

ON TO THE FINISH!



The "Tough Mudder Challenge". What is that you ask? Well, the Tough Mudder is basically a physical challenge obstacle course which requires it's participants to crawl through a long pit full of cold water, run down a hill, climb under and over large logs, walk through a mud pit, climb a large sand hill and scale across a valley by rope and then find ones way through a wooded path to the finish line.

Below is the account of one of our Kitimat Harvesters who boldly accepted the Tough Mudder challenge. Here are some thoughts she came away with from her experience, that are a challenge and reminder to us all.

I won second last in the Tough Mudder Competition. Yep, this is one proud second last placed lady!

I didn't see it coming; how tough it was going to be. It wasn't even 30 seconds into the race and I could barely breathe, my legs were tired! Yes, out of shape for sure! As I went through this challenge, I faced the option to quit, to just stop running the race and rest. My lungs hurt, my body was exhausted, I really could barely breathe. I felt each and every step I took.

Without being cheesy I must say I couldn't have completed the race without the people around me cheering me on and encouraging me to keep going. "You can do it Cara!" "Keep going, you're almost done." "You're a warrior!" Those simple words of encouragement kept me going, it fueled me with the strength I needed to finish the race.

As I was going up the big sand hill I really saw the parallel to our spiritual walk. It can be hard at times, we will encounter obstacles, and we may feel like quitting. There are people around you but they can't run your race for you,

no one can walk your walk for you. The only thing that others can do is, stand at the side lines and cheer you on.

When I felt like I wasn't going to make it, the only thing I could hear was the encouraging roar of people that care for me. I went up that sand hill one step at a time. And I finished the race. I may have come in second last, but I finished!

Too often we tear each other down and discourage each other with our words. We hear things like "Cara you are too slow!" "You aren't doing it right." "If only you could be faster, if only you were stronger, then you would finish." "You are too out of shape for this!" We really should consider speaking more encouraging words and exhortations. It's time we think about what we say to each other and question what benefit there is in saying it.

If what you say is not going to help get people to the finish line of their own race in life, then what is the point in saying it? So, let's embrace the "cheesy" and cheer each other on to the finish line!"

by Cara Webb

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*Kelowna
Harvest Fellowship*

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 	3	4 B.C. FIREWALL Freedom to Soar 	5 Saturday Nite Service 6:00pm
6 Beach Outreach FAREWELL PARTY	7 B.C. FIREWALL	8 B.C. FIREWALL	9	10	11 B.C. FIREWALL Kelowna Women's Ministry 	12 Saturday Nite Service 6:00pm
13 Sunday Service 10:30am	14 B.C. FIREWALL	15 B.C. FIREWALL	16	17	18 B.C. FIREWALL 7:00pm Charlie Robinson	19  ROSH HASHANAH 6:00pm Marc Brisebois
20 ROSH HASHANAH 10:30am Marc Brisebois	21 B.C. FIREWALL	22 B.C. FIREWALL	23	24	25 B.C. FIREWALL Heather out of town	26 Saturday Nite Service 6:00pm
27 Sunday Service 10:30am	28 B.C. FIREWALL	29 B.C. FIREWALL	30			

CELEBRATING ROSH HASHANA



with



Charlie Robinson



Marc Brisebois

Friday September 18th 7:00PM

-with Charlie Robinson

Saturday September 19th 6:00PM

-with Marc Brisebois

Sunday September 20th 10:30AM

-with Marc Brisebois

*****Seating is Limited!*****

Register at info@theharvest.ca. The first 50 people registered will get preferred seating. Over 50 will be seated in the overflow rooms.

Beach Outreach and



We will have our final Beach Outreach for this year at

BERTRAM CREEK PARK

DATE: September 6th

TIME: 12:00PM

We will also be saying good-bye to Art & Gwen Mercer as they will be leaving for Ontario on September 14th.

