



White Board

February 2013

Welcome to the first Edition of White Board for 2013. It replaces Men's Media. You will also notice that "Pastor's Post-it" has been replaced with "The Adventure". Any contributes to this newsletter will be appreciated.

Dates for your diary

2013

Realmen Canberra Conference, C3 Belconnen Saturday 16th **February**

Keith Edwards - Sunday Night Service 17th **February**

Men's Network Group - Sat 2nd **March**, 7.30am McDonalds, Tuggeranong

Men meeting in Prayer - 3rd **March** 9.30 - 9.40am C3 Monash

Presence Global, Sydney Entertainment Centre, 23rd - 26th **April**

RealMen Conference, Oxford Falls, 26th & 27th **July**

What's on in February?

Trent and Mel are getting Married, Congrats guys

What has happened?

Sunday 11th February, at the AM Service all the men and their sons were invited on stage, where Ps Steve prayed over them and in return they demonstrated one movement of the Maori Haka as a mark of respect and protect over Ps Steve White for 2013.



For Free/Sale/Wanted

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Men Meeting in Prayer *(Men - 16yrs and above, single, married, fathers)*

Sunday 3rd March 2013 at 9.30am in the small room near the kid’s area to left of main auditorium at C3Monash for 10 mins max.

The Adventure (Ps. Steve White)

Scripture

God Has a Good Plan for you.

“For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for your welfare and peace and not evil, to give you hope in your final outcome. (Jeremiah 29:11)

Testimony or Profile – The Apostle Paul

Who started as one of Christianity's most zealous enemies, was hand-picked by Jesus Christ to become the gospel's most ardent messenger. Paul traveled tirelessly through the ancient world, taking the message of salvation to the Gentiles. Paul towers as one of the all-time giants of Christianity.

When Saul of Tarsus, who was later renamed Paul, saw the resurrected Jesus Christ on the Damascus Road, Saul converted to Christianity. He made three long missionary journeys throughout the Roman Empire, planting churches, preaching the gospel, and giving strength and encouragement to early Christians. Of the 27 books in the New Testament, Paul is credited as the author of 13 of them. While he was proud of his Jewish heritage, Paul saw that the gospel was for the Gentiles as well. Paul was martyred for his faith in Christ by the Romans, about 64 or 65 A.D.

The Apostle Paul's Strengths:

Paul had a brilliant mind, a commanding knowledge of philosophy and religion, and could debate with the most educated scholars of his day. At the same time, his clear, understandable explanation of the gospel made his letters to early churches the foundation of Christian theology. Tradition portrays Paul as a physically small man, but he endured enormous physical hardships on his missionary journeys. His perseverance in the face of danger and persecution has inspired countless missionaries since.

The Apostle Paul's Weaknesses:

Before his conversion, Paul approved of the stoning of Stephen (Acts 7:58), and was a merciless persecutor of the early church.

Life Lessons:

God can change anyone. God gave Paul the strength, wisdom, and endurance to carry out the mission Jesus entrusted Paul with. One of Paul's most famous statements is: *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,"* (Philippians 4:13, NKJV), reminding us that our power to live the Christian life comes from God, not ourselves.

Paul also recounted a "thorn in his flesh" that kept him from becoming conceited over the priceless privilege God had entrusted to him. In saying, *"For when I am weak, then I am strong,"* (2 Corinthians 12:2, NIV), Paul was sharing one of the greatest secrets of staying faithful: absolute dependence on God.

Much of the Protestant Reformation was based on Paul's teaching that people are saved by grace, not works: *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-"* (Ephesians 2:8, NIV) This truth frees us to stop striving to be good enough and to instead rejoice in our salvation, gained by the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Hometown: Tarsus, in Cilicia, in present-day southern Turkey.

Referenced in the Bible:

Acts 9-28; Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon,

Editorial

A leader in the making – the following is an extract from the book written by Joyce Meyer

"If you want to be used by God in some level of leadership, you can be. God is always looking for people to promote – and you can be one of them. You have tremendous capabilities and potential: all you need do is fully develop them. That development involves allowing God to change you. The process may hurt at times, but it will benefit you later. As you develop the leadership qualities God has placed in you, remember that you are investing in the future. You can fulfil the plan God has for you, but you must be determined to refuse to be anything less than all you can be. The major key to moving from where you are to where you want is to keep on keeping on.

Is a good leader born or made? Some people are born with natural leadership qualities that need to be developed. But don't look at leadership as something attainable only by rare individuals with great talents. God delights in using common people to accomplish uncommon things.

Common people with uncommon goals who make an uncommon commitment can help an uncommon number of people who can also lead other common people to do uncommon things.

Develop your potential to the full, and as you do, lead others in developing theirs. Be all you can be. Then help someone else be all they can be.

I would encourage you to pray over some Goals that are realistically achievable and some goals that require lots of prayer and stretching you deep in the faith zone.

A man without defined goals may drift through life feeling worthless, with not impact or influence. The strength of a man comes from being real and staying committed no matter what you are faced with.

Finish what you start, some men start strong but never finish, some men start slow but finish strong.

Be accountable for your actions join a connect group.

Continue to do life well, see life as an adventure to share with others, make some friends and get together to do stuff.

Finally the real joy in life is to seek God first.

Our problem as men is we often think about what we cannot do rather than what we can do for others!

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