been impacted by the life and testimony of this incredible couple.

We were blessed to hear the Word from Hugh that morning and to get the chance to pray over them and to gift them with a small token of our appreciation.

We are so thankful that in the later years of their lives they answered the call of God to serve as they did. They have brought wisdom and clarity to many circumstances and prayed faithfully not just for our church collectively, but for each person individually. We value all the time and talents they used for God in these years and pray God's richest blessings on them as a couple for the days ahead.





“THE JOURNEY”

GAYLE BUNTING

INVISIBLE TRAFFICK

HE WHO OPPRESSES THE POOR SHOWS CONTEMPT FOR THEIR MAKER, BUT WHOEVER IS KIND TO THE NEEDY HONOURS GOD.”
Proverbs 14:31

Adolescence and young adulthood are important times in a person’s development. It is during this time that individuals begin to demonstrate vulnerable behaviours that can be associated with addictions, this also suggests that they are potentially at risk.

Invisible Traffick is delighted to announce details of our latest education programme called “The Journey”. Due to the success of our primary school educational programme called ‘Visi’s World’ we have developed this new pilot project which we have received funding support from the National Lottery Community Fund.

“The Journey” has been developed to raise awareness

of the dangers of Human Trafficking and to equip our young people to recognise the signs and indicators of this horrendous crime that is happening here in Northern Ireland.

We are very passionate about protecting the young people in our community and in particular those who are vulnerable.

This project will be delivered initially in a residential care home setting where our team of volunteers will work with participants to encourage them to stay safe within their environment. We want to empower young

people to believe in their own true identity and through a series of workshops our aim is to raise their self esteem and self-worth whilst equipping them with the tools that will help them to stay safe as they prepare to leave their care home setting.

As we are recognising more and more the dangers that young people are facing the aim of this is to assist, helping them to make to make good, healthy choices by offering our help and support. Human Trafficking is affecting a great number of young people in our local communities here in Northern Ireland, it is not unique to minority communities, it can be found in all walks of life.

The programme consists of a series of 6 workshops in which participants will learn about the dangers of Human Trafficking and skills that will help them to protect themselves. During the course of the workshops we will be engaging with the participants encouraging them to use the medium of art and design to create an anti-human trafficking awareness poster including a series of postcards that will be exhibited.

This exciting new programme has the potential to spread our message to those who need it hear it the most and hopefully be the beginning of a province wide initiative.

“The Journey” was officially launched in parliament buildings, Stormont on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 and we would really appreciate your prayers. [\[L\]](#)

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Wondrous is one of the highlights of the year for us as a family. It's something that we look forward to going to. There is something for everyone regardless of age. It's a great opportunity for all of us to go and learn about and hear from God, a chance to have fun. The kids love going to the generation next meetings and we are equally as excited about the main meeting. It's also a great opportunity to catch up with people from the wider Elim family that you don't always get to see.”

Gerard Treacy

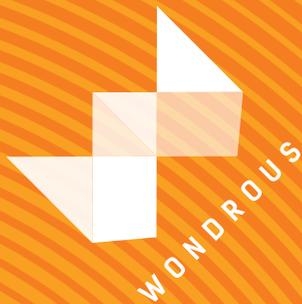
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Wondrous youth creates a space for you to encounter God afresh or for the very first time. You are led into the presence of God through an incredible worship team, where you can pursue God, worship Him and spend time with Him, listening to what He may be saying. During this week, you will be challenged, encouraged and equipped through God's word, enabling and motivating you to fulfil God's purpose in your life. It is also a great opportunity for you to meet other people your age from different churches across the movement and spend time in community with one another. As always, there will be plenty of fun, games and laughter throughout the week. So Wondrous Youth is one not to be missed!”

Beth Stewart

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PROGRAMME

EVENING CELEBRATIONS

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MON 22 - FRI 26, 11AM

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When life gives you lemons

Keeping bitterness at bay



It is a very real fact that other people will offend us, and more often than we would like! To compound this factor, in the digital age, we are opened up on many fronts where we can take offence, be misunderstood or misrepresented. In this fallen world keeping our hearts from bitterness has never been more difficult!

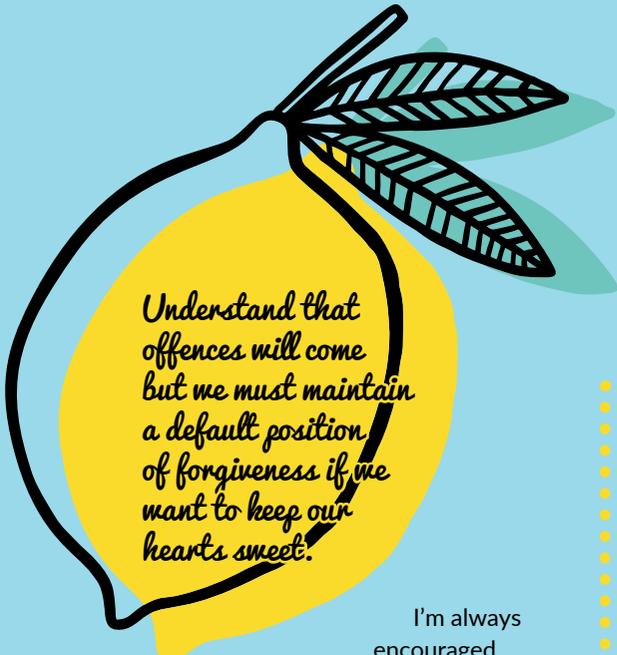
It is good to remind ourselves, however, that all this is not new, Jesus in Matthew 6:14 -15 links it to forgiveness, *'For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.'*

The writer to the Hebrews in 12:15 tells us, *'See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.'*

In my experience some offences can come at you out of a clear blue sky and hit you like a fiery dart. These can

knock you sideways and immediately your thoughts can go into overdrive. They can strike at the heart of your inadequacies or they may involve someone you love and you feel aggrieved. The result can be quite devastating!

I have learned that in the middle of the chaos that ensues you have to take time to see where the source of all this lies. Ephesians 6:16 tells us that these are 'the fiery darts of the wicked' or in some translations 'the evil one.' This is his modus operandi and we should always be mindful of his tactics. Just fixing this in my mind has helped me on countless occasions from railing against the perpetrator of the hurt and looking beyond at the instigator! In doing that I have always been able to see God and been able to refocus on Him. Does it mean that the pain of offence isn't very real and lingering? No, of course not, but it does mean that I don't have to allow bitterness against that 'someone' to take root in my heart. It isn't easy - it's a discipline and like every discipline takes determination and effort to work.



Understand that offences will come but we must maintain a default position of forgiveness if we want to keep our hearts sweet.

I'm always encouraged when I look at the life of

Joseph, who, after all the jealously, wickedness and betrayal thrown at him from his own brothers, could be so free of bitterness towards them! He is my hero and of course he is a type of Christ who forgave His accusers and triumphed at the cross.

From the lives of the heroes of the faith I have found some practical ways to help keep my heart sweet and keep bitterness at bay. I have also learned from my own life what really doesn't work. For instance it doesn't work to tell others about the hurt that you have experienced. How many times have we met someone who has told us their story of hurt and then we meet them months or years later and the same story still comes up! Somehow offence needs an audience. It seems to have a need to divide people into camps - those for and those against." I don't see any of that in the life of Joseph. He had every right as he languished in the pit and later the prison to be the misery of the place, having the very legitimate complaints against his brothers. Instead we just see someone who was able to look beyond all the fiery darts and circumstances and see God in it all! Genesis

50:20 'As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.'

I guess the moral of the story is to live for an audience of One; keeping God at the centre of our lives and our hearts. Understand that offences will come but we must maintain a default position of forgiveness if we want to keep our hearts sweet.

This is something too that I have always taught my children; not to fall into the habit of talking over offences and nursing the hurt to develop it into bitterness. In turn don't be the kind of parent to talk about offences and the offenders in front of your children. In my experience these roots of bitterness are so easily transplanted into the next generation. Paul in Phil 4:8 talks about changing our thinking and with a determined effort we should think about, 'whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.'

Too often we forget the great things that God has done for us and our hearts are spoiled by zoning in on the negative. Don't forget to keep putting on the whole armour of God. Keep the disciplines of daily prayer and study to the forefront and remember that when we walk out on our missional journey to Tesco's, work or school that we will be a target for the enemy but when that does happen it is our duty to keep our hearts sweet in the midst of it all.



INVISIBLE GRACE

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

couldn't believe it; I was doing it on my own! Or so I thought... It had been 2 days of hard effort with a lot of bumps, scratches and falls, but I finally did it. Or so I thought... At the beginning it looked impossible, I mean I had seen other people do it, but it looked way beyond my ability. I had relatives around me who told me I could, but I was never completely convinced. And then the day came... with the help of a relative I was finally able to ride my bike on my own for the first time, or so I thought.

