

Devotional

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Lessons from the Life of David (1) Friday 21st July 2017

Romans 8 : 28

“ All things work together for good to those who love God ”

Acts 13 : 22 NKJV

God said “ I have found David a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.”

When God says that about someone, you'd be wise to observe that person's life. David started out as a shepherd and ended up as king. The chances of that happening were zero. Shepherds were so low on the social totem pole they could not testify in a court of law because their word wasn't considered reliable, Yet David ended up writing the most widely read psalms of all time.

Understand this : when you invite God into your life, He cancels the liabilities of your past and rewrites your future. But you must choose what God has chosen for you! There is an interesting contrast between Paul and David. Paul lived his chapters of disobedience before he met Christ, then went on to live an exemplary life. David became king at 30, and during his 40 years in leadership experienced devastating failure, including adultery and murder.

There are two important lessons here:

1- Don't rush to judgment. Its not over until God says its over! David's story is a warning to the transgressor, a rebuke to the self righteous, a verification of God's justice that won't allow you to escape your consequences, and a testimony to His love that will never let go of you.

2 - God can bring good out of what seems to be like a bad situation. He can take every experience you have been through and make it work for good - either your own good or the good of others.

Bottom line ; He can make **“ all things work together for good.”**

Love and blessings - **Jane**

International Prayer News

Prayer requests

- for wisdom for the Directors for each Centre and God's physical and spiritual protection over them, their family members and their staff.
- for God to meet all the needs of each International Centre and their ministry and richly bless all the staff , volunteers and those they assist.
- success with various promotional activities.

New Zealand

Praise points

- for 103 people serving with MMM on projects last year totaling 18,180 hours given to Christian missions in NZ and Fiji.
- for the Farmers Fellowship and the amazing way that stock reared in New Zealand becomes materials and tools for Fiji and beyond.

Fiji

Prayer requests

- that God will lead Jarrod and Katy (MMM Fiji) to dedicated nationals who are suitable to serve frequently with the mission in Fiji. May the Lord call people into fulltime ministry here.
- for the team members for the Almorah Hope Project in Fiji, commencing on August 5th. This ministry provides housing and training for women and children from difficult home situations . They lost seven out of eight of their buildings during Cyclone Winston.

Zambia

Prayer requests

- for God's favour on all aspects of MMMZambia's outreach.
- for many students at the VTC to receive the Lord as their Saviour.

Hong Kong

Prayer request

- for God's favour on the planning and organizing of MMM HK's 20th Anniversary celebration to be held on October 29th.

South Africa

Prayer requests

- for completing and agreeing on all final design elements of the KIUMA project.
- for the successful establishment of the site so work can begin.
- for Neil Eichstadt (*MMM staff*) as he represents the client.
- for all the aspects of the project. Civil: Plant Room, Electrical: 2 x Generators, 250kVA Solar Field, Tesla Batteries and a connection to the local HT supply as well as a completely new re-tilation network on site ended at a prepaid meter in each building.

PrayerForce

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MMMAustralia

1 Praise the Lord for his exciting provisions for the needs of MMM and his great blessings and faithfulness to MMM's work and workers. Give thanks for all who have prayerfully supported these needs and those who have given donations. Praise God for our wonderful volunteers and staff.

2 Pray for God's wisdom, guidance and protection for Terrence Baxter (*CEO*) and the MMM Board members as they make decisions to govern MMM. Give thanks for their great commitment to MMM and to serving the Lord. Pray they will know God's rich blessings as they spend time seeking his will to grow MMM and its impact.

3 **WA** Praise the Lord for Karen Beard (*Region Manager*) not having worse injuries after her recent fall. Pray for Ian and Marilyn Wilson (*WA Safari team members from Victoria*). Ian has been diagnosed with a brain tumour. Give thanks for the help for the Wilsons from the team leaders (*Phil and Gwen Hall*) and Dave and Shaye Tinker (*MMM volunteers working at Wandalgu*) who looked after Marilyn in Geraldton and took the Wilson's caravan to Perth for them. Give thanks the Wilsons are back home and Ian has had further tests. Pray for peace for Marilyn, God's miraculous healing for Ian and wisdom for the doctors.

