

## LIVING JESUS' EXAMPLE

<sup>1</sup> Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children <sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Ephesians 5:1-2 (NIV)

### *From The Pen of Pastor Judi*

#### **Do you ever compare yourself to someone else?**

Nothing destroys your peace of mind faster than comparing. It shows a lack of understanding and you often make unwise choices. In Genesis we read that Cain compared himself to his younger brother, Abel. And how did that end? Cain murdered Abel – the 2<sup>nd</sup> sin to happen.

In John 21:23 we read that the disciples compared notes to see who among them would suffer and who would be spared.

We can compare ourselves to others, thinking that we are **better**, and this leads to **pride**. Remember the Pharisee in Luke 18:11 – he made a great show of thanking God because he was better than everybody else. Pride was Satan's downfall. That is why he loves it when we struggle in the same trap.

We can compare ourselves to others, thinking that we are **inferior** and not good enough and this leads to **low self-esteem** and keeps us focused on ourselves.

In Acts 10:34 we read that God does not play favourites and we need to start believing that. Society creates a sense of entitlement and then Satan reminds us of all the other people who have attained what we want. This propels us further down the road to discontentment.

Satan's lies have a little truth mixed in, which makes them harder to recognise. We need to refute them by saturating ourselves with the truth.....it is only by learning the Scriptures that we can sort them out.

We need to learn that we will never be able to figure God out but only just trust Him.

**Isaiah 55:9 – For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.**

**Instead of comparing, start using and appreciating what God has blessed you with.**



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### The Pastor Is In:

Pastor Judi provides pastoral care to all who attend the church and overall site throughout the week. She is able to meet on or off site, depending on your preferences. Best contact 0423 375 714.

**Please note:** Pastor Judi is in the office all day Mondays, and half a day on Wednesdays and Fridays only. Pastor Judi does not work Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays. However she will return your call if it is an emergency.



### Sunday Services:

<u>October 6th</u>	<b>Theme: The Identity of Jesus</b>	<b>Preacher:</b>	Judi
<b>Reading:</b>	Mark 1:1-12 Leah Mark 1:13-28	<b>Bob</b>	
<b>Helpers:</b>	Leah & Bob	<b>Communion:</b>	Noel
<u>October 13th</u>	<b>Theme: Healings from Jesus</b>	<b>Preacher:</b>	Judi
<b>Readings:</b>	Mark 1:35-35 Noel . Mark 2:1-8	<b>Val</b>	
<b>Helpers:</b>	Noel & Val	<b>Communion:</b>	Judi

### PRAYER ROOM / LOUNGE

PRAYER MEETING Friday's at 10am for 1/2 hour. All are welcome

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Friday's 10:30am-11:30am

Followed by a cuppa in one of the local cafes when time permits. Don't forget ladies you can join in at anytime and all is confidential.

### Just a thought

*I believe churches are meant for praising God. But so are 2 am car rides, showers, coffee shops, the gym, conversations with friends & strangers etc. Don't let a building confine your faith because we will never change the world by just going to church,*

### WE NEED TO BE THE CHURCH.



## *Church Happenings For Your Diary*

**Trivia: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2-4pm.** If you have not already booked, please do so as Pastor Judi would like to fill our hall for this fun and challenging time. \$4 covers the afternoon which includes Devonshire tea.

**Hearing Tests:** Please take advantage of the free hearing tests run by Hearing Australia. Appointments required. **Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct and Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 8.45 – 10.15am.** Please book a time with Pastor Judi.

