Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sunday service continues to take place at 10:30am, online via the <u>PCF website</u> and via RightNow Media

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Or click <u>here to register</u> with Right Now Media.

Prayer meetings are taking place online via Zoom on Wednesdays at 7.00pm. If you need information on how to join the meeting please email connect@tpcf.org.uk

Let us pray for the many who have lost loved ones; those who are experiencing suffering as a result of the COVID-19, those caring for individuals, keyworkers, and those working on the front line.

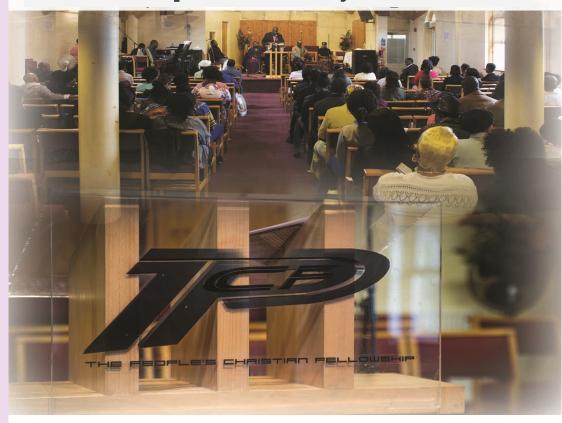
Please pray for the grace, mercy, and favour of God in this season.

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# Found on the Edges Taken from Our Daily Bread

acchaeus, who Luke identifies as a wealthy tax collector (Luke 19:2). Jews often viewed tax collectors as traitors for working for the Roman government collecting taxes from fellow Israelites, as well as frequently demanding additional money to pad their personal bank accounts. So Zacchaeus was likely shunned from his community.

As Jesus passed through Jericho, Zacchaeus longed to see Him but was unable to see over the crowd. So, perhaps feeling both desperate and lonely, he climbed into a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse (Luke 19:3-4). And it was there, on the outskirts of the crowd. that Jesus searched him out and announced His intention to be a quest at his home (Luke 19:5).

Zacchaeus' story reminds us that Jesus came to "seek and to save the lost," offering His friendship and the gift of salvation (Luke 19:9-10). Even if we feel on the edges of our communities, pushed to the "back of the crowd," we can be assured that even there Jesus finds us.





Do you have some encouragement you would like to share with SIA's readers? Please email it to <u>SIA@tpcf.org.uk</u>



# **FAITH** - (From UCB Word for Today)

Let's define the word 'faith' more clearly. The Bible says faith is 'the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen' (Hebrews 11:1 KJV). Faith isn't empty hope, or did! Abraham simply simply a positive confession of something we want to be true. Faith is recognising something that's already a reality despite the fact that it can't yet be seen. The Bible says Abraham 'believed - God, who...calls those things which do not exist as though they did' (Romans 4:17 NKJV). Based on

this verse some people think that whatever they want they can simply 'speak into existence'. Read the verse again! Abraham didn't speak Isaac into existence, God believed God, acted on His promise, and as a result Isaac was born. 'Not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith,

giving glory to God, and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform' (Romans 4: 19-21 NKJV). Your faith must be in God, not in your faith! In and of itself, faith has no creative power; it just affirms what already exists in the unseen world and in what God has promised, knowing that in His time it will come to pass because it's His will. Whatever you claim by faith must be based on what God has clearly promised you in His Word. And how do you develop that kind of faith? Read the Word! 'Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.' Romans 10:17



### Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### SUN 21ST - SAT 27TH

Micah JohnsonSun 21st
Karl Stewart Sun 21st
BeautyTue 23rd
Stephen Hall Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>
Patricia Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup>
Charmaine Walden Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>
Rosemary Hird Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>
Sister Wilson Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>
Susan Mugridge Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>

#### SUN 28TH - SAT 4TH JULY

Erica DanielSun 28th
Reanne Johnson Sun 28 <sup>t</sup> h
Malik ReggieTues 30th
Tamara JamesTues 30th
Stella OnwuemeneWed 1st
Karen MartinThurs 2nd
Daphne DanielFri 3rd
Maël EkpitiniFri 3rd

#### ENCOURAGEMENT ON YOUR CELEBRATIONS

Wait on the Lord; be of GOOD COURAGE, AND HE SHALL STRENGTHEN YOUR HEART; WAIT, I SAY ON THE LORD!

