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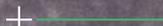
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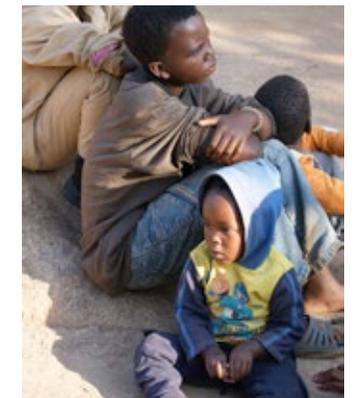
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A note from the Editor

Summer is over (insert sad face) but Autumn brings multi coloured leaves, woolly jumpers and pumpkin spice lattes, so it's not all bad!

In this edition we are focusing on the theme stand. It's a word that has been resonating in my spirit for months. As Christians, in a world that appears to be getting more complex by the day, to take or make a stand for God can seem like an overwhelming task. Something too difficult and only for the "brave" among us.

However Jesus says it best when He reminds us to "Take Heart, that (He has) already overcome the world" (John 16:33). Which means regardless of what or who seems to be making life difficult at the moment, we have a certainty that we can place our hope securely in His hands.

Can I encourage you to not to draw back in fear but to fix your gaze heavenward and know that God will never fail or let you down. To stand despite the storm, to stand in the midst of the trial, and to stand even when the ground beneath you doesn't feel too secure. Allow your stance to display the attitude of your heart and shout without uttering a word about the overwhelming power of your ever faithful God.

God was so very faithful to us during our time together at Wondrous this year. I hope you enjoy just some of the highlights we have captured for you on the pages following. If you were unable to make it you can still download the sessions via the Elim Ireland website.

We have received some really encouraging feedback about our new sized magazine. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to send a message or email or spoken to one of team, we really do appreciate and value your comments. And for those who are just seeing the new size and features for the first time, I hope you enjoy!!

Enjoy all that the September season ahead brings. I pray that our churches would be hubs of activity and overflow with lives constantly being impacted and forever changed by our ever faithful God.

Much love,

Sara x

NEWS

CHURCH DOESN'T EVER SWITCH OFF! THE SUMMER SEASON HAS SEEN MANY CHURCHES ACROSS OUR ISLAND BECOME HUBS OF ACTIVITY.

Picnics, days out, BBQ's, fun days with all sorts of inflatables are just a few from a very long list. Many churches planned week long activities and a massive shout out of thanks to all who served in any way to help make these activities happen. Without your dedication, time and effort, it simply just wouldn't be possible to pull it all off. It really does take a village.

Unfortunately to include all of the events we would take up the space of a whole magazine so we have chosen to highlight what the guys at UT, Belfast have been up to with their kids programme.



SUMMER FUN



This year at UT Belfast our holiday Bible club took on the theme of **Movie Madness**. Although not exactly the most original themed club it did leave us a wide and open avenue for story and topic choice.

Throughout the week we saw approx 65 kids attend each night, this was double the numbers of the year previous, the most incredible thing was that over 50 of the kids were non-churched kids and for most it was the first time in our building. As a church we are called to reach our community and through the kids Bible club God did that.

Throughout the five days we focused on everything from bravery and taking bold steps, to our families and ultimately the family of God. Although each program could potentially stand alone, when linked in a five day series the Good News Story of Jesus and the Gospel could clearly be recognised.

As a leader I find using secular clips and films very helpful in aiding kids link a theme, bravery for example to a biblical story or teaching, but as a team we believe that regardless of the topic or program we need to keep the main thing the main thing and that of course is Jesus and His

love for us. My heart is that Jesus remains central to all that we do as a team and children's ministry.

Throughout the course of the week we completed crafts, some small individual crafts, some large team based items. We played songs, danced dances and also enjoyed quizzes and ice pop time! Something new we introduced this year was 'Group Chat.' These were times where our large groups broke into smaller groups and our leaders chatted through what we had looked at so far, shared personal stories, prayed with kids and also built relationships. These sessions were very special and God truly used them. We found kids love stories, especially ones about our team and leaders. Jesus himself was an incredible story teller and we as a team will certainly be doing this more in the future. On the last night we opened up our club to parents and we were so blessed that many mums and dads stayed for a long time after we ended; chatting, eating and also taking about other programs our church has to offer their families. This was my favourite part of the week.

Throughout the week we saw 27 children respond to opportunities for prayer and stepping into a relationship with God. As a team we are currently beginning the process of working with the church to help the children's families become involved in our church family.

I want to firstly thank God for a very incredible week. He blessed us and the children in so many ways, it is such a privilege to serve Him and I know that without His blessing our week would have come to nothing. I am also so very blessed to have an incredible team of volunteers within UT, the core kids team of Tracey, Julie, Jeanette, Joanne & Ruth but also the extended team of youth and also other leaders who stepped in and helped. A big thanks guys.

Hopefully you have been encouraged by what you've read and please remember us in your prayers as we continue to serve God and the children in our local area. 

 DAVID MURPHY

NEWLY ORDAINED PASTORS

Craig Brotherston



Neil McMullan



Nathan Johnston



On 1st July 2017, three men from N.Ireland travelled to Birmingham for the Elim Ordination service.

Thirty three candidates in total were ordained but we want to pass on congratulations to Craig Brotherston, Nathan Johnston, Neil McMullan and their wives and families too.

Please pray for these men as they develop in their calling and continue to pursue the God call on their lives. 

MY WONDROUS 2017 EXPERIENCE

 STEPHEN MAWHINNEY
Dublin

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s the son of an Ulster man and English Mother (Liverpool), and myself having been born in Bangor, Co. Down, I felt prompted to share a few thoughts regarding this year's Wondrous Bible week.

