



**Growing A Family Aflame,
Sharing God's Love with All**

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PREACHER'S NOTE

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Its Time

Following Jesus is often quite challenging. Sometimes He asks us very uncomfortable questions. Like the time when He found a man who had been lying on his mat next to a pool on the outskirts of Jerusalem, for 18 years. Hoping for an unlikely

miracle. "Do you want to get well?" Jesus asked him. What kind of a question is that? Of course he did. There were just some things in the way.

But Jesus' questions are deep, and insightful. "You've been lying in this place of defeat for a while now. It's not your fault - there's no one here to help you. But none of that is helpful, and you're just accepting that defeat. You're speaking to the Lord of Creation - do you want this enough to have me change your life for the better? Right now?"

Then, Jesus asked him to do some very difficult things. First, stand up. With faith that I will heal you, stretch out your crippled legs, lift up your frail body. Then, roll up your mat - your place of comfort, where you've been lying in defeat. Roll it up so you can't go back to it. Then, walk... Where to Lord? Into the life that I created you for. Into the life that you've been hiding from.

What places of defeat are you and I lying next to? Work? Health? Addiction? Relationships? We've been there a long time. It's not our fault - life put us there. We can't do anything about it - that's just how it is.

PREACHER'S NOTE CONTINUED

Well, it's time. Jesus is standing there, with his hand outstretched, ready to help us up. So that we can roll up our mats, and walk away from those places with Him. If we really want to. Blessings, Andrew.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SUNDAY YOUTH

There will be no services, Sunday School or Youth for the next few weeks. Teachers will however be in contact with you to suggest how you can share God's stories with your children. May you be very aware that God is with you even in these strange times. DMC

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER

Elise Timm, Tina Olivier, Liz Munn, Denise Dettmer
Tony & Cheryl Botes & family
For those who are unemployed

BIRTHDAYS

**We wish you God's Richest blessings as you
celebrate your special day**

Angelique Stopforth	8 August
Ron Teperson	9 August
Minnie Theron	9 August
Kimberley Ross	10 August
Andre Du Plessis	11 August
Alan Morton	11 August
Grant Sneyd	11 August
Grant Botha	12 August
Caroline Sidebottom	12 August
Michelle Stow	12 August
Monica Collins	13 August
Erina Bothma	13 August
Malcolm Neethling	14 August
Lulama Dotwana	14 August
Jaco Janse Van Rensburg	14 August
Francois Visser	14 August
Bianca Du Toit	14 August
Eileen Barnes	14 August

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

SOCIAL CONCERNS

We are in urgent need of soup. We have been asked to supply 20 litres of soup each Friday to MES. Please if you could deliver the soup by Thursday latest, and we will arrange for it to be sent to MES. Thank you.

TYGERBEARS, THUTHUZELA and CANSA CARE are once again appealing for instant noodles and soup, peanut butter, coffee and tea. Toiletries including roll-on deodorant and personal hygiene products are an ongoing request. Thank you.

PANTRY CUPBOARD

We are making an appeal for non-perishable food items for our pantry cupboard. If you can help please deliver to the church office. Thank you.

DMC BANKING DETAILS - MCSA Durbanville Society, Standard Bank, Tyger Manor, Branch Code: 050410, Account Number: 275125750.

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