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I see during times when God is highlighting areas within His body we tend to swing the pendulum too far like when the home church model was rising in the 90's or the missional model that is rising now. People wanted to throw away the Sunday public meeting in the light of the new thing but that wasn't what God was saying! He was simply highlighting home church model to increase discipleship and with the missional model he wanted the church to missionalise itself into the community and unpack the gospel more effectively.

People's lack of passion for the public meeting comes from their lack of understanding and revelation. Over the next few letters I'm going to be encouraging you on your corporate gathering and not to neglect them for the highlights.

Take Praise and Worship

For example, we sometimes don't enter in to praise and worship or get passionate about it because we don't understand it. Some think it is a show that we can be spectators in. Some think it is just cocktails before dinner, take it or leave it. But praise and worship in a corporate setting is a powerful thing which we should not just quickly dismiss or take lightly.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

What is it all about, numbers of people never really enter into praise and worship because they never fully understand what it is really all about. The truth is if we really did, the worship leader wouldn't have to try to motivate us and would have trouble stopping us.

Why praise Him

1. We are actually created for the praise of His glorious grace. Ephesians 1:6.

If we didn't praise and worship God it would be something else we would worship whether some mute statue or some material possession. We are spirit and must connect to our Creator in a spiritual way. Jesus said that if we didn't praise Him the very rocks would cry out because all of creation longs for redemption and connection to the Creator. You can read of this in Romans 8:12-27.

2. Praise and worship attracts God.

Psalm 22:3 God is enthroned with the praises of His people. It is not that He is needy or lacks encouragement but like us He goes where he is celebrated and not just tolerated. There are seven words for praise in the bible and this one, the one used in Psalm 22:3 means that God inhabits praise. In other scriptures God is actually involved and felt in praise and worship, for in 2Chronicles 5:13-14 the Glory cloud was seen in the temple due to their praise and the priests couldn't continue their service or stay standing but had to sit because the Glory of the Lord filled the temple.

3. He is worthy.

The bottom line is He is worthy. We might not fully realise that in our earthly state but so strong the reality be of Him in heaven will be that we will struggle to cease our worship. *"the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."* Revelation 4:10-11

4. Praise releases joy.

In Psalm it says a number of times to sing for joy. It is like it sets off a chemical inside of our soul that releases joy and the Bible says the joy of the Lord is my strength. Praising people will be strong people, enduring people, because they have a joy that the world didn't give and the world can't take away.

5. It is one expression of thanks to Him.

6. It keeps our heart and mind on Him and off the problems and worries of life.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

7. Praise causes the enemy to flee

Psalm 68 says "let God arise and His enemies will be scattered. Let God arise in our hearts and values. Let us declare His greatness and goodness in the midst of our problems. Sometimes

we are so busy talking and lifting up the problem. The bible says to magnify the Lord. Make God big in your life, because praise is:

The language of faith
The utterance of heaven
The song of the supernatural

Praise, will lift you from the problem and into the realm of God's word. It is often the last thing you feel like doing but the very thing you need to do. There is a great story that really amplifies this principle in 2Chronicles 20:1-2.

The problem – The Moabites and Ammonites declare war on Israel. (2Chronicles 20:2-12). The Israelites prepared themselves by enquiring of the Lord. They also fasted and prayed and got their hearts right. One of the reasons some people struggle to enter in, is they never prepare themselves. In verse 15 the proper perspective came about.

The reality – which was the battle is not yours but the Lords. Praise brings all things into perspective, because it declares the truth of God's word and not just the facts of life. It would be great if we just learn to live in that perspective. The perspective that:

God is on the throne and that Jesus is Lord of all;

That His name is above every other and the greater one lives in me;

That I can do all things in Christ;

That by His stripes I am healed;

That he has destroyed the work of the enemy;

If that is the truth and it is – then praise Him. Proclaim His goodness and faithfulness.

The answer—In verses 22-24 the Israelites praised God and the enemy was set in confusion and destroyed each other. Moses lifted his hand to the Lord, (a form of praise & surrender). The battle turned, the enemy surrendered and the battle become a victory.

Joshua marched around Jericho for seven days blowing his horn and shouting, again another form of praise.

The city that was tightly shut up, opened up as praise went forth. So it will over people's lives that are closed to the Gospel and communities that are oppressed by forces of darkness. We will see breakthrough as we worship.

"Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds. May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands, to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron, to carry out the sentence written against them. This is the glory of all his saints. Praise the LORD."

Psalm 149:5-9

Gideon also caused the enemy to flee as 300 of Gideon's people blew the trumpet and smashed the jars.

Paul and Silas, who were in an inner cell, bound up, began to praise God. Their chains came loose and the prison door opened. The situation totally turned around. I remember a YWAM leader telling us that they needed 2 million dollars to pay for a property, but God gave them a song. Yes, they needed 2 million dollars and God gave them a song. So they sang it to God.

We summon your power oh God. Show us your strength as you have done before!

God moved in their situation and met their need.

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P.s.

Kevin has written some notes on praise and worship leading can be sent by email to anyone interested just email: info@lifechurch.org.au to receive your copy.