I was born in N. Ireland, and by reason of that fact I hold a British passport along with my Irish passport. However, I was reared in Southern Ireland and have lived, worked and ministered in the Irish Republic all of my life. I spent many years as a senior prison officer in Mount Joy Prison. During my years in the prison service, before the Lord called me into full time ministry, I was given the nickname "Planter", which of course refers to the organised colonisation of Ulster. Out of a staff of approximately 300, there was only myself and another officer who would have been deemed to have a Protestant background. We were both looked upon as oddities for want of a better word!

Why is he telling us all this? You may be thinking! Well for many reasons, but primarily for this; I, along with my wife Margaret, and two sons Nathan and Samuel, attended Wondrous this year. We stayed on site. With my hand on my heart we can honestly say that it was the best conference that we have attended. And we have attended many,

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North, South, mainland UK and further afield. The standard of worship, ministry, preaching and teaching seminars was exceptional.

And what can I say about Malcolm Duncan's message when he made reference to the two flags that bring out so much emotion and reaction from the people of this island? His message, in my humble opinion, was 'spot on!' The tears welled up in my eyes, and as I looked around that auditorium I saw many others from the North and South with tears in their eyes, hands raised to Heaven singing Malcolm's version of Ireland's call. It was a meeting and a message that we will never ever forget.

As someone who has lived, worked and ministered in the Republic of Ireland all their life may I bring this to a close with a personal observation? In Elim there is a beautiful spirit

and sense of brotherhood and camaraderie between the brothers and sisters from North and South of the border. I and my wife and family have all personally experienced and witnessed it first-hand. Whenever we meet to worship, pray, and come around the Word together, it doesn't matter whether we consider ourselves Irish, Northern Irish, British, whoever, whatever. Neither does it matter what political party we vote for or don't vote for! None of that matters. Neither does it matter what tradition we come or came from. My wife Margaret comes from a very strong Roman Catholic background whereas mine was completely different. But all of that stuff is in many ways immaterial. All that truly matters is that the citizens of our beloved island both North and South are told about the One who left the splendours of Heaven and came voluntarily to this



sin sick world to hang and die on a cross for them, so that they might be saved from the penalty of sin.

I am proud (in the right sense) to be part of this tribe Elim and it is my prayer that as a movement we will continue to stand together both North and South, shoulder to shoulder to answer the Lord's call to see Ireland won for the Lord Jesus Christ. "For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility." (Ephesians 4:14) ■



I am fairly new to Wondrous, first coming in 2013 to hear George Verwer. Having been raised Anglican and later Baptist, it was an eye-opening and refreshing experience to see how different people worship God; it was also where I saw Laura, my wife, for the first time. Fast forward four years and Wondrous 2017 isn't long finished - what a year it was.

One of the elements of Wondrous that I enjoy most is seeing UUJ come to life with people who are sold out for Jesus. It allows us to come together to rekindle our vision of the Gospel in Ireland. As a Geography teacher who happens to follow Irish rugby (COYBIG!!), this year particularly resonated with me when Malcolm Duncan declared that in order to see Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland won for Jesus, we needed to stop halting the Gospel at the border, be that in our minds or perhaps even in action. I also really enjoyed getting to meet and chat with the General Superintendent Chris Cartwright and another member of the NLT, Simon Foster. Both men show genuine love for our Island, and that came through in the challenging talks on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Away from the evening celebrations, Laura and I took the week of Wondrous off so we could attend the Bible studies and seminars

(When I say we took it off, I'm a teacher so I was as free as a bird!). I absolutely loved Steve Brady's morning Bible studies, mostly for their Biblical content but also because he genuinely is hilarious!

One of the seminars that I attended was the Worship seminar. Acutely aware that I was in a room full of musical people with not a note in my body, I tried to fly under the radar. Laura was sharing at this, and to be honest I went primarily for support, however, I am so glad I went! Hearing the heart of worship leaders in Elim helped me to understand what worship really is and how, as a participant rather than a leader, I can fully engage in this. If it is running again next year, I would fully recommend you go. If you are thinking, 'I'm not musical so what's the point', come anyway, you can stand with me and we can 'make a joyful noise' together!

Coming to the evening celebrations is fantastic, but take it from me, you need to get yourself along to more in the week before you will fully grasp what Wondrous is all about! Even if it is just having a coffee on the mall, or perusing around the stalls, you'll begin to realise that you're not just part of your local church, you're part of a body of believers who are totally committed to seeing people won for the Kingdom- how exciting is that!?! ■

SCOTTY McFARLAND



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Shoulder to shoulder,
We'll answer Jesus' call*

From the mighty glens of Antrim
From the rugged hills of Galway
From the walls of Limerick and Dublin Bay
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Hearts of steel and heads unbowing
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As we approached the end of our brilliant time at Wondrous we sang an old hymn by George Duffield Jr from the 19th Century. I hadn't

sang it in many years; in fact, it's fair to say I hadn't even thought about it never mind sang it! But, I found it stirring my heart, as we sang these words.

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus! Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss:
From vict'ry unto vict'ry, His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.*

When Sara asked me to write an article my usual response is "No", immediately! This time I felt a bit bad, so I asked her what the title was and she

said 'Stand Up!' Well, those final moments of Wondrous came back into my thoughts and I couldn't refuse. I find this title powerfully emotive and it stirs something in my heart. The church, and I especially include myself in that, needs to stand up, like never before, on this wee island we call home!

My thoughts go to Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah from the book of Daniel. You remember them don't you? We know them better as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and they literally stood up when everyone else bowed down. The music played the people stopped what they were doing and bowed down to worship a golden idol set up by King Nebuchadnezzar. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow down to worship a false god they knew wasn't Yahweh.

When confronted by this and threatened with the fiery furnace if they didn't comply they responded with a declaration of faith. We read in Daniel 3 16-18, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.'

Courage, strength and faith. I'm fairly certain there would have been some nervousness in their reply, but, regardless of the outcome they stood up for their God and were willing to face the consequences. Pleasing God was more important than pleasing man and achieving popularity.

Ok, so there are three things we learn about standing up through Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. I want to identify them quickly before you get bored and turn over to the next article!

1. Standing up will cost!

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were going to pay the price for their stand: the fiery furnace! The modern world isn't that keen on the

church unfortunately. For the most part it's because of what we stand for. Jesus Himself said (John 15:18-19) that the world would hate us because of Him. Modern liberalism/secularism wants to extinguish our faith and it does it with unpopular language declaring that we are bigots, or disillusioned or out of date. For us to stand up is going to be deeply unpopular in certain circles, but, at the end of the day, who cares?!? Are we here to please man or God? Let's accept that we'll be hated by some and get on with the job at hand, loving God and loving people regardless of the cost.

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2. **Standing up will attract the attention of God.** When these three men were thrown into the flames God delivered them in spectacular fashion.

Not even the smell of fire was on their clothes. There is a wonderful verse in 2 Chronicles 16:9 that tells us, 'The eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.' God is looking for people who will stand up in today's world and when they do He will strengthen them. We're not doing this on our own, you do realise that, don't you? Sometimes I think we forget this! All the resources of Heaven are at our disposal when we take our stand for Him!

3. **Standing up will change our world.** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego changed the heart of a king because of their stand and that no doubt impacted the world around them. We just need to be our ordinary selves, commit to God and trust that He will do His extraordinary! It might be difficult, it might be unpopular, but when we are faithful in obedience God will impact the world around us.

Can I finish by encouraging you to Stand Up, regardless of the cost, knowing that God is for you. That together in partnership with Him we get to impact our worlds in the most powerful of ways, just like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego did. ■



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remember the first time I ever met my now husband. We became friends over the course of a year and as we began to talk everyday something changed. I can't put it down to any one moment, more like a sequence of 'God-coincidence moments, you know the ones I mean, God ordained conversations, a few long walks on the beach and suddenly I was captivated by this guy. I wanted to talk to him all the time, I wanted to know his opinion, his thoughts, his dreams, his desires, his favourite things and through all of these conversations I fell deeply in love with him. Relationships make us who we are, the good ones and the bad ones shape us and teach us about ourselves and who we want to be. Relationships are a blessing, but they pale terribly in comparison with the relationship that we can have with our Heavenly Father.

It's in this 'Abba Father' relationship that we become more like Him. Through spending time in prayer with Him, making space in our day to stop and commune with Him we place Him at the very center of our lives, we get to know Him, find out His likes and dislikes, find out how much He loves us and also connect with His heart as we intercede on behalf of others. As we 'take long walks on the beach' with HIM, we can't help but be captivated by Him.

In Matthew 6:9-13 we find the disciples asking Jesus to 'show them how to pray', and like those Jesus-followers back then, it is the perfect place for us to start too. I've read some great stuff on the subject of prayer over the years

(and thank God for godly men and women who are serving His church in this way), but you still can't beat God's Word on every subject right?

The Lord's Prayer actively takes us on a journey from **honour** to **humility** and finally into hope in 5 short verses, it's here that Jesus gives us a blueprint of the best way for us to pray.

Throughout his letters in the New Testament we see how Paul, that deeply passionate apostle prayed. Paul shows us what's really important in life with this verse from Philippians 3:8 "*I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord*". He reminds us that ultimately a relationship with our Heavenly Father is the only thing that is worth anything in this life, nothing else will satisfy.

Throughout both the Old and New Testaments we see the powerful, history-changing relationships which were forged primarily from communing with God and learning His heart on every matter and moment in the history of His people. Don't you want to be like Moses whose face shone from his 'encounter conversations' with the Living God? Don't you want to be like Job, who knew His God so well that even when his world came tumbling down around his feet he still refused to have anyone tell him that his God was anything other than 'good'? Do you want the declaration of your heart to be like that of the Apostle Paul, proclaiming that you to, 'count everything as loss, because you want to truly KNOW Jesus your Lord?' I know I do.

WHETHER YOU ARE JUST BEGINNING TO GET YOU KNOW YOUR SAVIOUR OR YOU SPEND SO MUCH TIME TALKING TO HIM AND KNOW HIM SO INTIMATELY THAT YOU 'FINISH EACH OTHER'S SENTENCES', I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO DEEPER.

Prayer is a discipline and not everyone likes that word, but **godly discipline** reaps outstanding rewards, not least of all a relationship with the Creator whereby you can hear His heart and leading for your life and for the lives of those within your sphere of influence. Throughout the Bible we are told to PRAY for those who persecute us (Matthew 5:44); PRAY so that we won't fall into temptation (Matthew 26:41); PRAY when we are in trouble (James 5:13); PRAY in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of requests (Ephesians 6:18), and we're told to be FAITHFUL in PRAYER (Romans 12:12), to name a few.

