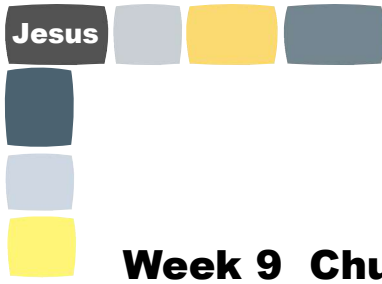


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## Week 9 Church Shutdown 16<sup>th</sup> May

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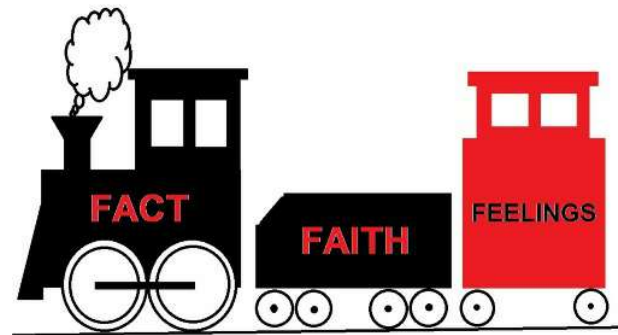
“The Church has left the building”

I became a Christian as a young teenager and shortly after trusting Christ I was given a booklet that had an illustration of a train pulling a coal tender and a carriage.

The train had the word **fact** on it the coal tender the word **Faith** and the carriage the word **feelings**. I'm sure some of you have come across it.

The point it was making was that our lives as Christians should be driven by **Facts**, linked to **faith** which in turn is linked to **feelings** and the order is important.

Facts, faith and feelings all have to play their part in a person becoming a Christian and beginning their own exciting journey that we call the Christian life.



Romans 5 : 1-5 says :- *Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

Life is tough.

Becoming a Christian doesn't give you an easy passage, and it's how we respond to the difficulties of life that determines whether we become bitter or better.

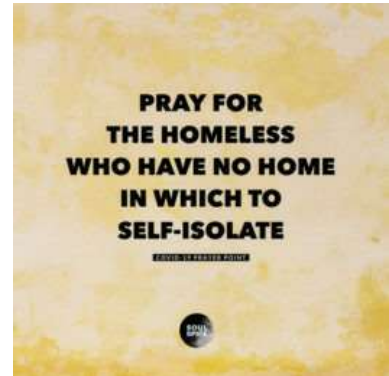
You don't learn patience and endurance and develop good character by reading good books, they all grow in the tough times of life.

In these days when we are waging war against the deadly Coronavirus the government are trusting “in the science”. Not a word about God, giving the queen her due she has talked about praying and meditating. Our nation church leaders haven't ventured to put their heads above the parapet to mention God in case they get asked some difficult questions like where is God in all this.

How we have changed as a country in 75 years!

As God's people we should take the opportunity to be beacons of hope to people who have no hope, As people who not only know the facts but know the God of the facts we should share our feelings of hope and peace and joy and zeal and confidence that God is still the Rock of Ages, and this world is in His hand, He is totally involved in health and sickness in economic collapse , or economic recovery, even your next breath or not.

2020 in a nutshell...



You know you're  
*Getting Old*  
When . . .

You feel the need to  
iron your handkerchiefs

Or The phone rings and  
you answer the remote  
control...or any other  
nearby object



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