Please bring some food to share, as well we will need help setting up and tearing down. Please let us know if you can help:

contact info@theharvest.ca

By Marlin Kroeker

Let me guess, the most popular piece of Scripture you have heard in the last six months is Psalm 91. This is many believer's go-to scripture when it comes to combating illness and attack. This is a good thing because with the level of fear we are facing we more than ever need to recognize that the promises and the authority of the Word of God is ours to claim and to walk in.

While it is good to personally declare and to hear other believers quoting Psalm 91, we must ask ourselves the question that if we believe Scripture, why are we not always seeing the protection and answers to its promises fulfilled? Why have we seen the coronavirus taking out believers and even pastors? These types of questions cause us to question our faith and our belief systems and can be hard to answer.

As I have read commentaries on Psalm 91, it amazes me to see how many theologians have interpreted this passage in a way that makes it a spiritual protection and not necessarily a physical one. With any challenging Scripture, rationally explaining a passage, or outright discrediting it, is an easy position to take because often our circumstances do not line up with the promises of the Word of God and we want an explanation.

There are many variables at work in our faith walk. Nothing is cut and dry, it seems and when we take the Word of God for what it declares we are putting our reputation and our faith on the line. To believe the Bible for what it states will often mean that we are labeled radical and even crazy, often by other believers and family.

I have been thinking a lot lately about the concept in Scripture regarding the level of faith in people. Jesus recognized that there are those with no faith, those with little faith and those with great faith. He often called out his disciples and others for having "little faith." The question we must ask ourselves is this: Where on this continuum do I fit, and how can I become a believer who operates in great faith?

Before I proceed, let me lay down a qualifier: the walk of faith has many variables attached to it. In

other words, I believe there is much involved in each of our faith walks. Things such as our backgrounds, trauma we have gone through, hidden sin, unforgiveness, a lack of knowledge, generational cursing and other factors affect the outcome of life and what each of us must deal with.

God has created us body, soul and spirit. These are not separated but each can be affected by the other. A good example of this is the scientifically proven fact that toxic thinking produces physical illnesses, often cancers.

As children of Father God we are all going through a process of sanctification. We are not to judge others in a self-righteous way as we often see very spiritual people get sick and even succumb to illness. Deuteronomy 29:29 tells us that there are things of God we won't understand and Scripture is often referred to as a "mystery," so there are things we won't be able to explain, but this does not negate the necessity of our believing and having faith in the fulfillment of God's Word. As well, we are all on a journey of increasing faith.

Faith is the determining factor in how far we go with God as grace is released to us through faith. Faith has different levels and is progressive. God's grace and love for us is such that He is always trying to increase our faith. In our early years of ministry, I was full of faith, but I was also full of unbelief. I recall having spent thousands of dollars on plane tickets to take our family to Brazil on a mission trip. We had applied for visas, but they had not come, and I was getting desperate. I voiced out my concerns to God, no, let me re-phrase that, I didn't just voice them, I cried out to God in desperation! I had a fear of not seeing God answer and it costing me a lot of money. The good news is that God in His mercy did answer, and it meant going to the postal distribution center on the day before we left and finding them there. Oh, such joy and relief I had, but the reality is that great faith would have meant a confidence in the sovereignty and provision of God without crying out in desperation to Him. In this case I was a man of little faith.

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Faith is much more than an intellectual agreement; it is heartfelt.

In scripture we see Jesus confronting “little faith” numerous times, primarily with his disciples. We can refer to this as “counterfeit faith.” The sad reality is that many in the body of Christ operate at this level, which is the lowest level of faith. James 2:19 states *“You can believe all you want that there is one true God, that’s wonderful! But even the demons know this and tremble with fear before Him, yet they’re unchanged — they remain demons.”* (TPT) Demons have an intellectual belief in the existence and reality of God. They believe and must submit to the authority of God, but their belief has no effect on their heart which would move them to submission and obedience to God. True faith intersects the heart and brings change and answers to prayer.

