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# EDITORIAL

**By Peter Blair (Editor)**

**Are you stressed? Reaching the end of your energy limit? Ready for a break? If so, you're not alone.**

In this issue of *Societas*, we are considering the issue of resilience. The issue has presented itself across not just Sydney, but the Western world, with numerous universities, businesses, and media outlets acknowledging and addressing the presence of burnout, fatigue, anxiety and stress in a wide range of fields. As Christians, it would be foolish to deny the presence of such issues, not only in those we are seeking to reach with the gospel, but also amongst the people of God.

**Whatever strength we have is a gift from God**

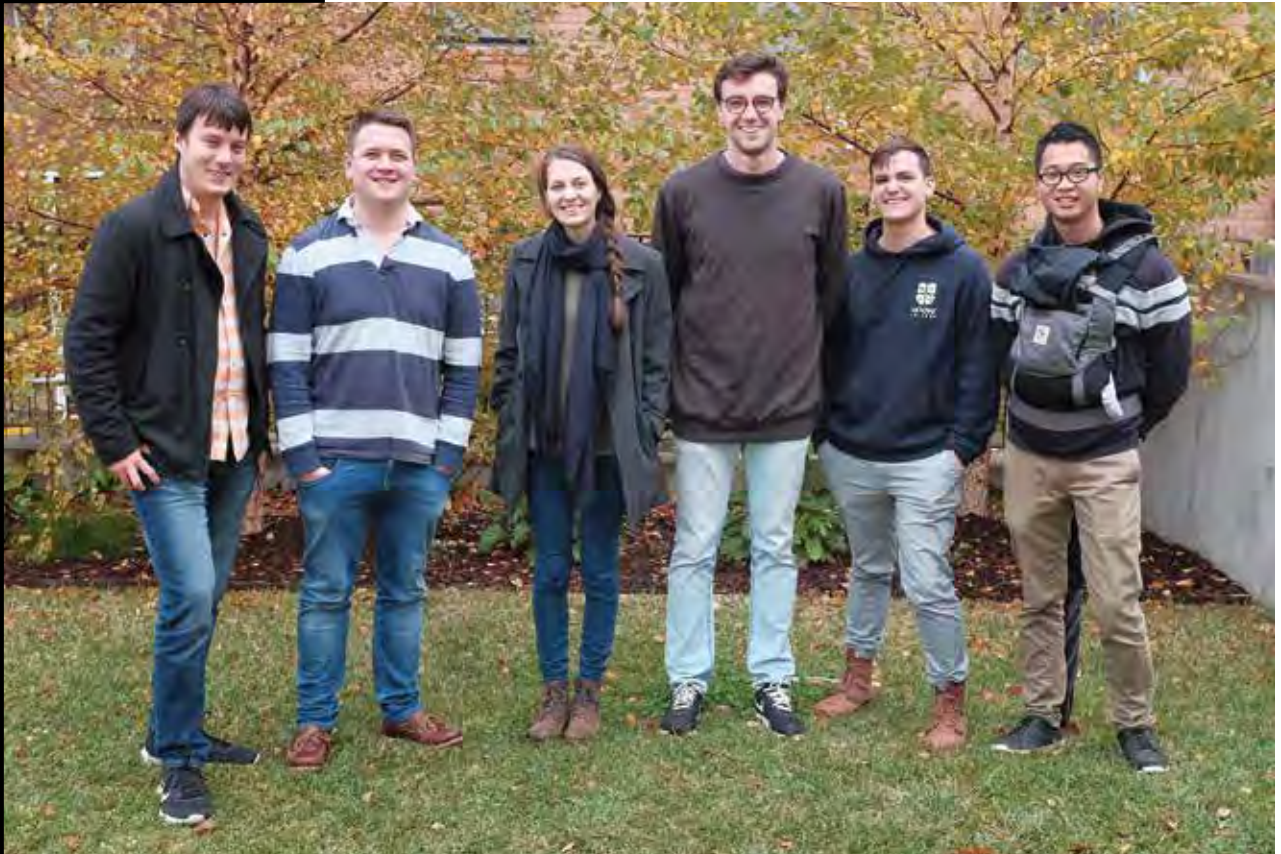
**Picture: Nick Woodward, Peter Blair (editor), Beth Utber, Stu Jansen, Andrew West, Gordon Luk, (Dan Clark not pictured).**

In this magazine, we offer a range of reflections from those who have had to endure and overcome the pressures of ministry and family expectations, as well as examples of Christ's teaching on resilience, and how our identity as God's chosen and redeemed people ought to affect our thinking about our work in, and response to, the pressurised world of the 21st Century. One recent journalist criticised the recent focus on resilience as a means to ensure ongoing productivity, as well as an attack on our weakness as human beings. As Christians, we acknowledge that whatever "strength" we have is a gift from God—not a product of our own

physical, intellectual, or psychological efforts. And so we must turn again to the scriptures: the lamp to our feet and the light to our path (Psalm 119:105); the one sure and steadfast rock which we can turn to as our present security; the solid ground upon which we can place our feet; and the light to guide us along the treacherous path until our experience of the Lord is not in a mirror dimly, but face to face (1 Cor. 13:12).

It is our hope and prayer that this issue of *Societas* will be refreshing and spur you on to sustainable, God-glorifying service of the Lord for the year ahead.

*Soli Deo Gloria.*



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# THE LONG HAUL

## From the Principal

Christian ministry has often been likened to a marathon rather than a sprint. It requires perseverance. The basic currency of Christian ministry, personal relationships, takes time. Sustained immersion in the word of God is powerfully effective in building, shaping and sustaining discipleship, but this too does not happen all at once. Mentoring and modelling godly attitudes, character and behaviour—not to mention training in the practice of thinking evangelistically and theologically—are things that take place over weeks and months and years.

### A marathon

Christian ministry is like a marathon in another way too. It is often hard. You encounter obstacles as you continue in the race. Some of those obstacles are external, arising from a world which resists the gospel, or, within the churches, from those who are challenged by the gospel. Much more often than that, though, the obstacles are internal, generated from within, fed by our own feelings of inadequacy, our own failures and their consequences, unmet expectations, etc. It is the most wonderful privilege and joy to be involved in Christ's mission to the world, but it is sometimes hard too.

For evangelicals involved in Christian ministry, our concern for those who are lost outside of Christ and our commitment to take the gospel of grace, forgiveness and repentance to them can bring added pressure. This is especially the case in an environment like ours, where the public consensus has shifted so markedly against us in such a short period of time. Evangelism might be as simple as talking to another person about Jesus and what he has done for them, but in this cultural climate it takes courage too. And coming up against not just indifference but hostility can be confronting and wear you down.

### Resilience

In this issue of *Societas* we are examining resilience, not only because observations like the ones I've just made suggest it is a necessary characteristic of the effective Christian minister, but because the evidence seems to show it is a characteristic that is increasingly lacking in our community more generally and so amongst us as well. Yet we want to see people thrive in the work of the Lord over the long haul.



Mark Thompson

One of the most helpful books written around this subject in the last decade or so was written by an Australian, Bishop Peter Brain. It is entitled *Going the Distance: How to stay fit for a lifetime of ministry* (Matthias Media, 2004). More recently, three Americans—Bob Burns, Tasha Chapman and Donald Guthrie—have produced *Resilient Ministry: What Pastors Told Us About Surviving and Thriving* (IVP, 2013). These are both worth reading, particularly in the current climate. All over the world there is a continuing need for ministry characterised by self-sacrificial service but also by responsible self-care that seeks to keep such service fresh and enthused over the long haul.

### Essential framework

What is needed as the essential framework for our thinking about resilience in ministry is a clearer view of the God who calls us all into ministry in one sphere or another. Christian ministry is, after all, not something reserved for a small group of professionals. It is part of faithful discipleship. It won't take the same shape, it won't necessarily have the same intensity, it won't always involve public leadership. Yet every one of us who is a disciple of Christ is also a servant of others, in one way or another sharing the gospel word with them. Marvellously, though, we are not left to our own devices as we walk that road in response to God's great mercy towards us. God himself is with us.

Sustained immersion in the word of God is powerfully effective in building, shaping and sustaining discipleship, but this too does not happen all at once.

## His purposes

The God who is with us is the Lord of all creation. He is sovereign and supremely powerful. He only has to speak to bring the universe into existence. Nothing thwarts his purposes. He never has to change his mind because he perfectly knows all things from the beginning. He never miscalculates, never deceives, never fails to accomplish what he sets out to do. He does not need anything: he is beyond manipulation or corruption. All of which means, he is more than able to help us make it to the end.

## Grace and mercy

More than that, our God is benevolent. He seeks the welfare of the creatures he has made. He 'so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son so that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life' (Jn 3:16). He tenderly cares for those who are his and he reaches out in grace and mercy to the world which stands in rebellion against him. Gospel ministry matters more to God than it does to us because lost men and women matter more to God than they often do to us. He does not desire any to perish but all to repent, believe and find life (2 Pet 3:9).