Whether you are just beginning to get you know your Saviour or you spend so much time talking to Him and know Him so intimately

that you 'finish each other's sentences', I would encourage you to go deeper. There is always 'more' in Him. More to learn, more to surrender, more to be imparted to your Spirit for a world that needs us to pray for it. Be audacious in your prayers, believe that nothing is impossible with Him, adore Him, intercede for others, prophesy over the nations, cry out for revival, there is no end to the prayers that you can pray and the ways that He will answer. Never settle, pray believing and watch as He shows His power in this land and amongst His church. Prayer changes everything. Stand in the gap. Stand the tallest and strongest you can today for the lost and lonely, the broken and poor and for the weary...How? By getting down on your knees, and declaring that Jesus alone is the answer. **EL**



STAND

It can be difficult to make a “stand” for something or someone when we feel like we are doing it alone, but as a movement, a body of believers and a church we are never alone. In the story of two sticks we can identify three key elements that may have some relevance and application for us within Elim at this time.

In Ezekiel 37:15-19 (HCSB) this is what it says...

“¹⁵ The word of the Lord came to me: ¹⁶ “Son of man, take a single stick and write on it: Belonging to Judah and the Israelites associated with him. Then take another stick and write on it: Belonging to Joseph - the stick of Ephraim - and all the house of Israel associated with him.

¹⁷ Then join them together into a single stick so that they become one in your hand.

¹⁸ When your people ask you, ‘Won’t you explain to

us what you mean by these things?’ - ¹⁹ tell them: This is what the Lord God says: I am going to take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel associated with him, and put them together with the stick of Judah. I will make them into a single stick so that they become one in My hand.”

‘Sticking’ Together and Identity (v.16)

Notice that the prophet is told

by God to take two sticks. He is to write something different on each one that describes difference of belonging and identity. We are not given any detail as to what the two sticks looked like but I would guess they possibly were of different appearance, size and length. God didn’t tell the prophet to divide the sticks and keep them as far away from each other as possible. He didn’t tell Ezekiel to damage one stick with the other stick or make

one stick to look the same as the other or even to have the two sticks clash with and cross each other. Instead He instructed Ezekiel to put the sticks together. Respecting their appearance and size and condition - “put the two of them together” God said. They were distinctively different but commanded to be together side by side.

‘Sticking’ Together and Unity (v.17)

God says “join them together into a single (“united”) stick so that they become one (“together”) in your hand”. This is not meant to illustrate some loose affiliation or ‘tolerable proximity’, rather this is meant to indicate the strongest possible connection, partnership and togetherness. This visual aid was not intended to demonstrate some economic, ecclesiastical, or political convenience but rather to offer a prophetic spiritual message of future possibility.

‘Sticking’ Together and Legacy

When Israel came to the promised land it was understood that all the tribes

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THE TRIBES HAD TO FIGHT FOR EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO SUBDUCE THEIR ENEMIES, TAKE THE LAND AND RECEIVE THEIR INHERITANCE.

had to fight for each other in order to subdue their enemies, take the land and receive their inheritance. For any tribe, not to fight for their fellow Israelites would mean not only loss to the nation as a whole but loss to their own tribe as well. So, the ‘win, win’ situation was that you serve the purpose of God side by side and fight together for the promised land and by so doing you are blessed and God’s kingdom is advanced. Elim holds a unique position in terms of the kingdom of God here on this island of Ireland. The Movement was birthed by a move of God in Monaghan before partition. We have two major identities and cultures operating in this land and we can view this reality as a problem to be tolerated or avoided, or an as an opportunity to be grasped. There are two ‘sticks’ on this island. But placed together in the hand of God they can be an instrument or weapon to advance His purposes and plans for Ireland. Let us be those who come together, stick together and fight together for God’s kingdom and will at this time. ■

A lot of us have heard the story of David and Goliath. The one where David faces the giant bully and wins with just the help of a stone and sling. But did you know that David learnt these skills as a shepherd first?

Read the story below to discover how when David was just a boy looking after sheep in a field God was preparing him for something bigger ahead.

David, your job is now to look after the sheep. To take care of all of them and make sure none come to any harm.

Day three already and this is boring ... I have to find a way to make this more interesting. Counting sheep all day is putting me to sleep ZZZZ

David calls the sheep... Fluffy, Joe, Rosey, Sammy

...where is Bell?

David goes looking for Bell, the missing sheep. In the distance sees a menacing lion.

David fights the lion ...

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... to save the sheep!

Bell I'm so glad you're safe, I was so worried you would be harmed.

DAVID IS OUR HERO! He fought the lion and won!

GOD GAVE DAVID THE POWER TO DO SOMETHING VERY BRAVE. HE MAY HAVE FELT SCARED BUT HE FOUGHT THE LION AND WON, THE BIBLE ALSO TELLS US HE FOUGHT A BEAR TOO. WOW!

This was training for David, God was preparing him for his future when he had to face Goliath. What could God be preparing you for in your future? Hopefully you won't have to face a lion or bear! Talk to your mum, or dad, teacher or friend about what frightens you, think of ways you can ask God for help so that you too can win like David when you are young and also when you are older too.

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L B R O T H E R S R S I T E K

