



Editor - Tony Vaughan



From the National President's Desk

When the Dog Bites

What is your greatest obsession in life? All of us are obsessed by something or someone; the danger is, we can become obsessed with our selves or even our own experiences in Christian life, which when properly assessed only shows how self-centred we have become.

Our old fleshly nature is supposed to have been buried with Christ in the watery grave of baptism that the new man in Christ Jesus might arise in newness of life. **Romans 6:4-8**. What then has been buried and left behind? All of our old sinful nature including the likelihood of being trapped in depression; tested maybe but never trapped, for sin shall not have dominion over you for you have been set free, yes raised with Christ as a son of God, now able to walk in the liberty of the children of God.

Colossians 3:1-4: *If you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.*

The answer to the first question should be: "I'm obsessed with the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Blessed Holy Spirit, for once I was lost, counted as dead, but now I've been saved and alive from the dead, living my abundant, regenerated life in Christ Jesus. For atonement was made at the cross on the hill when my Saviour there bleeding gave His life in my stead; He ransomed my life, price paid in full His blood now availing over the stain of my sin. He stands before God interceding for me; and saying to God I will let no man snatch him out of My hand. For nothing I could have done would have paid the great debt that I once owed; for God demanded death for my sin, *for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:23*".

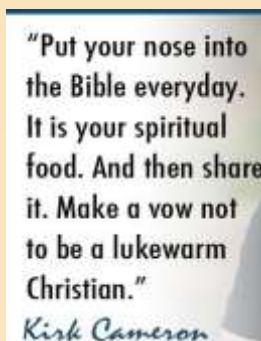
Therefore our obsession should no longer be about ourselves and our problems, but about God in us, the greatest source of power the world has ever known. Yes, power unlimited and full of the Glory of God. O Christian men, if we can only grasp this point it will open doors of ministry to us that will bring an abundance of fruit unto God; Jesus came that we might have life and life more abundantly. Remember Jesus

is sitting at God's right hand interceding on our behalf. We have been recreated in Christ Jesus and filled with the same Spirit that raised Him from the dead, yes empowered with great power from above; for what reason? That we might work the works of God, during our short time here on earth.

John 14:12-14 *Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

Are you living the abundant life or are you being hounded by the dog that bites? Do you want to know how to overcome these trials that can lead to depression? Let's take an example from the Old Testament book of **Job 42:10:** *The Lord restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends.* Here is one of the revelations about praying we need to examine, that we might gain a better understanding of the ways of God when it comes to intercessory prayer. God referring to Job, said of him *"My servant Job, that there was none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who feared God and shunned evil"*.

Even though Job went through all those trials and testings he kept his integrity, for he knew whom he believed and that God was able to deliver him out of them all. Now it happened when righteous Job prayed for his friends. What then had transpired? Job had come to the understanding that it was all about God and not about himself; he could not do for himself what God had done. As the end times open up to us don't be surprised if you go through similar trials, for if you endure and overcome, you, like Job, will know that you know that God is with you and if God is with you who can stand against you in the fray? It is during our trials that God strengthens us, that when called upon we will hold the line and lift the banner higher that the lost and fearful souls Jesus died for will come, saying "what must we do to be saved"? God Bless you one and all. Len



Coffee & Conversation with James

Another true story from the experiences of a long-time member and friend.

Submitted by Ron Oastler

I hate to say it but it was one of those rare days when it was overcast, with the sun struggling to emerge from its cloud blanket only to be wrapped up in it again. It was a dull day indeed and the lights were on in the usually sunlit coffee shop. Most unusual.

James was a little ahead of me today and greeted me with a knowing smile as he stated the obvious: 'Just a wee bit inclement is it not? But who cares? Just look at those children over there - too excited about the Ferry ride to be concerned about the weather - Yes?'

As I looked across toward the Ferry wharf, I could see what James meant. There they were, a group of Senior Primary School aged children, along with an adult - perhaps a teacher - preparing for the trip across The Port. Typical kids, they were exercising their own priorities while trying to respond to the adult who was leading them. A tough ask, I thought.

Echoing my very thought, James asserted 'It certainly is a tough ask to get a gaggle of twelve year olds to accept an adult's instructions. However it would appear that these young folk have a real respect for their teacher/mentor,' he continued 'and that takes time.'

I knew what was coming ... James was reliving another one of his life's experiences. I could hear it in his voice and see it in his face. I waited and ...

