

Midweek Matters

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Take your everyday, ordinary life- your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life and place it before God as an offering." Romans 12:1 MSG

Have you ever been to New Wine? Not the beverage, but the Christian organisation that hosts an event called 'United' for two weeks in the summer of teaching, worship and much more. I have never been, but this year because of Covid-19 New Wine went online for 'United Breaks Out'. There were many excellent talks over the week and I was particularly inspired and encouraged by author and speaker Jo Saxton (which was followed by one of our favourite worship songs "Oceans, where feet may fail"). If you are feeling dry in your faith, don't 'take a break' from God, press in, find time, seek after him. Maybe look at the New Wine website and browse the worship and talks from the week, there might be one there for you...

"God is here with us,

God will lead us to what is next,

God is doing something new." - Jo Saxton

<https://breaksout.new-wine.org/sessions/arena-evening-celebration-with-jo-saxton/> from 28 minutes onwards

Sunday 2nd August 2020 - Rev Pete - Forgiving debts

Continuing in our series on the prayer Jesus taught in Matthew 6, Pete took us through v12 *"And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors"* (NIV) helping us to apply to our lives the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant in Matthew 18:21. On our online alpha course we have confronted this command to forgive, using the beautiful example of the life of Corrie Ten Boom, who prayed for Jesus to help her forgive when she came face-to-face with a guard who had been her captor at Ravensbrück concentration camp where her sister had died. *"I stood there with the coldness clutching my heart. But forgiveness is not an emotion-I knew that too. Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart"*

Q. Holding a grudge is like letting someone live rent-free in your head. Who do you need God to give you the ability to forgive? Bring it to God in prayer.

If this topic has affected you, we would love to pray for you. Reach out to your small group, the leadership team or via our website or social media platforms.

With blessings,

Hannah x

"How wide, and long, and high, and deep, is the love of Christ!"

Ephesians 3:18