Most significant of all, God has done all that is necessary to rescue us and restore us to the relationship with him he intended for us in the beginning. In Jesus Christ we see the love of God, the mercy of God, and the justice of God. We see how determined God is to have a people for himself from all the nations of the earth. We see how he brings this about without devaluing or sidestepping justice and what is both right and appropriate. Jesus bore the full force of human rejection of God and dealt with the consequences of human sin in full, yet he rose victoriously to offer life to all who will come to him. Here is the wisdom and majesty of God so beautifully bound up with his compassion and grace.

## Character of God

There are many important facets to resilience in life and in Christian ministry. Many of them are explored in the pages that follow. Yet the one we should not neglect is the character of God who promised 'I will never leave you or forsake you' (Heb 13:5) and 'I am with you always, to the end of the age' (Matt 28:20).



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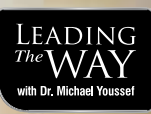



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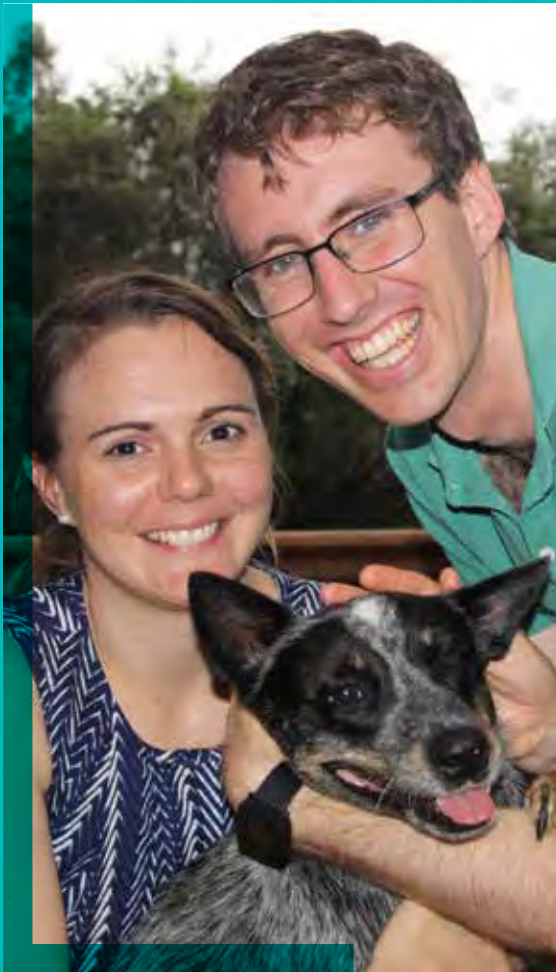
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# Phillip Morrow

## **First year profile**

In 2015 I was thinking about doing a Ministry Traineeship in Toowoomba, and it was then that Tony Jenner (Moore College graduate, AFES NT Director and ex-Toowoomba local) suggested the possibility of starting an Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (AFES) group at the University of South Queensland (USQ) in Toowoomba.



**"You might as well have a crack!" Tony said.**

Previously, while studying medicine at James Cook University in Townsville, my wife Janine and I had a fantastic AFES experience. I saw the wonderful way my AFES group pushed fast forward on my Christian growth, and how myself and my friends were able to serve across a wide variety of churches in the city. So, having experienced the ministry in Townsville, I was excited by the prospect of a new AFES group forming in Toowoomba—a similar-sized Queensland city beginning with T.

Although I had only lived in Toowoomba for a year, I could feel the lack of convicted, trained and convinced young people in churches across the city. But on a personal level, the prospect of birthing a new group from scratch while simultaneously doing a traineeship at church was daunting, to say the least. With an optimistic trust in God's sovereignty, Tony said "You might as well have a crack and see what God does". My trainers at church had also seen the vision of an AFES group in Toowoomba, and one of the pastors was particularly enthusiastic, since he had been a part of the original AFES group which had folded 30 years ago.

In Orientation Week at USQ, I turned up with an esky of Ice Poles and some flyers. In the weeks after that, a group of around 6 Christian students started to meet with me in a small bible study. God slowly but steadily brought growth in numbers and in knowledge of God. A highlight was when one student exclaimed loudly, "You mean the whole Bible is about Jesus, not me?!"

While there were some weeks early on when nobody turned up, in God's kindness by the end of 2016 the group had grown to 45 students, and there were 5 bible studies running each week being led by the students. Excitingly for the ministry at USQ, one of last year's Moore College graduates, Keith Hill, has now moved to Toowoomba to work with the group full time. I certainly learnt to trust God in what was often a very uncertain ministry.

Having seen the power of the Gospel at work in country people like me, I came to Moore College to be better equipped, and to hopefully one day be a part of God raising up a generation of bible teachers and lay leaders for rural Australia.

Being country people, we were apprehensive about living in the city! However, once again we were encouraged by wise words from Tony Jenner: "Sydney is not all bad." While it is still early days for us at Moore, God has been kind, and college has been great!



# FIRST YEAR





### SALLY ABBODD

I am married to Rob in third year and I am excited about studying the Advanced Diploma this year. I am looking forward to meeting many other people who are keen to serve Jesus with their lives in various ways. Rob and I hope to be involved in church planting in Western Sydney or possibly mission overseas.



### ALBERT MITCHELL

I am married with two children. Both are boys and they are ages two and one. At the present moment I am unsure of my plans beyond college. However, I am excited to be learning about God's word in a unique and challenging way



### JESSICA ANDERSON

My husband Zac and I are both excited about starting first year this year. We're keen to get this training so we can serve God wherever he wants us. Please pray for us!



### ZACHARY ANDERSON

My wife, Jess, and I want to serve king Jesus however we can. We have a special heart for regional NSW, the Northern Territory and the French-speaking world.



### TIMOTHY ASH

Married to Naomi. I have worked in youth ministry for 8 years. I am excited to study at Moore College to be better equipped for future parish ministry by gaining a greater theological understanding of God. I am looking forward to learning Greek and experiencing the college community.



### ELLE BRYCE

I have moved from Brisbane and I am excited to learn from the Bible and grow in my love for Jesus so that I can tell others about him effectively. Pray that God will help me to learn as I settle in Sydney and serve within Moore, church and Newtown.



### LAURIE CARLETON

Starting first year I am thoroughly thankful for the opportunity to join in fellowship with others and diving into a deeper understanding of God's word and His purpose for our lives. I am also excited about making this journey with my wife and children.



### JOEY CHENG

I'm married to Mary and we've recently joined the church family at St Andrew's Wahroonga. We love serving Jesus and building up His body and look forward to being part of a local church ministry in the future - perhaps outside of Sydney! In our spare time we love trying new burger joints around Sydney.



### RUSDYAN COCKS

Hey I'm Rusdyan and it's my joy to have been saved by Jesus and serve Him. Loving my time at Moore as I am trained and equipped alongside my brothers and sisters. This year I'm serving with God's people at Berala and seeing God bringing the nations to Himself.



### VERONICA COSTIN

My husband (Johnny) and I church at St James Menangle. I'm really excited to be at college and love living in community out at Moorewest. I'm especially looking forward to chapel and Greek. Pray that college would help us grow more and more like Christ everyday.



### ANDREW COX

I have a wonderful family: Jordon (my wife), Augustine (born 2016), and Edward (born 2017). We love the Lord, and are very excited to be in a community that will push us to know Him more, and more. Pray that, wherever we end up, we will be unashamed of Him.



### MARK DAVIES

Mark From Perth, Missing my family (currently single) and close friends from home. I have a heart for mission, and loving people as God's love changes my life. Running short mission trips with discipleship training is what I'm looking to do after College.



### TIFFANY DAVY

I am really excited to be deepening my understanding of God's word and being better equipped to glorify God in all places and to all peoples. I love being outdoors, reading and walking. I am not married and have a 7 year old daughter. I would love to serve God in mission at the end of College.



### DANIEL GILLIS

Dan is married to Sarah. Together they raise Elijah (7); Isaac (5); Adina & Georgia (1). Dan is an Army Officer and is being sponsored by Army to transfer to chaplaincy. Dan is excited by evangelism and young adults ministry at Bayside Anglican Church as a student minister.

**Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Cor. 15:57)**





### MATT GOODMAN

*Please Pray for my wife and I as we have had so much change, for my confidence in studying with being dyslexic and pray that God grows both my wife and I as we start College life.*



### SAM GRAHAM

*I am married to Simon and we are currently serving at Northmead Anglican. I am excited to get to study the bible for the next three years. After college, I hope to have an opportunity to teach children about the most amazing good news of Jesus.*



### ZACK HANKIN

*I have been blessed with a brain tumour which will most likely take my life. Please be praying that I use this gift for the glory of God in everything that I do until I go to meet Jesus.*



### BENJAMIN HARRIS

*Married to Sophie, with baby Reuben. We live in Wollongong, at Salt Church. I am at College without any set plan, but excited to grow in my love and Knowledge of God, and learn how to think theologically for a lifetime of gospel ministry. Pray that I would have energy to learn, juggle parenting with study and know how best to serve Jesus.*



### ELIZA HARRIS

*My name is Eliza and I'll be studying the Diploma. Pray for my husband Evan and I (Evan is studying the Bachelor of Divinity 1st year this year) that we will be wise with our time management and seek to develop our relationship with God first and foremost in our studies while equipping ourselves to serve others.*



### EVAN HARRIS

*Eliza is my wife, we're both studying. We have a soft spot for rural ministry as we've seen the need for faithful gospel teachers in that area. Please pray that we both rely on Christ during study. Please pray for my Dad and Sister who don't yet know Jesus.*



### JAISON JACOB

*Hi my name is Jaison Jacob. I have begun study at Moore College in 2018. I am looking forward to studying God's Word in order to serve God's people faithfully. I hope to be able to both study well at college but also keep serving people through reading the bible together.*



### JOHN KIM

*I am married to a kind and very supportive wife, Clare, and I am looking forward to learning from God's word especially in the original languages. In the past year, I have particularly been challenged by God's call for us to suffer for the gospel of Jesus Christ. After college, I am hoping to be in multicultural ministry.*



### BENJAMIN KO

*Born and raised in Sydney, I'm excited for the journey ahead in sitting under God's word in community with others as we seek to mutually encourage one another as we grow in our knowledge and love of God. Please pray that my time at college would be fruitful, as I consider how to best serve God with the gifts he has given me.*



### SERENA LUI

*I'm excited to be able to spend a year studying God's word before I start working as a lawyer. Please pray that I would be able to serve my church at St Thomas' North Sydney well this year.*



### GORDON LUK

*I am married to Leanne and have a son, Jonathan. We are excited to sit under God's Word and be trained to handle it well. Prior to this year, we both did a ministry traineeship with Campus Bible Study at UNSW. We are hoping to serve God outside of Sydney in the future.*

### LEANNE LUK

*I'm married to Gordon (who is also starting at MTC this year) and we are expecting our first child in May. I'm really thankful for the opportunity to do some study and be part of the community at Moore, and hoping that our time here will help us as a family to be better equipped for a lifetime of ministry.*



### KIMJENG LUY

*I'm excited to learn about the Bible. Please pray that this knowledge won't just stay in my head but it'll also transform my heart and the way I live my life to be more like Jesus.*



### ANDREW MARRETT

*Hello! I am very excited to be joining Moore College. I am married to Lucy and currently attend St Thomas Anglican Church in Moorebank. One of my great passions is youth ministry and seeing teens come to know the Lord Jesus. I am most excited by the prospect of becoming super equipped at Moore to serve in church ministry for my lifetime.*



### JESSE MORRISON

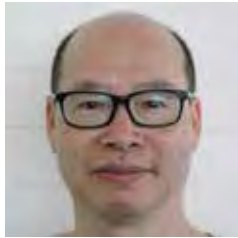
*Jesse, Amy, Solomon (4) and Elijah (1) recently moved from the UK to Sydney. We are thoroughly excited to study God's word in fellowship. Please pray that God would transform our lives to make us humble servants who are thoroughly equipped, ready to go out and proclaim Christ is risen!*





### PHILLIP MORROW

Phill and Janine Morrow are excited but a tad scared about living in a big city coming from Toowoomba before college. We'd love to go back to regional Australia and see God raise up a generation of faithful bible teachers and leaders.



### LAWRENCE NG

I am married to Joanne. We are glad to explore the width and depth of the words of God with the aim to preach and proclaim. We are hoping to serve God outside of Sydney in the future.



### HELEN NGUYEN

Following medical training I have been enjoying studying at Moore College. I really pray that I can know God, His goodness and lordship more, and that He will grow me as I worship Him. I want to love others with His love and use the gifts God has given me, including the French language, to glorify Him in the future.



### NICK O'NEIL

I'm married to Elissa and we've just started at South Coogee Anglican. We're thankful to be part of the college community and I'm looking forward to lots of time to think hard about God's word this year. We'd love your prayers that we'd keep serving Jesus as life changes lots this year!



### VANESSA ONG

What keeps me going through challenges: The gospel and also its growth back in my home church, Christ Evangelical Reformed Church Malaysia. Please pray for Malaysian churches to uphold and love God's word. Excited to return to Malaysia to serve my local church with what God has blessed me here.



### LEONI PAINTER

Leoni, married to Dave, with Joshua (19) and Grace (15). We are missionaries with CMS serving in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, involved in student ministry and theological education since 2001, where we plan to return in 2019. I am looking forward to furthering my understanding of God's Word so I can share with my Khmer students and friends.



### BECKI PHILIP

I'm very excited to be studying God's word this year, and very thankful to my wonderful husband Ajay for his support. Please pray for patience and perseverance while learning two new languages, and that I may grow in love of God's word through this time set aside to study it.



### SARAH ROOTES

I'm excited that college will continue to strengthen and refine my convictions about the gospel, while serving at St Martins, Killara. Last year, I was reminded how God is with us each step, giving us comfort and joy and to use us for His glory. Please pray that I will continue in this way in 2018.



### ANDREW RUSSELL

Please pray for patience in the study and for success on the cricket pitch. Courtney and I are expecting to meet our baby in June! Please pray that we will find time for one another even with all the changes. Pun intended. Thank you for partnering with us all in prayer!



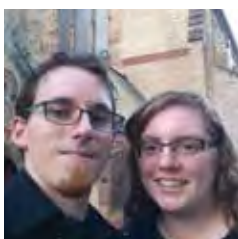
### DAMON SCOTT

I'm Damon, I'm married to Coralie, we've just moved to Sydney from Townsville for college. Pray that we'd settle in well, especially at church and college, and that during my time at college, God would equip me for a life time of ministry in service of him.



### LAUREN SCOULAR

I'm married to Tim who, too, is studying at college. We are really enjoying learning together and are so thankful that we get to sit under wise and godly lecturers who teach us more about the Bible. We're not quite sure what our future holds yet, but are open to exploring ministry outside of Sydney!



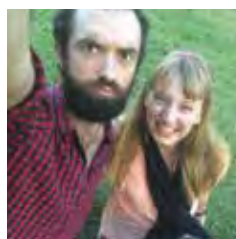
### OWEN SMITH

Owen has a passion for training leaders to rightly handle the scriptures and to see those leaders transformed by God's mercy towards them in Christ. He's moved to Sydney from Canberra with his wife, Tanya, and their two cats (Mogget and Zangetsu).



### CHUI-LING TANG

I'm so grateful for this opportunity to study theology full-time. I'd love prayer for dependence on God as I return to study, prayer for contentment in God's provision (academic ability, social capacity, fundraising supporters, family and friends) and for help in witnessing to my non-Christian family and friends as I do college and join a new church.



### LAUREN TRAPPEL

What an amazing privilege to study God's word full time! My husband Zac and I go to Urban Grace church in Marrickville. Please pray we will make the most of our different opportunities this year and faithfully consider how to minister to the people in our local area, particularly the women and children. Thank you!



### OLIVIA VANDERHOUT

I've just left sunny Newcastle after finishing MTS up there, and am excited for my next few years at Moore! I'm living on campus, and joining the family at Auburn Anglican. I'm keen to dig deeper into God's Word (bring on the Greek!) and to keep being equipped for ministry in the future.



#### VARUN VARGHESE

*My name is Varun Varghese and am married to Divya Mary Jacob. In God's loving kindness we have the great privilege of calling him Father through his Son and our Lord Jesus Christ. We would love our two-year son Luke to be part of this great family of God by trusting Jesus and also many in India, where we both are from.*



#### RYAN VERGHESE

*I'm married to Lynne, who is also studying part-time, and father to Alisha, born in Jan 2018! We are hoping to see what God has in store for us, and are particularly thinking about serving him long-term overseas. I'm looking forward to learning God's Word over my time in college.*



#### REBEKAH WEBB

*Pray for Nick and I as we study together, that we would be humble and rejoice to know God more and more. Pray for opportunities to love non-christian neighbours, family, friends, College and church (St Phillip's Auburn).*



#### SCOTT WILLIAMS

*Made it over Tom Ugly's bridge, out of the shire, and all the way to college! Apparently there's another bridge north of here but I'll be taking things slow. Just married my lovely wife, Britt, and we're enjoying ministry at Engadine Anglican. Excited about where God might takes us from here.*



#### CHUAN WOO

*Coming from Malaysia, I learnt the gospel in Sydney during my undergraduate studies in UNSW. I'm newly married to Eunice Peh who's also Malaysian. She's currently doing a ministry apprenticeship. We're both really excited to be equipped here and to return to Malaysia to serve gospel needs there.*

**But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest upon me. 2 Cor. 12:9**

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#### AARON YAP

*I'm Aaron, married to Ada, wanting to serve the Lord full-time after college. Pray that we would figure out what that might look like - open to the mission field (interested in Muslim countries and also Japan), but also pastoral work outside the well-resourced place that is Sydney.*



#### ADA YAP

*I am studying the AdvDip full time with my husband Aaron Yap. I'm really excited to grow in my knowledge and love of who God is as revealed through his Word. I hope to be better equipped to love those around me and show them God's love through gospel centred living! Please pray for this :)*



#### SEONG YOON

*Since I enrolled many things happened that hindered my study. My Mum passed away, my Dad had prostate cancer (now fully recovered) and I worked on a conference for missionaries working inside/outside North Korea. This year I really want to focus on my studies. Please pray that it can happen.*



#### FARAJ YUSUF

*For the time being my plan post college is to hopefully work in parish ministry in churches with a higher migrant population, with possibility to be in the mission field with my wife Emily later down the track. Something I am excited to learn is Greek and Hebrew and to delve deeper into God's word.*



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# RESILIENCE

## One of God's kind gifts through the gospel

It's a little strange being asked to write about your own resilience. It's right up there with being asked to share about your humility, or your godliness. It's the kind of request that makes you feel uncomfortable and awkward. (And raises the fear that someone is going to stand up and yell "hypocrite" from the back of the room!) That feeling is particularly strong because, I have to confess, it's not a category I've ever used in thinking about myself. I guess that's slightly strange given how important it is for preparing people for gospel ministry and my job is to help prepare people for gospel ministry. Then again, one of the perennial dangers of being a teacher is that you fail to apply to yourself the categories that you teach to others! And so, although I feel a little nervous, I'm also thankful for the opportunity to reflect on how God has grown me in resilience. My prayer is that in some small way, that might be of encouragement to you in continuing to serve our precious Lord Jesus.