'I can recall learning some real lessons about dealing with young folk', James reminisced. 'My lessons were learned through taking a composite class of 5th and 6th graders for Religious Instruction in a remote location school. That one lesson per week for one whole year may not sound much but it was a real experience for me ... as well as for the young folk.'

'I was required to follow a set curriculum and use a given set of outlines and materials, all of which was quite well prepared. We covered elements such as Creation and 'The Fall', plus a number of



key characters such as Abraham, Joseph, Joshua, King David and Paul. Of course the birth, ministry and crucifixion of Jesus was highlighted, particularly at the appropriate festive seasons.'

'Of course, I made sure that the message of salvation was clear, right throughout the lessons, as everything in Scripture speaks of The Messiah, Jesus Christ, and his call for repentance and acceptance of His finished work of redemption. The message is that it is by Grace alone, through Faith alone and in Christ alone - and this we established throughout the year.'

Then, drawing a deep breath, after a long pause, James confessed: 'The big lesson for me was in keeping the attention of twenty five students for the hour, as we covered such serious learning about life eternal. It was not easy.'

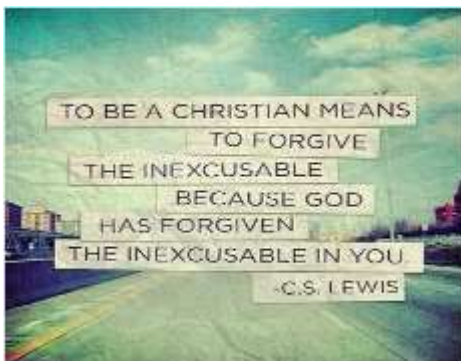
'I spent the prior evenings preparing stories and parables to use like Jesus did, put together quiz questions on the topics covered, made up "pencil and paper" puzzles in which the answers to the questions were hidden, developed crossword puzzles to test and reinforce their understanding ... All-in-all those individual 'activities' kept them focussed and learning. It was quite demanding.' James rounded off his confession with a sigh.

'Ah, but on the final day - at the conclusion of the final lesson - it was all demonstrably worthwhile.' James now had a quite ecstatic smile.

'On the final day - a couple of weeks before the end of term - at the appropriate time, I spent a wee while summarising what we had learned about The Gospel through our Scripture studies - what it really means to be 'born again' - and how we need to individually and personally respond to the Holy Spirit and commit our life to Him. Opportunity was then given for the young folk to carefully and prayerfully make that decision. Twenty one made that personal life-changing decision - and we prayed together as their commitment was consummated. Praise the Lord.'

'I had arranged for a quantity of nice "pocket-sized" copies of St John's Gospel, and had them nicely wrapped. Each class member received a copy and those who made a Decision for Christ were encouraged to write inside the back cover "Today, I committed my life to Jesus Christ, to live for Him and to serve Him. Signed (name)".'

'Youth leaders and workers followed up with these young folk as I was leaving the location within a matter of days. These are the times when we must trust the Holy Spirit to protect and nurture the precious "new born" Christians.'



Your Personal Invitation.....

to attend the

Fellowship Dinner

Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International Toowoomba Chapter

GUEST SPEAKER: JOHN GAGLIARDI



JOHN GAGLIARDI

Come and hear this Christian businessman. As you can see, John has accomplished much in his lifetime so far! His wife Kay, who is still working as a schoolteacher will be with him. They have four adult children. John's first book, 'THE MARKET PLACE - OUR MISSION' will be available to purchase.

John started life as a journalist at the old Brisbane Telegraph, and by age 22, was Chief of Staff of Channel 9 news. In later years he ran a major newspaper for Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation. He grew up as a "cool Anglican" and only came to the fullness of Christ at age 38 when he was struggling with alcohol and depression in spite of a very successful career in PR and lobbying (his lobbying projects include the Burdekin Dam and Jupiters Casino on the Gold Coast).

He was Media Adviser to Prime Minister John Gorton and media trained the first Aboriginal Senator Neville Bonner. As a Christian, God has used John in some truly amazing ways - he has made a speech in the Russian Parliament (he speaks Russian) and also in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

He lectured to top leaders in Hi Chi Minh City, Vietnam, and spoke at the Australian Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast in Canberra. He founded the highly influential Australian Christian Lobby and the Business Breakthrough group at City Harvest Church, Singapore, which grew to 2,500 and raised \$50M. He was also founding Chairman of Christian Heritage College, Carindale, Brisbane.

