

# 2020... Vision

"Where there is no vision, the people perish:..."

Proverbs 29:18



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## RISE ABOVE DIFFICULTIES by Dr Bruce Woolard

When things go wrong, as they often do, it's part of our human nature to blame someone else for the circumstances that cause the wrong.

The following scenarios make the point:

"If my father did not allow me to use the car I wouldn't have bumped the car."

"If you did not give me coffee I wouldn't have had the coffee to spill on your expensive carpet."

Instead of blaming someone else for your faults learn to take responsibility for your actions.

Hanging on the cross, Jesus had a victim on either side. The unrepentant robber blamed the system for his predicament and

levelled accusation against Jesus saying, "If you are the Son of God save us and yourself". The repentant thief said, "We are hanging here because of our crime. This man (Christ) has done nothing wrong." Their different responses indicates the difference in character.

We have to stop blaming others for our circumstances. We have to act positively despite the circumstances and rise above the difficulties. When God asked Adam why he ate of the fruit, Adam blamed God for giving him Eve, who made him eat of the Tree of Knowledge.

The secret to recovery from setbacks is to accept the problem with the belief that what you consider to be a negative could lead to something positive.



# be | informed

- Due to the **COVID 19 Lock Down**, we will not be open for the proposed Wednesday Silent Prayer morning until further notice.
- We ask that you please **adhere to the lockdown stipulations** for your own protection and your fellowman. Please re-read the information we sent you last week and keep it on hand.
- **Only go out for necessities/essentials** during this time, as our President instructed, to purchase groceries, collect medication from your pharmacy, medical doctor visit, etc.
- **Watch the news at least once per day** to keep yourselves informed—it's no good being an ostrich by burying our head in the sand. Being informed keeps you safe and up to date on events as they unfold. Please pray for our President and government.
- **Don't brood** on the negative—creating a **positive outlook** and atmosphere will dispel anxiety and fear which will promote optimism and encourage a constructive outlook.
- Don't allow fear to overwhelm you. The Lord our God is bigger than COVID 19. **Why worry when you can pray.**
- Use this as a marvellous time to **re-connect with family** at home—read, play board games, play outdoor games, cook lovely dinners together and sit and enjoy them around the table, spring clean those elusive cupboards, you will be amazed what treasures you may find!!! Celebrate each others company, and get re-acquainted.
- **Tune into St Marks on Sundays** for the livestream Sunday sermons—9:00am for the kids followed by the main service at 9:30am—gather the family and watch and listen together—[www.youtube.com/stmarkspe](http://www.youtube.com/stmarkspe).
- A **bulletin message** will be **posted on our Facebook page—St Davids Congregational Church**, should you be able to make use of the facility. Invite your friends to our page and share it with all.
- **STAY IN COMMUNICATION** with us we are available on email — [stdavids@telkomsa.net](mailto:stdavids@telkomsa.net) - Elzunia will respond, during this time.
- **GOOD FRIDAY**—Due to the 21 DAY LOCK DOWN—we **will not be distributing Communion as advertised for Good Friday**. Gather your family on this very special day and join St Marks at 9:30am for a livestream sermon.
- **We love and appreciate you.** Take care.

Blessings from Dr Bruce and the Diaconate.

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