



A few thoughts...about Struggling with Life?

It would be sad, cruel and wrong to say that if you are struggling in life, that the main, or only reason, was a lack of faith?

Life is a struggle. Life can be challenging. We all face unique yet similar struggles at various times. It is common to feel lonely and overwhelmed when we are caught in the midst of life's trials, tribulations and difficulties.

However, we often fail to go to the one place that real comfort is available, God's Word.

The Scriptures offer us incredible guidance and comfort. Within its pages you will find that we are not alone in our struggles. You will find verses that encourage us to lean on God's strength and wisdom as we navigate through tough times.

We read in 2 Corinthians 5:6-7 (ESV)

6 So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, 7 **for we walk by faith, not by sight.**

Paul clearly states "walk by faith and not by sight".

Here we see the contrast between truth and perception—what we know and believe to be true and what we perceive to be true.

The truth is Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)

10 **fear not, for I am with you;**
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

The Truth is Philippians 4:12-13 (ESV)

12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 **I can do all things through him who strengthens me.**

The Truth is 2 Corinthians 12:8-10 (ESV)

8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.
9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

Sometimes our struggle is that we follow our perceptions of what is true rather than what we know to be true by faith.

Perhaps our struggles are God's way of increasing our faith?
Learning to walk by faith rather than sight.

In life's struggles, having faith is believing the Word of God and acting upon it, not responding to our perceptions.

Hold on to Psalms 73:26 (ESV)

26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

Blessings,

Andrew

Missions

Missions Kenya

Also please pray for **Ps. Fabian and Moreen Mathew** in Kisii County Kenya and the Orphanage.

The construction of the Dormitory Building is progressing quickly.

You might remember this photo from Monday 1st April:



As of the 17th May the Orphanage looked like this:



And has progressed even further and we have started thinking, planning and working on funding for other necessities like beds, cooking pots, gutters and tanks:

Missions West Africa

Please continue to pray for **David, Taryn, Micah, Noah and Caleb Price in West Africa**

You can find more information on the SIM Australia website
<https://sim.org.au/daviddtaryn/>

Looking at the past:



This photo will not have context for you. However, for me, Andrew, and perhaps Dad and Mum, it will bring to mind Isaiah 55:11 (ESV)

so shall my word that goes out from my mouth; **it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**

This is the continuing congregation at the International Evangelical Church in Arba Minch, Ethiopia - the church I pastored for a number of years before Wulguru.

God is Good!



Church Prayer Meetings

Every Sunday at 8:30am in the hall
 Every Friday at 8.45am in the Church Hall
1st Friday of the month at 7.15pm –
 Combined Church Prayer Meeting

Church Craft

Please Note: This has changed to the first Tuesday of the Month in the Church Hall

Bible Studies

See below the Bible Studies for June and July. Plan ahead and consider coming to the Bible Studies.

If you are wary of driving at night, perhaps we can arrange a pickup and delivery. Or, you could always watch the live stream. (Though you will miss out on the discussion afterwards.)

Also please note: there may be a few studies that are postponed or cancelled in July and August.



Online.....

Facebook

This ministry is growing. Thank you for following Wulguru Uniting Church on Facebook. And please continue to pray for this ministry from Wulguru. Also, please feel free to send links to others.

Abraham, though he is in the Netherlands at the moment, helps keep the Wulguru Facebook page up to date with times and dates.

If you are a regular Facebook User we would truly appreciate if you would check out our You Tube Channel ([YouTube.com/@wulguruuca](https://www.YouTube.com/@wulguruuca)) and click the subscription button.

Live Stream

We will continue to Live Stream both the Sunday Service and Tuesday night Bible Studies (and occasionally the monthly Combine Prayer Service) because people are watching.

If you happen to miss a particular sermon, do not despair. The sermons are uploaded to Facebook, You Tube and Vimeo and are normally available within 24 hours.

The URLs for Facebook, YouTube and Vimeo:

Facebook: [Facebook.com/wulguruuca](https://www.facebook.com/wulguruuca)

YouTube: [YouTube.com/@wulguruuca](https://www.YouTube.com/@wulguruuca)

Vimeo: [Vimeo.com/anff](https://www.Vimeo.com/anff)

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Church Bank Details

If you would like to give your regular weekly offering via direct debit then our details are:

BSB: 633000

Account: 191 685 221

Bendigo Bank

Lectionary Readings

Available on the table at the back of the church

Bottles and Cans for Cash

Please save your empty bottles and cans.

Normal milk bottles are not accepted but flavoured milk bottles and cartons are as well as fruit drink cartons and bottles.



Memory Verses



Each week we are being challenged to learn and remember a memory verse.

1 June – Psalm 19:7-8

8 June – Psalm 19:9-11

15 June – John 6:35

22 June – Galatians 6:9-10

29 June – Psalm 34:1-3

6 July – Psalm 34:4-5

13 July – Psalm 34:6-8

20 July – Psalm 34:9-11

27 July – Psalm 34:12-14

3 August – Psalm 34:15-16

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