A DAY IN THE LIFE 24HR EXPRESS @ LIFE

Will be on the 18th September 2009 playing at Soapbox will be Vince Jones

24hr express is a 24hr experience for ministers & leaders that will give you a missional approach to church. You will experience a Soapbox night where some of the best muso's in Australia play. It will have its own bar and restaurant. Then you'll serve in Soul Café among the needy of Newcastle. You will also get to see an art exhibition, attend A.A. and spend time with Kev talking about the whole missional church and what that means to you, your church and your community.

For more information and accommodation suggestions contact Life Church office on 4961 0211 or Kevin Wilcock on 0407 467 798.

Our next 24hr Express will be in Sept 18 & 19 with SOAPBOX-Vince Jones + Art Expo with Joyce Wilcock

	<p>VINCE JONES Fri 18th SEPTEMBER Show 8.00pm \$45 Ph 4961 0211 soapbox@lifechurch.org.au Licensed restaurant opens @ 6pm</p> <p>soapbox café</p> <p>Jazz - funk - R&B</p> <p>15 Denison Street Newcastle West</p>		<p>LIFE GALLERY PRESENTS JOYCE WILCOCK</p> <p>Joyce has had two solo exhibitions: "A Felt Experience" in 1991 and "Felt Journeys" in 1992, both held at the Art Arena gallery in Wollongong. Other exhibitions, both local and throughout NSW, have included works in oil paintings, drawings and handmade felts.</p> <p>SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2PM TO 4PM @ LIFE</p>
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<p>kere buchanan starting over live</p> <p><i>featuring</i> steve clisby / james tuialii / michelle martinez bill risby / alexander hewetson / chris kamzelas james muller / craig walters / tony azzopardi <i>members of the bodacious cowboys</i></p> <p><i>plus</i> steve clisby & bill risby performing songs from their debut album <i>golden ring</i></p> <p>friday october 23rd @ soapbox café 15 denison street newcastle west 8.00pm \$45</p>	<p>LIFE GALLERY PRESENTS ROS ELKIN</p> <p>"In the Garden" Dedicated to Bill Elkin & his work at Soul Cafe</p> <p>Ros' work is very diverse with linocut, photography and other medias used in her artwork.</p> <p>SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2PM TO 4PM @ LIFE</p>	<p>life gallery</p>
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GlobeReach some of the works we support overseas

Cambodia—Donna Byham

On the first of this month, the first of the Joshua House boys married. Damson married his former English teacher, Jane, in the US surrounded by her friends and family. Mr & Mrs Huon enjoyed their special day and are understandably very happy. Sorry no photo's yet.

Praise God that all the Year 9 students passed their exams achieving their junior high diploma. They and the other school aged students are currently enjoying a three week break with their families before returning to Phnom Penh on 24th August. It is a well deserved break and the House Parents are thankful it has been a good year for most.

Hum Reach who last month had a severe infection of his gall bladder is now well and remains on medication for his heart which is the last remaining organ to recover fully. Thank you for your prayers.

We have found a new house for the Deborah House family. It is of similar size to the old place but closer to Joshua House and not prone to flooding.

The Year 12 students will be receiving their results on 21st August when they find out if they are able to attend their desired Uni course. One student, Channa has decided to leave Joshua House and return to his home in the country-side. While we are sad to see him leave, we wish him well for his

future plans which may or may not include further study.

Deborah House parents are facing a difficult decision as there are three places currently available for new students but they have four students who have applied.

Please keep Donna, Deborah House and Joshua House and the house parents in your prayers as we have just read there is a lot to pray for.



Donna Byham

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Bali—Michael & Bianca Zeitsch

Hello there dear family and friends!

Wow another couple of months have flown by! These two months have been quite busy yet productive. We are currently on book two of language and next month we will start book 3. It has been great to feel improvement and be able to share and speak with the locals now.

A team from CS Australia came here in July and Michael had the opportunity to join them on a trip to Chili Island to serve the people through medical clinics and running a surf competition for the locals. He has also built some great friendships with a bunch of local grommies (surfers) which is a real answer to Pr as we really want to reach out to the surfing community here.

It is really great to see how Papa uses bad situations for good. Our house was recently broken into and our laptop and video camera were stolen but it was so

amazing to see the support we had from our community. Within 20 minutes we had nearly every man in the desa (village) on our front lawn ready to investigate and lend a hand in catching the thief, they were really concerned about us and many people have already offered us their dogs for protection!

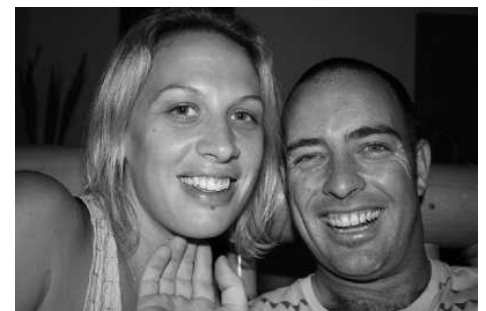
Papa has really been stretching and sharpening us heaps these past two months but we really feel so blessed to be serving him here.