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

- BEAR
- BROTHERS
- FLOCK
- JESSE
- LAMB
- LION
- SAMUEL
- SAUL
- SHEEP



MAKING TOUGH CHOICES - Kid President

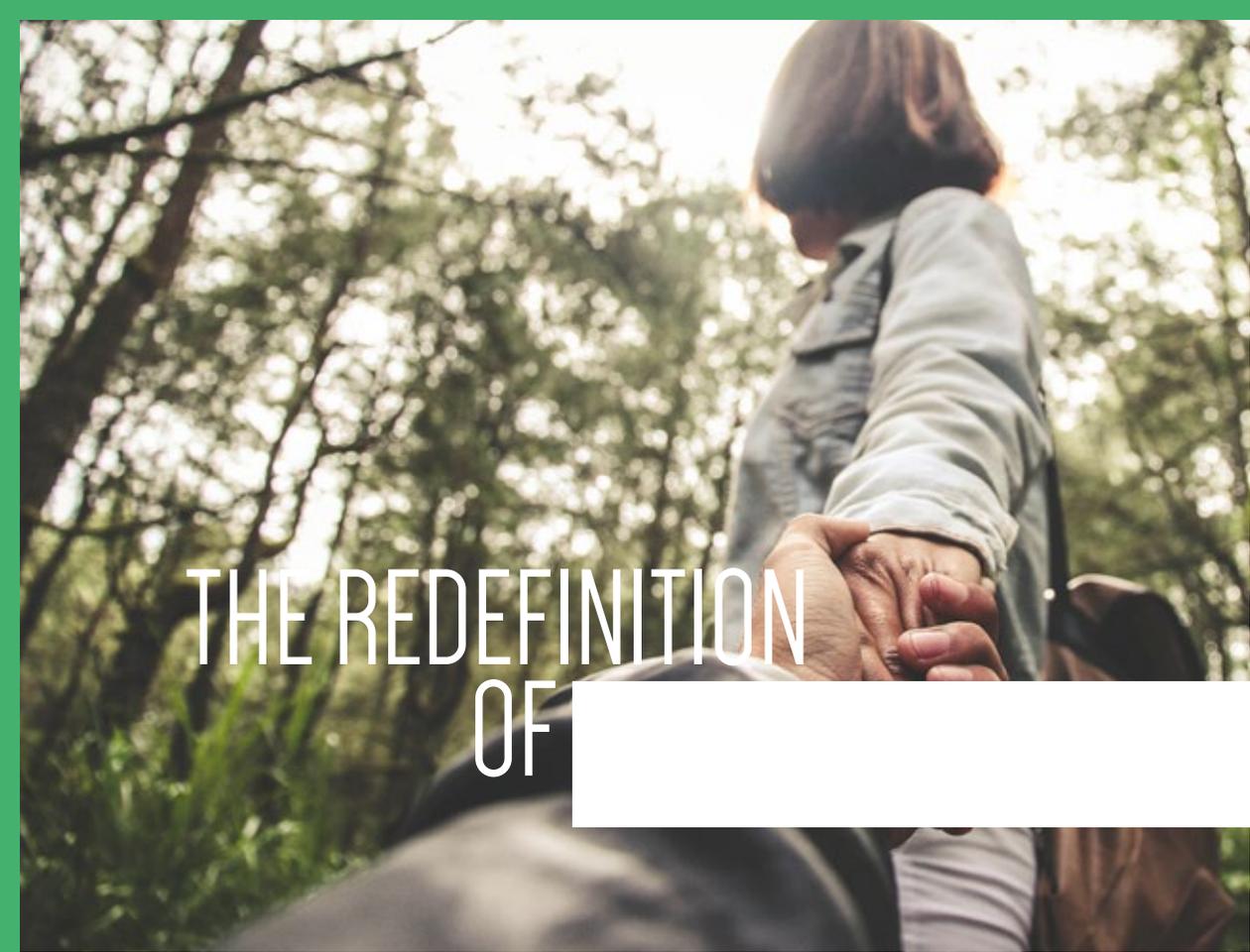
LOL CORNER



When was medicine first mentioned in the Bible?
When God gave Moses two tablets

What kind of lights did Noah have on the ark?
Floodlights





THE REDEFINITION OF

JAMIE ROBINSON

We live in an age where leaders have never been under more scrutiny. The lines between our personal, professional and online lives are becoming increasingly blurred. Every time we speak, tweet or eat (one for the Instagram users) we are putting ourselves in a position of vulnerability. With each tap of a screen or button we demonstrate to the watching world what we believe it means to be a leader.

As leaders, in whatever context we find ourselves, be it our

home, workplace or in our church community we ought to aspire to be **leaders worth following.** We've all had those prickly experiences of leadership we'd rather forget, people using their position or title to coerce us into doing something we'd quite honestly rather not do. John Maxwell in His teaching about the different levels of leadership, calls this the **"lowest level of leadership."**

"While nothing is wrong with having a leadership position, everything is wrong with relying

only on that position to get people to follow."

People who lead from their position or title, often fall short of the kind of leadership that we are called to as followers of Jesus. Jesus, walked this earth and led His disciples under the same pressures that we face, under even more intense scrutiny than we can imagine - yet he truly is a leader worth following.

You see Jesus redefined leadership without ever **mentioning the word.**

When Jesus arrived onto the scene, He began challenging many aspects of the prevailing culture including the role of those who were in authority. Culture dictated leaders should get the best seat in the house while Jesus demonstrated true leaders **honour others more than themselves.** Culture dictated that leaders should be served yet Jesus demonstrated that leaders should **humble themselves.** He flipped the ideals of leadership upside down.

In John 13 we see perhaps the most significant leadership lesson ever recorded: an encounter with Jesus that even to this day challenges the way we are called to lead.

John 13:3-5

³ Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. ⁴ So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

Jesus had been given all authority, not just over a small business, department, or even a church community but **everything.** All of creation belonged to Him...that's quite the position.

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Yet despite possessing this unprecedented authority His response was one of humility.

He got up from His rightful place at the table, wrapped a towel around His waist, got down on His knees and **redefined leadership forever.** Jesus was willing to get His hands dirty - not the kind of dirt we see when skeletons fall out of the closet of high profile leaders, but the kind of dirt that says I don't care about my comfort, I'm here to meet the needs of my followers.