You see the first few times I was let go on my own I struggled with confidence and got wobbly and confused and, well, I hit the ground. Then I started getting a little bit more confident and even after they had removed their hand from my back, I was still going steady, or so I thought... I was so proud of myself for about 15 seconds thinking 'I've done this all on my own' until I looked behind me and realised, they were still holding me steady but in a way that I didn't know.

If we mention the word 'Grace' I'm going to take a guess that generally our minds will jump to the more obvious things such as salvation, that prayer before food or that money or help you received when you were in dire straits. As much as that is God's grace to us, I wonder if our perception of what grace is, is somewhat limited? You see I've come to realise that my awareness of God's grace is directly linked to my worship, and whether that worship is directed to God, ourselves or elsewhere.

We see this demonstrated in Jesus' parable in Luke 7 – whoever is forgiven much will love much. Jesus' point wasn't that she had more to be forgiven, but that she had a greater realisation of her sin than the Pharisee who

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was happy to point it out. Jesus would use a similar response to the Pharisees again in Matthew 9:12 when saying “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.”

And so as much as you aware of God's Grace, is as much as you will respond. And although we can't expose every act and element of God's grace, let's highlight at least three areas;

Grace given to publicly show God

This may be obvious to us, the Church, but it is important to acknowledge and give thanks for grace in our lives and the life of the Church. We must never lose the wonder of God's grace in the big, public moments. Those times when people give their lives to Jesus, when we see God heal someone, set someone free from an addiction or provide for them in a supernatural way. These are special moments and milestones in people's lives and ones that should be highlighted and celebrated. For some they are times of breakthrough, for others the stepping into a new sense of freedom and for others a significant moment that will forever change the course of their lives.

Let's be intentional in drawing alongside the people and celebrating what God is doing and encourage the witness of God in their lives.

Grace given with no strings attached

The basis of our relationship with God is Father and as His children. That is such a special relationship, and one of great significance to every individual. For some, we've grown up with great Father figures, while for others that word brings negative connotations. Either way it is vital

that we reconfigure our mental image of who God is as our Father and how His grace works in our lives.

As a Good Father the Bible makes it clear that it is only by God's grace that we get to wake up everyday with breath in our lungs, it's His grace that gives us strength to work, gives us food in our cupboards, it's His grace that declares over our lives 'I love you no matter what' and that amazing promise 'I will never leave you or walk away from you'. His grace is enough and never runs out, it comes with no strings attached, such is the amazing God we have as Father. Perhaps we need to remind ourselves the great privilege we have as children of God who can never be separated from His love!

Grace given to provoke a response

To be clear, God doesn't need our response, however as a Father is invested in us, He desires it for our benefit. When I give a gift to or do something for my son or people I love, I don't need a response, but the response is what makes it – whether it's the smile on His face or the joy of seeing him enjoying it. God doesn't need our response to the things He does in our lives but giving a response of thankfulness is the acknowledgment of Him in your life and is that which brings a smile to His face. It's with this the Bible encourages us, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

There is also that element of God giving His grace without us being aware of it – you know those days or situations where you get to the end and you're left with “I don't know how I got through that!?” That's God's grace! Or you reach the end of the month and still have money in your account when you were expecting the opposite? That's God's grace!

You'll be glad to know that I can ride my bike on my own these days, but if it wasn't for the illusion of grace that was afforded to me, I may

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never have got there. I wonder is that the same for you and me? Grace has been afforded to us in many ways in our lives, but somewhere along the way we interpreted that Grace as Self-Achievement and exchanged it for Pride and self-confidence...?

I will leave you with Paul's words from Ephesians 1:17-19;

“I pray that the Father of glory, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, would impart to you the riches of the Spirit of wisdom and discernment through your deepening intimacy with Him. I pray that the light of God will illuminate your eyes, flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of the hope of his calling –that is, the wealth of God's glorious inheritances that he finds in us, his holy ones! I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness and *grace* of God's power made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense *grace* and power as it works through you!” 



YOUR LEGACY

Help or hindrance?

*What kind of legacy will you leave behind?
What message does your life convey?*

P PASTOR JIMMY RITCHIE
Retired Elim Minister and a member
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“Pay attention!” How many times have I heard those words? Certainly, in my childhood days in school when I was prone to daydreaming. It hasn’t changed now I am much, much, older. My wife Vanessa calls it “Jimmy zone” when she is trying to tell me something and sees my eyes glaze over.

It was one night when I was sitting up in bed reading that I came to one such passage. The reading from Genesis 5v18-32 records the descendants of Adam from Jared to Noah.

