

6th August 2012

Hi,

The blog system is up and running again!

I don't know about you but there is a sense of excitement and expectancy building as we work through our current series "Just walk across the room." It is a privilege to be in the Kingdom of God and to make His name known is a thrill.

Francis Schaeffer once observed that one of the best ways to evangelize people is to treat them well and that should include true encouragement.

Although we can encourage one another by our actions and attitudes, when the Bible instructs us to encourage one another, it's referring primarily to what we say — the words we speak. To encourage is to offer an empowering word of affirmation to someone so they see God's reflection in who they are or what they've done.

Ask God for opportunities to encourage others and when the Holy Spirit prompts, speak what He has told you to say. It's sometimes tempting to say too much, almost preach at them. We may feel good that we got it off our chest but how does it leave the hearer?

Being a ripple for God is about creating a positive Godly influence in the lives of others. And that ripple will be powerful and effective when we are led by the Holy Spirit.

I am looking forward to seeing your short before and after testimonies. Don't forget to send them in.

I found this video about a pilot who should have flown a flight on Sept 11 to be very encouraging. Hope you do also.

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=cLj4akmnCSA&feature=channel_video_title

Cleansing stream.

What an exciting thing it is to be able to host and run this great course in our church. It has a proven track record of exposing people to truth in a practical, hands on way that sees freedom and release in people's lives. I know a number of folks from our congregation have already attended this and have been greatly blessed. **I encourage you, if you are a Christ follower, you will benefit from this course and therefore so will the Kingdom of God.** Check out their website for testimonies.

<http://www.cleansingstream.org.nz/>

Course dates:	Session 1	Tuesday 21 st Aug 7.30pm – 9pm
	Session 2	Tuesday 28 th Aug 7.30pm – 9pm
	Session 3	Tuesday 4 th Sept 7.30pm – 9pm
	Session 4	Tuesday 11 th Sept 7.30pm – 9pm
	One Day retreat	Saturday 15 th Sept 9am – 5pm (Lunch included)
	Session 5	Tuesday 25 th Sept 7.30pm – 9pm

Course Costs: Refer to FAQ's on the website. The only variance is the retreat is now one day and the cost is reduced to \$60 for this day. Register today. 3584486

Marriage Petition:

I've just signed the Marriage Petition which says:

I support the definition of marriage in New Zealand being maintained as one man one woman. I oppose any attempt to redefine it.

It only takes a minute to do but is an easy way to register your view.

If you agree with the statement, please sign it also

<http://www.protectmarriage.org.nz/sign-the-petition>

Have a great week.

Blessings

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