

Sunday Service: The Blessing for Others

30.3.14

The Word:

- By our words things are established around our lives, and around our children's lives
- It doesn't mean that we are without struggle and hardship, but our confession is one of praise and an overcoming spirit
- The story of Martin Luther King Jr, was of a man who **went beyond himself** and stood up for justice and what he knew was right
- Jabez had a powerful prayer, saying, "Oh that the Lord would bless me...". The blessing of God comes when we have an honour of God
- The blessing of God should be the most coveted thing in our lives today
- There is a difference between favour and blessing. Favour is the unmerited favour of God, we didn't deserve it, probably thought we never needed it, but in God's grace he gave it freely
- Blessing is when God is choosing to express His special love toward us. It's provision, it's wealth, it's health, it's holding back pestilence and the devourer etc
- The blessing is not only for our personal benefit, but also for others so that they would desire it, and something of God for themselves
- When we acquire and carry the blessing of God, it was meant to overflow into society, into our communities, to our friends and our family
- The blessing of God is never the removal of hardship. Consider Joseph, though he was in the prison, the bible said he was **blessed**
- The blessing of God is not about the elevation of people, but rather about the elevation of the plan of God
- Joseph said, God has sent me ahead for you, **for the saving of many lives**. He knew the purpose, the reason for the blessing of God around his life, was primarily for the benefit of others

Key Scriptures

- Job 22v23-30: "If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up."
- Prov 8v7-8: "For my mouth with speak truth..."
- Gen 12v1-3: "I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing..."

Notes for the CG meeting: