



**TALK
IT OVER**

A MESSAGE OF **HOPE**

**US. OUR NEIGHBOURS. OUR NATION
WITH ANGUS BUCHAN**

MATTHEW 6:9-13

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

NOTES FOR LEADERS:

- Please diarise our next prayer and leaders meeting on the 24th of August at 18h00.
- If you know of anyone who would be encouraged by Steve's daily WhatsApp devotional messages, please ask them to send their name + surname to 071 530 9275 so that they can be added to the broadcast list.

START TALKING

1. Was there anything from Steve's interview with Angus that stood out to you?
2. What are some of the highlights of your walk with God? How have they strengthened your faith?

START THINKING

1. Angus shared the importance of a daily quiet time with God. Every one of us has exactly 168 hours in a week. We don't have time for everything - we have to make time for the things that really matter. How do you go about prioritising time for a daily devotion each day? What are some of the things that distract us from a regular discipline of a daily devotional time?
2. One of the things Angus mentioned on Sunday was how he reads through the Bible systematically. What Bible reading methods have you used? And what has worked well for you? Based on the feedback of others in the group, are there any changes you plan to make to your Bible reading plan?

START SHARING

1. Think about the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). Did you grow up knowing the Lord's Prayer? Have you ever used the sections of the Lord's Prayers as a guide for your personal prayer time? How has it worked for you?
2. Another thing Angus emphasised was the power of prayer. What is the best answer to prayer you have ever received? How did that answer to prayer affect your relationship with God?

START PRAYING

With your group, pray the Lord's Prayer together. - don't simply recite the prayer, but pray it with true meaning. Then, pray for the needs of your group.

START DOING

Choose one of the two options below:

1. This week set your devotional times in your calendar (like you would a business appointment) and do your best to keep those daily devotional appointments.
2. Work on your prayer habit this week. If you're not used to praying, start by using the Lord's prayer as a model for how to pray.

SUMMARY

OF SUNDAY'S MESSAGE

This Sunday, Steve interviewed Angus Buchan. The full service is available [here](#) on our YouTube channel, but below are some of the highlights...

Steve: Looking back on the last 35 years (approximately) of ministry, what have been some of your highlights?

Angus:

- The date I was saved - the 18th of February 1979.
- The first opportunity I got to preach to the congregation (about 100 people) in the Methodist Church in Greytown
- Bordering our farm is a forest belonging to one of the biggest timber companies in the country. One day, a fire started on our farm and was headed straight for that forest. I fell on my knees and cried out to God. I asked Him to bring rain to put the fire out. There wasn't a cloud in the sky, but suddenly, the wind blowing from the North died down. There was a clap of thunder, lightning in the clear blue sky... then a cool breeze came up from the South, bringing rain onto the farm that put the fire out.
- There have been good times, and there have been tough times - I had the tragedy of losing my brother's son on this farm in an accident. Those times have strengthened my faith.
- God has used me to minister to men all over the world. The last Mighty Men Conference we had on the farm in 2008 drew 450,000 men.
- Overshadowing all of this is prayer. When men pray, God works! We had a prayer meeting in Bloemfontein in 2017, where we saw 1,4 million people come together.
- We have made a couple of movies - "Faith Like Potatoes" is still doing so well!

Steve: What have been the things that have kept you going in your personal journey with God?

Angus:

- **My quiet times:** Without a quiet time, you'll never make it. My quiet time is not just going through the motions; it's personal. Jesus speaks to me.
- **Discipline:** It's no good having a quiet time now and again. I have a quiet time every single day of my life.
- **Bible reading:** Every single morning, I read my Bible systematically. I read from the Old Testament and from the New Testament. If you don't have a reading pattern, start in the Psalms and then move on to the Gospel of John. There is great wisdom in the Bible.
- **Relationship with Jesus:** I spend time with Jesus - He is my friend. He saved my life!

Steve: Our country has been through a lot of turmoil - there's been the unrest from a couple of weeks ago, Covid... What is your message of hope for people watching this today?

Angus:

- My message is "Vasbyt". We're going to go through this.
- There's a message of hope in the way people have responded - ministering to the poor, feeding the hungry.
- Don't leave the country unless God has called you to leave. Don't let the lies of the devil frighten you into leaving. You can deal with anything when you put your trust in Jesus. We can't run away from our problems - we have to learn to deal with our problems through the Lord Jesus Christ and fellowship within the church.
- I believe that we're going to see the biggest revival once lockdown is over.