



25th August 2019

LUKE 4 AND THE MOVIES

I do enjoy a good movie. Generally, it is one that is slow moving, character driven and with a redemptive edge. A real thinker! Sometimes though it's time to escape, if only for a few hours, and when I do, I find myself warming to the hero that just seem to be in complete control, even when all around them is falling apart. Think Bryan Mills in Taken, or Ethan Hunt in Mission Impossible, or Diana Prince in Wonder Woman; right moves, right time with the right (or perhaps a little over the top) force. They announce their presence through force.

As we were challenged and stirred by Craig last week, have a listen to how Jesus announces

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
because He has anointed Me
to preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted,
to preach deliverance to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed;
to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”

Luke 4:16-19

Jesus not only makes his presence felt, but also his purpose, in the words of Isaiah, given in a small synagogue in the town he grew up. This mission (which he continually chose to take) was to announce the year of the Lord, the year of jubilee, the favour of God. Through his words and actions, we see, hear and experience good news of healing, freedom and wholeness. What might it mean for us to fully grasp that the same Spirit upon Him, is the very Spirit that moves and lives and stirs in us too?

We gather this week, with our young people leading us. Josh Riggs has returned from Kenya and will be sharing about his journey, we will have a special farewell as well as a few other surprises along the way. One thing is for sure it won't quite go quite as long as an action movie, but it will be many times more real and satisfying.

Grace and peace,

Sermon from August 18th

Craig McGlone “[My Passionate Pursuit](#)”

or go to <http://playford.ucasa.org.au/podcasts/>

We acknowledge that the land we meet on is the traditional lands for the Kurna people.

CREATE

After School Kid's Club

Tuesday's 3.30-5.30pm

@ Playford Uniting Church

Call Nick: 0402 808 744

LITTLE BUZZ PLAYGROUP

Thursday's 9.30-11am

@ Playford Uniting Church

FATHER'S DAY

When you don't have the strength...

We live in pretty challenging times. For many the challenges are not so much about having the physical or material things, as we can get by with very little. It is more a battle of the mind and heart. It could well be that finding a way through comes not from being the strong one, but instead recognizing our need for strength.

This Father's day you are invited to share a pancake breakfast, and then settle in as we hear from three everyday men who will be inviting us into their everyday lives. It will both a privilege and a joy to hear from them, and to have you with us.

O LORD, be gracious to us! We wait for You. Be our strength every morning and our salvation in time of trouble.

Isaiah 33:2

Generate Presbytery Meeting

Saturday 14th September

Journey Uniting Church

1063 North East Road, Ridgehaven

All welcome to attend

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday Aug 25th: Youth Service

Combined Youth & Kids Service

Sunday Sep 1st: Fathers Day

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