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*What if to
No matter what*

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'WHAT IF' TO 'NO MATTER WHAT'

Ben Delaney

I have many strange habits. One of those habits is when I go to a new restaurant, I am willing to try different things on the menu but once I find something that I like, I will always order that particular dish any time that I go to that particular restaurant.



My wife on the other hand seems to like to try something new every time we go anywhere, whether that is food or drink, which totally blows my mind.

I like to think to myself that I don't try new things because I'm trying to be wise and responsible with my finances and not waste money by trying something that I might not like. However, the truth be told, I'm probably not being wise, but rather I'm worried about the 'what if'.

What if I don't like the taste?

What if it's not as good as what I could have had?

What if I order something that I don't like and then have to sit there and

watch my wife eat something delicious that I really wanted and instead I'm stuck with this experimental goop?



What if?

I think we often allow the 'what if' into our lives. We say to ourselves that it is wisdom to listen to the 'what if' when in reality we are allowing fear to dictate our decision.

What if I'm rejected?

What if this doesn't work?

What if I get hurt or sick?

What if that giant problem destroys everything?

God wants us not to be governed by the 'what if' but rather the '**no matter what**'.

- *No matter what, God can use it for our good and his glory.*
- *No matter what, God is faithful and working, even when I don't see it.*
- *No matter what, God will never leave you nor forsake you.*
- *No matter what, God will use everything for our good*

- *No matter what God is our healer and our provider.*
- *No matter what, God can slay every giant.*


No matter what.

Paul says to Timothy, '**for God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind**'. (2 Timothy 1:7) God calls us to make decisions by faith and trust him. God is calling us to live a life of boldness and courage, trusting God 'no matter what'!

SOME DISHES FROM INDONESIA | Which ones would you like to try?



BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST



August Happy Birthday!

10 Hedy	19 Sharon	31 Caleb
12 Reece	21 Nev	31 Nick
15 Oliver	24 Brian	31 Tony N
17 Jenny S	28 Bill	

"I thank my God every time I remember you." Phil 1:3

Celebrating birthdays is one way we can honour the gift of life God has given each of us. Happy Birthday from us!
Your birthday not showing up? Tell us when your birthday is so we can celebrate with you.

DIARY DATE REMINDERS	
2 ND AUG	BICC Prayer Breakfast – 7:30am @BCUC
2 ND AUG	Intercessory Prayer (Tamil Group) – 6:30pm
17 TH AUG	Music Practice – 12-2pm
30 TH AUG	AMOS – 2pm
UPCOMING	
22 ND NOV	Norwood Christmas Pageant!



SUNDAYS FOR EVERYONE

BF KIDS

During the main teaching segment of the service every Sunday, BF Kids runs a primary school program that encourages children to know how much Jesus loves them, and learn about the Word of God through games and bible stories.

10:40 GROUP

10:40 invites High School students to learn about Christian foundations, explore relevant topics and gain a deeper understanding through games and Q&A, what it means to follow Jesus in high school.

10:40 Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, and on other weeks they are sometimes encouraged to help with Kid's Church.

CRECHE/FAMILY ROOM

During the service, little bubs, crawlers and toddlers are invited to the Family Area in the rear hall where they engage partly with the Kid's Church program and partly in free, unstructured, supervised play. A video stream of the service and facilities for changing and feeding are available there. 3 members of our team will be there to look after your little ones if you wish to return to the auditorium.

Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord

3 | Jim Derrington

10 | Ben Delaney

17 | Ben Delaney

24 | Alf Chehade

31 | Jim Derrington



August

Teaching Series



August

1 □ Lk 13:1-9 | Pr 1

2 □ Lk 13:10-21 | Pr 2

3 □ Lk 13:22-35 | Pr 3

4 □ Lk 14:1-14 | Pr 4

5 □ Lk 14:15-24 | Pr 5

6 □ Lk 14:25-35 | Pr 6

7 □ Lk 15:1-10 | Pr 7

8 □ Lk 15:11-32 | Pr 8

9 □ Lk 16:1-9 | Pr 9

10 □ Lk 16:10-18 | Pr 10:1-16

11 □ Lk 16:19-31 | Pr 10:17-32

12 □ Lk 17:1-10 | Pr 11:1-15

13 □ Lk 17:11-19 | Pr 11:16-31

14 □ Lk 17:20-37 | Pr 12:1-14

15 □ Lk 18:1-8 | Pr 12:15-28

16 □ Lk 18:9-17 | Pr 13:1-12

17 □ Lk 18:18-30 | Pr 13:13-25

18 □ Lk 18:31-43 | Pr 14:1-18

19 □ Lk 19:1-10 | Pr 14:19-35

20 □ Lk 19:11-27 | Pr 15:1-17

21 □ Lk 19:28-38 | Pr 15:18-33

22 □ Lk 19:39-48 | Pr 16:1-16

23 □ Lk 20:1-8 | Pr 16:17-33

24 □ Lk 20:9-19 | Pr 17:1-14

25 □ Lk 20:20-26 | Pr 17:15-28



CONNECT

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PRAY
— — —



'ENCOURAGE'
MEN'S CONNECT

7.30P
FORTNIGHTLY
TUESDAYS

ANDREW JENKINS

GLENSIDE
7.30P
2ND & 4TH
WEDNESDAYS

ALLY/ALF
CHEHADE

— — —
DISCUSS
— — —

TALKING TUESDAY'
(WOMEN)
10.00A
FORTNIGHTLY
TUESDAYS

BRON LANGMAN

'FLOURISH'
(WOMEN)
7.00P
FORTNIGHTLY
WEDNESDAYS

SHARON
JENKINS

TAMIL
6.30P
2ND SATURDAYS
DAISY & KUMAR

— — —
BELONG
— — —

2025

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August 2025

July '25

September '25

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Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	9.20a Prayer 10a Worship Gathering BF Kids & 10:40 Group	28	w2 29 9.00a Prayer 10a Talking Tuesday	30 7.00p Flourish Connect	31	1 5.15p Kids Club/Youth	2 7.30a BICC Prayer @BCUC 6.30p Intercess. Prayer
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AUGUST SUNDAY TEAM

Teaching Team			Kids Ministry			Music Team (see elvanto for musicians)		Service Team				Hospitality Team		
Sermon	Com-munion	Chair/Notices	Kid's Church	Helper / Creche	10:40 Group	Sound Desk	Media Desk	Comm Serving	Welcome	Collection	Count	Lock Up	Kitchen	Comm Prep
Jim Derrington	Renee Allen	Ben		Andrew	-	Brian	Brandon	Jeff Leonie Michelle Ally C	Sharon Andrew	Benjamin Mark H	Jeff James	Nick	Alice Leonie	Alice
				Laura										
Ben Delaney	Brian Raynor	Alf		Jim Elizabeth	Mel & Ally C	James	Andrew	Sharon Jim Carol Liz D	Ally C Lisa	Annabelle Ally T	Aaron Devinder	Brian	Jelita Carol	Sharon
Ben Delaney	Nick Chehade	Jim		Lyn Joshua	-	Jeremy	Elizabeth	Jenny S Mark H Renee Sheila	Tony Vicki	Beth Amayah	Sheila Keming	Mark H	Alice Brian	Liz D
Alf Chehade	Bron Langman	Jim		Sharon James	Ben	Joshua	Annabelle	Andrew Sharon Michelle Ally C	Monica Aaron	Aaron Ally T	Andrew Monica	Andrew	Ally C Carol	Helene
Jim Derrington	Devinder Raju	Ben		Michelle Jeremy	-	Brian	Sheila	Jeff Leonie Tony Vicki	Liz D Donovan	Grace Amy	Jenny S Leonie	Jim	Renee Ryan/Keming	Jenny S

Thank you for serving the Lord, and blessing our Church family. If you need to swap with someone, please contact another person directly. A copy of the roster is up on the bulletin board.
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INDONESIA DIARIES

Ally Chehade

Part 1

(7th July)

The Indonesia trip has been wonderful! Mavis and I came first, a few days before our church people came to make sure there was equipment there to start the activities we would be doing for the beautiful children. My heart melts every time I look at them. The little ones especially. They are absolutely adorable. They look up with their big brown eyes and talk to me. All I want to do is hug them. I usually do! There are about five babies up to university kids. Around 45 kids in all. Everyone has a story.