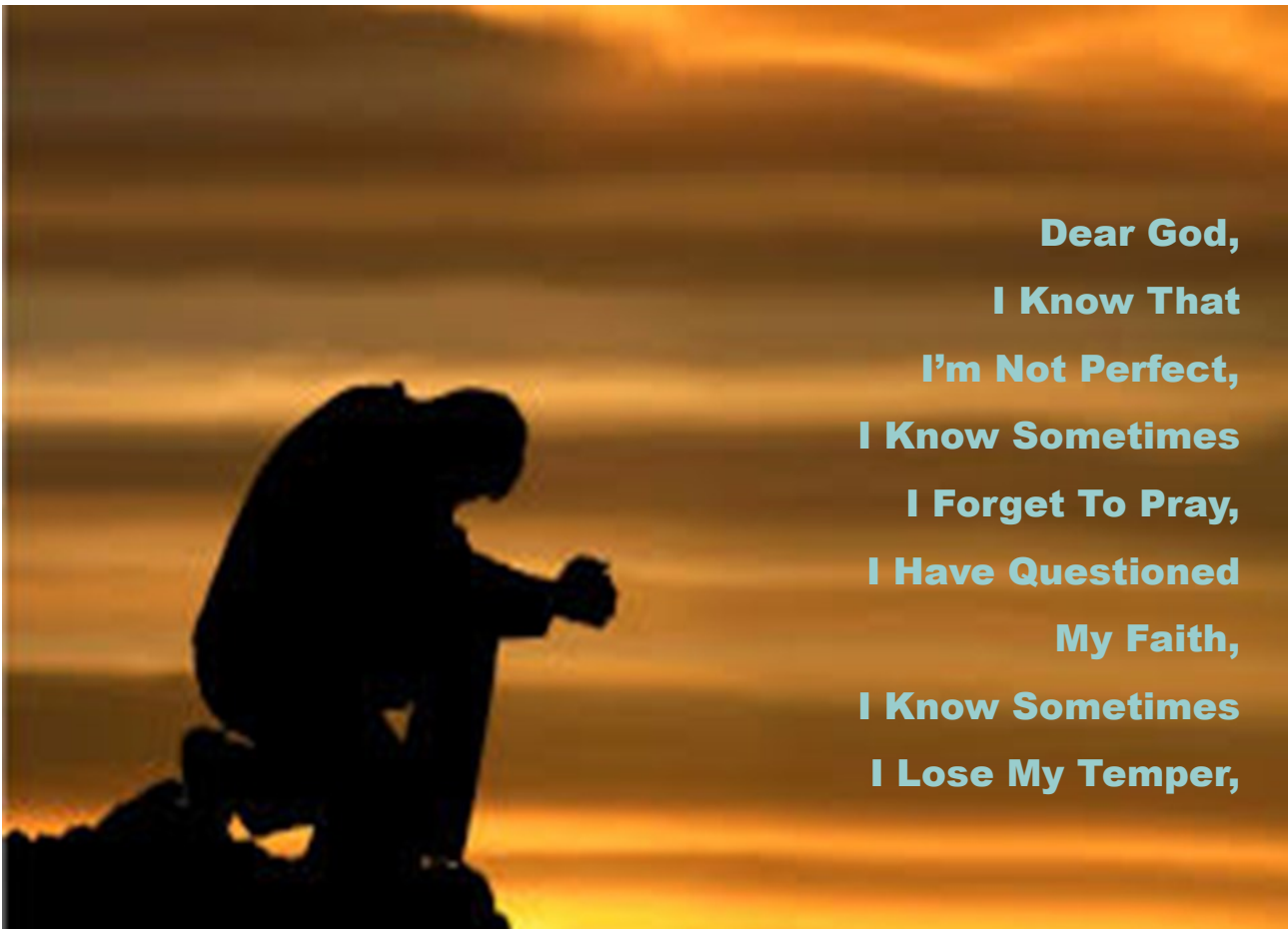
**Three sides of the coin:** This free event presents: “What’s Your Gamble” brought to us by the City of Kingston as part of Gambling Harm Awareness Week. Performance starts at 9am. Survivors speak up and act out their personal narratives of gambling harm. Engaging, emotional, confronting collage of personal stories, told with courage and humour. Time for questions after the performance. Bookings through Pastor Judi.

**Our Mission Project for October:** Is to raise funds towards the installation of 8 new blinds for our hall. **Special envelopes are available in the foyer to be placed in the locked brown box.** It doesn’t matter if you can only spare \$2 – every little bit mounts up. We have already had a donation of \$309 which has paid for the deposit. We are trusting in God to provide the rest.

**AGM:** Just a reminder for members that Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October is our Annual General Meeting. This will happen after a shorter worship service. We need a quorum of 30% of the members.

**MEMBERS** please fill out a ballot paper and place it in the ballot box located on the table in the front foyer.





**Dear God,  
 I Know That  
 I'm Not Perfect,  
 I Know Sometimes  
 I Forget To Pray,  
 I Have Questioned  
 My Faith,  
 I Know Sometimes  
 I Lose My Temper,**

**Days of Creation**

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| AFTER HIS KIND | FLY              | IT WAS SO | RESTED |
| BE FRUITFUL    | FORM             | LAND      | SEAS   |
| BLESSED        | FOWL             | LIFE      | SEED   |
| CATTLE         | GOD CREATED      | LIGHT     | STARS  |
| CRAWLING       | GOD SAID         | LIKENESS  | TREE   |
| CREEPING       | GRASS            | LIVING    | VOID   |
| DARKNESS       | HEAVEN           | MADE      | WATERS |
| DAYS           | HERB             | MALE      | WHALES |
| DOMINION       | IMAGE OF GOD     | MAN       | WINGED |
| EARTH          | IN THE BEGINNING | MULTIPLY  | WORK   |
| FEMALE         | IT WAS GOOD      | NIGHT     | YEARS  |