



# LESS NO, MORE GROW

Sometimes in our desire to do see ministry done 'a particular way' we stifle the growth of another person. We observe their lack of capacity or polish and dismiss their efforts. Rather than making ministry better, in the long run it makes things worse.

For instance, at a person's faltering first attempt at leading a bible study, we may respond immediately with all the things they did poorly, extinguishing their desire to ever do it again.

In that moment we focus too much on the finished product, not considering:

- (1) Real spiritual growth is happening within them as they work to teach the bible.
- (2) Under God that person's ability can grow over time.
- (3) When we started out, we would've been bad, but others persevered for our growth.
- (4) That for children to even the most gifted and golden-tongued preacher, we are all dependent on God's Spirit to do the actual work of changing others spiritually.

When Paul saw Timothy faltering in ministry, what did he do? He encouraged him to grow.

*For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. (2 Timothy 1:6)*

Paul did not tell Timothy, 'your flame for ministry is so small!' He said, 'grow it!'

How can we mature others in this way, from wherever they are at right now?

- **Sam Pursell**

# Prayers

## CURRENT PRAYERS

### Church people who are unwell

Bob Abrahams, Margaret Abrahams, Marlene Arthur, Jean Beetles, Olga Covetz, Jan Crook, Peter Evans, Raija Hannam, Robert Hannam, Erin Hick, Pauline Kirby, James Mills, Charlie October, David Paduch, Allan Quinn, Merv Sercombe, Sue Simpson, Hanno Stanojevic, Eileen Stokes, Mary Straughan, Betty Uren, Susan Vickery, Chris Wilson.

### Church family

Pray for God's love to abound as we encourage and care for one another, and for Christ's light to shine in us as we proclaim him in our community.

### Online learning

Pray for households where kids are experiencing school online. Some delight in this, others find it extremely disconcerting and hard to handle. Pray for parents and carers to continue being wise, patient and loving.

### SRE Ministry

Praise God for the many SRE teachers who faithfully teach in public schools. Pray for the students, staff and scripture teachers at this difficult time of classes being cancelled. Pray that students will be keen to pick up with Scripture classes once again, with positive attitudes leading even more kids to opt-in

### COVID-19

Thank God that he is sovereign in all circumstances, even when everything seems out of control. Pray that He would help us to trust Him each day, especially as this crisis continues.

Pray for health & safety and be conscious of our freedom as restrictions change, that we would act in a way that keep all safe, especially those more vulnerable.

Continue to pray that the rollout of the vaccine will go smoothly and speedily.

## REGULAR PRAYERS (CYCLE 4 OF 4)

### Government:

Our Mayor and those serving in local government.

### World Focus:

North and South America.

The persecuted church.

### Mission Partners:

Roger and Amanda Kyngdon, working with BCA in Newman, WA.

### Organisations We Support:

Anglicare Chaplains working in Anglicare Villages, Hospitals and Prisons.

Mission to Seafarers.

### Word Ministry Training:

Mary Andrew's College and Sydney Missionary & Bible College (SMBC).

### Diocesan Leadership:

Our Archbishop and our Bishop.

### Children's and Youth Ministry:

Refuge, our youth group.

### Adult Ministries:

Bible Study groups.

### Local Evangelism:

Outreach to people in young families in our suburb.

### Special Needs:

Those suffering with mental illness and dementia.

### Mobile Community Pantry:

Give thanks for the volunteers and the community impact of this ministry.

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# **James 1: The joy of trials**

## **James 1:1-18**

### **Sam Pursell • 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

1. James and the Jewish Christians (1)
2. Finding joy in trials (2-8)
3. Above all, blessed by the Lord (9-12)
4. God gives good, not evil (13-18)

***Next Sunday...***

James: 'Listen and do' • James 1:19-27 • Sam Pursell

# Church News

## GATHERING TOGETHER ONLINE

To help us connect to each other during lockdown, Harley will be arranging some online gatherings. This will include a Trivia Night, or perhaps even a Ladies Virtual Afternoon Tea.

If you'd like to contribute to what else we can do, please contact [Harley](#) or the [office](#).

## NEW ROSTERS COMING SOON

Val will be preparing the next roster cycle, **Monday 30th August through to Sunday 31st October**, shortly.

If you're unavailable to serve on a roster or you wish to change your duties, let us know via [email](#), log online to [Elvanto](#) or speak to Val.

Rosters will be created as if lockdown has been lifted, but will be adjusted as necessary.

## LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Click [here](#) to read the latest COVID-19 update and encouragement to get vaccinated from Rev. Kanishka Raffel, our Archbishop.

## KIDS' CHURCH AT HOME

Make sure you check our [YouTube channel](#) for the next video for Kid's Church and we hope the kids enjoy their latest home kit.

## VIRTUAL MORNING TEA

Join us on Zoom after the morning service at <https://bit.ly/OFAzoomMT> for a virtual morning tea together.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

(YTD 12 August 2021)

**Income** \$112,001

**Expenses** \$119,165

**Difference** **-\$7,164**

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