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## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update - 17th April 2020

Hello Everyone

Evangelist and author Leonard Ravenhill said, *"To be much for God, we must be much with God."* Our inner spiritual life determines our usefulness to Him. Up until recently we all complained how busy life was. Being time poor was the common cry of our world. Yet, now we find ourselves gifted with time. This gift has limitless potential. How we invest it will determine whether the outcome is profitable or sadly wasted. To spend time alone with God is always worthwhile. Yet it is a battle of the mind. We are so easily distracted.

May we use this unique opportunity in our lives to invest the gift of time wisely. We can develop the life changing habit of being alone with God. Thinking about who He is, mediating on His character and praising the amazing outworking of His love in our life.

We all seek *to be much for God*. To be used by Him in ways of eternal significance. An opportunity now exists for each of us to be empowered by *being much with God*. We can develop a habit that will sustain us even when we are called back into a busy world.

*And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone," Matthew 14:22-23*

### Alpha Online

This series will help you understand more about God and his plan for your life. The first introductory section runs over 4 weeks. Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? How can I have faith? We watch a short video presentation and then chat together, answering any questions that arise. We can now enjoy this from the comfort of our own homes. This can be done one on one or within a small group environment. Send me an email, call or text to register your interest or for more information. Maybe you know someone who would benefit from this course. Why not offer to do it with them ?

### Family News

David Spiers and Rachel Friend became Mr and Mrs Spiers recently, also Leroy Taylor and Ebony Robertson are now Mr and Mrs Taylor. Congratulations to you and your families. Although the service was shaped by recent events, it was no less special, with God blessing their special day on becoming husband and wife.

Congratulations also to Haydn Hedges and Laura Trayhurn who announced their engagement. We pray God's blessing over all that is come. Trust you enjoy the excitement and expectation that lies ahead.

Sadly Ian Turner passed away earlier in the week. Ian had been unwell for some time now and he displayed much inner strength and grace in his final days. He now enjoys the presence of God in a wonderful and amazing way. Again, circumstances are difficult at the moment with family from New Zealand unable to travel. Please pray for Christine and Barry as part of our VPBC family and other family members at this time.

### Counselling

Sometimes we feel a little lost. Life can present some significant challenges. The church offers pastoral care and professional counselling services. It is always a wise decision to

seek help and to set a path where with God's help, our peace and joy can be restored. Give me a call and we can discuss the various options available.

### **Church Online**

Sunday Service 9am at [vpbc.com.au](http://vpbc.com.au) and then uploaded for you to watch at your convenience. Take every opportunity to share this with neighbours and friends. They may not feel comfortable attending a church but may well be willing to join with us from the comfort of their own home. Pray and then proclaim. God will bless your obedience.

Take care, stay safe and God bless,

Pastor Paul

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