

May 1

Foundations

CHRIST'S VICTORY OUR VICTORY

Reading: Revelation 17

Key Verse: Revelation 17:14 “They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings – and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”

Reflection: Jesus is victorious. He is the King, and his rule is absolute. Points to note: the enemy's war is ultimately against Christ. Though we may think we are the primary focus, the enemy wages war against Christ through his attacks against Christ's followers. But Good News - that's the very reason why our victory is absolute – Jesus always overcomes the enemy. And since we are the immediate targets, it means that he overcomes the enemy through US! Note also how we are depicted: followers; faithful; chosen; called.

Expect victories in your own life and the lives of people that you're praying for. Expect all manner of health and prosperity for our CCH church family – we experience Christ's victory.

Prayer: “Lord may all CCHers enjoy good health and may all go well with them even as their souls are getting along well.”

May 2

Foundations

BLESSING WITH PRESENCE

Reading: Genesis 39

Key Verse: Genesis 39:2 “The Lord was with Joseph and he prospered.”

Reflection: The sign that the Lord was with Joseph was that he was successful in whatever he undertook. There was a ‘God element’ in his dealings. Not that prosperity is the necessary evidence of the Lord being with someone, yet we can too easily fail to mix faith with our relationship with God and not expect such an outcome. As John prays in 1 John 3:2, it is God's heart to cause us to succeed. Obviously there are limits to this, but the Lord delights in prospering those he is with.

Stop and think about that for a while. The Lord is with us as a church. And the Lord is with us individually.

Prayer: “Lord, in order to achieve what you have called us to, we all need to experience supernatural prosperity. And not at the expense of sacrificing ministry time for work time. So prosper us Lord, that we can see your dream fulfilled in our day.”

May 3

Foundations

THE GOD OF INCREASE

Reading: 2 Corinthians 9

Key Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:10 “Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.”

Reflection: God is a God of increase. He delights in encouraging those actions in his children that reflect his own character. Giving, in this text, is equated with righteousness. Paul uses this statement in the context of the Corinthian gift to the poor. But most definitely the principle applies outside that immediate context. We sow our seed of faith and witness into our community and God will increase our impact and enlarge the harvest we bring in. The fields are white to harvest. God will increasingly use us – step by step, but not linearly. In that he increases the effect along the way, it must be seen as compound, rather than simple, growth.

Let’s trust and expect that God will do just that.

Prayer: “Lord, there are tens of thousands around us who don’t know you. Lead us to them and them to yourself.”

May 4

Foundations

BREAD FROM NOTHING

Reading: Matthew 16

Key Verse: Matthew 16:9-11 “Do you still not understand? Don’t you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? How is it you don’t understand that I was not talking to you about bread?”

Reflection: The disciples misunderstood. They didn’t see that God can do whatever miracle he wants, quite irrespective of the size of the need. In fact, given the outcomes of the two events, the greater the need and smaller the resource, the greater the miracle. And note, there was always leftovers – more than enough.

As a church, we must continue to reach out to God with faith and expectation, looking beyond the need to the God of the super-abundance. Remind yourself of previous miracles that God has done, to inspire you to reach for miracles for the present.

Prayer: “Lord, you can make bread from nothing. You have compassion on the crowds. Have compassion on the tens of thousands around our Church. With you blessing our ‘loaves’, we can see them fed, with more besides. Let it be.”

May 5

Foundations

EXPECT THE IMPOSSIBLE

Reading: Acts 3

Key Verse: Acts 3:12 “When Peter saw this, he said to them: ‘Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?’”

Reflection: Peter and John were not at all surprised by the miracle! They’d seen Jesus alive! That meant that it was easy to believe that God had glorified him and highly exalted him. So they expected that, in Jesus’ name, miracles would be the order of the day. It had nothing to do with their own sense of worthiness! It wasn’t their power or their godliness. Nothing about them at all. Everything about the fact that Jesus is alive and exalted.

Is Jesus still alive? Is he exalted? You see, it’s got nothing to do with you, so move over! Of course Jesus is alive and highly favoured. So of course his power is unlimited and his name supremely powerful, with the weight of Almighty God behind it.

Prayer: “Help me keep you in focus and me out of the way. Remind me continually that it’s all about you and your power and your godliness, not about me and my power and my godliness.”