Having read it I put down my Bible, turned out the bedside lamp, suddenly the implications of the facts I had just read came forcibly to me as I lay in the darkness of our bedroom and questions came flooding into my mind.

What kind of legacy will you leave behind? What message does your life convey? What lasting memory will your life leave?

I must confess that I have lost concentration at times when I have been reading my Bible and have come to one of those passages that contain a list of names – genealogies, as they have become known. But be warned “pay attention” or you will miss something very important if you zone out.

You see, every picture tells a story and every life conveys a message. How will our family, friends and the community we live in remember us? To put it simply, what legacy will we leave behind?

What impact will our lives have on succeeding generations?

It was only a list of names and the length of their lives, but the implications of what I read that night has had a lasting impact on me. Let me explain. When Adam disobeyed God and sinned, his disobedience did not just affect himself and his wife Eve. His action had a tragic impact as the whole of creation fell under the curse.

Genesis is a book of beginning's recording the beginning of humanity, sin, and before long murder, as Cain killed his brother Abel.

How we live touches the lives of others. If we live before the Lord and do what is right, we not only bring a blessing on our own lives but also on the lives of our children, families and those we encounter, bringing a godly influence.

Genesis 4:25-26 records how God gave Adam and Eve another seed, Seth, instead of Abel. Seth in time had a son called Enoch and the Scripture records, *"Then men began to call on the name of the LORD"*.

It is through the line of Seth that Adam's genealogy is recorded (Genesis 5:1-32) and it was reading this that night that I saw something that challenged my own heart

and I hope will challenge those of you who are reading this. As I looked at this family tree, I began to see the rich legacy that Noah inherited. Well known names like Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech (not the same as Lamech of Genesis 4:23) and then Noah.

What was it, I asked myself, that in the midst of an evil world that grieved the heart of God so much that He decided



What impact will **our lives** have on succeeding generations?

to destroy the earth with a flood and yet He looked down and the Scripture records; *"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord"* Genesis 6:8

Was there something in the lives of his father Lamech, grandfather Methuselah and his great-Grandfather Enoch that influenced him so that as Genesis 6:9 puts it; *"Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. (blameless, having integrity) Noah walked with God."*

Yes, I believe there was, and that rich legacy must have touched the life of Noah. What was the memorable message that came from each of their lives? Let's look at them one at a time.

Great Grandfather Enoch

There are only eight verses in the Bible that tell us about the life of this remarkable man of God. Genesis 5:18-24; Hebrews 11:5, Jude 14. Even with so little information we know that the beginning of his walk with God took place when his son Methuselah was born when he was sixty-five years old. (Genesis 5:21-22) His walk with God continued for three hundred years. This was no superficial relationship but his was a close, deep and meaningful daily communion with his Creator God. So close was that relationship that one day as they communed together that

we are told; *"Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him"* (Genesis 5:24) It was as a result of his relationship that God gave him during his lifetime prophetic insight in coming judgment that Jude 14-15 speaks about.

When was it that God gave Enoch this prophetic insight? I believe the answer is found as we examine the life of his son and Noah's Grandfather.

Grandfather Methuselah

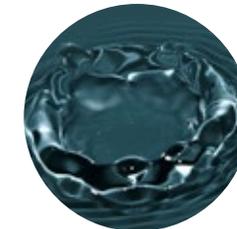
The clue is in the name that he gave his son; "Methuselah" which means "When he is dead it shall come." What shall come? Judgment. This mans life speaks of the truthfulness and reliability of God's promises and pronouncements as Peter points out in his second Epistle *"But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."* (2 Peter 3:8-9)

Methuselah's life declares loud and clear the longsuffering of God giving wayward and sinful man every opportunity to repent and return to the Lord and escape the coming wrath and judgment. Remember the meaning of his name, "when he (Methuselah) is dead judgment will come. He lived 969 years and became the oldest man that has ever lived. When he died the flood came.

Father Lamech

Not to be confused with Lamech the seventh from Adam in the line of Cain. (Genesis 4:7-24) Noah's father was the ninth from Adam in the line of Seth. (Genesis 5:25-31)

He was born to Methuselah when he was 187 years old. Now let me stop for a moment to make an important point. Names are very, very important in the Bible. We have already seen how in Enoch and Methuselah the message of coming judgment comes through from generation to generation and it is no different here in the naming of Lamech whose name means "Destroyer".



Have you ever thrown a stone into a pond and watched the initial splash and then the **ripples** that kept widening and reaching the water's edge?

