



Tour of Duty

Dear friend,

As you know, my "Tour of Duty" here in East Preston / Reservoir is rapidly coming to a close, and I have been wondering what I should share with you in my second last Chaplain's Notes to you.

I can't help but want to first of all say how I long for you all to grow in love for Jesus Christ! Follow Jesus with all your heart! Live for Him first in every area of your life! This is my whole motivation and purpose for living. I am completely committed to following Jesus and loving Him and obeying Him in every area of my life.

I am sure you have seen that and experienced it in my life, and I hope that I have been a good example to you. I deeply long for you to follow my example, even as I am trying to follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is not dead. Jesus Christ is not just a figment of my imagination, and not just words in a book. Jesus is alive. We really can talk to Him and

communicate with Him. He really is there for us. He really does love us and want the best for us. You can't see Him physically, but He is there. He is here. He can guide you, direct you, empower you, and comfort you in every area of your life. There isn't one area of your life which He doesn't want to be in control of so He can give His blessing to it. Your work life. Your sex life. Your hobbies. Your meals. Your car. Everything. Do you believe this?



God wants to be in control of *everything* in my life?
Can I really let Him?
God, I'm afraid, but here goes ...

“Follow me”

said

Jesus

I do. And I am loving it having Jesus in control of everything. It is such a great feeling knowing that the God of the universe really is interested in every little detail of my life, and that He is so interested that He is "pulling the strings" and guiding me in every step, whether I realize it or not, so that I can

have an abundant life. That is FANTASTIC! Who better to be in charge than Jesus Christ? What a champion!

Secondly, I want to say what a joy it has been to get to know you in some way, especially those of you with whom I have been able to talk and spend time with. For those of you who have welcomed me into your homes - it has been a great privilege and blessing!

It has been an especially great joy to be able to have seen some of you open your hearts to Jesus Christ and become born-again Christians! To me, this is one of the most beautiful things that can ever happen to a person, and for me to have had the privilege of praying with you as you have confessed your sins and opened your hearts up to Jesus - what a blessing! You have now become my brothers and sisters in the family of God, and no matter where I go in the world, one day we will see each other again when Jesus Christ comes again in glory and power to establish the Kingdom of God in its fullness!!



I am also confident that God who has begun a good work in you will complete it. God will continue to send the right Christian people across your path (or guide you to them!) to help you grow in your faith in and knowledge of Jesus Christ so that you become a mature



Christian. God will never give up on you! God loves you!

Thirdly, I want to encourage you to "stand up" and make a difference for good in this world! I have met people who just sit back and expect others or the government to do everything for them, or sit back and criticize what others are doing, without standing up themselves and thoughtfully and purposely trying to make a change for good. Everyone can do something. In fact, with God's help and power, you can do anything that God is inspiring you to do! It's true. Believe it. Get involved.

I always remember what U.S. President John F. Kennedy once said: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." And I encourage you to take that step yourself before God. Say to God, "Here I am - use me. What do You want me to do for You, God?" Could you say that? God will take you seriously, and be prepared for some

ideas and thoughts from God that may seem crazy and wild to you! But remember, God's ways are so much higher than our ways; His thoughts so much higher than our thoughts. (Isaiah 55:8,9). The Bible says, "With God, all things are possible." (Mark 10:27)

When I gave myself to God and said to Him, "Here I am, use me. I'll do whatever You want me to do", He answered my prayer, and God has been leading me and training me "on-the-job" ever since! My "Tour of Duty" for the last five years has been here in East Preston, and next year it will be continuing on in Europe, as far as I know. And God has an amazing "Tour of Duty" in store for each one of you, if you are willing to accept the challenge. I hope you do. And I will be very interested to hear from you over the years what happens in your life!



OK, God –
what next?

There is so much more I could share with you, but they are all basically thoughts from the Bible. And so, in conclusion may I say - read the Bible! Please! Read portions of it every day! And you will grow in faith; you will be blessed; you will become everything that God wants you to be as you read and put into practice what you read.

God bless you!

Let us pray:

Father in heaven,

Thank you that you love me and that you have given me the Bible to tell me exactly what I need to do with my life!

Please help me to read it, to understand it, and to obey it!

Please help me to grow to become more like Jesus Christ in every area of my life, so that I can experience your power and joy and experience life just as you intended it.

In Jesus' name,

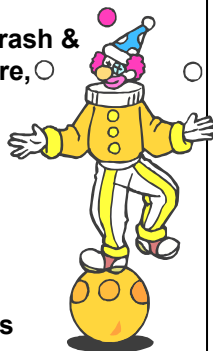
Amen!

Neighbourhood Day!

**Saturday, 19th November
11am – 3pm**

**Darebin Community
Health Centre,
Cnr Blake & Crevelli St**

**Lots of Stalls – trash &
treasure and more, ○
Entertainment,
Sharing of local
cultures!**



**Face Painting
Kids Games
Cultural Dance
FOOD and Drinks
for sale**

(No Alcohol Event)

For more information, contact
me on 8430 8574

Kids' Church

(adults  welcome, too!)

Come along and enjoy all the **fun** as we:



sing songs

do great activities

learn more about Jesus

play games

participate in drama

eat food



Where: Preston North East Primary School Hall

When: Sunday 20th November, 4pm - 5.30pm

(Come at 3pm to help set up!)

Invite your friends!

All children under 12 years old should be supervised by a parent / guardian / brother or sister over 16.

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