

## News and Prayer Letter 20 August 2018

**Prayer:**

Dear Lord help me to adjust my behaviour patterns to be inline with what You want of me and not to suit the world. Align my thoughts and renew my thoughts according to Your Word. Amen!

*“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.” Rom. 12:2 NLT*

**RESOURCES:**

**Bible Study: Renewed mindset**

*“A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matt. 22:39*

We all struggle with this in some or the other way. Who is our neighbour anyway? In which way are those who work for me or with me my neighbour?

**New thought pattern**

Let’s start with to *love someone as yourself*.

How much do I love myself? .....

Can I answer this in all honesty before God? .....

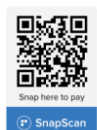
What would my wife or friends say about how much I love myself? .....

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How I see myself and how much I love myself compares with how I see my own identity. *Who am I?* Not what my name is or what I do, but who I am as a person. I have a body which determines my sex, tells my age and how healthy I am, but it still does not define my identity.

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1. C = CBMC Members and leaders, locally and internationally
2. O = One on one ministry; Men on our prayer cards, men we are busy discipling/OT
3. G = Government, locally and national
4. S = Self and needs of prayer partner



Let us see if we can get the answer from the Word of God.

*"My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20*

*"Oh, my dear children! I feel as if I'm going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives." Gal. 4:19*

*"I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me." Phil. 3:12*

My true identity is **in Christus in me** which determines **who I am in Christ**. He created me and I am His. He determined the colour of my skin, my sex and what my age will be when I leave this world.

Am I content with that thought? Do I understand that He has forgiven my sins and cleansed me, and that I am His representative. An original and unique representative, not a duplicate of someone or something else?

- Therefore I must ensure that I love myself (with the right identity) in the right way in order to love my neighbour in the right way.
- Therefore I must forgive, because He has forgiven me. I need to do this in order to look at others with Jesus's eyes. (Refer to Gal. 2:20). It is Him living through me. Him in me is the hope and love for my neighbour.

If I want to love my neighbour as myself I need to ensure that:

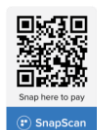
1. It is Christ who is living in me (Gal. 2:20),
2. I am happy with who I am (not necessarily with my current lifestyle or position, this can change or improve at any time) (Gal. 4:19 and Phil. 3:12),
3. I don't have any unforgiveness in my heart and there are no unresolved issues between me and someone else. No unrighteousness.

*"So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God."*

Matt. 5:23-24

*"If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?" 1 John 4:20*

*"But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too." Mark 11:25*



### **Making it practical for this week:**

1. Make peace where the Holy Spirit prompts you to.
2. Ask the Lord if there are any unrighteousness in your personal or business life, regardless how long ago it was or how difficult it is.
3. Prayerful consider who your neighbour is (who you should love as yourself and how you can serve them).
4. Go do to your neighbour that which you would love to be done to you.
5. Come and testify of your experiences next week.

### **Scripture for further study:**

*"See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people." 1 Thes. 5:15*

*"Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them."*

*"Live in harmony with each other. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all! Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone." Rom. 12:14, 16-18*

*"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives." Gal. 5:22-25*

*"The Lord knows those who are his," and "All who belong to the Lord must turn away from evil." 2 Tim. 2:19(b)*

### **Scripture to memorise:**

Gal. 2:20

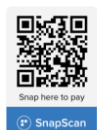
*"... It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." or*

Gal. 5:24-25

*"Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives."*

Stay blessed.

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## CBMC PRAYER, NEWS & FEEDBACK

### News:

Jim Firnstahl, CBMC International President and Paul Johnson, Head Training Director USA (our *Leadership Coach* guru) are visiting South Africa the week of 3 to 8 September. We have various occasions where they will be sharing with us and where you can meet up with them. We have already distributed the program to each area. The dates are set out in *CBMC calendar* below. Please notify us if you have not yet received this information.

### Leadership Coach Training:

Training will be presented in various centres in September. Please contact the applicable persons if you wish to attend.

Centre	September 2018	Facilitator	Contact Person
Vanderbijlpark	7 & 8	Harm Engelbrecht	Harm Engelbrecht <a href="mailto:harm@cbmc.co.za">harm@cbmc.co.za</a> 084 941 2410
Centurion, Pretoria	7 & 8	Paul Johnson	Harm Engelbrecht <a href="mailto:harm@cbmc.co.za">harm@cbmc.co.za</a> 084 941 2410
Stellenbosch	14 & 15	Louis Smit & Piet Swart	Piet Swart <a href="mailto:piet@groen96.co.za">piet@groen96.co.za</a> 082 962 8926

### New teams:

We previously mentioned the new Boland group, Riebeek Kasteel. They are still in their baby shoes with some challenges. Please continue to bring them before the Lord.

In the meantime the Helderberg region boasts with a new group too under the leadership of Abrie Hyman which will be held at Gordons Bay. Pray for men with the right kind of mindset to be added to this new group.

Another group was started in Durbanville at Die Koffieman.

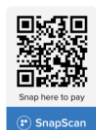
Please keep these new groups in mind during your quiet time. You know the challenges new groups face. Thank you!

### Prayer:

Please prayerfully consider all involved with the CBMC Zimbabwe Conference. They currently have huge challenges moving toward this event at the end of August.

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## Birthdays & Calendar:

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#### August

**20th:** Stoney Coetzee **21st:** Callie Bosch, Bossie Bosman, Johan Stoltz & Roland Willis  
**23rd:** Pieter Struwig **24th:** Braam Audi, André Botes & Paul Pedersen **25th:** Albert Burger & Demetri Kalipozes **26th:** Willie Swanepoel

### CBMC Calendar:

*Please take these items in prayerful consideration:*

- **CBMC Outreach, Strand-Sentraal**, 24 August
- **CBMC Zimbabwe Conference**, 31 August – 2 September
- **CBMC Outreach with Jim Firstahl, Pretoria Teams, Brooklyn**, 4 September
- **CBMC Inreach with Paul Johnson, Northern Suburbs, Bellville**, 4 September
- **CBMC Inreach with Jim Firstahl, Woodmead**, 5 September
- **CBMC Inreach with Paul Johnson, Boland Teams, Wellington**, 5 September
- **CBMC Couples Inreach with Jim Firstahl, Boland Teams, Wellington**, 6 September
- **CBMC Inreach with Jim Firstahl, Helderberg Teams, Somerset West**, 7 September
- **CBMC Inreach, Blouberg Teams with Jim Firstahl, Blouberg**, 8 September
- **Leadership Coach Training**, see dates above
- **Mighty Men WC**, Môreson Farm, Malmesbury 5 – 7 October
- **CBMC Boland Golf Day**, 15 November

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