Noah

Genesis 5:28-29 records; Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years and had a son. And he called his name Noah, saying, *"This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed."*

Noah's name simply means as

the Scripture declares; "Rest and comfort" How appropriate when we recognise that God called Noah to build an Ark of safety from the coming judgment. He obeyed the instruction of the Lord his God and he and his family were saved.

It was the reading of this powerful legacy past from generation to generation from Enoch to Noah that has had such a lasting impact on my life and thinking on the importance of legacy.

Have you ever thrown a stone into a pond and watched the initial splash and then the ripples that kept widening and reaching the water's edge? Our lives and influence don't just affect the present but the future generations as well as we have seen so clearly in the Biblical record we have just considered.

But let me share with you something of my own personal story and the legacy that has touched my own life and family.

My paternal grandparents who passed away when I was a very young child back in the early 1950s loved and served the Lord. Their greatest desire in life was that their children would come to know the Lord. They continually prayed for them my father being the



eldest. Many years ago, my mother told me of an incident that happened shortly before the Lord called them home. It was a Sunday evening and Grandad and Granny arrived home from Church and the house was empty. Deeply concerned about their children's spiritual wellbeing they took the opportunity to spend time in prayer that each one of them would give their lives to Christ.

Just a few days later on a day out in the family car they were involved in an accident that resulted in the death of my grandmother. My broken-hearted Granddad went to be with the Lord a short time later. They never lived to see their prayers answered, but, down through the years one by one their prayers were answered as their children gave their lives to the Lord. Let me stop for a moment and encourage you if like my

"The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith."

Billy Graham



Grandparents you are praying for loved ones. Don't give up, keep praying and living your life before them.

In our family I was the first to trust Christ, then my brother George and sister Margaret. It was towards the end of my father's life that Pastor Bill McCandless visiting him in the Ulster Hospital led him to Christ and in a Gospel Mission in Carryduff Elim some years later my Mum trusted the Saviour.

What a joy it is for Vanessa and I to see our children and their families trusting and serving the Lord and so the legacy goes on. Remember, we all leave a legacy, it is up us what kind we leave. We can bless our children with a godly influence and example as we love and serve the Lord or hinder them by living for ourselves. The choice is ours. ■

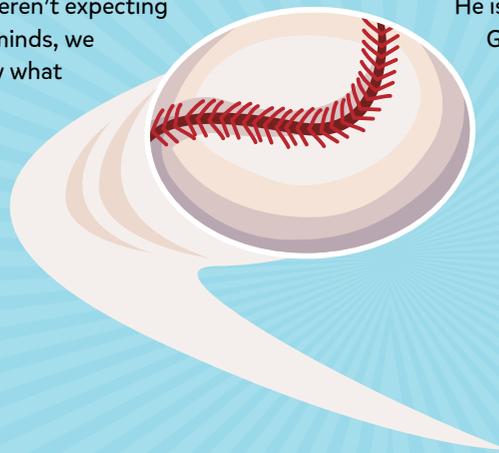
HEADS UP! Curveball COMING!

Have you ever played rounders in school? Maybe you are part of your local cricket team or have seen an American baseball game on television. In each of these games there is a person who throws the ball (a bowler or a pitcher) and a person who receives the ball (usually called a batter).



In baseball, a curve is a ball thrown by a right-handed pitcher that curves to the left, or one thrown by a left-handed pitcher that curves to right. The pitcher knows exactly what course the ball is going to take since he or she is the one who throws it. The one thrown into confusion, however, is the player who is holding the bat. They see the ball coming straight towards them but suddenly, that ball curves and moves in a different direction than they were expecting.

Many times in our lives, God throws us a curve ball. He allows things to happen in our lives that we weren't expecting to happen. In our minds, we may think we know what God is going to do and how He is going to answer our prayers. But then the plan doesn't work out, something we didn't expect happens!



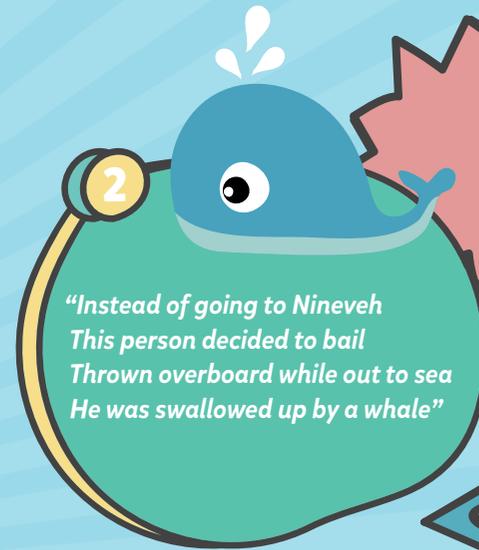
When these curve balls come our way it can be frustrating, and sometimes make us sad and maybe even afraid.