John Maxwell calls this highest level of leadership the **'pinnacle.'** Leaders who are at the pinnacle: *"create a legacy in what they do. People follow them because of who they are and what they represent."*

If anyone epitomised operating at this level of leadership it's Jesus. Jesus used His God-given authority to serve, bless, encourage and raise up others creating a legacy that has changed the course of human history.

Jesus **calls and compels** us by His example to be a **new kind of leader.** He urges us to step away from the unsavoury cultural examples of leadership we can allow to influence us. Instead He compels us to seek Spirit empowered, grace-filled leadership and to become men and women who pursue humility and servanthood all the while following His incredible example.

Why not take some time to reflect over your own leadership at work, church or home? Ask Jesus to show you areas you lead like the world. Allow Him to highlight traits you have picked up from parents, teachers and leaders in the past that are a negative influence in how you lead.

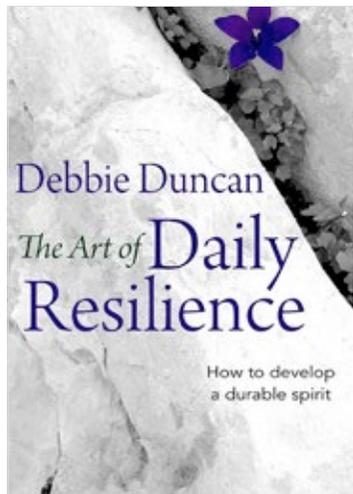
Not many people can boast of being a mentor of the greatest leader in history, but you can.

Let's make use of what He has already given us and allow Him to nurture us into the great, Christ-like leaders He has called us to be. ■

REVIEWS

THE ART OF DAILY RESILIENCE

by Debbie Duncan



Some people seem to have more natural resilience than others and most of us can cope for a while with what life throws at us.

But is that what it is all about: our strength against the unknown and sometimes relentless opposition? Debbie, in her book, gives us a blue print for ensuring that we develop the resilience we need to cope with whatever comes against us.

This is a beautifully written and well-researched book, which gives practical, devotional and readable advice to help body, mind and spirit. She draws upon her great experience in the nursing profession and her life in ministry alongside her husband, Malcolm. In opening up her own life to us showing us some of the painful paths she has been called to follow we find that this is not a book written by a well-meaning 'ivory tower dweller' – Debbie has been there and done it!

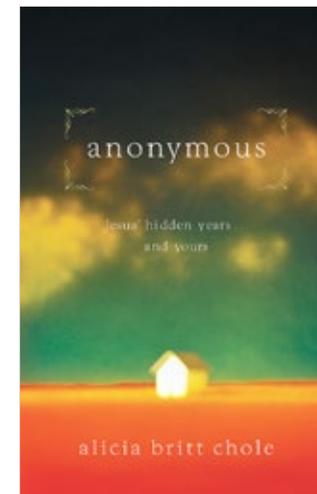
You will find yourself compelled to keep reading and I think this will be a book you will return to and use as a handbook for life. It is certainly one you will want to buy and pass on to others. **EL**

EL MARGARET MICHAEL



JESUS' HIDDEN YEARS... AND YOURS

by Alicia Britt Chole



'Anonymous' is a book all about the unapplauded, hidden, uncelebrated and seemingly unfruitful days and years of our lives that we often to consider insignificant or just the passing of time.

Those moments of waiting, what ifs and whys. 'Anonymous' takes a fresh look at these seasons in our lives in reflection of Jesus' thirty mostly hidden years and reflects upon His three seemingly short years in ministry that followed, which also changed the world and eternity.

This book was a huge encouragement not to disregard the 'quiet' stages of life, but to embrace them as seasons of preparation and development in God's good hands. It is a book which celebrates the unseen, emphasises the importance of maturing in our faith, and gives us guidance on how to navigate the darker times of the soul. 'Anonymous' is one I know I'll come back to! **EL**

EL LAURA McFARLAND

RELLENTLESS

2017

This summer hundreds of young people arrived at Relentless 17 with enthusiasm and excitement about all that God could do as they shared a week of life together. As they explored the theme of seed and rain God revealed Himself afresh.

Only heaven and eternity really knows the impact of the week on the lives represented, and the impact they had with those they encountered as they went home forever changed.

We have included two stories which are really just highlights of an awesome week for the young people of our movement. Their passion for Jesus is evident, their faith almost tangible. Pray for them, encourage them, open doors of opportunity for them and get alongside and involved in their lives. Support and help them flourish into the men and women God is calling them to be. 

went into relentless expecting God to move and He blew my expectation out of the water. The first night God was already speaking to me in such an incredible way by confirming some things that had been previously revealed to me. I was so excited that my friends and youth were experiencing God in such a supernatural way and collectively we were ready to take this back into our youth groups and our schools.

On the Wednesday morning Joel Ramsey was speaking, his confidence and faith challenged me and everyone else. Joel was on stage and asked if someone's leg was shorter than the other then invited a girl up alongside a friend. Joel didn't pray for growth the friend did and we saw a leg grow to become the same length as the other! I will never forget that moment. Over 30 other people were healed. God was so good over that whole week from start to finish.

Personally I felt that God gave me a new confidence in praying in tongues and He showed me some amazing things through passages and visions.

I am now becoming more confident that I can detect if it's God voice speaking to me or my own thoughts.

My prayer is that everyone who experienced God at Relentless in whatever way will never be the same. That they have a fire planted so deep within them that it will never burn out and that they will run after Jesus with all they have for the rest of their lives. 

 JACK THOMPSON



Relentless this year was amazing! My prayer prior to going was that I wanted to see my church's youth groups grow in their relationship with God. As someone who leads worship in church regularly, I wanted to see their worship grow to a whole new level.

