



NEWSLETTER

22 – 28 May 2023

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NRCC News and Notices

▪ **New Sermon Series**

This week we start a 3-week Holy Spirit sermon series.



▪ **Latest News from the Hammonds**

Please click [here](#) to read the latest update from Mike and Jacky.

▪ **Equip23 Conference for Women**

We are planning to host the Equip 23 Conference again this year on Saturday June 17, 10am - 3pm. Further details will be available in coming weeks.



Dates for your diary

▪ CC and the ministry team leaders have discerned together and put the dates of the events/activities for this year on our church calendar. Please feel free to contact any of the leaders if you feel led to participate or want to share your thoughts and ideas.

NRCC 2023 Calendar

May			June		
28	Pentecost	Steve	3	NRCC Women's Retreat	Sue
			17	EQUIP Conference	Robyn
			25	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy
July			Aug		
22	Mental Health First Aid	Steve	11-12	Men's BASECAMP	Alex
30	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy	27	Monthly Youth Gathering	Cathy

Community News and Notices

▪ Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links

Uniting Church Assembly: <https://uniting.church/news/>

NSW & ACT Synod: <https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/>

Reflection of the Week

Read Hebrews 11:24-27.

The author of the book of Hebrews tells us that Moses chose to give up life as a prince of Egypt "for the sake of Christ" (11:26). Many people read that and wonder how Moses knew about Christ since he lived fifteen hundred years before Jesus. I'll tell you how: Moses knew by faith. He trusted God. As the Passover lambs were being slaughtered, it was a foreshadowing of the death of Christ. And Moses had faith that if God could save His people from the tenth plague by the blood of livestock, He could also save them from their sins.

Faith not only saved Moses, it helped him to choose obedience. You see, when we give up the pleasures of this world in order to follow Christ, the road is never easy. Moses discovered this to be true in the wilderness as he led the stubborn, complaining Israelites for forty years. Faith is what sustained him. Faith is the key.

If you study the gospels, you'll notice that Jesus never praised His disciples for their power, their wisdom, or their passion. But at times, He did praise them for their faith. Faith as small as a mustard seed can move a mountain and hurl it into the middle of the sea. Faith casts out demons. Faith makes God's power manifest in the darkest of circumstances. Moses had this sort of faith, and by it, he could trust God to fulfill His promises, even those that were a long way off.

Prayer: Father, I want to develop deep faith in You. Help me to reflect on Your goodness and faithfulness. May I remember Your sure promises to strengthen my faith and choose to obey You even when the task is hard. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward" (Hebrews 11:26).

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Prayers

If you have any prayer requests or would like to know of those with particular pastoral needs to pray for, please contact Robyn, Steve or Pastoral Care Team.
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