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My Favourite Verses by Graham Squires

My 2 favourite verses are these:

***Romans 5 v 1** Therefore since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ*

***Proverbs 3 v 5-6** Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path.*

The first verse was my Baptismal text in November 1949, and it has been a wonderful pointer to my conversion. My mother and Father were workers at Zion Chapel, New Cross, South London. We had Family Prayers as much as possible.

We went to church 4 times on Sundays and I read a lot of Christian books, but I realized that I had something missing, when I saw many of our Young People coming back from Christian Holidays showing their Love for Christ. I realized that I did not know **my** sins were forgiven by the Lord. This prompted me to seek older Christians to pray with me and I came to know Jesus as my Lord.

As I have become an older man, I do not have a lot of confidence in my abilities, but I plan every day with the Lord so that I may cope with my day by trusting in His care and direction. That's where Proverbs 3:5-6 comes in. These words have given me a lot of confidence in my hope for my journey to Heaven.

My Favourite Verses by Don Cooper

My favourite verses are these:

***Hebrews 12:1-4** Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Who, for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

These verses have been so important to me on many occasions during my life. As a teenager, when I put myself into the arms of Jesus and decided to follow Him, I knew at that moment a 'great cloud of witnesses' upheld and surrounded me. Indeed, they continue to do so now.

Faced by numerous key challenges and decisions throughout my life, these verses have been a constant support, encouraging me to persevere and to 'keep my eyes fixed on Jesus'. Sitting at the right hand of God, our Lord Jesus is there on our behalf, so none of us need ever grow weary or lose heart. These verses are a great encouragement, and I certainly require to be frequently reminded of this promise!

If you have your own favourite verses, do please let Dave know.

IMPORTANT STUFF – DON'T JUST GLANCE- TAKE IT ALL IN!

Come + pray!

TUESDAY MORNING from 7am-8am on Zoom.

Log on for all or part of the time: Please Contact Dave for a link.

FRIDAY NIGHT at St Nicks from 8pm-10pm.

Come + join us and pray for God's Holy Spirit to move in us and across this town that we might know more of God's love and power in our lives, and see many more people brought to Jesus.

Private Prayer in St Nicholas church THIS WEEK and NEXT WEEK.

Tuesday 3rd from 2pm-4pm, Wednesday 4th 12noon-2pm and Thursday 5th 10am – 12 noon.

Tuesday 10th from 2pm-4pm, **Wednesday 11th 12noon-1:30pm** and Thursday 5th 10am – 12 noon.



*Next week there will be no early morning prayer meeting next week (Tuesday 10th) instead, we will have our monthly evening prayer gathering (on Zoom) on **Wednesday 11th August from 7:45pm-9pm**, when we will be joined by **Rachel and Bernie Muluuta**, our Crosslinks mission partners from Kampala, Uganda. Please join us to pray with and for them- just contact Dave for a link.*

WALKING GROUP: A good number of people have shown an interest in heading out on some walks together, so David Cattell (husband of Karen) has planned a first walk on Thursday 19th August from 10am. The walk (about 4-5 miles) will begin and end at St Nicholas Church. Simply come along and enjoy the walk and the company.

READINGS FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS: This week we continue our series in Genesis, and for those who'd like to read the passages before coming to church on Sundays, the readings for the next 3 weeks are as follows:

8th August: Genesis 10:1-11:32

15th August: 1 Timothy 1:1-11

22nd August: 1 Timothy 1: 12-20

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Fundraiser for St Mary's Graveley: August Bank Holiday Monday afternoon— refreshments in Flint Barns next to the church and there will be various activities around the church and grounds. **PLUS** the Maze at Crow End will be open! Come along!

ST NICHOLAS DOOR-TO-DOOR TEAM: It was great to hear from 3 members of the door-to-door team on Sunday morning. The team will be going out again this week on Thursday morning. Please do pray for them. If you'd like to join the team on their visits- please contact Karen Walker or Steve Bamford.

GIVING A LIFT TO CHURCH: Jo, who was part of St Nicks church family some time ago, has now returned to Stevenage and would like to attend church again. However, she now lives in Great Ashby and has no car. Could you offer her a lift from time to time? Let Dave know and he'll put you in touch with her to work out the details.