May 6

Foundations

KEEP WANTING MIRACLES

Reading: 1 Chronicles 16

Key Verse: 1 Chronicles 16:11-12 “Search for the Lord and for his strength and keep on searching. Think of the wonderful works he has done, the miracles, and the judgment he has handed down.”

Reflection: This is a simple injunction really. Keep on searching for the Lord’s miracles and provision. Don’t give up! Remember what he has done, and let this spur you on. Remember his teachings, his miracles, his deeds. How can you settle for anything less when that image is constantly in your focus?

Prayer: “Lord, we need miracles! Souls saved, bodies healed, relationships restored, lives set right, finances released, ministries empowered. For your own name’s sake, let it be!”

May 7

Foundations

IT WILL BE PROVIDED

Reading: Genesis 22

Key Verse: Genesis 22:14 “So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said ‘On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.’”

Reflection: This is an ancient version of the saying “Where God guides, God provides”. God is never stuck for resources. One way or another, provision for the Lord’s work is always going to be there. Like Abraham, we need to trust that the Lord will provide.

As a church, we certainly have needs – ministry, facilities, land, opportunity, wisdom. But on the mountain of the Lord it will be provided. So keep believing – and be encouraged in your faith.

Prayer: “Lord, you know our needs, but we also believe that you’ve called us to do something significant in our region. We look to you to provide – more pastors, leaders, preachers, salvations, growth, land, facilities, equipment.”

May 8

Foundations

NUMBER YOUR DAYS

Reading: Psalm 90

Key Verse: Psalm 90:12 “Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

Reflection: Wisdom is essential if you want to:

- understand God and his ways
- understand your own role in God’s world
- live a right lifestyle
- be healthy and prosperous
- walk in the best path that God sets before you
- have effective, healthy, brilliant relationships

What’s one of the things that holds us back from wisdom? We simply take the time allotted to us for granted. We fail to recognize the gift that each day is, and we don’t see that it comes from the generous hand of God. We need God to put our lives in perspective. That will set us up for true wisdom.

Stop and consider the value of your own life, of the days given to you with those you’re in relationship with. And as a church, we need to see our life together in the overall plan of God’s destiny for the ages. Let’s number our days aright.

Prayer: “Lord, keep us mindful of the brevity of our life, and help us to make the most of the opportunities you give us.”

May 9

Foundations

GET YOUR PURPOSE RIGHT

Reading: Galatians 4

Key Verse: Galatians 4:18 “It is find to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always and not just when I am with you.”

Reflection: Many people are zealous – but zealous for all sorts of things. In the Christian world, people have a great tendency to go running after all sorts of fads. Zeal on its own isn’t necessarily a brilliant thing. It may speak of a heart that’s for God, but it has to be mixed with a smart awareness of what’s really important. When the purpose is right, then, zeal will empower people to achieve what is meant to be achieved.

Do you know what our purposes as a church are? We are committed to five great words... belonging, celebrating, growing, serving, influencing. They depict our core commitments to fellowship, worship, discipleship, ministry, and evangelism. Let’s be truly zealous in these most important areas.

Prayer: “Lord, keep the main thing the main thing with us at CCH.”

May 10

Foundations

CHOOSE THE BETTER

Reading: Luke 10

Key Verse: Luke 10:42 “But only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Reflection: Service must flow out of relationship with Christ, not be the basis for it. Indeed if service was the basis for relationship, then that relationship would be hindered whenever service was not able to be performed. This is the antidote for performance-driven discipleship. It’s interesting to note that sitting at Christ’s feet was a choice to be made over serving Christ. Jesus is not denigrating our service for him – far from it! But he certainly is challenging our priorities, and why we do what we do for him.

If this practice of daily devotion is new to you, keep it going. It’s as simple as that. We all need to choose what is better.

Prayer: “Lord, help me to choose the better. It’s a busy world I live in, and I don’t want to miss out on time spent with you.”

May 11

Foundations

GOD'S PURPOSE PREVAILS

Reading: Acts 5

Key Verse: Acts 5:39 “But if it (their purpose or activity) is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

Reflection: If you give yourself to outworking God's purpose, then no hindrance will be able to prevent God's purpose from being accomplished. On the other hand, if you follow your own ideas and not obey God's leading, there's no guarantee you'll succeed. But who'd want to anyway? Only God's purposes are worth following, and only his purposes are right to follow in the first place.