If resilience is an individual's ability to cope with adversity (or to bounce back) then my childhood and adolescence were not a particularly obvious tutor. I had a happy and relatively carefree upbringing. I liked school, I knew that my parents loved me, I enjoyed playing sport and learning music, and I was academically able. There were moments of sadness, like when I cut my knee open on a rock, and more seriously, when my grandparents passed away. But on the whole I lived a blessed life.

The one fly in the ointment was that I inherited a genetic predisposition to anxiety. As a teenager I would lie in bed thinking about eternity and my own death and feel panicked and desperate (sometimes feeling almost out of my mind). I remember watching the shows that proliferated in the 80s about nuclear Armageddon and the AIDS epidemic—I was sure that one of them would get me! The world was full of things to be anxious about, and I obliged.

I particularly experienced this in my response to responsibility. At uni I was persuaded that the gospel of the Lord

Jesus was meant for all and that my life should be about serving others with the truth. I loved this truth, but also feared it at the same time. Someone would ask me to help run a camp, organise an event, lead a Bible study, and I would rise to the challenge with butterflies that felt like raging monsters in my stomach.

Then, during my 3rd year at Moore College, I experienced a string of panic attacks that increased in severity until I found myself lying on a friend's floor with chest pains. I thought I was going to die. I didn't! A week later, after another episode and another trip to hospital, I developed a bodily tic. In response to loud noises my limbs would fly involuntarily into the air. I would come to learn that this was all part of my body's response to anxiety. What felt so real was all in my mind!

I slowly but surely learned some skills to deal with all of this, and I pushed on into ministry. Two years out of college I became the senior minister in charge of the campus ministry at UNSW. At the same time my father-in-law was diagnosed with a brain tumour and we had two young children. The next five years were



By Paul Grimmond

a story of desperately running to keep the ministry ship afloat and slowly but surely feeling like I was sinking. I lost interest in people. I felt stressed about money for the ministry. I found preaching an increasing drain. And every new problem felt like my impending doom. I left ministry on the campus half way through 2008 feeling lost, broken and like a failure.

So what happened between then and now? God provided for me in many ways. I went to see a wonderful counsellor who began to help me confront some deep things about my motivations and personality that drove me. I had a wonderful wife who wrestled with me through the black days and prayed for me. And God provided me with some time and space to grow and learn.

I still struggle with anxiety from time to time. And there are days when I have to wrestle with my low mood. Life continues to be up and down, and I often grieve over the brokenness of our world. I long deeply for the return of Christ and the restoration of all things. But what has all of this taught me about resilience? Let me share three observations.

No matter how difficult life is, there are always things to be thankful for and a habit of thankfulness brings a reminder of the joy that is ours in Christ.

## Key things that I have learned about resilience

### I have been freed from thinking that a day will come when everything will be okay

For much of my life I have failed to apply my doctrine of sin. I've harboured the belief that a day will come when the mess and pressure of this life will pass away in this life! It sounds strange, doesn't it? But as I've faced adversity I've thought, "it's okay, if I just push on things will get better". Unfortunately, in a broken world where you love broken people, the world doesn't get better. People keep getting sick, others struggle deeply, people die, marriages break up. There is no utopian future where things will all be great (except at the return of Jesus!). I think that knowing that is profoundly important for developing resilience.

My constant belief was that my anxiety was a result of the complexity of my circumstances. That meant that I avoided dealing with it and just tried to grit my teeth and wait for my circumstances to change. But my greatest growth in resilience has occurred as I have realised that much of my struggle comes not just from my circumstances but from within me. Being encouraged to work on my own weakness and sinfulness in the midst of the mess, rather than pretending that what really needs to happen is for the mess to be cleaned up, has been a gift from God.

### The gospel has taught me that sin is serious but not overwhelming

If I'm honest, much of my ministry life has been marred by insecurity. I've been driven by a desire to please people, which made it difficult to challenge people pastorally and to say no to people who mattered to me (two things that I still find difficult). But I was largely unable to acknowledge those things because of my fears. If those things were true, what did they mean for my future in ministry? What did they mean about my identity? And at moments when I was really struck by my sin in these areas and others, I just felt overwhelmed and guilty.

Over time, the gospel has taught me both the seriousness of sin (and Jesus' death means that sin is more serious than anything else we can think of), but also that sin need not be overwhelming. God already knows I am a sinner. He knows my weaknesses more clearly than I do and he still accepts me. I don't need to be afraid of my sin, or what it reveals about me. God knows me, loves me, and is working to change me. Learning that sin is serious but not overwhelming has helped me begin to face things about myself that once crushed me. Slow growth in confronting my weakness and sin has been used by God to help me bounce back when life is painful and difficult.



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### Thankfulness and joy dwell together

My third reflection is that resilience is grown by the habit of thankfulness. I grew up as a glass half empty person. I was often grumpy and quick to lay blame (on myself and others). What that stopped me from seeing was that there is so much to give thanks for, even in the very depths of suffering. A recent bout of ill health and significant pain led me to listening to some modern interpretations of some of the great old hymns. And what struck me as I listened was the depth of the riches of God's love revealed in the cross.

The Psalmist asks at one of the deepest points of pain in Israel's history, "How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" The great truth of the New Testament is that as strangers in a strange land (1 Peter 1:1-3) we can sing the Lord's song because of his promise that he is with us, that he will grow us in the suffering, and that he will bring us through the suffering to our home in Christ. No matter how difficult life is, there are always things to be thankful for and a habit of thankfulness brings a reminder of the joy that is ours in Christ.

I don't pretend to have arrived, and I know one day God will wipe all the tears away. In the meantime, his ministry of the gospel to my heart has slowly helped me to keep going when life and ministry get tough. For that I am extremely thankful.

# Monique New

## Second year profile

I am so thankful to God for the way he has worked in my life, so much so that the choice to come to Moore was an easy one. My journey to college can be described in three steps. I first learnt to treasure the scriptures, then to ask questions of the scriptures, and finally to submit to the scriptures.



From an early age I knew that God was there, that he is good and he is safe. This came through in several vivid moments in my childhood. First, my children's Bible is well worn; I treasure the stories Mum would read each night. Family life was hard and this Christian God I was learning about, who saves and protects his people whom he loves, was such a vivid and powerful help in a broken home.

Then, upon moving to St Paul's in Carlingford in early high school, I came to understand the gospel more richly. Visiting Carlingford for the first time surprised me; reading the Bible was the centre of what they did in their youth group. That night I pulled my mum's NIV study bible off the shelf and started to read.

When I read about how God covered Adam and Eve's shame in Genesis 3:21 everything fell into place and I accepted Jesus as the one who truly clothes me.

From this first moment of understanding the gospel, God used the ministry at Carlingford to teach me to ask questions of the scriptures. Under the teaching at Carlingford I learnt that the scriptures are one big story about Jesus! They speak not just about God, but about me—about my life, sin, joys, sorrows. They ought to shape my whole life, my relationships, my life goals, my career goals. They are the key for understanding everything. Everything in my life. Everything about God. And so we need to understand them—we

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need to ask questions, we need to raise objections and find answers, we need to read, read, and re-read them.

By university at UNSW I had abandoned my dream of being a music teacher and instead wanted to study the scriptures and teach them to others. Hearing the teaching at Campus Bible Study and being trained in what Christian ministry was all about was what taught me most to submit to the scriptures. Through reading and being involved in teaching others, I found that parts of scripture I once found difficult were no longer concerning—they were exciting! And now I had the opportunity to share what I was learning with others.

By God's grace my journey in coming to understand the scriptures and the gospel has made my decision to come to college easy. God continues to teach me how marvellous, confronting and glorious is the gospel of the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ and how great it is to share what he has taught me.