Carol has spent every day with the older girls, teaching them to sew. They have made little skirts. Our thinking was that they could take these to a market and make money. But they have made skirts for themselves and scrunchies for their hair to match. Tomorrow they want to learn to make pillowcases. It's been hot, so the girls make sure

Carol has one or two fans on her to keep her going. And when Carol moves, the fans go with her! The girls are good learners. Some of them will be able to carry it on and keep teaching the others.

Sheila has taught others to make greeting cards. We brought with us an embossing machine for them and they have loved doing that. We've also taught them making necklaces and bracelets. I've usually worked with the 4-6 year-olds doing novelty chocolate creations, like little mars bar cars or cup-and-saucers from tic-toc biscuits etc. I always have to stop them from eating them until I've taken a photo. It's very hard! Everyday I do something different with the little ones. I bring in my bag of goodies and they can't wait.



Jim has taken the boys and played sport and being a retired sports teacher, he's got so much up his sleeve to do with them. He has taken sessions with the boys and spoken into their lives. Sheila has done the same with the girls.

Catherine is with us from Knightsbridge church and she has spent time praying with the staff individually and with the kids and working with the kids on craft. She was born in Malaysia, so she can speak the language. A lot of the words are similar.

So you can guess that we're feeling full and overflowing with joy and blessings. We have worship every afternoon at 4:00 for an hour and their singing is heavenly. We've all shared something. It's a lovely time together. After that, we have dinner and head for home, exhausted but satisfied.



We're mostly in bed by 8:30-9pm, wake up early, have breakfast together and then the van comes to pick us up at 9:30am to take us to the orphanage for another full day.

The food at the orphanage has been so delicious. They did a deep-fried chicken (Colonel Sanders eat your heart out.) It was so much better! Very tasty food and lots of it. The kids eat the same as us. They make a different fruit juice every day. We've had rock melon, honeydew melon, avocado, and watermelon.

Ben Bonython arrived yesterday. We were early back to the hotel because there was torrential rain from around 2pm and through the evening. The roads were flooded. We were out at the supermarket buying things for the Australian dinner we are putting on tomorrow night for the kids. We were going to go back to the orphanage, but the rain was so bad they just took us back to the hotel.

Ben, Mavis and her daughter Allison, who came with us are flying out to Solo, a smaller village, where Allison was born and Mavis started out. These guys are going for 4 days. Then on Friday, Ben's wife (and my daughter), Bec, their 3 young-adult kids and two girls from Stirling church will arrive here to start their adventure with the orphanage. And on Saturday my son Michael and his wife Melissa and their 3 kids will arrive here from Colorado USA.

Part 2

(18th July)

Last Friday, Bec and her kids, plus two girls from Stirling church arrived in Indonesia. It was lovely to see them all! The next day our son Michael, his wife Melissa and their 3 kids arrived. It was so good to see and hug them all. However, Melissa's suitcase got lost in transit, so we were devastated because she had lots of medical supplies for teaching and training in there. On Tuesday, Michael got

a phone call to say the luggage is at Jakarta airport. So he got a BlueBird (Uber) to get there, but it's 2-3hrs one way with good traffic. He left at 10 and got back at 4. The driver stayed with him. He couldn't speak English and Mike couldn't speak Indonesian but they got on really well!

The next day was Sunday. Bec spoke at the church, a really lively church. She did a great job. Then they fed us dinner.

Monday, we arrived at the orphanage again. This week has been completely different from the last lot of Adelaide folk. Firstly the kids at the orphanage are back at school. So Ben, Bec, Melissa and all the kids had rooms to paint. They started in the babies' room. They had to sand it back and then start painting. It was fantastic how they all worked. Some of the uni students were still on holidays so they were able to help as well. Then they started the other four rooms. Ben and Joshua have been champions, just working till it's finished. At this moment they are on the home run with the last room.



