



# *Hawkesbury Church of Christ*

*Meeting at 23 Bosworth Street Richmond*

*Worship 10.00am. Bible Study 11.15am*

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**Covid is still with us so mask wearing is encouraged during worship.**

### **Reflection**

#### **Spice Up Your Faith**

“I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.” **Matthew 17:20**

Jesus said that even mustard-seed-size faith can move mountains. Think about that. You don't have to have big, big faith to achieve big, big results. You only have to have a little bit of faith because faith is like a seed that is genetically programmed for growth. Growth will happen as long as it's planted in favorable soil.

The mustard seed that Jesus referred to is probably black mustard, growing from a tiny seed that produces a huge bush, sprouting yellow flowers, and climbing to a height of up to eight feet.

I like how one source puts it when describing where to plant black mustard: “Disturbed areas are preferred.” Though I knew the phrase had a technical definition, I couldn't help it but laugh when I read it because our own faith needs to be planted right in the middle of life's disturbances. After all, why would we need faith if everything was already perfect and if everybody belonged to God?

Of course, faith is far different than wishful thinking. Wishing is simply wanting something badly enough to hope we will get it. The focus is on *What we want*. Faith, on the other hand, is not focused on us or our wants but on *what God wants* for us. It's a Spirit - inspired gift that we put to work in tandem with God's promises. For instance in **Matthew 6:30**, Jesus said that the God who cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow will surely care for us. So we can count on it. God's promised

provision frees us from chronic worry so we can focus our energy on seeking his Kingdom rather than ours, placing ourselves in the centre of his will.

- This is an Excerpt from: Becoming a Woman at Peace.  
(Elenoa Rogonasau – Bulletin editor)

### **Prayers**

Dennis Rayner, Bev & Brian Robinson, Geoff Hatch, Sephron & Albina Joram and Paula Johnson. Israel & Elenoa as they continue their outreach work. Our church family, the saints throughout the world, the people of Ukraine and all who are in crisis.

### **Ladies Roster for June**

Month	Lord's Supper & Morning Tea
June	Wendy Laing and Jeanette Hatch
July	Bev Robinson and Angela Beetge

### **NEWS**

Israel and Elenoa continue their Christian outreach work visiting families in need and providing food parcels. The need is great and any help that we, as a congregation, can give would be very much appreciated.

Brian Robinson came home from hospital on Thursday. To stay away from any infection that may be in the hospital, the doctor said Brian should be at home as he had completed his treatment of anti biotics. We pray that God gives Bev strength to continue the wonderful care she gives Brian.

Paula Johnson sent a beautiful message to us. She is still missing her Mumma very much. She sends her love to us all and was happy to write that she and Andrew have purchased a home in Claremont, Hobart, with an amazing view. (pictured below). She wrote that it is an older house with much potential. I replied to Paula telling her how much we loved her and wished her and Andrew the very best in beautiful Hobart.



*To God be the Glory.*