Please thank God for the privilege of being a student and teacher of his word. Pray for me that I will continue to grow in understanding of this gospel in my time at Moore and at Carillon House, to prepare me for a lifetime of ministry. Please pray for my time at Enfield & Strathfield Anglican church and my ministry amongst the women of the 4pm congregation.



# SECOND YEAR







### SETH ADDO-BEKOE

*I am married to Abigail with two kids. I am glad to study in order to get deeper into the Scriptures. I belong to the Anglican Diocese of Ghana as a Chaplain of Anglican Senior High School, where I taught scripture. I request your prayers and support while studying at College, especially that my two Kids in Ghana would be protected.*



### ELSIE ANDERSON

*Thankful for God's goodness to me in teaching me about himself through the good and the hard of studying, living in community and meeting with my church family in Clovelly. Praying that I'll be thinking harder and loving more as I delve further into God's word and love and serve those around me.*



### JOHN BATTEN

*I'm married to Eliza and at the end of last year we welcomed our first daughter, Pippa, into the world. I'm enjoying being challenged (greatly) to grow in my understanding of the bible. Please pray for me as I put what I learn into practice, especially as I head up the youth ministry at Darling St Anglican.*



### PAUL BERZEKIAN

*This year brings on new adventures as plans of marrying Stephanie unfold. Please pray that God would continue to grow both of us in christian maturity as we learn to love and serve one another in our first year of marriage, whilst studying and working. We will be serving together in Garrison Church in Millers point.*



### JOY BRABHAM

*I'm excited for many things this year - to keep digging deeper into God's Word, to build on friendships made at Carillon House and to be continuing as student minister at Sylvania Anglican. Please pray that I'll have an ever increasing love for Christ and dependence on him.*



### NATHAN BREWER

*Kirsten and I have loved being part of the Moore College community. We are hoping to get into a pastoral role in the Sydney Diocese to start off with and are very open to see where God takes us after that. Getting familiar with the original languages and studying books of the Bible in more depth than I have ever done before has been a great experience.*



### WINNIE CHAN

*A fan of coffee, jumping castles and rugby, but Jesus most of all. Excited to teach K-2 kids about Jesus at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church. Please pray for my non-Christian family, that my Dad, Mum and sister may come to know Christ before it's too late. Thank you!*



### JAMES CHEN

*Hey, I'm James Chen, a CIA: Chinese/Chen In Australia. Chinglish speaker, noodle eater, coffee drinker. My desire and prayer to God is that he will send me to a gospel poor & remote place in China to preach the momentous news of our Lord Jesus Christ.*



### DANIEL CLARK

*Praise God that Kat safely gave birth to our second child, Llewyn Livingstone Clark late in 2017. So we're a family of four now! We've also moved to ButHarGra in Croydon Park this year and really looking forward to learning from God's Word in community with other students.*



### CHARLES CLEWORTH

*Ash and I have had the joy of welcoming our daughter, Poppy, into the world, and having just moved into Newtown, we can't wait for our second year at Moore. All three of us love our church, Grace City. Please pray that I would work hard, learn lots and be humble.*



### PAUL COOPER

*I am a second year student married to Bronwen. We have three children, Erin (13), Lachlan (11) and Tristan (9). College life has been good with the family making the change in first year quite well. We are looking forward to growing spiritually and learning more about God's Word this year.*



### ANDREW COPEMAN

*I've been married to Loren for two years now and after a year in Sydney we're starting to feel settled. Not sure what is going to happen after college yet, so please pray for wisdom as Loren and I try to work this out.*



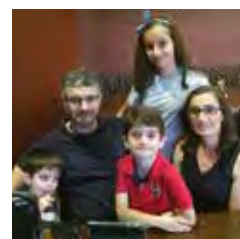
### JOHN COSTIN

*My wife and I are so blessed to be able to study together this year, her in 1st year and I continuing in 2nd Year. Please pray that we would grow in love and service of God, each other, our church, family and friends through our studies this year!*



### NIGEL COWELL

*My wife, Kat (4th year), and I are continuing our studies at Moore while we minister at St Matthias Centennial Park. We look forward to learning more of God from His Word this year. We would love prayer for growing in trust and reliance on Christ in all things as we do church, college and life this year.*



### SAM DARMO

*Our cry is "Here am I Lord, use me". My wife and I desire for people to pray for us for God to bless all the good works He has assigned for us in His Son's Kingdom.*





### BETHANY DOWNES

*I am in my second year of Ministry at St Andrews Cathedral's Healing Service and also attend Living Water in Redfern on Sundays. Please pray for me that I would continue to grow in my love for God and his people during my time at Moore.*



### LAUREN DRISCOLL

*Steve and I have just started at a new church, and are excited to be learning about ministry in a different part of Sydney (to where we grew up). Please pray that we'd be useful at church, and would keep growing in our marriage and studies.*



### STEPHEN DRISCOLL

*My wife and I are entering second year. We are excited about deepening our understanding of Greek and Hebrew, and diving deeper into biblical study. We are attending church at Glenmore Park in Sydney's west, and are excited about learning from, and serving the community there.*



### DANIEL FORD

*Dan, Bec, Dom (3 yrs) and Olivia (0 yrs) have moved down from the Central Coast. We are thankful for the opportunity to grow in the knowledge of God and are praying the long-term result of our time at College will be more people saved, and God's people matured - all to God's honour. Please pray to this end!*



### MICHAEL FREEMAN

*Last year was an exciting time and one that came with a wealth of new knowledge and friends. My wife Tahlia is also starting study part time this year. Please pray for us as we balance a new work load and settling in at a new church. We are looking forward to our studies and sitting under God as he shapes us!*



### STEPHEN GIBBINS

*Hayley and I are excited for our third child's arrival in May, our second year in college community and our first year serving at Village Church, Annandale. We invite you to pray for the gospel to go out to Defence personnel and families and our future ministry in RAAF chaplaincy.*



### CAROL GILBERT

*Please pray that I will adjust well to being fulltime. I am ministering at St Andrew's Cathedral Healing Service and 5pm as well. Please pray for dependence on God, wisdom, strength and growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. Also, that I will faithfully share Jesus.*



### JOSHUA HESFORD

*Nicola and I are excited to have the opportunity to start second year. Please pray we grow in fear of the Lord, learning to leave behind natural desires, instead seeking our Lord's will. Pray this is a time of growth in wisdom and efficacy in serving God through ministry.*



### SUM CHIM HO

*Overseas student from Hong Kong but never planned to stay in Australia when I came to study music therapy six years ago. But a strong calling was given from God to serve Him here. Privileged to be at Moore and serving at St. John's Parramatta. Please pray that I will work out what godliness looks like in a new year.*



### JAMES HOEY

*Married to Melody, God willing we hope to return to proclaim Christ in our home city Melbourne, we are very thankful for the community here at Moore and how God has continued to show us His goodness, faithfulness and His love in our time here.*



### GRACE HUANG

*Having worked and been trained at City Bible Forum, I'm particularly excited about workplace evangelism and helping workers see the relevance of God in every aspect of our everyday lives. Please pray for the many changes this year: full-time study, student ministry at Soul Revival Church, and moving onto campus.*



### JIREH JANG

*I grew up as a Christian in a migrant church. Through Korean Bible Study at UNSW, God consolidated my knowledge of Him. This year I hope I can be faithfully uncomfortable for the Gospel.*



### VICTOR KHOR

*A Melburnian who has loved his time at College so far, having his view of God sharpened and his love & awe of God magnified. Hoping to return to Melbourne after College to serve the local church.*



### TAK CHING LAU

*John, Vivian, Sabrina & Caleb. Yr 2 of 3 yr BTh course, 8th yr being at Moore. Hoping to go back to my home church at St Paul's Anglican, Chatswood, to serve when I finish.*



### AVRIL LONSDALE

*Praise God for the opportunity to study full-time in 2018 and move onto campus - near good friends and good coffee. Please pray that God will continue to give me a deep love for his word and his people as I serve at St George North Anglican.*



### KATRINA LOW

*I'm passionate about Jesus, coffee, sport & food. I'm thankful to God for sustaining me through 1st year & for the relationships I've built in that time. Would love prayers that I can adjust well to the 2nd year study load & the new role this year at St Mark's Freshie as kids co-ordinator. Pray that God would teach, rebuke, correct & train me.*



### CAMERON MASON

*Excited to begin another year studying God's Word! Thankful to be serving God and his people at Good Shepherd Anglican Greenacre. Please pray that this year I would bear the fruit of the Spirit, for diligence, and that God would give me wisdom in thinking through ministry in the future.*



### KURTIS MCCABE

*I am Kurtis and am married to Jani. I am eager to grow through my time in college to know God better in his word and to be more equipped to teach the bible to a world that needs to hear it.*



### MEAGAN MCGILVRAY

*I'm super stoked to be serving at St Andrew's Wahroonga this year, working in kid's ministry. Please pray that I will build friendships with the saints at church, that I will be a diligent student at college and that I will be a faithful servant of Christ at all times.*



### HOPE MILES

*I'm thankful for another year of studying God's word here at Moore and for my church family, Anchor Church Sydney, where I serve on staff one-day-a-week. Please pray that as I balance full-time study and ministry at Anchor I will be full of prayer and dependant on the Spirit.*



