

**Weekly Devotions
South Holburn Church
9th March 2021**

READINGS

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.
Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

Psalm 19:1-4

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,
I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Revelation 3:20



REFLECTION

How observant are you? Do you pick up the clues on the TV detective shows and work out the murderer before the end? How observant are you about the world around you?

I remember some of years ago, the Northern Lights were in full wondrous display over Stonehaven and Alison and I drove up to the car park at the top of Dunnottar Woods. Away from the lights of the town, we clambered out the car and stared in wonder at the mighty display lighting up the sky. There was another car there, a sales rep on his way home, on his mobile phone, so busy he never noticed nature's light show around him, until we went and told him, and even then, he only glanced for a moment, too busy with his call to care about the sky.

In the midst of life, during the drudgery and routine of these lockdown days, it's all too easy to become blind to much of the beauty and wonder around us.

It can be a bit like that in our relationship with God as well. We get so used to being God's people, to being a part of the church, to trusting that God is there, that we forget what an amazing thing it is to say that the creator of all the world is interested in us. We forget the incredible comfort of knowing that God holds us in the palm of his hand.

We have all heard the stories of the feeding of the 5000 thousand, or the resurrection, or any of the other stories from the pages of scripture so many times that they become commonplace to us. The miracles of God, these indescribable acts of wonderment, these almighty statements of God's love and care, brush over us. We register them, and then walk on by. Allowing miracles to vanish into the background of our lives. In doing so, we lose the thrill of encountering God.

One of the challenges of this season of Lent is to make time in our lives for God. In the midst of everyday day living, in the routine of life, to find a place where we focus on God, where we can rediscover God's love, God's presence, God's call and God's purpose.

For all of us, there are moments when we can see God is at work in our lives revealing a holy will and a holy love. These are holy moments which are reminders that we are God's people. These are miracle moments that reveal the truth of God's love and passion of each of us. But, we can just as easily ignore such moments of God, preferring instead the humdrum of life, the routine we know so well.

So how observant are you?

How is God seeking to remind you of his love?

Where is God at work in your life?

Where might God be offering you reminders, in your life and in your work,

the you are God's beloved child?

PRAYER

Creator,
Maker,
Saviour.

You are the one who will never give up on us,
The one who will never forget us,
The one who will never stop thinking of us.

Every day,
Every minute,
You are there.
Ever ready to bless,
Ever willing to guide
Ever calling us onward deeper into faith
Ever leading us further into your mission.

Loving God,
Forgive us when we have missed your way,
Forgive us when we have not listened to your voice,
Forgive us when we have forgotten you,
Forgive us when we have ignored you.

Instead grant us eyes that can see you at work around us,
Ears that can hear your words of call and your words of comfort,
And lives ready to spend in loving response and faithful devotion.

In Jesus name we pray,
Amen.

