

# LIVING JESUS' EXAMPLE

Chelsea Community Church of Christ

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## From The Pen of Pastor Judi

### Don't Pray Yourself out of faith

Charles Spurgeon said – believe God until.....you can thank Him for the answer. If you feel you are still waiting for the answer, don't pray in such a way that you are not believing it will ever come.

This type of prayer becomes a hindrance and when you have finished praying, you will find that your faith has weakened or has entirely gone.

The urgency that you felt for this type of prayer comes from yourself only. It is fine to continue to pray to the Lord again for resolution, but you need to do this faithfully.

Sometimes the Lord answers immediately, sometimes He waits and sometimes He answers in a way that we didn't expect. But be assured, the Lord loves you and He will never cause you any harm or leave you struggling.

You may tell Him you are still waiting but also tell Him that you are still believing Him and therefore praise Him for the answer.

Prayers that pray us out of faith, deny both God's promise in His Word and His whisper – **Yes** - that He gave us in our hearts.

Prayers that pray us out of faith centre on our thoughts on the difficult rather than on God's promise.

May we watch and pray that we enter not into the temptation of praying ourselves out of faith, but in a manner that praise and thanks God for His continued love and care.



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### The Pastor Is In:

Pastor Judi is in her office Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. She is able to make an appointment to see you Monday or Wednesday afternoons. These can be at her office or she can do a home visit.

**Please phone Pastor Judi to make a suitable time on  
0423 375 714.**

**Please note:** Pastor Judi is not available on Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays.

**Just a reminder to please make sure your mobile is  
turned off or on silent**



**Sunday Services:**

<b><u>February 2nd</u></b>	<b><u>Subject:</u></b>	<b>Book of James-Faith &amp; Endurance</b>	<b>Preacher:</b>	Judi
<b>Readings:</b>		James:1:2-28		Ryan
<b>Communion President:</b>		Noel		
<b><u>February 9th</u></b>	<b><u>Subject:</u></b>	<b>Poverty &amp; Generosity</b>	<b>Preacher:</b>	Judi
<b>Readings:</b>		James 2:1-26		Tony
<b>Communion President:</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

**Do you have questions about faith, God, Jesus, life?**

Then join us for our upcoming Alpha course. Commencing on Monday evening 3<sup>rd</sup> February we will explore aspects of who Jesus is, the opportunity to ask questions and share in an informal and confidential environment.

Join us at 5.30pm in the Chapel, for a meal or 6pm for the session start. There are 15 sessions all up with one Saturday (21<sup>st</sup> March) from 10-2pm where we explore in various ways, the Holy Spirit. Please let Pastor Judi know if you wish to attend.

**A Balanced Woman:**

Is our topic for the first part of this year at our Ladies Bible Study. Each week you will be provided with reading material to prepare you for our exploration. Our Bible study is fun, confidential and a great place to learn more about God's Word. Join us Friday mornings from 10.30am in the Prayer Room.

**Sermon Series:**

February's sermons will be exploring the book of James, the Lord's half-brother. The themes cover: faith and endurance, poverty and generosity and drawing close to God.

February 23<sup>rd</sup> we are pleased to have a guest speaker from Open Door Charity which works tirelessly to ensure all in less affluent or oppressive countries to have God's word to bring them hope. We will be sharing lunch after this.

**How is your cooking?**

For a change from sandwiches at our monthly lunch, Pastor Judi is seeking volunteers to prepare a meal, like a Pot Luck lunch, to be shared between all. A desert can also be provided.

Please speak to Pastor Judi if you would like to be on a roster – 2 people once a month should not be arduous.