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## LIVING JESUS' EXAMPLE

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things,

# From The Ten of Pastor Judi

## **The Labryrinth of Life**

#### Psalm 139:8

"If I go up to the heavens, you are there. If I make my bed in the depths, you are there."

The Krubera Cave in the Arabika Massif is one of the world's largest caves. It's so deep, so beautiful, and so complex that only skilled cavers can descend to its subterranean depths.

It contains rivers, lakes, springs and pits descending deep into the earth – a labyrinth of wonder, filled with deadly chasms.

The same God who created the intricate interiors of earth also designed the mysterious blueprint of our life.

Sometimes the mysteries appear deep and dark. But when we give our life to Christ, it's as though a switch is flipped on, flooding the way with light. The Lord knows every twist and turn, every rock and river. When we don't know the way, we needn't worry. He knows and He will lead us. Even the darkness will become light around us.

This is the theme of Psalm 139 – the Lord knows the way through the labyrinth of life. Our finite minds will never fully grasp God's complex blue-prints, but as we seek His will, He will lead us.

#### Psalm 139:17

How precious also are thy thoughts, O gracious God to me! And in their sum how passing great and numberless they be.

## Thought Of The Week

The heavenly gales are blowing, the cleansing stream is flowing, beneath it's waves I am going, Hallelujah, praise the Lord.

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### The Pastor Is In:

Pastor Judi provides pastoral care to all who attend the church and overall site throughout the week. She is able to meet on or off site, depending on your preferences. Best contact 0423 375 714.

<u>Please note:</u> Pastor Judi is in the office all day Mondays, and half a day on Wednesdays and Fridays only. Pastor Judi does not work Tuesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays. However she will return your call if it is an emergency.



### **Sunday Services:**

October 6th Preacher: Judi

Readings: Mark 1:1-12 Leah Mark 1:13-28 Bob

Helpers: Leah & Bob Communion Noel

October 13th Preacher Judi

Readings: Mark 1:35-45 Noel Mark 2:1-8 Val

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## Church Happenings

**Window Repair:** Thanks provided to Gary for repairing our outside Chapel window. It just needs a touch of paint – volunteers welcome.

Mission Box: Good start to our Mission funds - \$20 so far.

Alpha: Monday was our final session for this year and from all comments, our small group enjoyed the sessions and opportunities to discuss issues in a confidential setting. Would you like to do Alpha 12 sessions next year: Please speak to Pastor Judi if interested. Pastor Judi is planning to run further sessions considering the following times: Sunday afternoons (perhaps 2 sessions each fortnight); an evening one commencing at 5.30pm and/or a daytime group.

**2020 Mixed Bible Study:** A number of the men have expressed interest in attending a Bible study in a mixed setting. Please speak to Pastor Judi to discuss suitable times/days.

**Hearing Australia:** Our first morning went well with all 8 appointments taken. Nicole returns on 23<sup>rd</sup> so if you missed out, please book with Pastor Judi.

**Trivia afternoon:** To make the afternoon successful we need at least 40 participants. Currently we have only 20 booked in. If you haven't booked, please let Pastor Judi know. Put your thinking caps on and invite your family or friends. They don't necessarily have to be "seniors!!"

Big Breakfast bookings during Seniors Month: We have had a number of bookings for older persons to attend our free breakfasts during the month of October. Although this will place extra pressure on our Chef and Volunteers, it is a great way to promote what the Church and Care Works do on the site. Why not come along?

Pantry donations: Pastor Judi and Leah attended a lovely afternoon tea at Medical and Aged Care Parkdale. Apart from receiving a number of boxes of items, many of the residents had made items and are planning to sell them at their next fete and donate all the funds to our Pantry. God blesses us continually.