

CHAPEL MESSAGES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 23rd OCTOBER 2020

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O le ala i le pule ma le manuia, o le tautua.
The path to leadership and success, is service.

MONDAY, 19th OCTOBER 2020

Good Morning All

WELCOME to Week 2 of Term 4.

PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS for Barbara and Denis Ngataki on the death of their much loved Mother and Grandmother.

CONGRATULATIONS to our country after the General Election on Saturday. A resounding victory for the Labour Party.

CONGRATULATIONS to the ABs after their victory against the Wallabies on Sunday. Busy weekend.

Our theme for this week is **BE ENCOURAGED!**

The Bible reading was from Joshua 1:5-9 on page 258 in the Wesley Bibles.

We are encouraged by the election results over the weekend and the hope that the Government will continue to be a government as promised by the Prime Minister, a government for every New Zealander

We are encouraged over the last years by our overall academic achievement as a school. During this Covid time we can be encouraged to maintain and to continue that good work in the hope, that we will always do what is best for our students and for our school.

Senior exams begin today ...**BE ENCOURAGED** ... do your best ... it is the hope that through your hard work, you will do well and achieve an outcome which will continue to encourage you on the way to a better future.

Encouragement and hope are tantamount to the same outcome we are wanting to achieve when we **ENCOURAGE** one another. Erma Bombeck American humourist wrote, 'When I stand before God at the end of my life I would hope, that I would not have a single bit of talent left and say ... I used everything you gave me.'

Joshua was given a huge task in leading the people of Israel into the Promised land after Moses' death.

The reading is one of **BE ENCOURAGED** v 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'

At the end of his leadership Joshua challenges the people of Israel ... choose to serve yourself and you will be defeated ... choose to serve God and you will conquer.

The challenge remains the same for us today. **Be ENCOURAGED!**

Have a blessed day and start to the week.

TUESDAY, 20th OCTOBER 2020

Good Morning All

A new day ... a new way ... BE ENCOURAGED!

Our prayers and thoughts for Mr Raos who is in hospital today.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Junior A Basketball Team who won their game by one point.

We continue with the theme of BE ENCOURAGED!

The Bible reading was from 1 John 4:15-21 page 1553 in the Wesley Bibles.

God loves us - there's no two ways about it and it's simply because this is what God does, simply because this is who God is. It is of God's nature and character to be loving and especially to be loving towards us. This kind of love is unconditional and called grace. There are no boundaries in the way that God loves us and the world.

If we say we love God but then struggle to BE ENCOURAGED, to be encouraging and to follow this living principle - to love others as God loves us - we fail ourselves and others from not only sharing in the joy that comes from such love, but experiencing the inward outward transformation and change that comes from understanding what God's love is on about.

Getting what it means to be loved in this way ... we can't help but BE ENCOURAGED!

Not doing good ... not being encouraging of others goes against the grain of what God's love for us is all about and what our love for one another should look like. What would our world look like if we weren't caring and loving of one another ... what would our world look like if we didn't have friends ... because to have friends people actually have to like you and care for you.

God knows what we need to get by in this world ... God knows what we need to be able to live in this world. God knowing this is encouraging ... BE ENCOURAGED in knowing that no matter what, God knows what is good for us.

The call and challenge this morning is 'Don't be a bystander' when you see that someone's got it wrong and isn't being loving and caring and nice to someone else ... it is our responsibility to step up ... step out ... and to encourage a better way of doing things.

A better way, the only way to live is in respect of one another and the way that Jesus Christ lived his life. BE ENCOURAGED ... be encouraging ... live a life of encouragement ... and see what difference we can make to our life and the lives of others.

Have a blessed day.

WEDNESDAY, 21st OCTOBER 2020

Fakalofa lahi atu Everyone.

It's a wet start to the day but we're giving thanks for the new day.

This week is Niue Language Week but with Senior exams on we look forward to celebrating this event next week.