### LEONIE MORRISON

*I'm married to Matt in 3rd Year. Thankful to God for the opportunity to study full-time alongside my husband. Pray for guidance and wisdom on where we will serve God's Kingdom after College. Whether that be within Australia or throughout the world. Thank you for your prayers.*



### MONIQUE NEW

*Last year I transitioned from Campus Bible Study to Moore and I loved it! Excited for another year at college as a reso, of impromptu sing-a-longs, and another year at St Andrews Strathfield! Please pray that the Lord would continually shape me by the Scriptures and grow me in thankfulness.*



### TODD PARRY-JONES

*Newly married to Sophie, excited for gaining further clarification on what future ministry could look like for the both of us. Please pray for effective study and purposeful use of time as I commute to study full time, earn a living, do volunteer ministry and work out married life!*



### JOSHUA PHILLIPS

*I've been excited hearing about what God is doing in wider Sydney and the rest of Australia and learning about how I can be part of it. Please pray that I would consider where I could go in the future to best be part of God's mission, that I grow in character, knowledge and that I would love Jesus more at the end of this year than at the start.*



### JAMES PIGGOTT

*My wife (Sarah) and I live at But Har Gra and have one daughter. I am a student minister at All Saints', Oatley West. Beyond college, I hope to serve in an Anglican parish in Sydney or overseas.*



### THOMAS POLLETT

*I am excited to be at Moore College so I can dig deep into God's word and explore its purpose for Jesus, me and the world.*



### JOSEPH PUN

*Married to Shuvah and currently serving at St Mark's Pennant Hills. Thank God for providing Shuvah with an AFES position at Cumberland Campus this year. First year at college taught me how much I don't know. Please pray that God will keep teaching me humility in second year.*



### BENJAMIN PURDY

*Married to Bron, living in Parramatta, at Church at MBM Rooty Hill. Looking forward to studying further this year!*



### ROWENA RUSSELL

*Introducing Nicholas, our 4th, and final child to Societas readers. Loving these 4 awesome teenagers so much. Loving the thought that I might actually finish 2nd year this year. Loving serving with Adrian at Northmead Anglican. Relying on God in the hardships of each day. Come Lord Jesus, Come.*



### DANIEL SAWYER

*As I head into Second Year, I'd greatly appreciate your prayers; that I would draw closer to God this year and spend much time with Him, growing in my love for His word and my dependence upon Him*





### JAMIE SEYFANG

*Praise God for many answered prayers since we moved here from Adelaide: an OT job for Aiesha, opportunities to serve at our new church (MBM), new friends and a stretching first year at college. Pray that God will continue shaping our convictions as we think post-college.*



### JESSICA SHEELY

*I'm Jess from Newcastle and now a part of Scots Church Sydney. Thank you for your prayers.*



### MATTHEW SHERIDAN

*Please pray that we would love Jesus more and more throughout our years of study and that we'd be willing to go wherever the Lord calls us after college.*



### ISAAC SHUMACK

*Originally from Inverell my family reckon I've become a hipster now that I live in Newtown, church in Watsons Bay and have a ranga beard. I'm glad to say college is already changing the way I think too. I've learnt heaps and loved Old Testament studies last year. Please pray for perseverance.*



### JORDAN SMITH

*We loved first year! Jordan studies full-time, Millie continuing part time. Please pray as we make a transition in our new Student ministry position at Riverwood Anglican and also new housing in Newtown on Little Queen St.*



### MILES STEPNIEWSKI

*After college, I'm keen to show highschoolers who Jesus is, so that they would follow him and have their lives transformed by the gospel. Please pray for me and my wife Morgan, that we would honour the Lord Jesus in all that we do.*



### DAN TOOMA

*Please pray that I would continue to love and serve my wife, my family and local church family faithfully. Also, please pray that God would keep me humble and teachable.*



### SIMON TSANG

*Hi! My wife Fiona and I are discerning whether God will have us serve him overseas. Pray that God will open and close appropriate doors. Pray for Fi as she returns to work after a year of study and as we settle into Newtown. I've loved articulating my theology better through subjects like Doctrine.*



### GRANT VAN DER MERWE

*My wife Lauren and I are in our first year of being the Youth Pastors at St Andrews Roseville. We're not sure of plans after college but are keen to keep growing the kingdom in whatever way makes the most sense. Please pray for us in our role at St Andrews that God would strengthen us and bless our ministry.*



### HUAWEI WANG

*Please pray for my faith, so I can hold it in Christ when I face difficulties. Pray for my study and health of my whole family.*



### RICHARD WARNER

*Please be praying for my family (myself, wife Ellen and daughter Annabelle) as we consider how to most glorify God by as many trusting wholeheartedly in Jesus. Particularly pray as we consider if India is where we could serve Him.*



### MARY-ANNE WICKS

*I am thankful for another year at college and as a student minister at Guildford Anglican. Please pray that I will continue to serve God faithfully throughout this year and that God will give me wisdom as I start to think through future ministry.*



### OSMOND WONG

*The journey continues! I'm excited this year to be joining Chester Hill Anglican team as a student minister. Would love prayer that God would continue to grow our relationships at college, our character, our knowledge of God and his word, and our skills at sharing this with all people.*



### JIE SHENG YEO

*I'm married to Athena and we are currently at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican. We aren't sure where we will be after college but we are so thankful to be part of the community at Moore College! Pray that we will continue to love God more as we learn from his word :)*



### KEVIN YEUNG

*I'm married to the lovely Mathea and am currently serving at St George North Carlton. Love a good coffee, Thai food and music - hence grateful to be living in Newtown! Excited for 2nd year - please pray for continuing humility, prayerfulness and an attitude of love and service.*

# PART TIME

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# THE LONG VIEW

## Resilience and Endurance in Ministry

In December, I was by a beach, in Tasmania, in my Grandmother's town, when I came across a curious fact. I was reading British historian Tom Holland's book on Julius Caesar and I learned that Romans lacked a word for 'baby'.

Furthermore, Roman heroes never seem to have childhoods. They tend to be either adults or "mini-adults" in biographical anecdotes; either precocious or battle-hardened.

In other words, Romans pretended away the vulnerable years of life. The years of weakness and dependency.

Their titans were always, in the cultural memory, resilient.

So, like the Spartan parenting style or even the "seen but not heard" methods of certain British eras, many Roman households employed a tough, oftentimes inhumane parenting regime. They aimed to produce this resilience from a young age.

So, I was reading Tom Holland, on the beautiful island of Tasmania, while browsing Facebook. It was warm, but not hot. It was late afternoon and I had no appointments, no quarrels. Life was about as good as it gets.

And I just thought—why did they bother? Why prize toughness over happiness? Why prize resilience over relational opportunities? Over family, love and a thousand other things? Why place resilience at the summit of life?

Part of the answer is that Rome was a pagan

culture. It was a culture lacking an understanding of the loving heavenly Father who teaches that glory is found in love. A culture lacking an understanding of the unconditional value of children. A culture missing the virtue of submission and humility.

But there's another aspect to why some traditional cultures prized resilience. It's an answer that's particularly challenging to me in 2018.

Perhaps part of the picture is that their culture understood the fallenness of the world in a way that our culture has lost.

Maybe one of the reasons why we don't prize resilience is because we don't appreciate depravity.

### So, what is resilience?

The dictionary tells me that it's the ability to return to original form. It's what my under-15 soccer coach called 'bouncebackability' (which we needed more than most).

Rocky Balboa embodies this view when he says that, "The world ain't all sunshine and rainbows", and that life is about "how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward". The Rocky model of life is one in which you keep hitting the canvas, sore and wanting to quit—but then you don't.



By Stephen Driscoll

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In other words, it's only when it's hard—when you get hit—that you get to be resilient. Resilience (correct me if I'm wrong dear Lecturers...) didn't exist before the Fall. Resilience occurs when conviction meets curse.

But it's more than just a one-off thing. You aren't resilient after a day. Resilience is when you keep enduring, round-after-round, year-after-year. When you go the distance because of something deep in you, something deeper than the immediate pain or weariness. When you walk by faith and not by sight.

And so, closing Tom Holland so I could go on a beach walk before pizza and a Steve Smith century, I saw very little in Roman culture worth emulating. But perhaps resilience, perhaps that is a virtue we need to value.

After Tasmania I preached in the equally beautiful Mulgoa, in February, on Matthew 6—Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount. And it struck me that the passage, although it is not directly on the topic of resilience, still has a lot to say about it.

You might know the chapter. Jesus has said the bit with all the blessings (5:2-11). He has magnified the law—"you say this, but I say this...". He has spoken about anger (5:21-26), lust (5:27-30), divorce (5:31-32), oaths (5:33-37), retaliation (5:38-42).

And then the first word in chapter 6 is 'Beware'. This is a chapter about threats.



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And so, whilst I acknowledge again that it isn't his main argument, Jesus discusses at least three things we should beware of. Three things that by implication can be threats to our resilience.

### Threat One: People-Pleasing

Verses 1-18 outline the danger of being a people-pleaser. The principle is given in v1, "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them."