Counterfeit faith bares little or no fruit. This is the kind of faith which a large majority of church goers’ practice. Satan loves to see professing Christians exercising this kind of faith. It is a faith that luke-warmness operates in. It is a faith that is intellectual in nature and which is fed by the intellectual gurus of the day. In this pandemic we see many professing believers whose belief system is driven by the deception of the media.

People will always gravitate to that which agrees with their intellectual stand. This type of counterfeit, intellectual faith does not really believe in the supernatural component of the Bible, or at least, does not believe that God operates in this capacity today. These same people can believe that Jesus was crucified and that He rose from the dead because they understand that this is what is needed to have an escape ticket out of hell, but that’s about as far as it goes.

People who have this level of counterfeit faith can appear to be very spiritual. They can go to church (pre-coronavirus), go through the motions of Christianity, but show no fruit or growth in their spiritual lives. Radical believers and those who worship wholeheartedly are an embarrassment to be with for these people.

The person who believes like this has shaped God into their own image. Self is on the throne. The truth is that this intellectual faith or counterfeit faith

is a hindrance to the move of faith that God wants to see happen in His children and in His Church.

Many Christians take this approach when dealing with the moral social issues culture is facing today. When this approach to moral issues is taken by professing believers, the person who does so is confirming that they are an enemy of God. James 4:4 speaks to the seriousness of this position, James writes: *“Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”*

Sadly, there are many in the church today who have a counterfeit faith, but God is shaking the Church and we need to believe that revival will pull many into a vibrant position of great faith.

Great faith is that which brings the heart and the mind into alignment with God’s Word, the result is submission to the Lordship of Christ and obedience to His Word. True faith is transformational.

God’s desire for us has always been for us to know Him. We see this in Deuteronomy 4:29 — *“You will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.”* His requirements of us are laid out in Deuteronomy 10:12 *“...What does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”* Under the New Covenant God’s desire and requirements have not changed, they have just been facilitated by grace and the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Once faith has our heart, our intellect will come into alignment with it. With counterfeit faith the intellect drives the heart. Recognize that there is power in the heart. Our heart drives our passion. This is why Scripture tells us repeatedly to guard the heart. Proverbs 4:23 admonishes us to keep our heart with all diligence, for out of it springs the issues of life. Faith grips the heart and causes the mind to come into belief, but we must constantly guard it.

Our faith should be pulling us on a continual trajectory to great faith, a seeking after God and desiring

of Him to the place that there is no doubt and nurtured by the Word of God. It is a life lived with disbelief in our lives. Great faith is not an intellectual hope and an expectancy that God's perfect will, pursuit, it comes from a heart that is submitted will be lived out as we walk and live out life, both to the Lordship of Jesus and the control of the individually and as a body.
Holy Spirit. It is a life that is grounded in, fed and

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Harvest Happenings



Next Gathering:

September 4th

Calling all Harvest Youth
@ Harvest Studio

7:00PM

For more information find
Jesse Lucier on Facebook!



**Freedom to
Soar**

Home Group

Lead by: Larry & Holly Penner

Location: 800 Coronation Avenue

Day: Fridays

Time: 6:45 PM

For more information contact
Holly Penner at

freedomtosoar@me.com

Kelowna
M  **Women's
Ministry**

*Kelowna Women's ministry will be meeting
September 11th, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Come join us
and bring a friend.*

Check our new "Connect Cards" and our new Women's Ministry email address kwm@theharvest.ca

*Looking forward to seeing you all.
Abundant Blessings,*

Kelowna Harvest Women's Ministry

 **connection
groups**
Connecting with God,
His Word and His people.

The men's and women's connection groups will be meeting September 2nd and the Lucier residence for dinner and fellowship time. If you are interested in joining us, please speak with Heather or Art or contact info@theharvest.ca.