In our lives we must try to remember that God is the Pitcher. He is the One who allows those unexpected situations into our lives because He knows the good He intends to bring out of them. He knows exactly what course the "ball" is going to take. He is in complete control, God is always with you.



Who is it?

Riddles for Kids



*"Instead of going to Nineveh
This person decided to bail
Thrown overboard while out to sea
He was swallowed up by a whale"*



*"It's amazing what this person did
With a pebble and a sling
He got rid of a giant
And eventually became king"*



*"He led Israelites out
of Egypt
And went up Mount Sinai alone
He came back down with ten
commandments
Written on two tablets of stone"*

Answers:
1. David 2. Jonah 3. Moses

LOL CORNER



What time of day was Adam created?

A little before Eve



Where did they play tennis in the Bible?

When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court



How does Paul make his coffee?

Hebrews it

MOVIE TIME



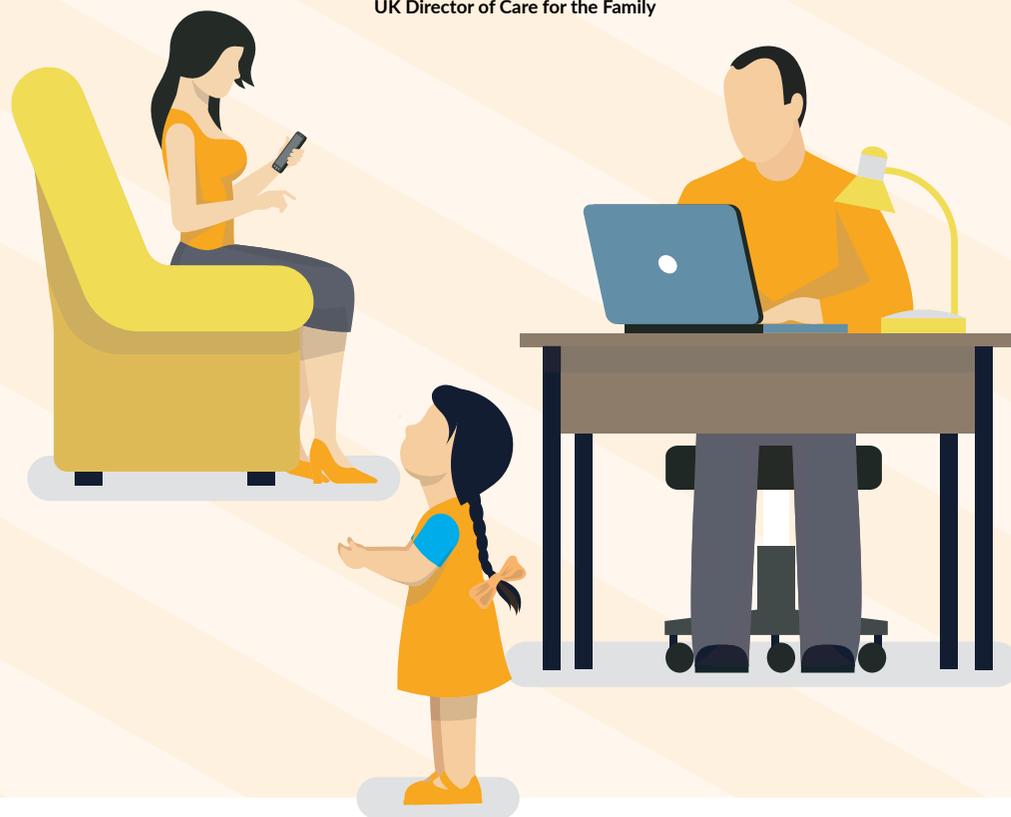
God is With Us
2 mins 56 secs



Jesus Raises Lazarus
5 mins 6 secs

DISTRACTED PARENTING IN A DIGITAL AGE


KATHARINE HILL
UK Director of Care for the Family



Parents of primary school children can feel as if they are on a treadmill of activity, and many would agree that in this season of family life, technology can be a lifesaver! What parent hasn't breathed a sigh of relief that their child can sit in front of a screen during the 'happy hour' of 5 pm to 6 pm when blood sugar is low and the fish fingers aren't yet on the table?