After that a three-case study argument is given against people-pleasing.

Verse 1 says, "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets." In verse 5, the hypocrites "love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others", and in verse 16, "they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others".

In other words, the section is about giving, praying and fasting. But it is not primarily about any of those things. It is primarily about not being a people-pleaser. Beware of that.

Since the 1980s, rates of narcissism have increased as rapidly as rates of obesity. Narcissism at its core is an extreme interest in oneself, but it rapidly flows into a craving for admiration. The American psychologist Peter Gray has argued that things like childhood boredom, undirected play between children, and other resilience building aspects of childhood, seem to mitigate against narcissism.

I'm not qualified to comment on whether resilience reduces people-pleasing, but it seems patently obvious that people-pleasers lose their resilience.

If you spend your life playing to the gallery instead of being moved by fundamental convictions, then the crowd owns you. You feel valuable when they value you, and worthless when they don't.

Now I can't think of anywhere where this nexus between people-pleasing and resilience is harder to manage than in Christian ministry. Christians must engage in public activities, and these activities will often be quite virtuous. The work of ministry can attract deep admiration, pats on the back, free scones. And ministry actually requires positive relationships. Maintaining and deepening close, respectful relationships is vital to effective work.

But there's a line and a limit. And if you start attaching your identity to your reputation, you are in danger.

So, the Christian needs to look at all this and think: let me see how much service I can get away with. Because if we labour for the Lord, we need fear no varying opinion, no erratic reward, no crowd-mentality, no ageing process that slowly robs us of our faculties. We need fear nothing and nobody. And this security is the basis of ministry resilience.



You can see it in the breakdowns—in ministers or lay-people who have hit the wall. So often they will say that their identity was too attached to their performance.

The passage doesn't explore much of this; it gives us a different warning. It warns us that if we do our goods aiming for praise, then we have already received our reward (v2, v5 and v16). It's a simple equation. The danger of people-pleasing here, is that it works. It pleases people. But that's the end of it.

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On a personal level, I think I've been bad at receiving feedback for years now. I think I get defensive, I look to explain things away, I argue the other side. It's gradually dawning on me, slow as I am, that I attach my identity to my performance. As such, negative feedback can be crushing, can sap my energy, can threaten relationships.

People-pleasing makes you vulnerable. It takes away your resilience.

## Threat Two: Materialism

The sermon then counsels the disciples not to lay up treasure where “moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal”. Treasure on earth is temporary, not permanent. Every super fund and every street address will eventually be worthless. So, instead, “lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal”. Put your wealth in a currency that won’t ever depreciate.

The threat that materialism poses to resilience is immense and impossible to see. To borrow an analogy, it is like the water that a fish swims in day after day, or the air that we breathe. You don’t see it, because through it you see everything.

My wife has a friend who is a missionary in a terrifying part of the world. She’s over there with kids. And Christian friends sometimes ask her how she can take her kids to such a dangerous place.

**Jesus says that what you treasure will fill your heart (v21) and become your master (v24). If money is our master we will lack true contentment, deep resilience, and a sense of abiding purpose that gives perspective to our daily setbacks. If earthly treasure is our goal then our mood will vary with the stock market, with our promotions or career failures, or with our salary.**

Her answer is that they’re deluded. Don’t they realise that they are bringing up kids in the most dangerous place on earth? But we don’t see the materialistic culture of Sydney—it’s just the air we breathe.

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If our treasure is in heaven, we will have an entirely resilient investment strategy.

What we denominate as the purpose of our life, will affect our resilience in the face of adversity.

Now this misplacing of treasure business can be more difficult than it first seems.

A youth group leader delights in the growth and vitality of his youth group. Good or bad?

She delights in the perceived growth of one of her young girls, who has started praying publicly and reading her own bible before church. Good or bad?

The youth group leader comes to treasure above all else her little coterie of girls, and to delight in the way they are evangelising their friends. Good or bad?

Now in many ways all of these are excellent, and praiseworthy, and worth celebrating. I won’t be so foolish as to rule on the good/bad thing.

But the danger is that the youth group leader has an ultimate treasure that is assailable. The youth group will pass. Structurally the buildings will be gone, the group identity will never really coalesce

But we also have to remember that while He works through natural means, God gives and takes away the growth. And if our treasure, ultimately, is Him, then even the minister of a failed church-plant on a sinking submarine can rejoice.

again, the church will be foreclosed, the name will be forgotten. But even beyond that, the girls may continue to grow in faith, or not. Great, thriving year-groups have emerged from youth groups, with excellent discipleship and support, only to abandon their faith en-masse.

It is worth praying that, like Paul, the crown of boasting of every youth group leader will, on the final day, be those ministered to (1 Thess 2:19-20). And we should do all that we can towards that goal.

But we also have to remember that while He works through natural means, God gives and takes away the growth. And if our treasure, ultimately, is Him, then even the minister of a failed church-plant on a sinking submarine can rejoice.

So, the second secret of resilience is to make sure we treasure that which is reliable.

## Threat Three: Anxiety in the Place of Sovereignty

The third thing to beware of, in Jesus’ sermon, is anxiety itself. This might sound obtuse. Surely telling a person in the grip of anxiety, “do not be anxious about your life” will be counterproductive!

It’s worth pointing out that Jesus seems to have in mind something like daily worry. The word ‘anxiety’ can connote all sorts of situations, from the mundane to the very severe. I don’t think that the primary message of this section is aimed at someone in the grip of a clinical condition.

Jesus’ point is that daily worry is connected to your view of God and His

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



sovereignty. The gentile or pagan in v32 worries about daily realities. By implication, the believer in a sovereign God should stand in a different relation to ordinary stress.

In v24 if money, or what you wear, or what you eat or drink, is your master, then of course you will stress. But if God is your master, therefore in v25 you shouldn't stress like a non-believer about daily life. You have a kingdom in your account, what's a few missed dollars, or a few missed meals?

When we let ourselves stress like non-believers, we lose our resilience, becoming victims of circumstance, happy as long as we control the provisions of life.

### **Solution: The Woody Allen Perspective**

In *Annie Hall*, a Woody Allen movie, the young Alvy is brought to the doctor by his mother.

He's depressed, because of something he read:

**Dr. Flicker:** *Why are you depressed, Alvy?*

**Mrs. Singer:** *Tell Dr. Flicker. It's something he read.*

**Dr. Flicker:** *Something you read, huh?*

**Alvy Singer:** *The universe is expanding.*

**Dr. Flicker:** *The universe is expanding?*

**Alvy Singer:** *Well, the universe is everything, and if it's expanding, someday it will break apart, and that will be the end of everything.*

**Mrs. Singer:** *What is that your business? He's stopped doing his homework.*

**Alvy Singer:** *What's the point?*

**Mrs. Singer:** *What has the universe got to do with it? You're here, in Brooklyn. Brooklyn is not expanding.*

The scene works on the contrast between the small view of the mother, and the overly large view of the boy. He needs to think a little more about his homework, and a little less about cosmic inflation.

The reverse can sometimes be true for us.

Imagine if we took the long view a little more. If we thought a little less of our daily bread, and a little more of God's kingdom? Imagine if we closed our eyes, and imagined the kingdom of God, like a backdrop, behind our little daily stresses and achievements, behind our people-pleasing and our earthly treasures? What if we reminded ourselves of the broader perspective a little more often?

And so, one of the greatest sources of resilience must be what Jesus says between v9 and 13 (The Lord's Prayer), the section I skipped over. Because the more we say this and feel this and live this, the more secure we will be.



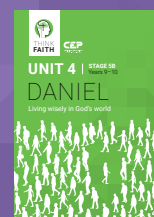
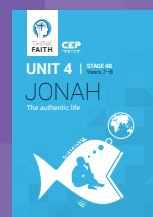
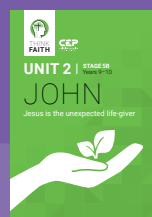
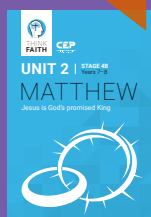
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# Makito Miyashita

## Third year profile

My name is Makito Miyashita. I like hanging out with my friends, chatting and discussing ideas, and doing things together. Everything is better when we're together.



My family is the single most important factor in me becoming a Christian. Growing up in Japan, Christian input from elsewhere was sparse. My parents would read the Bible and pray with us before my sister and I went to school, and before we went to bed. My parents still share with us what they are reading in their devotions. My great-grandmother prayed for all of her descendants that they would come to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. God answers prayer.

**I chose Moore partly because of family ties, but also because I knew it would be a place where I would be taught well, I knew the theological traditions it came from and the convictions the teachers held.**

As someone who's always envied friends who have 'dramatic' conversion stories, Deuteronomy chapter 6 has become special to me. Just as the Israelites were instructed to teach their children day and night in the law of the Lord, lest they forget the God who saved them, even while enjoying all the good things he provided for them, I came to realise that their story is my story; just as 'dramatic', and full of God's grace. Everything I took for granted came from God, through my parents. Every good gift indeed comes from above, especially my faith.