B.C. 
FIREWALL

We are still contending for our nation and our province. The BC Firewall is open to anyone with a heart to pray for BC. **Monday's host:** Dave Low-Prince George
Tuesday's host: Bill Olsen-Kelowna **Friday's host:** Andrew McConnel-Victoria
To join in connect into our zoom room at prayer.harvestfellowship.ca
Password: harvest

**SEPTEMBER
BIBLE READING
CHALLENGE** ROMANS 12:2
**RENEW
YOUR
MIND**



Let's be honest, sometimes the biggest battles we face happen between our ears. Changing our thought processes about ourselves, others, and our situations, can be the hardest part of walking out the Christian life.

*This month, let's read the **Book of Romans**. Paul wrote to the Roman church in a logical and organized way focusing on salvation as a gift from God, through grace, by the blood of Christ Jesus. It is a practical message for believers who need to be refreshed in our minds often.*

As you read, consider and ask God to renew your mind so your thoughts become more like His.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:



He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool; shun him.

He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is a child; teach him.

He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep; wake him.

He who knows, and knows that he knows, is wise; follow him.

Submit your Dream!



For all those dreamers out there, we acknowledge that God speaks to us often in dreams. If you feel you have a dream or a word that is relevant to the church or the days we are in, please submit those dreams to info@theharvest.ca and they will be passed on to our leadership team.

Thank You



FOR

GIVING
...
GENEROUSLY

Giving during this time of uncertainty has been difficult for some and yet God has been proving himself faithful to supply all of our needs.

Next month we will be taking a special offering for the Children's Homes which we support. We will have more details in next months Newsletter.

Ways to Give:

- ⇒ **Etransfer:** to give@theharvest.ca
- ⇒ **Debit/Visa/MC:** Interac Machines
- ⇒ **Cash or Cheque:** at the office.

Practise makes perfect...



Thanks to Daniel Goodman (See Exodus 14)

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MOSES PARTS HIS HAIR



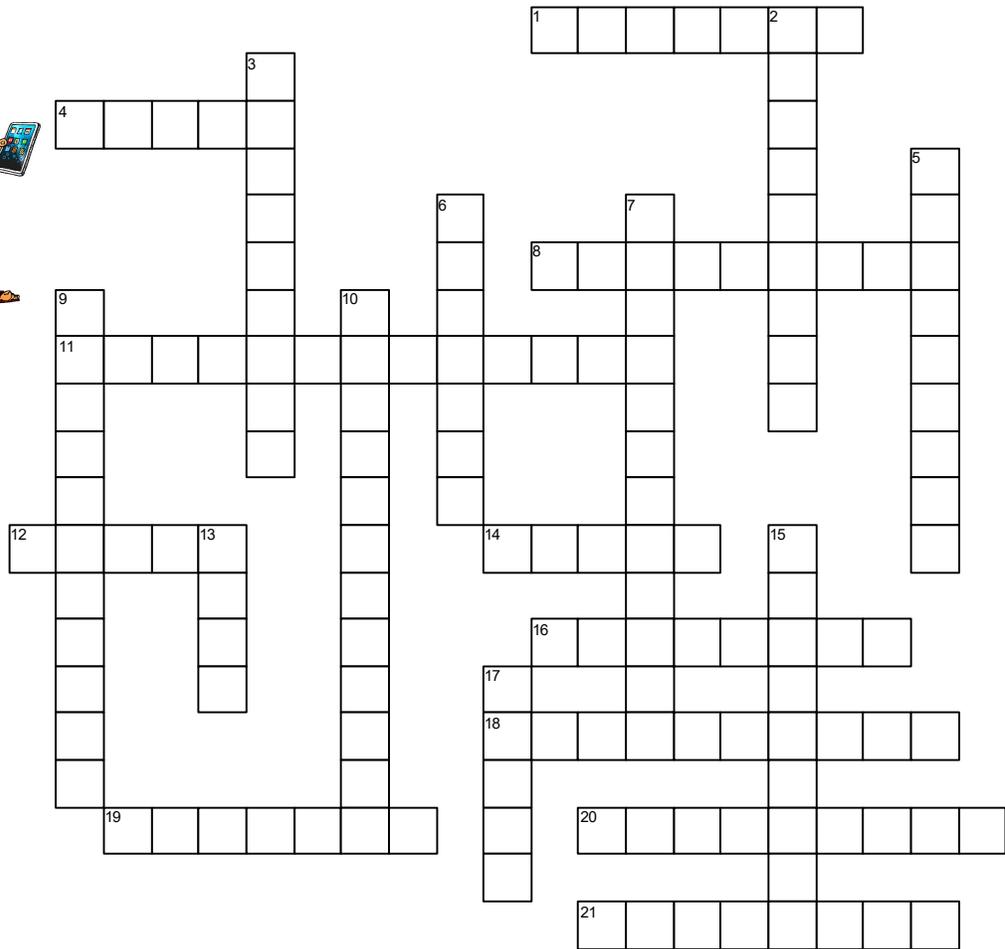
"The girls are growing up so fast. They are all at that stage where their physical growth is rapid. We pray that they will discover their spiritual beauty even as we see them growing up so beautiful."

