



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!

Sunday 21st October 2018

This morning 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall, including communion
Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans

*We offer a warm welcome to all visitors to our worship today
If you would like to know more about us, please ask one of the leaders*

Monday 6.45pm: Prayer time in the Church (*for one hour*)

Tuesday 7.00pm: House Group at Caroline's home
7.45pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline's home

Wednesday 9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall

Friday 2.30pm: "Dave Time" In the Church Quiet Room (*for one hour*)
5.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall
5.45pm: *Alpha* in the Church Quiet Room (*ends 7.00*)

Next Sunday 9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship
9.30am: Prayer meeting
10.00am: Tea and coffee
10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall
Worship: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Ian Johnson

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

Two very different Prophecies to two of the Disciples of Jesus.

To Peter: Luke 22:34 "Before the rooster crows in the morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." But in verse 32 Jesus says to Peter, "Remember this: after you have turned back to me and have been restored, make it your life mission to strengthen the faith of your brothers." (*The Passion Translation*)

To Judas (indirectly) Luke 22:21 "But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table." (*NIV*) and verse 22 "But there will be great and unending doom for the man who betrays me." (*Passion*) Matthew 26:24 "But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." (*NIV*)

They were both followers of Jesus, both Disciples and would both sin very gravely against Jesus so why did Peter have hope and Judas just doom? Well it's because Jesus knew their hearts and their motives.

What we learn about Peter from the Bible is that he had a sincere heart for God. His love for Jesus was real. He knew he was a sinner in need of salvation. Though Peter's actions may not have always been wise, the overall pattern of his relationship with Jesus was one of loyalty and faithfulness. He failed Jesus and denied Him while trying to prove his faithfulness, a failure that was the result of fear rather than

ulterior motives of disloyalty. His repentance after the fact was genuine, with a mournful weeping of having denied the Lord he loved. Peter was a man whose heart was right with his Lord, a man whose temporary downfall was caused by taking his eyes off of Jesus and trying to serve God in his own strength.

Unlike the love of Peter shown toward Christ, we find no such emotion coming from Judas, but rather a heart with a love for money. While Peter was sincere in his relationship with the Son of God, Judas was not. As Peter struggled to serve and follow Jesus in loyalty and faithfulness, Judas maintained a secret agenda in which Jesus was merely a means to assist in achieving his selfish objectives. The major difference between Peter and Judas was the contrast of hearts that conveyed itself in the actions of the two men. Peter was a genuine disciple and believer in Christ; the faith of Judas was false.

What we can learn today from Judas is to examine our own lives and our own walk with God. Why are we following Christ? Is our faith sincere? Do we really love Christ? Or do we have ulterior motives advanced by claiming the name of Christ? Though Judas followed Christ as a means to line his pocket with cash, many today may follow Jesus for other ulterior reasons. Be it fame, popularity, money, respect, power, or anything else, it is no different from the false faith of Judas if our belief is not sincere. We need to look at our hearts and ask ourselves if we really love Jesus.

Diary Dates

Friday 8th – Sunday 10th March 2019: Church Weekend at Ashburnham Place with Faith Forster & Ben Trigg

Saturday 3rd – 10th August 2019: Revive 2019 at Ashburnham Place – bookings open 30th October

Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. (3 John 2)