



ENNIS EVANGELICAL CHURCH
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Seek and Search

Both of these words take effort on the part of the individual. As children we would play the game Hide and Seek and as the seeker, you would often cover the same ground that you had covered before in previous searches in order to find your friends because they could have hidden in new places or places they had previously used. Sometimes as the seeker we would declare that we “give up” when we cannot find someone and they would either openly show where they were hidden or secretly appear so that they could reuse the place they were hidden in a future game.

We read in God’s word that we are to “seek” and we will find, we are to “search” the scriptures. It takes effort on our behalf to find, recognise and understand the truths that God has in His Scriptures for us. Unlike the game, God helps us by revealing His truth to us over a period of time. It is like when people seek for precious stones, they first have to recognise what the precious stones look like in the rough as at a first glance we would never think it’s precious from the outward appearance. This seeking process takes time but the more often it is done, even covering the same ground a second time or more, the easier it is to recognise and find the stones in the rough, hidden in plain sight or below the surface. To get the real value out of the precious stone and to see its true beauty, we have to clean off the dirt and then polish it so that there are no rough edges and that the light either shines off the smooth edges revealing the wonderful colours of the Opal or through a diamond so that we see it sparkling as it reflects light. So it is the same with the truths of God, once we have recognised them as truth, to get real value out of them we need to search the scriptures to get a deeper understanding of the truth and then meditate on how it applies to us.

In summary we have to put in the effort to recognise, understand and meditate on the truths of the Word for us but what a blessing it will be for us. Don’t keep the gems of truth hidden, let them shine and reflect the light of God and bring colour to your life.



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Verse of the Month

You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13 NIV

“You search and keep on searching and examining the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and yet it is those [very Scriptures] that testify about Me.”

John 5:39 AMP

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
6 No Ladies BS Bank Holiday	7 7.30pm Prayer and Praise	1	2	3	4	5 Service 10.30 Mossy VIA 12:30-13:30
13 No Ladies BS Feb Mid-Term	14 BS 7.30pm 2 Corinth-Shane	8	9	10	11	12 Prayer 10am Service 10.30am Alan
20 Ladies BS 10.30 -12.00	21 BS 7.30pm 2 Corinth-Shane	15	16	17	18	19 Prayer 10am Service 10.30am Shane
27 Ladies BS 10.30 -12.00	28 BS 7.30pm 2 Corinth-Shane	22	23	24	25	26 Prayer 10am Service 10.30am Shane

Sunday Service and Tuesday Bible Study will continue to be streamed on line for those who cannot attend.



People News

Jabez was more honourable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.

I Chronicles 4:9-10

Celebration: On the 15th January Lola shared her testimony how God brought her out of the Muslim faith into a faith with the living Jesus Christ. We also shared in celebrating her 50th Birthday, which was on the 5th January, the same day she gave birth to Samuel 16 years ago.



Condolences: Our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to Nataliya and her family, on the loss of her father in Ukraine and to Sylvester and his family on the loss of his sister in Nigeria. May the Lord bring them comfort.

Prayer Requests

Call upon God with confidence and expectation.

Praise the Lord for

- † Kevin's improved health as he is recovering from illness.
- † His amazing love for us.

This month, please pray for

- † The continued safety of family and friends of our Ukrain-

ian attendees who remain in Ukraine.

- † Those that grieve the loss of family members
- † Those who are sick in the church.
- † Michael Harvey's recovery
- † Those who have moved away from the church to new locations that they will settle there.

Quote

Remember who you are. Don't compromise for anyone, for any reason. You are a child of the Almighty God. Live in that truth

Lysa Terkeurst



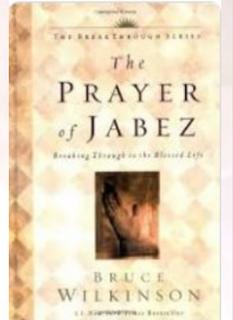
Book Review—The Prayer of Jabez by Bruce Wilkinson—Part I

Do you want a greater vision for your life, with God active in it? The apparently short simple prayer of Jabez has a lot of depth and meaning to it. "...Oh, that you would bless me indeed and enlarge my territory..." I Chronicles 4:9-10. Asking God to bless me is opposite to our normal human way of thinking, we need to allow the Holy Spirit to renew our minds so that we can live beyond the limits of our abilities and ask for blessing in order to live a life that is more honourable to God. Pray for the blessing of God's powerful will for your future.

Is it selfish to ask God to bless me? Greedy to ask for too many blessings? Does God want to hear us asking for His blessing? Jabez name means pain and that was the wish of his parents for his future. But he knew God and prayed for new prospects for his future. Jabez asks "Bless me". Bless means to ask for or to impart supernatural favour (beyond what we could do or get for ourselves). He asked for the unlimited goodness which only God could give. He left the nature and timing of the blessing entirely up to God and not what he desired. God's blessing for us is the ultimate value we have in our lives for His glory.

Ask and it will be given to you...you don't have because you don't ask. God's nature is to bless. We are missing out on God's blessing if we don't ask. Is God's blessing what we value most in our lives? Do we limit God's blessing to only a small amount because of wrong thinking that we are only worthy to receive a little blessing?

Like Jabez, ask for God to bless you and bless you abundantly as He sees fit in order that your life may be more honourable to Him. I would encourage you to read this book.



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Know Jesus-Make Him Known

This church is a New Testament community of faith. Our teaching and practices are based on the Bible. We seek to serve our local community, reaching out with the love, hope and salvation found through faith in Jesus only.

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