This month our feature home is the Jubilee Home in Bangalore, India. Here is the July update that was sent to us. If you would like more information about this home and feel to help support these beautiful girls, you can contact info@theharvest.ca and we will get back to you with any information we have.

Bless you as you give to help support those in need.

- ◆ We continue having 21 (Twenty- one) residential girls residing at Jubilee Home.
- ◆ In the beginning of the month of July, 6 children became sick with fever. We were very worried but within two days after fervent prayer they all became fine. We are very grateful to God for healing all the children those who were not well. * Both the staff and children are doing well in spite of chaotic situation and the rapid spread of Covid that Has been increasing by 40,000 a day across our nation and the virus is also spreading fast in Bangalore.
- ◆ Children's Testimonies: * God has protected me and helped me in my study during the lockdown. I was sick and God and healed me. God gave me whatever I asked and God answered all my prayers. I thank uncle and aunty for being such a caring spiritual mother & father. I want to thank all the staff for taking care of me and I want thank Pramila aunty while I was sick, she took care of me. * God never left me alone. I was praying to God that I wanted to talk to aunty Portia my counsellor, God heard my prayers and aunty Portia called so I could speak to her! * I want to thank God for saving me, from Corona virus. I was praying and asking God to send someone to encourage me. One of our aunts suddenly one day encouraged me and I knew God is answering my prayers. * I want to thank God because he gave me everything I needed. God provided laptops for us to go to school online. God is good to all of us. We can not go to school, but we can learn from laptops! * I want to thank God for keeping my parents safe. He is always helping me in my studies. * I always pray that no one should fight with me in Jubilee Home. Everyone is good to me and they love me.
- ◆ How can we help? * Online teaching. We are urgently looking for online volunteers those who could help us on ZOOM or on other media platforms to teach the children Math, English, Science for 3 hours a week. The children need help as they belong to 8 different grades.

THE BOOK OF ROMANS



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ACROSS

- 1 Christ died for us while we were still _____ 5:8
- 4 The righteous live by this. 1:17
- 8 We should all be a slave to this. 6:16
- 11 Abraham's belief was credited as _____ 4:3
- 12 We profess our faith with this body part. 10:10
- 14 Sin causes us to fall short of God's _____ 3:23
- 16 Paul was an apostle to this people group. 1:6
- 18 God's kindness should lead to this. 2:4
- 19 What can separate us from the love of God? 8:37-39
- 20 Our old self/flesh should be _____ 6:6
- 21 This is a positive attribute of God. 11:22

DOWN

- 2 Those who obey the law will be declared _____ 2:13
- 3 This is produced through perseverance 5:4
- 5 This is a negative attribute of God 11:22
- 6 Faith comes from hearing what? 10:17
- 7 This is produced by suffering. 5:3
- 9 Describes God's gifts and call. 11:29
- 10 When we are in Christ we are free from _____ 8:1
- 13 This is produced through character. 5:4
- 15 The gospel is the power of _____. 1:16
- 17 Justification comes freely because of this attribute of God. 3:24