Psalm 27:14 (NKJV)

**Wedding Anniversary** Lorraine & Joe Fergus Tuesday 23rd June 2020

Michael & Annette Wednesday 24th June 2020

**Gareth & Tracey Brown** Wayne & Thelma Brown Friday 26th June 2020

Harold & Tessa Bennett Saturday 27th June 2020

# LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE..... Written by Naomi Falana

So as part of my new journey God is sending me on, I have gone back to studying. One day I was feeling overwhelmed and tired, so I decided to just take my time going in on my study day. I knew I would be late but just embraced it and avoided the usual rush.

I started my commute and was listening to a podcast. I got to the station where I needed to change trains and as I got off the train and walked along the platform with other commuters, I was engrossed in my podcast. Walking towards me in the opposite direction was a woman with a toddler.

Nothing unusual there you might think. However, what was different about this scene was the fact that the woman was visibly crying. She had her child held in her arms like a baby. I was wondering is she ok. No, I'm sure she's fine, I told myself. As I got closer it was becoming clear the child was crying and screaming.

I was having a conversation with myself about it and what I should do. I walked past like all the other commuters. However, I was stopped in my tracks

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Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:7 (NKJV)

by an overwhelming feeling and something said go back.

I stood still for a few seconds then turned around. I went back and spoke to the lady. She was overwhelmed with life and living in the city. It was getting to her and clearly affecting her child. Her husband was working away and she just wanted to get home. She didn't need anything but was happy for the encouragement that I gave her. Just knowing she's not alone in feeling how she was, I prayed with her and covered her with the Lord.

I walked with her and she made her way home saying thanks. I wish I could've done more. But I'm so grateful that I went back. Grateful that words of encouragement might be all someone needs.

I realised later in the week that it actually happened on Valentine's Day. A day of love sharing and giving. Yet, it seemed like on that day, this physically upset woman and child walked through a crowded station to a platform without receiving any.

Even I passed her by until I listened to what I would say was the Holy Spirit. He stopped me in my tracks, and I turned around. I realised then that a small act of love was all it took for her to smile. It also confirmed to me that my new career journey was exactly what I needed to do.

So, let us not be afraid to encourage one another in brotherly and sisterly love. Especially in times when we could get so caught up in our own commute in life, that we miss a fellow commuter's cry for help or encouragement.



'Love Always' Artwork by Nims inspired by Alma Woodsey Thomas







### Knowledge Pursuit of the Bible

Come on, readers... see how much Biblical detail you can remember

- 1. Who was the first son Jacob had with Rachel?
- 2. What did God change Jacob's name to before his meeting with Esau?
- 3. Who was crucified upside down?
- 4. Who was David's captain of his army?
- 5. Who did David commit adultery with?
- 6. During his time as king, who was David's main enemy?
- 7. Which book did David write most of?
- 8. What famous queen came to visit Solomon?
- 9. Who conquered Judah and took Daniel to their country?

Answers to Knowledge Pursuit of the Bible

8. Queen of Sheba 9. Babylonians

13. Elijah & Moses 14. He was blind

15. It was ripped 10. Darius

3. Peter 4. Joab 11. Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego 12. John 11:35—Jesus 5. Bathsheba 6. Philistines

wept

Answers to Quiz for younger readers

1. He rose again 2. He rose up into the

3. True

4 Garden of Eden

1. Joseph 2. Israel

7. Psalms

5. Cain, Abel, Seth

6. A coat of many colours 7. Sold him to slave

traders 8 Manna and Quail 9. A donkey's jawbone

- 10. Who was the last king Daniel served under in the bible?
- 11. What were Daniel's three friends Babylonian names?
- 12. What is the shortest verse in the Bible?
- 13. Name the two old testament people who appeared when Jesus was transfigured?
- 14. What problem did Bartimaeus have that Jesus fixed?

15. What happened to the temple curtain when Jesus was killed?

## Biblical Quiz for the younger reader

- 1. What happened after Jesus was buried in the tomb?
- 2. How did Jesus leave Earth and go to Heaven?
- 3. Peter was rescued from prison by an Angel—True or False?
- 4. Where did Adam and Eve live at the beginning of the world?
- 5. Name Adam and Eve's 3 sons.

- 6. What did Jacob give his son Joseph that caused jealousy from his siblings?
- 7. How did Joseph's brothers get rid of him?
- 8. What did God send to feed the Israelites in the desert?
- 9. With what did Samson kill 1,000 Philistines?
- 10. How many kings of Israel were there?