



Sunday 1st August 2021

Family service by Sarah Callaghan and Family

Welcome to our Service today, we hope that you are all well and we pray God's Holy Spirit will speak to you as we worship Him together.

Staying focused on God, and plugging into His Glory.

Lets Pray...

Heavenly Father we thank you for today and for bring us together united as a church despite still being separated. We welcome your Holy Spirit that meets with us today wherever we are. Please bless those who are not feeling well today and we pray for their healing and comfort. Amen



Worship Song...

Come now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

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How many of you remember the Tv advert from the early 1970's

'Weebles wobble but they don't fall down'

I think you probably need to be of a certain age to remember that advert from the television.

If you remember they're toys that wobbled but never ever fell over completely and always bounced back. I'll go on to talk a bit more about weebles later.



For those that don't know me I have the condition muscular dystrophy and use a wheelchair daily, which is a real God send getting me out and about. Having no muscles means that when I'm stood up, which I need to do as part of my daily routine, I am very wobbly and unbalanced.

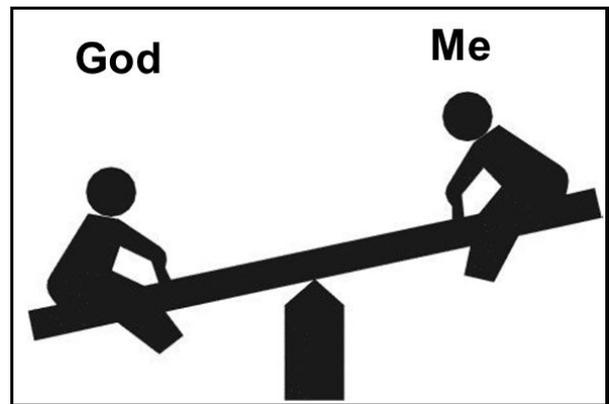


Now I want to introduce you to something important in my life, apart from God, Mark and the girls, of course. Now this thing is very small, very insignificant and if you came into my home you probably wouldn't even notice it, but it is a very important part off my daily routine

Can you see it? probably not. Let me show you it again. See that little imperfection in the plastering on the ceiling in my bedroom well that's what helps me. You see as I stand in the morning, as Mark helps me to get dressed, I need to focus on something. If I can't focus my balance is all over the place. I start to wobble, which is really quite scary because if I was to fall then.... well, I could cause myself lots of damage.



One morning when we were getting dressed I started to think about the importance of focusing on my physical balance and comparing it to focusing on keeping my spiritual life balanced. We all wobble, I know I have over the years, life can be a real roller coaster at times. When I've wobbled in the past it's been an effort sometimes for me to refocus on God. I was too busy focusing on me – my problems. I've cried out to God to help me.



I heard a great song recently. It's a prayer really – it's a song by Lauren Daigle, an American Christian songwriter and singer who obviously wrote it about a time when she was crying out to God.

When the best of me is barely breathin'

When I'm not somebody I believe in
Hold on to me

When I miss the light
the night has stolen

When I'm slammin' all
the doors You've
opened

Hold on to me
Hold on to me

Hold on to me when
it's too dark to see
You

When I am sure I
have reached the end
Hold on to me when I forget I need
You

When I let go, hold me again

When I don't feel like I'm worth
defending

When I'm tired of all my pretending
Hold on to me

When I start to break in desperation
Underneath the weight of
expectation

Hold on to me
Hold on to me

Hold on to me when it's
too dark to see You

When I am sure I have
reached the end

Hold on to me when I
forget I need You

When I let go, hold me
again



I could rest here in Your arms
forever

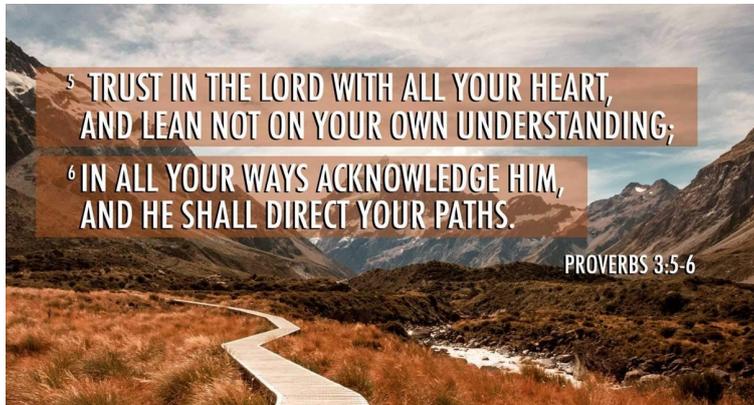
'Cause I know nobody loves me
better

Hold on to me

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I recently chatted to my good friend Helen about times in her life when she's wobbled but God has held onto her.

She told me what caused her to wobble and how God brought her back. When faced with a difficult situation she tried to figure it out herself, rather than trusting in God.



Some verse's from the Bible have been a great help and encouragement to her, one of which is Proverbs 3:5-6 'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.'

When faced with a similar situation many years later, Helen was able to stand up and talk about how good and great God has been to her.



A few weeks ago at our prayer and communion service Mervyn gave us lots of words that were reflections on the content of the Lords prayer. In our small family bubbles we chatted about them and discussed which words stood out for us. The one that stood out for me was ...

Plug in!

It reminded me of the importance of being plugged in.

Well plugged in to what?

Imagine having a Tv that wasn't plugged into the aerial on the roof, the picture would be all fuzzy and breaking up and watching the telly would not be a pleasant experience. However when the aerial is connected - Plugged in - we can enjoy all that is on offer on the television.



In Matthew 14 we have Peter walking on the water towards Jesus and we know he sinks when he takes his eyes off Jesus. Now we probably will not walk on water but we may walk through tough situations. If we focus on the waves of difficult circumstances around us, without faith in Jesus to help, we too may despair and sink. To maintain your faith when situations are difficult focus on Jesus power rather than on the problems.



Lets go back to the weebles. What keeps them able to balance? Well inside their core is something solid.

Are you having a wobbly time at the moment? are you going through a setback or a disappointment. Plug in. Jesus is always there, holding on to you. it tells us in Romans 12:2 His purpose is for you are good, pleasing and perfect and in Romans 8 28 nothing happens without God's permission.

God is in control and in everything he is working for good.

Remember that his purposes for you are good pleasing and perfect

Note to self...
God promises as I trust in Him and keep my thoughts focused on Him, He will keep my mind in perfect peace. Today I will focus on God and not my circumstances.

There are three birthdays this week, we have Samuel and Katie on Sunday 1st August.



Happy Birthday Samuel

Sunday 1st
August

Happy
Birthday
Katie



Sunday 1st
August

Then on Saturday 7th August it is Helens Birthday



Happy 60th
Birthday Helen
Saturday 7th
August



Happy Birthday to you all, hope you have a lovely time.

The Grace ...

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all,
Now and forever more.
Amen

