



Cell Notes

When the tough gets going Mtt.13:44-46 Heb. 12:1-11

God calls Christians to be in tough places.

We are called to persevere, sacrifice, deny self, take up cross and do as Jesus would. The Christian path is narrow and difficult! If handled badly we can end up with further problems.

We may even give up on fellowship/cell/Church/God, feeling guilty, alone, confused.

Two parables. Two men discover something truly wonderful - an indescribable treasure and a priceless pearl. In an effort to acquire the goodies they willingly sacrifice and deny other preferences to gain these riches.

Sacrifice and self denial was not a negative but a **joyful** and positive experience (v44).

Jesus saw the Cross as **joyful** (Heb 12:2), because He knew of the riches of Heaven waiting to be released through His self denial and sacrifice (forgiveness of sins, grace, love, gifts etc), after all, He'd come from Heaven in the first place!

Some questions to inspire and challenge:

Have you been so determined to have something that you have willingly sacrificed money/time/relationships to have it?

What is heavenly treasure?

Is your Christian life motivated by joy (even when the going gets really tough)?

What are the benefits of seeing sacrifice and self denial as positive?

How could this positive attitude apply to a work/church/cell/home situation?

Pray into your tough situations asking God to replace resentment with compassion, irritation with love, disappointment with hope.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 16th

3.30pm Climbers
6.00pm Basecamp
7.30pm Alpha

Tuesday 17th

6.00pm Explorers
7.45pm *'Immerse'* in church

Wednesday 18th

11.00am Holy Communion

Thursday 19th

6.30pm Thirst
8.00pm Youth Cell
8.00pm PCC Meeting

Friday 20th

7.00pm Euphoria

Sunday 22nd

8.00am Early Communion
9.15am Parish Communion
10.30am Kids Church *'Ignite'*
10.45am Morning Praise
7.00pm Be A Hero (in church)

CHURCH OFFICE

Please note the church office will now be open 9am - 5pm Monday to Thursday. Messages left on the answering machine will be picked up on Fridays.

PRAYER DIARIES

If you have any old prayer diaries (especially the frames) could you please hand them in to church or church office. Thanks. Jane

MICAH SUNDAY

15th October 2006

Would you like to be part of:

A society where Christians in the UK of all denominations are passionate about alleviating the injustice of poverty - and are willing to do something about it... a time when Christians across our nation, speak out in unity and with influence to our government... a time when non Christians want to join us because of the truth, justice and authenticity of our actions...

Christians around the world uniting in a global movement to reduce poverty.

Today we will be joining thousands of Christians around the world to pray for those living in poverty. Micah Challenge is joining the UN initiative to set the first ever Guinness World record for the largest number of people to STAND UP..... Against Poverty! Join Micah Challenge Today - www.micahchallenge.org.uk.

PRISON FELLOWSHIP

RALLY

Saturday 18 November 7pm

The annual Rally will be held at St Paul's Church, Moor Lane in Salford. Barry Woodward will be the speaker, testifying to how God has changed his life. He is an ex-convict and drug addict, who now works for Proclaim Trust (an organisation which helps people to come off drugs). If anyone would like to go to this event, seats can be booked through Alan and Audrey Murch (494 2598) no later than 29 October.