

OZREACH CONFERENCES

Queensland Brisbane (Logan)

23rd - 24th February 2007

To book in phone Pam Hardy 0428 474 940

Cost is \$10.00 registration + \$10.00 for lunch

Speakers: Kim Hammond, Kevin Wilcock, Larry Taylor, Dave Fenton & Ken Robinson

NSW - Newcastle & Port Stephens

Prophetic & Apostolic Conference

29th to 31st March 2007

To book in phone Life Church 4961 0211

Cost is \$10.00 registration + \$10.00 for lunch on Friday

Speakers: Peter Vacca, Kevin Wilcock, Robert Homes, Martyn Webb & Others

Wollongong

18th & 19th May 2007

To book in phone Central Church on 4226 6366

Cost is \$10.00 registration + \$10.00 for lunch

Speakers: Martin Web, Kevil Wilcock & Gary Althorp

Newcastle

5th to 6th October

Life Church on 4961 0211

GLOBE REACH CONFERENCES

Philippines

9th - 10th February 2007 Speakers: Kev Wilcock

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Myanmar - Burma

20th - 21st March 2007

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Cambodia

May 2007 (TBC)

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Any senior ministers wanting to come and minister at these conference or anyone wanting to support Kevin on these trips, please contact him for more details..

The cost of each Asian Conference costs approximately \$3000.00.

Next Friends in Ministry

NEWCASTLE

When: Saturday 20th January 2007
Time: 8:00am to 12:30pm
Where: 15 Denison Street, Newcastle West
To Book: Life Church Ph 4961 0211
Cost: \$10.00
Speakers: Greg Biddell, Kevin Wilcock & Gary Althorp

There will be Friends in Ministry and Ozreach Conferences in Melbourne and possibly Adelaide in 2007

FIJI MISSION

Peter Schultz after spending two years in jail himself for a white collared crime, God has placed a great heart in Peter for those in the same situation. Peter serves within the prisons of Fiji. He is doing an outstanding work among these men. Those interested in supporting him or having him speak, he has a great testimony of God's saving power.

Peter has just returned in the midst of the coop with his family for Christmas

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Giving Into OZREACH

If anyone would like the opportunity to give into OzReach for the work for our missions, church planting and building please either post a cheque made out to Outreach Australia

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A Relationship of Churches & Ministries

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Please note, This is the 11th year this newsletter has been in monthly circulation going out to over 100 different churches since October 1995. From now on all of those that have given us their email address will only receive the newsletter via email and not through the post. Hope this is OK. If not give the office a call on (02) 4961 0211.

WARNING SERIES

Jesus along with all of His encouragement gave a number of warnings. He warned us against the Pharisees (the religious and self righteous). He warned us about false prophets. Paul warned us of wolves and people who would distort the truth (Acts 20). Paul also made many warnings to Timothy and even named trouble makers.

John warned us of malicious gossip and controllers. (3 John 9). All of these problem people lived within the church. I think I have encountered them all at some time. As positive as we want to be, we can nevertheless avoid dealing with difficult and dangerous people who's sole purpose is to destroy and make difficult the work of God.

Bird, yeast, weeds and wolves.

When I first read Matthew 13:31-33: *"He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches.'* He told them still another parable: *'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough.'*" I use to think as a new Christian, how great is the Kingdom of God that it grows so big that the birds of the air can perch in it and yeast can work its way through the whole batch. The only thing I didn't realise is that the birds of the air and yeast and weeds mentioned in these parables were always symbols of the devil, his attitude and his workers. (Matthew 13:4, 18, Matthew 13:25-28 and Matthew 13:38)

YEAST

That is why Jesus said in Matthew 16:6: *"Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."* The yeast being the teaching, belief, mindset, attitude and lifestyle of the Pharisees and Sadducees. An understanding of a modern day Pharisee is simply a believer that knows all the truths of

God's word but for various reasons has become hard of heart, religious in behaviour, self righteous in attitude and self absorbed in interest, proud, stubborn and barren.

Once this influence gets in, it poisons an individual, a church or a community. I remember the day I went for a swim in a fresh water river. I stepped on something, within minutes my leg was going crazy with pain and shaking. I got to my car and sped to the ambulance station. By now my whole body was shaking. Before I knew it I was being rushed to the hospital. I was given a couple of shots of the happy gas to reduce the pain which by now was running right through my body. It was a bullroter that stung me (fresh water stonefish). It just amazed me how one little prick (no pun intended) with a bit of poison could affect my whole body.

WOLVES

Paul after faithfully pastoring a church in Ephesus, upon leaving, left them with a warning: *"I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears."* (Acts 20:29-31) Wolves will come and people from your own numbers will rise up with wrong intent. Meaning they will be believers that are twisted, deceived with bad attitude and beliefs. What's interesting is they will not spare the flock because deep down they don't care for the flock just their own opinions. In regard to deception, they don't come up with something new. They take a truth and slightly distort it, that's what heresies consist of, truth that is distorted. The other thing this passage enlightens us to is their quest to draw disciples after themselves, not Jesus. Christianity is not a cult but sadly within pockets of Christianity there are numerous acts of cultish behaviour.

BIRDS & WEEDS

Getting back to what Jesus said about the birds of the air, perching themselves within local churches, never fully being involved or committed, certainly not submitted. They wait for the opportunities to work their stuff of stealing seeds from non Christians and young Christians. They are like weeds planted among the wheat that the enemy has defiled and assigned to ruin the Body of Christ. They are in every church. Dealing with them is not always easy. As it says in Matthew 13:28-29, in dealing with them you can disturb others around you who do not quite understand what is really happening.

So what can we do?

1. Be on your guard and be careful

This warning is all the way through the Word of God, and we should teach and pass the warning onto our people. Jesus did in Matthew 16:6, Paul did in Acts 20:29 and 1 Timothy 1:3-5. John did in 3 John:1, James did in James 4:11, Peter did in 2 Peter 2 and so must you in your discipleship and shepherding of God's people.

2. Teach the truth of God's Word

When people are constantly hearing truth and seeing God's attitude they will be more like the banker who is constantly handling the real thing and can more easily detect the counterfeit, they too will easily detect error. Don't only teach the things that tickle the ears of the Saints (2 Timothy 4:3-4) but teach the tough things as well. Paul did in Acts 14:22 and he told Timothy to correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and careful instructions (2 Timothy 4:2). When we do this, we build maturity and stability into peoples lives. *"Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming."* (Ephesians 4:14)

3. Have nothing to do with them 1 Corinthians 15:33

"Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." This Scripture is not referring to hanging with non Christians, but Christian's that are being deceived. The Word of God gives many warnings in regard to these type of people. 2 Timothy 3:5-7: *Having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.*

We need to try at first to help these people that are caught in heresy, bad attitude, slander and gossip, but be careful not to entertain their words as it can be like poison in your spirit and soul. Keep yourself clean, alive and well, for you are created for the things of God, His plans and His purposes for your life.

Love Kevin

P.S. The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith (1 Timothy 1:5)

February Newsletter - Warning Series Part 2

Jezebels, Matriarchs and other controlling strongholds.

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