John ran a \$100M company in Singapore and then came back to Australia and started a high-tech geothermal company (and during the GFC was wiped out financially). He is now working full time at age 75 as Director of Development in Australia for global ministry Haggai International, and in his spare time is developing some new business ideas in the US, Singapore and China.

Bring a Friend!

FRIDAY 27th JULY - 6:30 for 7:00 p.m.

ALL SEASONS FUNCTION CENTRE

Cnr North & Tor Sts Toowoomba

(Sacred Heart Complex) - parking available in grounds

Dinner Cost:- \$23:00 p.p. RSVP 25th

Please Ph. John 4636 2579 / Michael 4633 3934

Brisbane Chapter Dinner

Guest Speaker - David Cormack Barrister At Law



Up Close and Personal Testimonial Dinner

Have you suffered hardships, broken relationships and failures?

Come and hear David Cormack from Prison Fellowship Australia (Qld). David comes from a background of having practised as a solicitor for ten years before being admitted as a barrister in 2003. David was born in South Africa in 1969, at the height of apartheid. He immigrated with his family to Australia in 1981. David's journey is blended with his father's journey who experienced PTSD, alcoholism and workaholicism from the gorilla war in Rhodesia now Zimbabwe. After coming to faith, in his teenage years David's faith went cold when his marriage failed. David's faith was revived when volunteering for Prison Fellowship and seeing first the transforming hand of the Lord into the lives of men and woman that were broken in prison and outside of prison.

RSVP: Tues 24.07.18 - To book and pay:- 0438 788 594
Adults: \$32.50 - Booking for 4: \$120 - Plate for a Mate: \$20
President: Michael - 0402 457 187
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Saturday 28th July - 6.00 for 6.30pm
Hotel Diana, 12 Annerley Rd, Woolloongabba

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Black Hawk Down

"God, I know I'm going to die in the next few minutes and I need your strength." Sergeant Jeff Struecker

The Battle of Mogadishu



In the blood-soaked streets of Mogadishu, Jeff Struecker was confronted with the same stark truth that Jesus Christ dealt with in the Garden of Gethsemane: He was going to die, and it wasn't going to be pretty. He had only minutes before he survived a withering barrage of enemy fire in a city determined to exterminate him and his comrades. He had just witnessed the incredibly violent death of a friend, tearing free a false veil of security.

Now he was being charged with the unthinkable: leading his fellow Rangers back into the lead-ridden gauntlet of the insurgent-controlled city. Confronted with a budding family at home waiting for him, a squad of Rangers looking to him for leadership, and the reality of his own mortality, Jeff's faith in Christ was crystallized and his life's purpose defined. As he prayed his prayer for strength, the Lord revealed to Sergeant Struecker the only reality that a saved Christian need ever rely upon: that his life was in Jesus' hands and that no matter what happened to him, his faith alone settled the issue; his soul's eternity. With his question of faith answered and his Saviour by his side, Jeff Struecker led his men back into the fire.

The phenomenal acts of courage displayed by Jeff and his Rangers during the Battle of Mogadishu were well documented in Mark Bowden's 'Black Hawk Down' and later adapted to an Oscar-winning feature film. But the impact of the Lord's guiding hand in Jeff Struecker's life is a story of Christian courage which has continued to be played out far beyond what Hollywood could ever depict. This is a story of an already bullet-proof faith honed in the crucible of combat, exerted and advanced through the Chaplaincy, and poured out today as a Pastor, author, and mentor. Moreover, this is a story of a man who overcame a paralysing fear of death and embarrassment; shed the false reality of "cultural Christianity" to become an unapologetic Christian leader who became convicted to allow the Lord's eternal peace to shine through him in order to seize salvation for souls otherwise subject to Satan's grasp.

Army Rangers are hard men. Defined by their adherence to a strict warrior code and a singular focus of mission accomplishment, Rangers take great pride in efficiently operating in the worst possible environments and conditions. Embracing the dark, cold, and arduous, Rangers eschew the fears and trepidation that would otherwise paralyse those who would even comprehend the tasks they perform in the course of duty. By the time that Bravo Company, 3rd Ranger Battalion was called upon to go to Somalia, Jeff Struecker had passed every test that the United States Army and the world had put in front of him. And on that day of October 3, 1993, Jeff Struecker stood with his fellow Rangers; trained, hardened, and ready at the gates of some of the most violent warfare of the 20th century. But unlike many of his peers, Sergeant Jeff Struecker was unafraid.**Continued**

"His Banner Over Us is Love"

Membership

Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (Australia) is open to all men who wish to be part of this vibrant organisation, who have a heart to reach others and bring them into a relationship with Jesus Christ. You must read and understand our Doctrinal Statement and be willing to serve as a chapter member giving of your time and expertise.

