

Ipswich International Church

Daily Devotion



Monday 2nd June – Sunday 8th June 2025

June 2025

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Introduction

We continue our theme of captured or caught? This week we are looking with an outward vision. As we focus on the scriptures, we will see how that when we have been captured by God, and our lives transformed, that we are called to be reaching others who have been caught in the things of this world.

As last week we focused on Sauls journey to His encounter with Christ, this week we are reminded of where each of us individually have come from. How God met us in our sinfulness and life without Him and by the work of the Holy Spirit and Him captivating our hearts we have come into that knowledge and relationship with Him.

We do not change because we witness miracles and wonders. Only an upper room experience can transform us - a personal experience with Christ through His Holy Spirit." (Claudio Freidzon)

As we journey this week we also want to be praying and interceding for those we know that need to have an experience of the Holy Spirit. As the scriptures this week highlight that as the body of Christ, we are called to be His witness in this world. However, it is Christ himself that brings the transformation and it is by the captivating of the Holy Spirit through the encounter with Him. That causes a transformation of life, someone coming to the place of responding to the gospel is a personal journey for them that we have the privilege of witnessing and encouraging through our witnessing to them and our prayer for an encounter for them. Be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit and His leading in how you witness to others.

God Bless

Pastor David Howe

A New Rhythm of Fasting: Mark your Calendar

The Monthly Fast ends with a corporate prayer meeting in the Church Building in
Barrack Corner, Ipswich IP1 2NB, at 7:30pm

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Kairos Moment: A time to Pause & Reflect

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In him are all things



Colossians 1:15-17 (NIV)

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.



This scripture reminds us that it is in Christ and the trinity that all things have been created. We can look at this with the context of his supremacy and authority, which is key to the scripture. However it also highlights that it is within Christ that all things were made and created.

If we look at both Genesis 1:26 and John 1:1-4 we can see that Christ was part of the very forming and creation of man. This means that in everything being held in Him and through Him so is man's purpose and belonging in creation. We just have to look at the world around us to see that there is a chaos going on in mankind to find order and purpose. We all know people that are looking for answers or solutions to the complexities of life. This isn't just found by Jesus being the answer but it is found in that relationship with Him, that captivating of their hearts to know and belong to Him.

We also see from the scripture that in Jesus being supreme over this world and our lives an order is brought into the chaos, a purpose and formation and steadiness comes to our lives. From this we can conclude that humankind in creation was formed and created to be in Him, just as all things are in Christ, so those that do not know Him are longing for Him without knowing it.



Were all things in your life in line with Christ? Who do you know that is longing to know Him?



Lord, I thank you that I have found a relationship and purpose in you. I pray for those around me that do not know you.

A body of reconciliation.



Colossians 1:18-20 (NIV)

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.



With this passage the primary elements of who Christ is to the church is presented. The first is that He is the head of the church that the body begins and ends with him and that He is Lord over it. The second element is that He is the reconciler, that God was reconciled to man through him. These are very 101 basics of our faith however they are a reminder to us of the churches main mission and calling.

It demonstrates that as everything is contained within Christ and that He is the head of the church. Should the church not then be a living example of his main mission, to be reconciling people to Himself. We know there is a desire within man kind to know their purpose and to know the creator. They are complete in knowing the creator, our main foundational mission then as the church is to reconcile the creation back to the creator.

The good news then is that with Christ being the head we don't do this alone, but we can know that as all things are in Him. It is Christ with the Holy Spirit who brings the beginnings of reconciliation and captivates the hearts of those that do not know Him. Just like with Sauls experience Christ came to him first.

? Do you see yourself as a reconciler? Where do you see yourself in the body of Christ?



Lord, as the head of the church, lead us to those you are seeking to reconcile to yourself. Holy Spirit lead us to be share the truth of your reconciliation.

Sent to save not condemn.



John 3:16-18 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.



The beginning of this passage is probably one of the most well-known and well memorised by believers across the world. It speaks of the foundational reason why Christ came to this world, that He came out of the fathers love for man. Not that we loved Him but that He loved us.

The following lines however remind us that it is in Christ that salvation is found and even more importantly that Christ's heart was not to condemn but to save man from our eternal death. He came to save us from hell, and part of this is that he reveals to us our sins.

As we read Christ's encounters with people as recorded in the gospels. We see that He didn't ignore people's sin or let it go unchallenged, but he also did not condemn them even in the moments when He was in a position that He could.

It is a reminder again that it is the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit that captures the heart of those that are lost. He brings them into a relationship with Him and the truth of who He is, but he doesn't do this heavy handed.



Can you recognise the moment sin which you have known Christ's love and not condemnation?



Lord, I thank you that you do not condemn but reveal our sin.
Lord capture the hearts of those that need to know you, reveal to them eternal future.

The Power to witness.



Acts 1:7-8 (NIV)

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



Jesus words to the disciples are ones of encouragement and power. It is the instruction that it is by the power of the Holy Spirit that we are sent out in mission. This also reveals to us that we work in connection with the Holy Spirit and that it is the Holy Spirit who will work in the hearts of those that Jesus wants to captivate. We are embodied with the power but it is not our responsibility if someone comes to faith. As we all know that is a personal decision and we are just responsible for sharing the gospel message through word and living, and we are to be vessels for the Holy Spirit to demonstrate the power of God through us.