4 **VIC/SA** Give thanks for the 27 people who have shown interest in joining the Safari team for projects in these regions. Pray for the planning of these projects and the itinerary for the Safari. Pray for Geoff Jarvis (*Region Manager*) as he continues to work as Manager at Beaumont Tiles in Dandenong, until the end of August, and works on responsibilities with MMM also. Pray God will meet all his needs.

5 Pray for a great response to the Associate's letter, to be sent out in early September, regarding fees and further involvement in one or more of the five key areas of support for MMM.

6 Praise the Lord for Rachel Littlechild (*CEO's PA*) adjusting well to this role and for the thorough handover by Robyn. Pray for God's blessings on her and her family.

7 Pray for God to bring forward a person to take on the Prayer Co-ordinator's role, before the end of this year.

8 **QLD** Pray for John and Anne Cooper (*Region Managers*) as they deal with the John's recent surgery now failing, causing his heart to go out of rhythm again. Pray for God's comfort for John, as this has caused his breathing to be very laboured again. Pray for God's healing hand to be on John and wisdom for the doctors treating him. Praise God for the great commitment to MMM and skills of the Coopers. Give thanks for fulltime staff, Adrian and Caren Behrens and the support the Behrens and Coopers give each other.

9 Pray for Youth For Christ (*YFC*) to ignite a prayer movement of young people across the nation that will be a catalyst for a harvest of young people converted to Christ. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for Cindy McGarvie (*CEO of YFC*) and that she will know every blessing as she fulfils her calling to lead this wonderful organisation. Give thanks for the commitment and skills of Cindy's husband Rod, who is a valued MMM Board member.

10 Give thanks for the opportunity for our CEO to present the MMM Associates Programme last month on Vision Radio across Australia for 1 hour with broadcaster Neil Johnson. Pray for new volunteers who will quickly become Associates.

11 **Thailand** Praise the Lord for the wonderful witness MMM's ministry and workers are in this country.

12 Give thanks for the safe return of our finance manager, Diane Jenkins and Mitcham office volunteer, Sutha, from holidays overseas. Pray for Diane as she prepares documentation for our annual audit early in September.

13 **WA** Praise God for the 20 additional beds that are now available at Wandalgu Mission as a result of the work completed by our Caravan Safari Team. This will satisfy a real need in the Geraldton Community and surrounds for those people who are trying to rebuild their lives through programs offered by the Sun City Church. Pray for God to richly bless this church as it shows his love to lost souls.

14 **VIC/SA** Pray for the planning of the Garage Sale at Mitcham on October 21st. Pray for high quality items for sale to be sourced or donated and for really successful promotion of this fundraiser. Pray for many to attend the Working Bee at the Mitcham office in early September. Pray for the Committee members to be helpful in supporting, Geoff Jarvis (*Region Manager*) and reigniting involvement in MMM in this region.

15 Pray for God's sustaining and encouragement for John and Joyce Blade (*MMM NSW volunteers*) in the Solomon Islands. They are very busy working for Wycliffe Bible Translators until mid September.

16 **WA** Praise God for the great work accomplished by the Safari Team with many good reports on works accomplished and the great fellowship had by all. MMMWA found the team a real blessing and are looking forward to many more Safari Tours West. Pray for the safety of all as they begin travelling back East on August 5th. Give thanks for the additional project applications received and that the interest in MMM continues to grow.

17 Give thanks for the Managers engaging with Associates to encourage and support them. Pray for the brochures for each of the five key areas of service to be available for Associates soon and be a useful promotional tool. Pray for opportunities for MMM Ambassadors to present at Missions Conferences and churches around Australia.

18 Pray for more Build-A-Bond projects to happen. Give thanks for Noel Taylor's skills and commitment to manage the steel rolling programme. Pray for safety and good health for Noel and Marg as they drive interstate for a holiday.

19 Praise the Lord for the Managers and the many tasks they perform. Pray for God's wisdom and rich blessings on them. Give thanks for the willingness and skills of all our project Team Leaders to take on this responsibility so jobs are well managed and the workers are supported and cared for.

20 **NSW** Pray for wisdom for the Committee members at their meeting in the first week of August. Pray for sufficient, suitable volunteers to come forward so seven jobs can be undertaken before Christmas. Pray for God to oversee the project at Cornerstone, Dubbo from Aug 21st to Sept 1st.