Please return your completed membership application (along with our doctrinal statement) form our **Membership** Director, Daniel Wright - PO Box 129 Taigum Qld 4018. Telephone: 0404 004 946. Membership forms can be printed from our website: fgbfiaustralia.com

Membership fees are \$100.00 per annum. To have an effective Fellowship we need all members to pay their dues to fund the ongoing expenses of the Fellowship as per the budget approved by the National Board. Being paid up members of the Fellowship is important and all personnel should hold their membership as significant and of value. Being members allows you to experience all the benefits that are associated with the organisation including being able to vote and have your say at the appropriate time. If you have no chapter in your area or it is not functioning your membership will be held as a National member. Those already in an active chapter will also be National Members and then chapter members. This way all members are included and not overlooked when information is being passed on.





**INTERNATIONAL
Our Mission**

FGBMFI is one of the largest Christian business organizations in the world. Founded in 1953, we are in 142 nations - meeting in over 7,000 chapters. Our members and leaders include every race, culture, social status and language.

By God's grace, we connect people with opportunities to reach out and help others find a better life and work together to build better communities.

We do this by:

Calling people back to God...

There is a better life by following Jesus Christ.

Promoting integrity and good character...

Being a reflection of God to our world.

Participating in God's good work...

Releasing gifts, talents and resources to help others.

Working together to build better cities & nations...

Impacting our leaders and our culture.

Taking the message of God's love to every family...

A true grass roots effort that is changing the world.

"The mandate from God is that we break the chains of despair in the world. Our mandate is to destroy the isolation of loneliness, and link the world to God!"

Demos Shakarian, Founder



"It is our destiny to lift up God in every business center, every marketplace, every government center and university... every nation, city, town and crossroads of the world. People of faith, shining with God's glory, bringing the uplifting message of God's power... reaching out, helping, encouraging and lifting. Today, through our efforts, we believe that over 2 million people come to God each year."



International President Mario Garcia



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PROGRAMME

Friday 10th August 2018

4.00pm – 9.00pm Registrations and Welcome
Speaker—John Weeks

7.00pm – 8.30pm

Saturday 11th August 2018

7.45am – 8.25am Prayer and Praise
Leader—Ian Eckel

8.30am – 9.30am Session 1
Speaker—Len Donaldson

9.30am – 9.45am Morning tea supplied

9.45am – 10.45am Session 2
Speaker—Ian Smith

10.55am – 12.30pm Session 3
Speaker—Len Donaldson

12.30pm – 2.15pm Break for Lunch & Free Time
AGM (Members Only)

2.15pm – 3.35pm Women's Meeting
Speaker—Sue Smith

3.45pm – 5.00pm Session 4
Speaker—John Weeks

7.00pm – 10.00pm Dinner—Public Meeting
Speaker—Paul Vinton

Sunday 12th August 2018

7.45am – 8.25am Prayer and Praise
Leader—Ian Eckel

8.30am – 10.00am Session 5
Speaker—Ian Smith

10.00am – 11.00pm Testimonial/Summary/Close

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Registration		\$125	

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FGBMFI Brisbane Chapter Testimonial Dinner on 30 June 2018

Oh Yes, great things happened in the lives of Guests when Stu Millar shared his Testimony entitled "Run the Race to Win". Many received prayer afterwards and were given guidance through prophecy and words of direction in business.

Stu, as Director of "Train to Proclaim", gave an invitation to receive Jesus as he proclaimed the Gospel. Feedback is still being received with many saying that they will be coming back.

Also, a powerful testimony was given by Alan who was brought to the Brisbane Chapter Dinner some months ago, saying straight out that he was an atheist and didn't want to hear about this Jesus. Well, he did hear about Jesus and came to the Membership and Prayer meeting on the Monday night and was led to the Lord. Later on he brought his ex-wife and they are being re-married on 19th July. Alan is a changed man, noticeable in his attire too. He is a shining light and a witness to many. He is now an Uber Driver – Amazing!!!

Psalm 119:24 - "Your testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors."

Miracles do happen at Chapter Events by the wonder-working Power of God.

MICHAEL TERRANOVA - FGBMFI Brisbane Chapter President