But with all the advantages digital technology brings to families, there are also dangers. Alongside the obvious concerns of what content our children might be seeing or who they could be talking to online, there is another danger that can sneak in under the radar. We may be sitting at the kitchen table with our children or standing by the swings at the park – whilst our attention is focussed not on them but on our smartphone. At a head teachers' conference I spoke at recently, some delegates shared their dismay at the number of parents who barely look up from their smartphone as their child races out of school to show them their artwork.

It's hard to say what harm this 'distracted parenting' causes, but in some recent research psychologists asked parents how often they thought their use of devices interrupted interactions with their child. Most agreed they were frequently distracted. Only 11 per cent claimed they were unaffected.

One dad said: "I was catching up on work emails on my phone when my son came asked if I would come and play football. I replied, 'In a minute.' One email

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led to the next and then my son came back and said, 'Are you coming now, Daddy?' Irritated, I looked up and said, 'Can't you see I'm busy?' Crestfallen, he began to walk away. It was what he said next that stopped me in my tracks: 'You were a nicer daddy before you got your iPhone.'" Ouch!

Children love to have our undivided attention and we need to give this regularly and consistently. Our loving, warm, responsive behaviour is vital for their development and well-being. But with technology so accessible and prevalent, it's easy to find ourselves at the mercy of a beep from a text or notification – and we may not realise how 'distracted' we are as a parent.

We can't do it all. If we need our child to be occupied while we make dinner, sort out the washing, or deal with a work email, that's OK. But when we are with our children, let's really be with them – and put the phone away. 



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100TH CELEBRATION

2019 marks the 100th year of Elim empowering missionaries around the world. Yet it all began through a young, single lady travelling to India to share the gospel: Dorothy Phillips, known to her family and friends as Dollie.

Dollie's parents were Jews, who then converted to Christianity. Her brother Hubert Phillips became Elim's first missionary to South Africa in 1928, and her brother EJ Phillips became Elim's first Bible College Dean (1926) and later the first General Secretary.



DOLLIE PHILLIPS

Dollie's family were therefore intimately involved with Elim's earliest revival meetings, encountering the revival sweeping across the UK - seeing healings, miracles, signs and wonders. It was this fire of the gospel fuelled by her love of the Lord that inspired her to courageously share her faith.

The world was recovering from the disaster of the First World War, yet at a time when most would seek comfort and peace, Dollie heard the call of Christ, to pick up her cross and follow Him. So she did. Dollie obediently packed her bags and left behind the world that she

knew. The journey was long and arduous but after weeks of travelling, she arrived in Mumbai. She stayed and served in Mumbai as a teacher until the Lord asked her to travel further into the heart of central India, into Chandur (now located in Hyderabad).

Dollie wrote letters back to the UK, expressing her desire to faithfully study Marathi, the local language, to enable her to 'enter more into real village mission life and work.' In one of her letters, dated 1919, she recounts that people would walk 24 miles every Sunday, just to attend the church service. Many people were receiving salvation and being filled with the Spirit: *'Not a day goes by without many hearing the good news of salvation from sin - a full salvation for spirit, soul and body. Their lives are changed, their faces are changed, yet they are standing persecution and many hardships for the Lord's sake, and gladly telling others the way out of darkness into light.'*

Dollie returned to the UK in 1920, before setting sail for Mumbai once again in 1923. Dollie eventually returned to the UK in 1928, due to ill health from a tropical disease. However, she continued to faithfully serve the Lord. She later became the Pastor of Letchworth Elim Church, before overseeing the Elim Guest house in Eastbourne.

Dollie's niece, Mary Stormont, expressed how Dollie's intimacy with the Lord was evident to all who knew her. Dollie did not consider herself a pioneer, her motive was the love of the Lord, not worried about position or denomination, she was just a very humble person. Mary goes on to describe Dollie as a great encourager and prayer warrior who was never cross and never spoke detrimentally of anybody. To sum her up as a person, Mary said; "She was a saint. She was the last person who would say that about herself, but that's how she came across."

Dollie's letters home and her faithful service not only impacted the people of India but inspired the next generation of Elim Missionaries to follow the Lord's call. Elim have now sent over 200 missionaries, with 82 missionaries currently serving in 56 nations.

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Elim's

partnership with Dollie Phillips, as our first missionary, this February we launched three celebratory conferences across India: in Bihar, Bangalore and Chennai. We have had the honour of gathering with our partners and leaders currently serving in India, with an estimated attendance of 12,000 people.