Michael is an ex-mechanic, so he started on the motorbikes. Then the big van and two smaller vans. Great job! It's a boy-thing to work together on cars. So lots of the lads helped out or watched.

It's been wonderful working alongside the kids and our kids. Mia and the team lead an Alpha course with the older ones in the afternoon. And at 5pm every evening, they have chapel where the older lot of our family have spoken. God has used these kids to minister in wonderful ways to the children and they've done a very good job.



Melissa, (her medical kits and extra supplies having arrived safe and sound) had a session with all the workers. Femi said it was the first time they have ever had first aid training. Last night she had a brand new blood pressure machine given to them. So Melissa has spent today taking firstly the staff's blood pressure and hearing their heart, then asking questions about their sight. She has come across a few with poor eyesight and wants to get them glasses for

magnification only. Hopefully they can buy them over the counter. She has checked most of the kids. It's been a blessing to have her do this. Ava, Allegra from Stirling church, and Eliza have spent a lot of time with the babies and it is so cute to see them playing and chatting with them. I keep saying are you going to take one home? Your parents would love another one!

In the afternoon most of the kids have been playing sport. They love soccer and badminton. But most of all they love volleyball. Our kids play as well and they love to call them out when they do a mistake. Mia gives them heaps as well. They say in their language, "Mia kalah!" which means loser. She yells out, "NO. Mia number 1!"



Saturday is our last day at the orphanage. Hopefully if it doesn't rain like last time, we will have a farewell evening with the kids. Because I've been here for a month, I think I'll be a mess of tears. I'll miss them a lot. They know when they see me they get a hug and I think they love it. One girl is extremely shy; the first few days she was like a board, but now she hugs me. Like I said before, they all have a sad story. I still find it hard. But it's an orphanage full of love.

Thursday we leave for home. We arrive Friday morning. Mavis has been thrilled with both the teams. She is very happy with the overall outcome of the mission. Each team brought with it different purposes, different activities, and a different atmosphere. But they were both incredibly rewarding in every way!

Thank you for all your prayers and support. This mission is a wonderful outreach for our church to be connected to. If you're thinking of coming next time - do! You won't regret it!





HAPPY ARRIVAL IN TANZANIA!

Pastor Daniel and his wife Mary welcomed a new baby daughter into the world on the 21st July! They have chosen to name her *Jenny* to celebrate the way God has brought them into connection with us as part of His plan. Mother and baby are doing well, but please pray for Mary, as she is recovering from caesarean section.



Also pray for the other three children, Namayana, Lazaro and Saruni as they welcome baby Jenny into their lives and adjust to the new family structure.

In other news, by joining forces with HealthServe Global, money sent by BFC will enable the pipeline to be built as soon as the Program Committee are satisfied that all the due diligence has been done. Please pray for Pastor Daniel as he has to respond to all the various requests for documentations and permission from appropriate authorities – all while also caring for and supporting Mary and the new baby!

Pray that the work can begin soon and we can seek God's provision for the beginning of the medical centre.

NORWOOD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – ADVANCE NOTICE!

While Christmas might still seem a way off, preparations for the Norwood Christmas Pageant 2025 have been well underway! The pageant will be held on Saturday **22nd November**. The churches of the Eastern Suburbs have a large prominent presence in the parade, which is only made possible with the efforts of many willing

volunteers. Please pray in the lead up to the pageant and please consider getting involved. It's always a fun day and well worth the effort in sharing the message of the gospel to our local community! More details are to come, but for more information, you can speak with Alf Chehade or Jeff Byerley.

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day in the name of Jesus to all
generations [as mission]

10.00A SUNDAY

Starting at 10.00a, we usually finish by 11.30a. You will be greeted at the door and receive our newsletter and invited to take a seat of your choice. Our gathering begins with music with words shown on a media screen.

During the service, we share in communion which reminds us of the death and life of Christ we share. An encouraging message from the Bible follows and afterwards, everyone is invited to the Back Hall for tea and coffee.

We have a video stream into the rear Hall we call our Family Room and a recording of the service is posted online each week.