God certainly fulfilled that, even in my own worship I felt God release more freedom and showed me a whole new way to worship Him. One of the morning seminars was based on how we should worship and what God deserves from us as worshipers. This seminar was definitely my favourite as it answered the prayer I had at the start of the week and made me ready and aware of how I should worship the rest

of the week and the rest of my life.

Another highlight of the week was the healing service. I got to see a miracle happen before my eyes and it inspired me and gave me a burning desire to go out and pray for people believing for their healing. To see the sick made well again and to proclaim it in Jesus' name. I have never felt God's presence as strongly as I did in that meeting.

I firmly believe that this generation will be the generation to change all the generations. The God who moved and worked miracles at Relentless is the same God who can move in our churches, our schools, our jobs and this world 

 BETHANY COULTER

ROY JOHNSTON

FOCUS ON SWAZILAND

Swaziland is a small landlocked enclave between Mozambique and South Africa.



Population:
1,298,000

Capital: Mbabane

Urbanites: 25.5%

HDI Rank: 142 of 182

(UN Human Development Index)

Official Language: Swati and English

Literacy Rate: 87%

Life Expectancy: 45.3 years - AIDS/HIV is a serious problem and it is estimated that 26% of the adult population has contracted the disease

Population under 15: 39%

Number of People Groups: 11

Number of Unreached People Groups:

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Largest Religion: Christianity 84.1%

% of Evangelicals: 23.68%



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It is remarkable how the Lord confronts and challenges our thinking again and again as He nurtures and shapes His will and vision in our hearts.

Over the past while I have experienced blessings and joys, yet at the same time had my heart wrenched with the enormous challenges confronting me as I have visited various countries in Elim Global. God has undoubtedly been stretching, shaping and testing my mind and heart with the work of International Missions. Many questions have stirred within me requiring active, compassionate, Spirit-led, God-directed responses. For example,

- » How can we, in Ireland, be of greatest benefit and most productive in partnering with our struggling and hurting brothers and sisters?
- » What is the God's vision for each unique situation?
- » How can we cultivate, plant, sow and nurture that vision in the long term, not just in the short term, that our brothers and sisters in these countries might see great harvest for the Lord?
- » How can we 'Help without Hurting' and alleviate poverty, both materially and spiritually; yet not control or neglect the building up of our brothers and sisters so we can watch them grow and develop into Spirit-filled disciples? How can

we support this growth so that these dear brothers and sisters in Christ might know the joy of reaching and teaching within their own nations with greater effectiveness, but knowing they have the loving, prayerful and practical support of brothers and sisters in other lands?

The journey continues to unfold before us as God reveals His plans and purposes. These are exciting times in Elim Missions!

Psalm 96:3 says, "Declare his glory among the nations, His marvellous deeds among all peoples." The world may be facing complex and difficult times around the world, but our God, He has a plan! He has commissioned us, His people, to "Declare his glory among the nations..."

In helping each reader to be part of this journey, it is wonderful to focus on one of Elim's 'Global Partners' Challenge Ministries', who are ministering in the small yet very needy country of Swaziland. I hope you will be informed, inspired, blessed and challenged as you read on from those involved 'on the ground' and gain insight into some of the things that can be achieved as we work together for the glory of God. Each unique situation has much to teach us and can help to foster and shape ministries in other settings. Continue to be part of this challenging but exciting journey with us. **EL**



Speaking at Emafini Men's Rehab Centre



Digging water supply to local village



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ow, where to start?! After spending a year in Swaziland with Challenge Ministries (CMS), I have come home with a different outlook and perspective on life. My intentions in the preparation and build up to visiting Swaziland were to impact lives, tell of the good news of Jesus Christ and simply to bring joy and happiness to anyone I came into contact with and I believe I accomplished these objectives.

I was heavily involved in the children's and youth ministries within Potter's Wheel Church (base for CMS), organising games, prayer groups and preaching on many different occasions. I was able to pass on knowledge and wisdom to the next generation so that they can take the Gospel

further than I ever could. In addition, I was given the opportunity to live and work alongside the men at the Emafini Rehabilitation Centre. Many have been delivered from life-controlling addictions and it was a real privilege to witness the depth of their gratitude and love for Jesus. Hospital ministry was a new concept for me involving visits to the local government hospital in the capital city, Mbabane. This is where I saw significant growth in my own faith after praying for healings for patients and seeing the miracles happen right before my eyes. Broken bones healed,

feeling restored to previously numb limbs and skin infections disappear. God is good...

Some of the most humbling experiences of my time in Swaziland were visits to the rural communities in Engcamini and Lavumisa. Dry riverbeds and bore holes with little or no water resulted in malnutrition and dehydration among the locals. Attending these areas with a medical team (led by Nurse Clair Oates) gave me the chance to speak with these people after having given them food and medical assistance. My biggest shock but also love for

the Swazi people came when they simply praised God and thanked Him for the little that they did have.

How often do we do turn to God in the UK when the electricity cuts out or washing machine breaks down??

Another of the highlights of my time in Swaziland was living for 5 months at Hawane Farm with some of the children taken in by Challenge Ministries over the years from deprived and abusive backgrounds. I have made long lasting relationships there and will miss them dearly. Until my next visit to Swaziland of course!

Now having returned home as a third generation missionary in my family (my grandfather, Pastor Roy Kerr and my aunt, Donna Kerr), my objectives are the same as they were going to Swaziland. Impact the lives of many, tell of the good news of Jesus Christ and simply bring joy and happiness to anyone I come into contact with.

Thank you Elim Missions and Challenge Ministries Swaziland. 