Dollie never knew the legacy that she would leave behind, and as Elim Missions we want to encourage you to consider the legacy that you will leave behind. Will your life impact others by revealing the love of Jesus? **■**

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FIND OUT MORE

If you're interested in finding out more about how you could get involved with international missions, please contact us at:

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You could even consider training to become a long-term missionary through our Academy:

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JOHN & RACHEL McDONOUGH PARAGUAY

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In March 2019 we celebrated 10 years since moving from Elim Carlisle, our sending church, to being full-time Elim missionaries. Looking back it is amazing how much has happened: working with Elim Honduras, Elim Global countries & partners and pioneering our work here in Paraguay, working with first nation people groups and institutional care leavers. It has been a privilege to share God with people who have not heard this good news and seeing people coming to faith. One of the most memorable experiences has been sharing Bible stories with a group which holds animistic beliefs and seeing how they react



when they don't know how the story is going to turn out! It was exciting witnessing their confusion turn to delight when Abraham didn't have to sacrifice Issac, their amazement when God protected Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the furnace,

and realising that God is a Holy God and the only one worthy to be worshipped and who offers, to them personally, this amazing forgiveness and salvation through Jesus. A poignant moment after hearing how Daniel hadn't worshipped

the idol was when the chief's wife declared in front of the meeting that it was because it was not the one true God!

For the first time this Christmas we celebrated with new believers who had come to know that Jesus had come to earth, sacrificing everything for them. One of the men said that he had often known it was a different time of year because the farm he works on would



give them holidays. But this year he realised how special an event it was and that God incarnate was the most incredible gift to be celebrated.

We have been blessed personally too as we have seen the power of the Holy Spirit touching lives as they look at God's word with fresh eyes.

Over the last few years we have had young people



stay with us seeking help and guidance as they leave institutional care while also trying to make sense of the world and their faith. Things that we take for granted like shopping in a supermarket, managing finances, regular check ups at a dentist, and where and how to pay bills are all new to them. On two separate occasions we were with people who, for the first time, used an escalator and shopped at a supermarket! Showing love through practical action, compassion and patience is so important during these transitions and is the best way to show these young adults how much God loves them and cares for them.

We really enjoy sharing the gospel message into different cultures and traditions, then using these distinctions as opportunities for people to see Christ. On one recent evangelistic trip we shared the gospel message with over

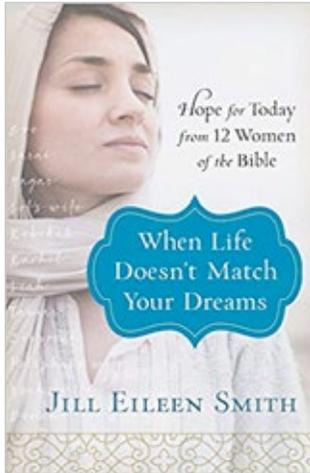
700 people in four areas, seeing many accepting Jesus and being healed. This is the best part of not just being a missionary, but being a follower of Christ, that we (just as you are too) are called and sent out by God into this world to declare Christ as Lord. And in that moment to be expectant on the Holy Spirit to break into those situations with healing as confirmation of the message declared.

As we see how much God has done over the last 10 years we are excited to dream about what more can be done in this next season. We have a vision for a training and equipping centre to be established here in Paraguay. This would allow people to come and stay to receive discipleship, life skills and evangelistic training in order for them to go back out onto their mission field, reaching others for Christ.

Blessings. 🙏

WHEN LIFE DOESN'T MATCH YOUR DREAMS

by Jill Eileen Smith



Jill has a way of making these people come to life, of bringing their short biblical stories and adding to them without taking away from scripture, and then applying their stories to our everyday lives, like no one I have ever read before. The Author takes 12 women from the Bible and applies her imagination to their life stories, all of which have lives they never dreamed they would, and then applies that knowledge to our lives today helping us to learn from their lives.

I love Christian fiction, but whether you do, or you don't I can guarantee you will love this Christian iction meets non-fiction book. [E](#)

HONEST EP

by We are Messengers



We Are Messengers has just released the first batch of new music since the Dove Award-nominated act's 2016 critically-acclaimed self-titled debut. For a Christian music culture that wrestles with being vulnerable and desires something real in the songs they sing along with, Honest is authenticity at its best. These six tracks are packed with the truths of Scripture and wrapped in encouragement for the weary listener who longs to be seen, heard, and ministered to. This EP goes above and beyond in accomplishing its mission to be Honest.

"Honest is the most truthful, raw and personal record we have made. We've pushed ourselves to be vulnerable, to share our heartache, loneliness and joy so that everyone who listens can have permission to share theirs, too." - Darren Mulligan, We Are Messengers. [E](#)



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