As a church, we deliberately keep to the main game. Jesus' purposes for his church must always remain the purposes of CCH. Then we will truly find that those purposes will be outworked amongst us. Nothing will stop us from achieving Jesus' purposes. Only be faithful to his purposes.

Prayer: “Yes Lord, grant us success in outreach, depth in worship, richness in fellowship, growth in discipleship, power in ministry.”

May 12

Foundations

POWER FOR PURPOSE

Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1

Key Verse: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 “With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that God may count you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may fulfil every good purpose of yours and every act prompted by your faith.”

Reflection: In that this prayer is God-breathed, it reveals God's desire to work powerfully on behalf of his people, fulfilling our every good purpose. When we know our purpose is good, we can pray with confidence for God to help us. How important then is it to know your purpose in life! How important to know that it's good!

Do you know God's purpose for you? How about finding out? Praying would be a first good step towards a brilliant and prosperous future!

Prayer: “Lord, mobilise our church to spread the gospel to hundreds of thousands. We've started working towards it. We need your power.”

May 13

Foundations

FULL HOUSE

Reading: Luke 14

Key Verse: Luke 14:23 “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.’”

Reflection: Jesus wants his house to be full! While there are people left out in the roads and country lanes, his house isn’t full. Of course, in context, he wants it full so that (1) it is full and (2) those who insult him by refusing to come see that their place is taken and that their refusal didn’t afford them a place of power over the Masters’ love and hospitality.

Do you get it? Jesus wants CCH full – multiple services, ever growing. He wants us to invite people and to do so powerfully and effectively. He loves people and wants them in his house to feast with him.

Prayer: “Jesus, we want your house full too! Prod us when you see we have the opportunity to invite someone along.”

May 14

Foundations

RUN TO WIN

Reading: 1 Corinthians 9

Key Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:25 “Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.”

Reflection: From a simple sporting illustration Paul teaches us to go for gold. Athletes get a medal, or a trophy – something that will eventually become just one more piece of sporting memorabilia. But look how they train, how they are dedicated to their goal, how they pursue their goal. How foolish are we then, when we have the potential to win crowns that go on inspiring, that go on causing celebration, that don’t lose their relevance or meaning... How foolish are we when we only half-heartedly follow the Lord’s call and run our race without vigour!

Providing your running the race that Jesus has set out for you personally, you can achieve what you set out to achieve. And providing we run together the race set before us as a church, CCH will continue to excel. Train, run, do what it takes!

Prayer: “Lord, our city needs us to grow. The job is huge. I know you’re concerned for our area and its 150,000 people. Be our coach and equip us to win!”

May 15

Foundations

FREEDOM FRIGHTENS THE NEWLY FREED

Reading: Exodus 14

Key Verse: Exodus 14:12 “Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert.”

Reflection: Initially, the Israelite’s problem wasn’t a stiff neck. Certainly, as time wore on, stubbornness was a big issue for them. But early in the piece, they were simply frightened of the newfound responsibilities and possibilities of success. For a people brought up in slavery, the immediate transition to freedom was overwhelming and required great courage. So God’s response in these early days was to exhort them not to be afraid (see verse 13). Later, they got into a habit of grumbling and needed to be challenged to move on, even forcibly so. But in the short term, God was leading them to accept responsibility for their choices and actively seek God to prosper them.

If you’ve been taught throughout life to think little of yourself, don’t be scared of seeing a bigger picture for your life. The truth is, you are an important part of CCH, and together with the rest of us, you will experience God’s blessing in your life and ministry. Encourage yourself to look for his blessing!

Prayer: “Lord help our leaders at CCH discern when to encourage and when to challenge. Help us break free from small thinking, and work through us to reach our 150,000 people community.”

May 16

Foundations

DON’T LET THE PAST DICTATE THE FUTURE

Reading: 1 Chronicles 4

Key Verse: 1 Chronicles 4:9-10 “There was a man named Jabez who was more distinguished than any of his brothers. His mother named him Jabez (a Hebrew word meaning ‘distress’ or ‘pain’) because his birth had been so painful. He was the one who prayed to the God of Israel, ‘Oh that you would bless me and extend my lands! Please be with me in all that I do and keep me from all trouble and pain!’ And God granted him his request.”

Reflection: Your past, background, history, family of origin doesn’t have to dominate your future. Jabez obviously felt that his past must have held some sort of prophetic influence over him. Else why the prayer? But note: “He was the one who prayed...” Not someone else who knew him. His troubled background and name caused him to look to the Lord to alter the negative cycle in his life. Bless me! Extend my lands! Be with me! Keep me from my name/past!