In the last month or two I have had a little project going where I am in the process of helping my neighbours who are quite underprivileged make some extra dough to help their families buy rice and necessities. One of my friends does sewing at home. She sews beads on clothes that are shipped out to Australia and I was so shocked to find out that per shirt (which takes approx 6 to 8 hours to sew) she only gets paid \$1.00!

I was reminded by the wise saying of give a man a fish and he will eat for one day but teach a man to fish and he will eat forever. So I have started to buy materials for them to start making good quality greeting cards, something that is lacking over here and I know they will generate business here and also in Australia. All the profits will go directly to them to help them provide food for their families so I will keep you updated when they are up and running.

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A FEW IMPORTANT GUIDELINES WHEN EMAILING MICHAEL & BIANCA

When we write our newsletters we will use code words. For example Papa = God, Mate = Jesus, Pr = prayer Please try not to use any lingo that will link us with work in Bali—saying Indonesia is fine but no reference to work.

Please NEVER use the word 'missionary' in anything sent to us.

Sorry about all the criteria but we just don't want to jeopardize what great work papa is doing over here and also be put in jail!





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High School Ministry—Angelo—Newcastle

There are currently over 400 high schools and 1200 primary schools in the state of NSW and due to legislation from the NSW government allowed to have a period of SRE for up to one hour per week. What a miracle of the provision and power of God! It reminds me of the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem.

An amazing event happened before Jesus triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus sends his disciples to prepare a colt for his entrance. Matt 21:2-3 *"He told them, 'Go into the next village, where you will at once find a donkey and her colt. Untie the two donkeys and bring them to me. If anyone asks why you are doing that, just say, 'The Lord needs them.' Right away he will let you have the donkeys."*

In Matt 21:6 *"The disciples left and did what Jesus had told them to do."* The disciples did what Jesus told them.

This event teaches us two principals:

- ◆ God always prepares a way to present Jesus to the world (donkey)
- ◆ We have to be obedient to prepare that way (untie and bring)

I strongly believe that God has prepared the way to present Jesus to a hungry world and that is through SRE. However, it is still our faith to believe when the world asks us: *"What are you doing?"* we reply: *"The Lord has need of this."* We need to use SRE not as an end but the way we show the world that Jesus is not just King but Saviour.

These verses end with Jesus going to the temple and after he cleared, it to focus on prayer the Pharisees complained about the child (who has followed him all the way from the roadside) who continued to sing praises to Jesus. We need to meet children at the crossroads of their lives and let them come to the house of God (Church). For Jesus said: *"Don't you know that the Scriptures say,... Children and infants will sing praises?"* Matt

21:16b

It has been my privilege to work with local churches in local towns across the state and assist them to implement SRE Scripture. I am currently working with Tamworth, Junee, Cooma, Coonabarabran, Binnaway, Narromine, Trundle, Tullamore, Tottenham, Trangie, Dubbo, Gilgandra, Coolah, Baradine, Warren, Manilla, Barraba, churches in regard to see SRE in their local areas.

Over 75% of people who are Christians declare that they began their journey with Jesus Christ between the ages of 5 and 17. The one place we have access to all these aged children, is school and we have an open door to go to them and not talk about our faith, but declare the whole gospel of grace and truth through Christ Jesus alone.



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Mackay—Peter Loosmore—traveling evangelist

During active service in Vietnam I remember saying *"God if you are real, please look after me."* Ten years after returning home safe I was challenged by the words *"Go tell the world the good news."* That call to preach the good news was thirty years ago. Over that time a handful of men have been instrumental in influencing, impacting and encouraging me in that call. It gives me great delight in saying Kevin Wilcock is one of those men (thanks a million Kev). Over the years I have kept my message as simple as I first heard it myself. *"Jesus died for my sins."* I am now not guilty. The last words of Jesus on the cross were: *"It is finished."* He had shed His blood, paid the price, took our shame, built and condemnation. That day 2000 years ago grace (undeserved, unearned, unmerited

favour of God) exploded over the universe and declared to the powers of darkness, mankind is not guilty. It is my conviction that I live on the planet to get that message out. In Acts 13 the apostle Paul preaches, the people then begged Him to return the following week and preach that message again. The next week almost the entire city gathered to hear the message. What was that message? I want you to know that through Jesus there is grace and forgiveness of sins." As I have taken the gospel and my story to Australia, Philippines, New Zealand and South Africa people experience forgiveness, healings and miracles. I minister sent out from my local church CCC Mackay Queensland (of which my wife and I have been members for 30 years) to local

churches within Australia and overseas. I am a full time itinerate minister.

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EVANGELISTS

Are a gift to the body and over my years of building the local church I have always had the privilege of seeing many people come to faith and all of the churches I have pastored have had a high conversion rate. One of the keys I believe I do is invite an evangelist into the place to impart soul winning into the heart of the people. Peter is one of those evangelists who has God's heart for lost people.

Kevin

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KEVIN WILCOCK

Kevin has pioneered and pastored a number of growing churches. Kevin's realness and ability to relate to the Australian culture has allowed him to travel extensively across the nation and beyond.



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