A MELBOURNE MOMENT BY JOSHUA ZACHARIAS "BUT YE SHALL RECEIVE POWER..."ACTS 1:8

Pressing on!

"So just believing in God is not enough for salvation?" she said. She and her mother had been coming to church for a few weeks. After one service, she asked me if I would meet with her to answer her questions about the Bible. I met with her and her mom that week. As we talked, it became apparent that she did not realize that trusting in Christ was necessary for salvation, but I was able to explain that salvation comes when you put your confidence in Christ—not merely believe in God or about Jesus. She did not make a definite profession of faith, but I think she is close. (see prayer page)

Recap of April and May

Easter Evidences: The Lord blessed our Easter service with several guests. We prayed, distributed promotional material, and posted some videos giving evidences for Christ's resurrection online. I am thankful that the Lord used those efforts.

Youth Ministry: While the attendance has fluctuated, we have been plodding along with our youth Sunday School. We are now over half way through our first full quarter, and we have a youth rally coming up on 1 July! A team from Pensacola Christian College will be assisting us with the rally, and we have several churches who have contacted us about attending.

Young Adults: This coming Friday, we are launching a young adults' ministry. There is a handful of young adults at Calvary and a great need for godly fellowship and friends for this age group. Prayerfully, through this ministry, they will be encouraged and strengthened in their faith as well as motivated to serve and even introduce their friends to our church through our young adult meetings.

Meetings with Pastors: The last couple months, Pastor Manny has been introducing me to pastors in the area for me to glean insights about ministry in Australia. I've learned some valuable insights and gotten to make some good connections.

Charity store: Lately, I have been volunteering at a local charity shop on Wednesday afternoons. I thought this would be a good way to make connections and be a witness in the community. Interestingly, I was paired with another believer, Trevor, and a young teenager who has little understanding of God. Trevor and I have been witnessing to him.

Coming Up: I would appreciate your prayers!

Youth Rally: Please pray for the youth rally on 1 July. We would love to see a good number of teens and spiritual decisions for Christ.

Preaching opportunities: I have a few **outside speaking opportunities** in July: a young adults' camp, a church in regional Victoria, and a youth rally in Brisbane.

Online outreach: In the coming weeks and months, I plan to expand our **online outreach**. It really seems that this platform is an effective way to reach people here. I would appreciate your prayers for wisdom and guidance.

I am reminded of all of you who support, pray for, and encourage me in the ministry Down Under. I wish I could communicate to each of you on a more personal basis, but time does not allow. Please know that I appreciate you!

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