Look to the Lord yourself! Particularly if you’re background holds power over you. This is a great encouragement to rise above the circumstances of your own past and see God do ‘distinguishing’ things through you.

Prayer: “Lord, bless me, extend my lands also, and be with me in all I do – with Victory!”

May 17

Foundations

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Reading: John 15

Key Verse: John 15: 7-8 “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

Reflection: Our desires are moulded by our relationship with Jesus. By maintaining that relationship through actively remaining in fellowship with him (which must largely be accomplished through remaining in fellowship with his people), his word in us transforms us.

The point is, many of our desires are the work of Jesus’ word in us transforming us to want what he wants. It is part of the fruit of verse 8, and it brings glory to the Father to answer the prayers prompted by your God-honouring desires. If God’s glory is at stake then, of course he will give us what we are wishing! It’s his wish!

Don’t you think that’s incredible? BELIEVE IT! What do you want? ASK...

Prayer: “Lord, you know the things that are constantly on my prayer list! Be glorified through excellent answers to those prayers.”

May 18

Foundations

POSSESSIONS

Reading: Luke 12

Key Verse: Luke 12:15 “Then he said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’”

Reflection: Jesus sees greed as a particularly seductive trap. As he says, life doesn’t consist in how many things you’ve got. But in our consumer world, it’s easy to get side-tracked and not realise the truth of that. Possessions are not wrong – unless they possess you. Things are to be used – and so they are useful. But they don’t represent life.

Watch out! We live in a materialistic world. So, it’s doubly important to learn the lesson. The source of your life has to transcend merely the things you have or don’t have. Don’t miss out on living today, even though you don’t have the possessions you’re working towards.

Prayer: “Lord, help me keep life in perspective and help me to recognise the value of possessions where they can help bless people.”

May 19

Foundations

COMPLETE WHAT YOU START

Reading: 2 Corinthians 8

Key Verse: 2 Corinthians 8:10-11 “Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.”

Reflection: The exhortation is to complete what they eagerly had set out to do. Enthusiasm along the journey can wane, so it’s important to have times when you stop and think back. Remember your initial enthusiasm, remember the vision you committed to, and consider how you are going with achieving your goals.

This is particularly good advice for us as we conclude our three year Foundations for the Future project, and look forward to the years to come. Of course, your reflection on how you’ve gone throughout the process is tempered by the phrase ‘according to your means’. Sometimes, people’s original desire may have been overly ambitious, or circumstances may have changed. That’s OK. But what God is telling us through this passage is, don’t miss the target just because you weren’t being deliberate. Great words of advice.

Prayer: “Lord, encourage us all this May to outwork the completion of our pledges for this final year of Foundations for the Future, according to our means. Help us as a church to do so with faith and grace.”

May 20

Foundations

MEMORIAL MARKERS

Reading: Joshua 4

Key Verse: Joshua 4:6-7 “Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off... these stones are to be a memorial.”

Reflection: It’s important to recognise significant milestones in life and mark them – or else our kids forget! The stones are important – faith’s victories of yesterday inspire us for pursuing faith’s victories for today.

What are your milestones? Have you marked them?

Personally, what have been the turning point experiences of your life, particularly in your spiritual journey? Have you marked them? For those of you who have kids, do they know the stories?

As a Church, and with respect to the Foundations, do you remember buying the building, the church party we had, the dedication day, the working parties? And what of the growth we’ve experienced in the last few years? – putting on new services, new staff, new ministries. Do the kids know the stones?

Prayer: “Lord, help us remember and tell the great stories of what you’ve done through us, so that we might inspire the next generation after us.”

May 21

Foundations

POWER OF TRANSFORMED LIVES

Reading: Acts 19

Key Verse: Acts 19:20 “In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.”

Reflection: This statement was the consequence of the Ephesians burning all their sorcery books. The witness of the changed lives of the Ephesian Christians was dramatic and impacted the whole community. It’s noteworthy that their repentance was costly – the value of the books they burned was about \$5M. This was powerful. It showed the value that they obviously placed on their faith. When the world sees real and genuine commitment it has an impact and the Gospel makes inroads into the community.

Make sure people see the value that you place on your relationship with Christ. Your personal ethics and how you display your repentance are major factors in the spiritual battle for the lives of those we love and the city we live in.

Prayer: “Lord, transform me, and cause that transformation to speak powerfully into the lives of those I witness to.”

May 22

Foundations

CAN’T LOSE FOR WINNING

Reading: Psalm 124

Key Verse: Psalm 124:7 “We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler’s snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.”

Reflection: The Lord is our helper. But not in a half-hearted sort of way. We overcome insurmountable odds! Against hope, we believe in hope. Consider for a moment what would life be like if the Lord was not our helper? And then consider what life would be like if we fully believed and accepted that he is.

If you’re facing problems, look for the potential miracle despite the size of the problem and the pressing demands of the need. Thank God that he is your helper. See problems as adventures of faith and opportunities to see the snare broken and for you to escape!

Prayer: “Lord you are my helper. I have seen your blessing in many ways. Remind me that it’s always about you, that you are my helper, and that blessings aren’t the result of my cleverness. Help me to always experience your salvation in every circumstance.”

May 23

Foundations

100% THE GOAL

Reading: Luke 13

Key Verse: Luke 13:21 “It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

Reflection: Jesus had to encourage the early disciples. It was a huge thing to accept that such a small band of people were the tangible expression of God’s Kingdom on earth! They seemed so insignificant and powerless. But the Kingdom of God is powerful, and isn’t compromised by small beginnings! In any society, we might start off a minority, but as each Christian mixes in that society, the Gospel spreads throughout all of it.

How important is it, then, for us to be mixing with non-Christians! Otherwise, how else can the dough be leavened? Christians are contagious, if they naturally live and portray their faith. The yeast works all through the dough. That’s you and me! You are contagious! Your witness is infectious! Jesus wants the whole dough yeasty, so make sure you spend time with people who need to know!

Prayer: “Jesus! Help us get it right. Teach us to be contagious Christians.”

May 24

Foundations

GO FOR GOLD

Reading: Romans 8

Key Verse: Romans 8:31-32 “What then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”

Reflection: These are fighting words really. Words that dare to take hold of tomorrow. Words that believe for the miracle. Words that see hope when no-one else can. Words that expect blessing, success, prosperity. God will not stop at anything for us! He has shown us the immeasurable extent of his love – he gave up his own Son for us! He gives us everything in that one act.

Believe it!! Go for gold CCH! What are you believing for? Is it big enough? Expect the unexpected – daily!

Prayer: “Lord, thank you that you did give me your own Son. Help me keep that in focus when I face my hurdles and look to you for miracles and success. And help me believe for more of what you want me to believe for!”

May 25

Foundations

EXPECT BLESSING

Reading: Psalm 5

Key Verse: Psalm 5:12 “For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favour as with a shield.”

Reflection: No proof is needed by the Psalmist. It’s proverbial that the righteous are blessed and experience the Lord’s favour. Though this is not a promise, and so cannot be taken to be an absolute truth, yet the maxim remains as a general truth. Therefore, it should be looked for by those who are righteous and trust in the Lord – particularly so if your life tends to counter this proverbial claim.

Expect blessing and favour from the Lord. Isn’t it true that you have the righteousness of God in Christ? And encourage other believers to do the same. But not so you can spend that blessing on yourself. Use it for righteous aims. If you feel like you’re under attack, expect and look for the Lord’s favour to surround you as a shield.

Prayer: “Lord, bless me, my family, our church, their families. May your hand of blessing be obviously upon us. And may we see that turned into the growth of your Kingdom.”

May 26

Foundations

LESS IS MORE

Reading: Mark 8

Key Verse: Mark 8:20 “And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up? They answered ‘Seven’.”

Reflection: The feeding of the four thousand followed the feeding of the five thousand. Both were miracles. In both cases they had ridiculously little for the size of the need they faced. But Jesus highlighted an interesting occurrence. With fewer resources they had more left over. The miracle provides an abundance. The bigger the miracle, the bigger the abundance.

Are you looking to breakthrough in areas of faith? If you see a need for a big miracle, be encouraged. As a church, we don’t back down just because we face needs. The bigger the need, the bigger the opportunity to see a bigger miracle! This is true in all areas. You wait till the day when we come to buy land for an auditorium! And what of the hundreds of thousands around us who don’t know what their missing? We’re in for some major miracles, and the Lord is just the one who can work them through us!!