It is also a reminder that we will be His witnesses. Just in that we have come to Christ in a relationship with Him and have had our hearts captured by Him. We are to witness this to others in living a life that is in line with His teachings. We are to demonstrate His love to those around us and be willing to share how He has transformed our lives. This means we are not forgetting where we have come from but celebrating where He has bought us from and how we have been transformed by Christ and the Holy Spirit.



Who are you witnessing to? Who are you praying for to be captivated by the love of Christ?



Lord, I thank that you have called me to be your witness in this world. That I do not do it alone but with the power of the Holy Spirit and the community of the Church body.

Caught in darkness.



Romans 1:21-23 (NIV)

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.



Paul reminds us in this passage of Romans, just the position of mankind in this world. We can see from the text that mankind has a knowing within them that there is a God or that there is a deity but we can become caught up in worshiping the wrong gods. Whether that be gods of other religions or even more commonly in our world today, idols and self-created gods. This can be a success god – needing to be successful work or financial wise. The social media or image of self god- this is our focusing on how we look and needing to be glorified by others or idolised. It can be many other gods or idols that can cloud the eyes and heart of those that do not yet know Christ.

The challenge and reminder this provides is that in every day life and in our world, people can be caught up into the things of the enemy without even realising it. It can become addiction or need for gratification or purpose.

Yet our prayer and desire should be that those caught up in these things can be captivated by the Holy Spirit, that Jesus would come into their lives and captivate them. That the chains or bondage that has caught them would be released and their heart be captivated by the love of God.



Where can you see others that have been caught by darkness? How do we keep ourselves from being caught into the traps of idols?



Lord, break off these chains of those who have been caught in darkness, may your Spirit release them and captivate their hearts.

Loved from Death to Life



Ephesians 2:3-5 (NIV)

-among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—



As we come to the end of the week, we are once again reminded of where we have come from. That we all were once held caught up in our flesh in our sinful desires, not knowing God. But Gods love and Christ sacrifice has made us free from the power of the flesh.

Jesus has captivated each of our hearts, He has made each one of us alive in Him, knowing the Holy Spirits leading and life. Jesus through His grace and mercy entered into your life, meeting you in the place where he found you. With His love, he reached in to your heart and captivated it.

We are now called on mission to do the same for others. We are called to pray and intercede for those that have been caught up by the enemy and to be the body of Christ. Reaching into their lives, seeking to find people where they are at and enabling them to find his grace and mercy through our actions and representation of Him.

Who are you reaching today with the love of Christ?

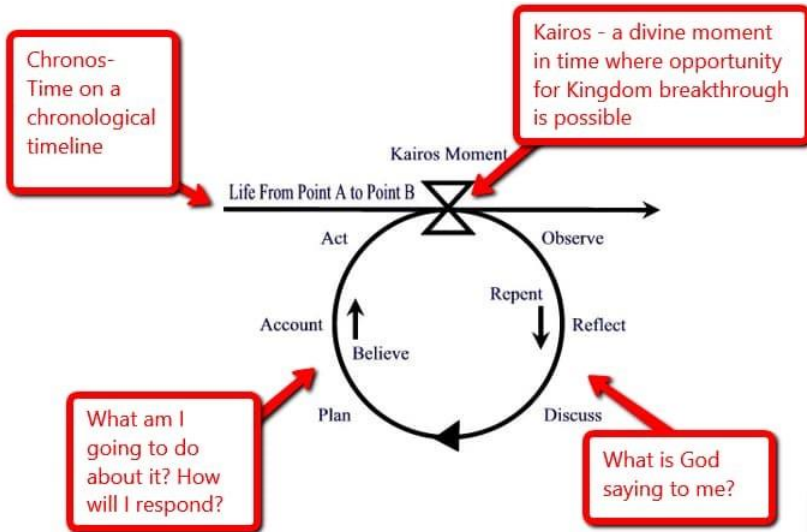


How are you living out the grace and mercy of Christ to others? How is Christ using you to reach into others' lives?



Lord, I thank you that you have bought me from death to life.
That you would chose to use my life to reach into others lives.

Pause. Reflect. Process



It's time to pause, reflect, process and act on your week's Kairos moment(s).

This week, _____



October 2024 Vision

For months, God has been revealing things to me during worship, though I didn't fully understand them until Sunday morning when everything came together with clarity for Ipswich International Church.

I often sense a mighty Angel of the Lord over the platform, leading an army of smaller angels who move among the congregation, delivering God's instructions. The angel's tasks include comforting broken hearts and grief, and grounding people to the Holy Spirit's healing. Next, releasing provision, where those in need receive from God's abundance, often through others in the congregation. Then, sharing Truth and securing us firmly in Jesus to ensure we remain steady and secure. Lastly, I saw a covering of protection, like the angel's garments stretched over the people, symbolising peace and sanctification.

God is preparing Ipswich International Church for what is to come—not just superficially but in deep wholeness. This preparation is corporate, requiring unity. **"What you have now is one tenth of what I have planned for you to take hold of,"** he says. He is expanding His people's influence in Ipswich and beyond, calling them to replant stakes in new ground.

The church is being established as an epicentre of provision, both physical and spiritual, to release life. God's people must be whole to display His glory in the places He is calling them to.

A member of the Church submitted this vision via email, and it has been condensed for clarity and brevity. We have prayed about it and looked at how God has been leading us over the past few years. We believe it is truly from Him. Now, we share it clearly for everyone. Each of us has a place in what God is saying. Let's seek Him together, trust His plan, and walk forward with faith and unity.



Our Priorities

