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I grew up in an “interesting” family. We were not Christians, but turned up to the church down the road on Christmas & Easter. I was dropped off at Sunday school till I was 11. Yet, my heart was drawn to Jesus.

I was enamoured with the stories of Jesus kindness, of life eternal. I believed my RE teachers! I was a strong character and a bit naughty in my rebel grade 4 year. So, not liking myself, I crawled under an out of bounds school building & told Jesus I was sorry for swearing! Not long after that, I heard him say “I will never leave you or forsake you.” I remember asking a teacher what that meant! So started my secret relationship with Jesus. I prayed to him, I stole all the Gideon bibles I could find, I stole song sheets from scripture union camps in high school & gave my life to him a thousand times to make sure I was saved! Other things happened & other Christians surrounded me...but I felt alone. In 1995, my friend was fatally injured in a car accident. I’d told her about Jesus, but she didn’t believe. I cried out on her behalf & when she passed, I had an overwhelming sense of peace that she was with God. He had saved her in the days before she died. I know this to be true! It was then that God came close to me in a new way. When I read my bible (that I hid under my uni notes) the words jumped out at me & my heart burned. He took away all my fear & healed my grieving heart for my friend & has been transforming me ever since. I knew then, that He was so so REAL & had conquered death. I took Jer 29:11 seriously & filled in my teaching form to be sent anywhere!!! And so the adventure with God began.....However, the greatest gift he has given me is an intimate & awesome & alive relationship with Jesus by the Spirit. Like Aretha Franklin sang, “Do you know Him?” Yes!! And He knows me!



A Christian Movie – “The Least of These” - out 16th May

This is a movie based on the true story of an Australian missionary, Graham Staines, who twenty years ago lost his life in India, along with his two young sons. This movie beautifully illustrates the power of love, hope, and forgiveness to overcome hate.

For cinema locations, visit

www.thelastofthesethemovie.com.au

See flyers & posters on our noticeboard.



Mother's Day

Join the whole church family in the courtyard for morning tea after this morning's service. Ladies, you will be served by some of our special men.

12 May – Men's Emmaus Closing, Mt Tamborine

13 May to 17 May – Kairos Inside*

18 May – Women's Emmaus Candlelighting

19 May – Women's Emmaus Closing

25 May – Been Around Before – 1:30^{pm}

6 June – Chaplaincy Dinner – 6^{pm}

15 June – Family Fun Day – 11^{am} – 3^{pm}

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