



WEEKLY NEWS

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SIN – AND OUR STRENGTHS

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In week two of this series, I offered a grouping of male and female attributes. Females tend to be relational networkers, who complete others, who are nurture-givers, and use words and relational smarts to bring order and resolve conflict.

Conversely, males tend to take the initiative, use their physical strength to work, provide, and protect, and they can be sacrificial in the way they express their love for their wives, family, and people.

You could put it this way. Each gender tends to have a nucleus of strengths or giftings. Males and females can use these traits to reflect God and bless others.

Sadly, we can also misuse our giftings, employing our God-given abilities for selfish ends.

Males abusing their physical strength is a regrettable but clear example of this. And this 'sin' turns up in Scripture. Deuteronomy has laws against men being sexually violent against women. Judges 19 also tells the gruesome story of males abusing their strength over a woman.

To use Old Testament biblical words, such actions are 'detestable', and 'an outrage'. We ought to maintain this outrage against this detestable sin - one males appear more prone to.

Women have a way with words and larger verbal centres in their brains.

Does the abuse of this gifting also turn up in Scripture? Consider 1 Timothy 5:13 – where it is younger widows who may become “busybodies who talk nonsense, saying things they ought not to.” Or the nagging wife as a dripping tap of Proverbs 27. Or Delilah, who overcomes Samson's strength: “With such nagging she prodded him day after day until he was sick to death of it.” (Judges 16:16)

As you consider what it means to be a son or a daughter of God, also ask yourself how Satan might tell half-truths and counter-narratives about how you can abuse your gifts for your own selfish ends.

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LINK MISSIONARIES

Michael and Jo Charles:

"Give thanks with us for such an encouraging group of students. Pray for continued strength and health as Chile groans under the weight of illness and grief".

Gary and Julie Haddon:

"Pray that we can finish well at CEP and in Chile and pray for our transition back to Australia". Continue to pray for Gary who has contracted COVID and is staying in Chile until he recovers.



THANK YOU

Elizabeth and Keith would like to thank the church family for their prayers, love, support, hospitality and visits while Elizabeth was in hospital for 3 months. Continue to prayer for her rehab over the months ahead, as a backbrace is required for for daily use. God is good, and we thank him for his faithfulness in supplying all our daily needs.



DINE AND DISCOVER

Did you know the Cafe has been registered for the Service NSW "Dine and Discover" vouchers? You can spend your \$25 voucher in the Cafe, Monday to Friday, 9am to 2pm.

The Cafe has a special deal for Seniors on Monday 10th of May. For just one of your \$25 vouchers you can get Roast Lunch for two people, or Roast Lunch, Dessert and a drink for yourself. Booking is essential, call the Cafe on 4260 9278.

Keep your eye out for further deals coming up to make the most of your "Dine and Discover" vouchers.



PAINT AND SIP

DAC Women is hosting a Paint and Sip event **Saturday 22nd of May 2:30 to 4:30pm** at the Ministry Centre.

"But I'm not an artist..." We hear you! Come along, bring a friend and just have some fun. You might be surprised with what you create!

For just \$25 you will receive all the supplies you'll need to create a spectacular artwork made by you! We will be guided by a local artist who has blessed our community in the past, teaching art to our Rise participants.

***Please note: This event is open to all women aged 18yrs and over. BYO drink and snacks.*

To secure your seat, book a ticket via dapto.church/paintandsip



CONNECT MEN LUNCH

Connect Men are going off-site for a \$10 lunch at Dapbeto's: Cnr Bong Bong Rd and Princes Hwy, Dapto on **Saturday 22nd May at 11:30am**.

If you would like to come along please contact Warren Southwell on 0478 397 437 as he will need numbers to book in.



COMING UP

- Monday 10th May Seniors Dine and Discover Roast Deal - The Cafe
- Sunday 16th May Lunch at the Bay
- Tuesday 18th May Gender Q&A Night
- Saturday 22nd May Paint & Sip - DAC Women
- Lunch at Dapbetos - Connect Men



PRAYER FOR TODAY

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only begotten Son to have ascended into heaven, so we may also set our hearts and minds on heaven and may we have the sure hope of dwelling there with Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

PREGNANT WOMEN:

Amy South (10am)

MOURNING

Peter T's (10am) mourning the death of his second brother, Bill. Denise M (8am) and family as they grieve the death of Betty McL (8am), the funeral will be tomorrow (Friday) at 11.00 am at St. Luke's, Brownsville

HOSPITAL

Graham S (10am) transferring to Estia Health Village at Figtree while waiting to transfer to St. Luke's Village. Robyn K (2pm) transferred to Diggers Rest Home at Corrimal.

VILLAGES/NURSING HOMES:

Helen S; Diana M; Kath H; Ella H; Jean D; Barbara B; Barbara L; Reg B;

8AM/9:30AM/2PM

Lyn R - health problems; Pat W - recovering from cataract surgery; and son, Antony - health issues; Daphne C's neighbour - Leukemia; Daphne C's daughter, Joanna - hopeful for surgery in June; Audrey R - has been unwell;

10AM

Betty S - recovering from Cataract surgery; Hilary B - pain in hand improving; Allen Q - resting at home; Elizabeth L - Slowly improving; Joan T - grateful for love, concern and prayer support; Sue B - coping with treatment; Phillippa S - Going well; Jeanette and Paul B - both recovering well; Nelson S; Michael E; Michele S; Sharron H; - all ongoing conditions and treatments.

7PM

Jim B - recovering well; Shaina J's son; Roman - waiting for more tests; Gary M - ongoing health problems; Calvin A's mother - cancer.

CAFE CHURCH/CREATIVE CONNECTION

Virginia C - had knee replacement; Blake M (Janelle's 8 year old grandson) having chemo for Leukemia.

SAFE MINISTRY



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- Julie Houghton, Parish Safe Ministry Representative, by confidential email safeministry@daptoanglican.org.au or through our church office on 42611001
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