THANK YOU to Staff and students who represented us at the funeral of Mr Phil Kingsley Jones last Friday. PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS for the Ngataki Family who will say farewell to their loved one today. Thank you to those from the School who will attend the tangi and represent us.

GIVING THANKS and praying a speedy recovery for Hostel Parent Mr Raos.

We continue with our theme BE ENCOURAGED

The Bible reading was from Isaiah 40:26-31 on page 882 in the Wesley Bibles.

The reading is all ENCOURAGEMENT as God challenges us to discover all that is possible when we live a life that honours God and God's provision. God's presence in all of life is that which sustains and inspires and heartens us, ENCOURAGES us to be honourable, to be thankful, to be generous, to be hospitable as God is with us in the world.

The promise is we will never grow weary, the promise is our strength will be made new, the promise is we will be honoured as God is honoured.

Charles Piutau	Old Boy former Senior Prefect
Karl Tu'inukuafe	Old Boy former Senior Prefect
Tupou Vaa'I	Old Boy former Senior Prefect

Someone asked me 'What is it with your Wesley Boys who have made it to the All Blacks?' I wasn't sure what his question was asking. He went on to say 'They are all the same ... humble, quiet, respectful.'

When we honour God ... God honours us.

v 29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

V30 Even youth grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

V31 but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength,

They will soar like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'

Have a blessed day.

THURSDAY, 22nd OCTOBER 2020



So be encouraged and dedicate yourself
to your dream and if your dream should
come my way one day then we will
dance upon the boards of life.

Good Morning All.

A beautiful sunny start to the day. We are encouraged by God's goodness!

BE ENCOURAGED is our mantra for this week.

The Bible reading was from 1 Thessalonians 2:7-13 on page 1481 in the Wesley Bibles.

How do we feel when someone gives us a compliment ... acknowledges one of our achievements ... says something nice about us?

Even if we humbly sidestep the compliment, inside we're loving it. Everyone likes the feel good buzz when we are encouraged ... and so we should. Compliments come when we have done something good ... enjoy the moment ... and the person who complimented you ... they'll be feeling the same ... that warm fuzzy feeling knowing that we did a good deed. It's soul strengthening stuff and that all day long feel good buzz lasts forever.

Being encouraged ... encouragement actually means we have to engage with people ... we can't be encouraging of others by ourselves doing our own thing. Being human means we have to be in relationship with each other ... we're supposed to have friends and belong to families and communities ... because in belonging we learn to be ENCOURAGING ... we learn to be encouraging of others ... we learn how encouragement works and how it works to make our lives better and the world a better place.

The reading this morning reminds us that when we are encouraging comforting and urging one another what it does is help us to reach our full potential as human beings. We grow and mature in ways which make us better people. How thoughtful is God ... how knowing is God that these ways of living are ways to help us ... ways to grow us ... ways to make us strong and courageous ... confident and encouraging.

We give thanks to God for God's thoughtfulness for us.

Have a blessed day.

FRIDAY, 23rd OCTOBER 2020

Good Morning All

TGIF! God is good!

BE ENCOURAGED!

A renown Professor of the Environment was travelling by boat to some remote jungle for work. He asks the young man at the helm 'Do you know anything about Biology, Ecology, Zoology, Geography or Physiology? The young man looking really sad said "NO!"

OMG the Professor said ... You will surely die of illiteracy from not knowing anything!

After a while the boat hit something huge in the water and began to sink.

The young man turned to the Professor and said 'Do you know anything about Swiminology and Escapology from Sharkology?'

The Professor said 'NO.'

The young man said 'Well, Sharkology and Crocodilogy will eat your assology and headology and you will dieology because of your mouthology!'

our theme for this week has been BE ENCOURAGED a way of being which serves to enhance our life and make our world a better place.

BE ENCOURAGED, BE ENCOURAGING!

Have a blessed day and long weekend.

Blessings.