Prayer: “Lord, bring it on. Let us experience your abundance – souls, land, finances, health, relationships, answered prayers.”

May 27

Foundations

POWER AND PROMISE

Reading: Romans 4

Key Verse: Romans 4:21 “Being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.”

Reflection: It’s so simple really. What has God promised? Can he actually do what he’s promised? It’s obvious, isn’t it? If God promises what he cannot guarantee, he actually lies even if it does come to pass, because he couldn’t be sure at the time of promising – but God does indeed promise, and therefore backs his promise up with his power. If God has promised, then you can be sure he can actually do it!

Trust God’s promises. He will bless you. He will save people through our church. Our greatest days are yet to come. He will do it and backs up his promises.

Prayer: “Lord I believe. Use me to accomplish what you have planned and purposed.”

May 28

Foundations

THE ANSWER IS YES

Reading: 2 Corinthians 1

Key Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:20 “For no matter how many promises God has made, they are ‘Yes’ in Christ.”

Reflection: In Christ. All God’s promises are necessarily Yes towards Jesus. He is the perfect Son of God. There’s no question for any believer about the worthiness of Christ. What we need to remember is that we are ‘in Christ’. God is not double-minded towards us. We are in his beloved Son. Because his promises are Yes to Christ, they are therefore Yes to those in Christ.

Know his promises. When was the last time you put a verse to memory? Talk about his promises – one on one, in your small groups. Expect the Yes in Christ. Step out to experience the Yes in Christ. Live positively. Don’t underestimate the life of faith. Expect God to fulfil his word to you personally, and to us as a church.

Prayer: “Lord you are so positive and gracious and generous towards us. Help us convey that to each other and to those who don’t know you. Transform our experiences so people see your Yes in Christ.”

May 29

Foundations

GOD IN THE HOUSE

Reading: Psalm 26

Key Verse: Psalm 26:8 “I love the house where you live, O Lord, the place where your glory dwells.”

Reflection: The Psalmist shows his heart in this verse! He loves hanging around the Lord. Note a couple of things... God lives in his house. That means he loves it! My guess is that he loves it because that's where we live! And we love it, because that's where he lives! It's a reciprocal thing. And the Lord's house is where his glory dwells. There's glory where the Lord is!

We need to recognise that the Lord's glory lives within us at CCH. And, in another sense, we need to recognise that his glory lives within us individually. CCH is the house of the Lord! So are you!! Do you love where the Lord lives? Let's love our church! Speak highly of it! Expect great things through it (the Lord's glory is there)! And love your own self; you're a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer: “Lord help us thoroughly explore being all you've called us to be with your glorious presence, and to truly love where you live.”

May 30

Foundations

ABUNDANCE IN THE HOUSE

Reading: Psalm 36

Key Verse: Psalm 36:8 “They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.”

Reflection: “abundance of your house...” God's home is full of abundance!! Where God lives there's more than enough. Any everything's free and available. There's a 'river of delights' and he lets everyone drink from it.

Like all churches, here at CCH we need to boldly affirm that God lives among us. That means his abundance is available in our church. And his abundance is also available within every believer! That's YOU!! You're as much the Lord's house as CCH is!!

So why not start living with that sense of abundance. Dare to believe for delights. Expect miracles through your ministry and the ministry of our church. Encourage each other to expect abundance out of their own relationship with God.

Prayer: “Lord let us all at CCH drink from your river of delights and feast on your abundance.”

May 31

Foundations

A FAMOUS CHURCH

Reading: 1 Chronicles 22

Key Verse: 1 Chronicles 22:5 “David said, ‘My son Solomon is still young and inexperienced, and the Temple of the Lord must be a magnificent structure, famous and glorious throughout the world.’”

Reflection: Don’t you love the sentiment behind those words? The Temple must be magnificent, famous and glorious throughout the world! So it should! The Lord is there!! Of course, David was talking about the OT Temple which was just a shadow of the true Temple, the Church. How much more true, then, is the statement for us!

What are the implications for us at CCH?

- We should expect to have international impact. “...throughout the world.”
- CCH should be glorious – full of glory – both from our side: our praise and worship; and from God’s side: his tangible presence.
- We should be famous – brave and daring deeds done boldly in Jesus’ name.
- And practical – when we build, let the building reflect that essence - a magnificent structure.

Prayer: “Lord, fill us with your presence, your power, and your glory. Thankyou for calling me to be a part of CCH.”