 SCOTT SHAW



Hawane Children

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

SHORT TERM TRIPS

Next summer we plan to take a Short Term Missions' Team to Swaziland to work with Impact Missions out there. In 2018 we also need a number of work teams to go out to Malawi with the purpose of renovating and improving the Children's Homes within the 9 Centres. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Roy:

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e: roy@elimissionsireland.com

If you would like to come to serve with Challenge Ministries in Swaziland, through Mission Impact, there are many opportunities to serve as a visiting group. Please contact Mandy Campbell:
e: mandy.campbell@ELIMHQ.net 

UNTO HIM!

There are so many distractions, both beautiful and challenging, as we dare to walk a worshipful life. Life is full, fast and ferocious at times but here is the whisper to my heart of late: "UNTO HIM... UNTO HIM - what we do, how we live - it's all UNTO HIM!"



The demands of the church calendar, the management of teams and the pursuit of the next worship song can be both thrilling and relentless. Yet it can become all too easy for us to drift into a place of serving these roles rather than harnessing such moments as opportunities to minister UNTO HIM!

Unto who?
Unto what?
Unto where?
It's all unto Jesus!

There is a dynamic exchange

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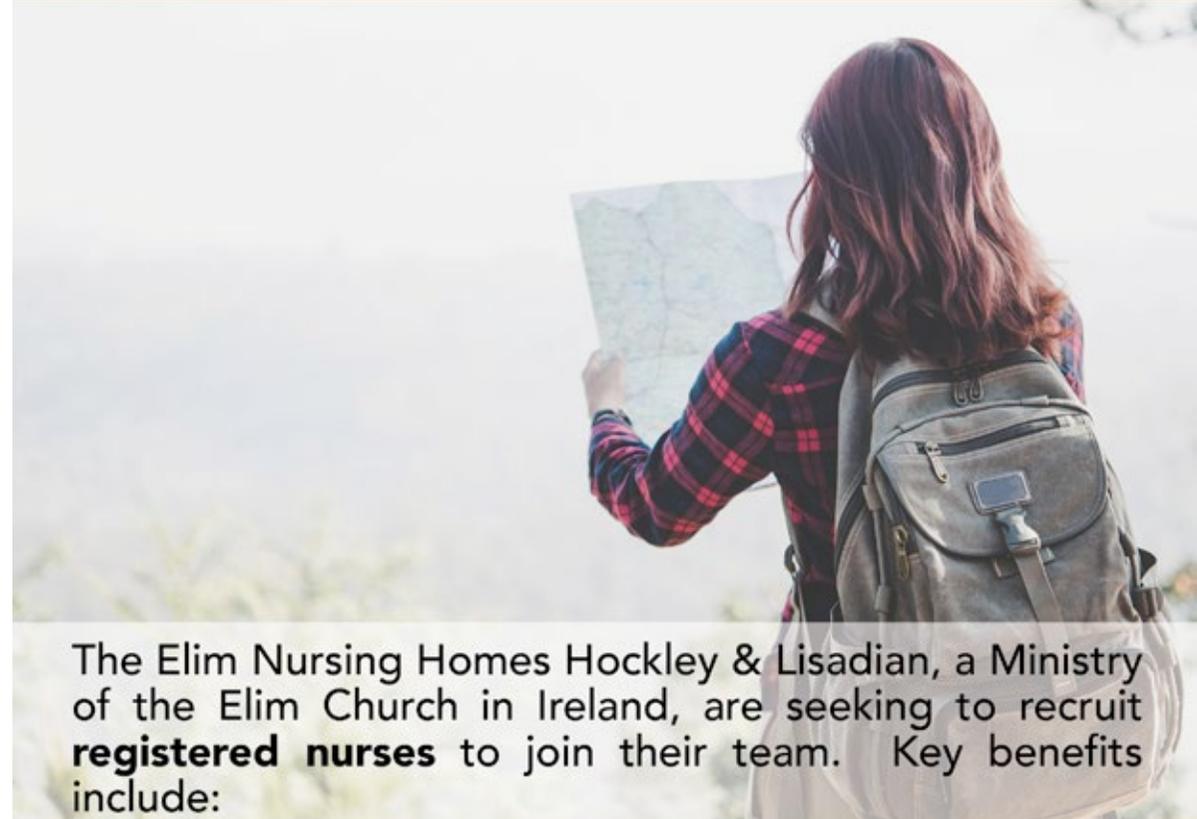
available for the child of God, if only we would stop for a moment, adjust our view, see the One we minister to afresh and feel the weight of His yoke again.

Heb 12 v 2 ... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For it is in seeing Jesus that we realise anew the privilege that it is to serve Him and the bride whom He loves so much! In seeing Jesus again, we can draw afresh from the wealth of His endless provision and resource. In seeing Jesus again, we receive the power to take another bold step: to believe, hope, sing and dream once more.

I wonder is this also the whisper to your heart today, as you prepare for the next worship service, learn that new chord chart or invest in that next team member? Be energised, refreshed and expectant ... It's all UNTO HIM! 

LOOKING FOR A NEW ADVENTURE?



The Elim Nursing Homes Hockley & Lisadian, a Ministry of the Elim Church in Ireland, are seeking to recruit **registered nurses** to join their team. Key benefits include:

- Christian ethos
- Rate of pay £17.50 per hour
- Pension
- Uniform (FOC)
- Training (FOC)
- Parking (FOC)
- Family friendly
- Full time/Part time positions
- Opportunity for job promotion
- Annual leave 5.6 weeks

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

e: info@elimnursinghomes.com
t: 028 3887 0365 (Option 1)

If you recommend a registered nurse and they are successful there is a referral reward of £50



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