Passages such as Colossians 2:8 and Proverbs 6:20 have been God's clear words to me when my worldview has been shaken, and I have been enticed. Psalm 103—which in my family has traditionally been 'the birthday Psalm', meditated upon on our birthdays—and Psalm 23, which I am named after, reminds me to look to God every day, and especially when times get tough, to remember what he has already done for me, and to trust that he will continue to do so till I see him in glory.

I used to be a primary school teacher in the Northwest part of Sydney for four years before coming to college. There were a number of factors influencing my decision to come to college, but one thing I thought was, "if I only ever have one more chance to study a degree, I should study about God, because he is ultimate reality, everlasting and unchanging".

I chose Moore partly because of family ties, but also because I knew it would be a place where I would be taught well, I knew the theological traditions it came from and the convictions the teachers held. I was excited to spend time under great lecturers, who are both knowledgeable and personable and who love God.

I am not sure yet where I want to end up after college. As I grew up in Japan, I am interested in telling Japanese people about Jesus. I think I've also had a heart for people in distress or on the fringe of society, whether they be teenagers, homeless, the rich, those who have been mistreated, have a disability, those receiving emergency relief or welfare. I would also like to see some of the wealth of theological material that we have access to as native English speakers (such as the Moore College Preliminary Theological Certificate as well as other books) translated into Japanese and other languages, so that they can be a steady source for spiritual growth, maturity and cultural change.

If I can be part of any of what I've mentioned above, that would mean my four years at Moore College have been well spent.

# THIRD YEAR







### ROBERT ABOUD

Sally and I (Rob) are excited to begin another year at college. Sally is beginning first year, working towards the Advanced Diploma of Mission and Ministry. Pray for us as we manage our lives and foster our relationship/s in a busy context, keeping God's mission as our first priority.



### ANDREA ABEYASEKERA

I'm serving as the student minister at St Swithun's Anglican Church in Pymble. I'm also serving on the Domestic and Family Violence Team within Common Grace. My plans beyond college are to continue working to eradicate violence from our homes and churches, pursue further study, and tell people about Jesus.



### AMY ABRAHAM

I got married to Jabish at the end of 2017, and this year we'll be attending church at Barney's, Broadway. Please pray for wisdom as we work out how we can serve best as a married couple, and that we'll do so with humility and gratitude.



### REBECCA ANTAW

Married to Daniel, moved from Perth, serving at the Cathedral. Thankful for another year of study and being encouraged to think deeply about God's word. Pray for continued trust in the Lord as we think through future opportunities.



### DAVID ANTHONISZ

Married to Michelle and blessed with Matthew (18) and Kate (15). Student Minister at St Andrew's Anglican Wahroonga. Please pray that God will continue knitting our family closer together in His love and His Spirit.



### MATHEA AU

I'm married to Kevin (second year) and am thankful to God for tea and dark chocolate. Please pray I will often thank God for this privilege of being at college; and ask that my worth will be firmly found in being made and bought by Christ. Thanks for your prayers.



### DANIEL BISHOP

Married to Shannon, father to Zeke and Jed and one on the way. Serving with Two Ways Ministries and the saints at St Marks South Hurstville. Student by day, beekeeper by afternoon and asleep by night. Thanks for your prayers.



### PETER BLAIR

Grateful to be in our 3rd year at College as we prepare for a lifetime of ministry in Northern Ireland. Alongside studies, Peter serves with Two Ways Ministries, and Jodie helps with Moore Women and the Equip Womens' Conference.



### TIMOTHY BONES

Hi, I'm Tim. My wife Jess and I welcomed Sam, our first son, into our family in April. Pray for us that we would love him like Jesus does. Pray for our whole family that while at college our eyes would be fixed on eternity and live like Jesus could come back tomozza.



### ANDREW BOOTES

Married to Miriam, we have 3 children, Mathias, Tommy and Macey. Thankful for the privilege to study God's word deeply and to be student ministering at South Coogee Anglican. Praying that we would be equipped to serve God and his people in ministry wherever he takes us in the future.



### DANIEL BUDD

I'm married to Lily, and we have two kids, Elijah and Reuben. We're so thankful for our time at college! Pray that as we continue to study, and also serve at Dundas Telopea Anglican, we might keep growing in our love for Christ, his church, and the lost.



### POLLY BUTTERWORTH

I'm a high-school teacher hoping to go into school chaplaincy after college. This year I'm continuing as a Student Minister at St Catherine's School, as my husband James works as a Maths teacher. We would love prayer as we grow in our ability to reach high-school students with the gospel.



### CAROL CHAN

Thankful for another year to learn and dwell on God's Word with godly brothers and sisters. Currently serving at St Barnabas Fairfield, but getting married to Jaffe in July this year and no idea what the future may hold. Pray that God will grow my love and trust in Christ alone amidst all the uncertainties and deepen my conviction to let His Word do all the work.



### SIMEON CUMBERLAND

Married to Kristen and Dad to Jude and Benji, please pray that I would grow in my godliness and wisdom as a husband and father in 2018. Pray also that our family would grow to know and love Christ more and that our time at college would prepare us for the ups and downs of ministry life ahead.

**For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (Rom. 8:18)**



### SUSAN DUC

College has been such a joy. And yes, I'm still here! Each year has been a surprise, with fresh challenges and opportunities to grow. I'm doing Two Ways Ministries: both excited and scared about how it'll change me. So thankful for family, friends and church. And for your prayers!



### LYNDON FROST

We are excited to continue growing this year as we dig into God's Word. Pray for energy and time management as we juggle college and raising our new daughter Cecelia. We plan to return to New Zealand at the end of the year.



### DANIEL GALE

My name is Daniel Gale. Married to Renee. We are currently serving at Soul Revival Church Kirrawee, a fairly new church plant in the Sutherland Shire. It has grown by over 300 people in its short life. My job is running our Friday Church service. Renee and I would love prayer as we keep serving God on this crazy and exciting journey at Soul Revival.



### MARLEE GREEN

This year, I'm excited to be part of and learn about multicultural ministry, equipping young Christians in evangelism, and sharing the gospel myself. Would love prayer for this, and for Spirit-enabled cultivation of godly attitudes, diligence and habits. Thankful for God's work in securing our eternal hope, and reminding us of it!



### WILLIAM HE

Thankful for the opportunity to study God's word and be equipped for a lifetime of service. This year, I'm excited to start at a new church. Keen to see how God continues to teach, rebuke, correct, and train me. I'm especially looking forward to proclaiming Jesus in university campuses.



### REBECCA HITCHCOCK

I am very thankful for the time I have to study at Moore! Pray that I keep growing in my understanding of the gospel and delight in God more and more as I study his word. Pray also that from my understanding of who God is and what he has done in Christ that I would grow in godliness :)



### JOHNSON HO

Cherry and I are serving at Hebron Chinese Alliance Church. We are expecting a little girl in Apr (Yeah-). Please pray for us as we seek to love and serve God as a family.



### STUART JANSEN

I'm Stuart, and I'm passionate about serving Jesus and his people, particularly working with kids. Please pray that I'll grow in knowledge and understanding of God, and that I'll keep on being blown away by Jesus.



### LUCY KNIGHTS

This year I've started as student minister at St Peter's Watsons Bay. Would love your prayers as I make the adjustment to a new church family and that as I head into third year I would be seeking faithfulness to Christ above all else. Thanks for praying!



### JOSE LAM

Husband to Vincy and father to Tobias. Student minister at Roseville East Anglican Church. Please pray that God would grant wisdom to all the ministry team at church, so that together we can faithfully lead the congregations in our care through a period of transition and significant change across the parish.



### CARMEN LAU

Thanking God for the partnership we have in the Gospel! Please pray for humility as I learn God's word, a bold and prayerful heart to keep proclaiming the important news that Jesus is Lord, and for opportunities now and after college to make disciples of all nations for his glory.



### BRIAN LUONG

Gday! I'm Brian, married to the lovely Joy and blessed with two delightful girls, Andrea and Chloe. I am studying at college with the view to proclaiming Christ in Victoria. Please pray for diligence, discipline and prayerfulness in studying God's Word this year, and for faithfulness and love as a husband and father in 2018.



### MAKITO MIYASHITA

Please pray that through study, I would get to know and relate to God more deeply and richly as my loving Father, through the work of Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and that my study would be beneficial in building up those around me in Christ.



### MATTHEW MORRISON

I'm married to Leonie in 2nd Year. We would love prayer for guidance and wisdom on where we will serve God after College. It is a pleasure to know that we have so many people praying for us and we thank God and you for your prayers.



### EVAN MOSES

My name is Evan and I'm married to Madi. Please pray that God would continue to strengthen our marriage as we seek to serve God's people at SNAC. Give thanks and pray for God's continued provision and care of us amidst battles with mental illness and financial struggle.

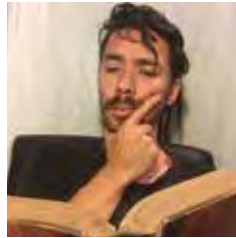


**THOMAS MURRAY**

*As newly-weds please pray that we would honour God in our roles as husband and wife. Pray that our marriage would be used in the service of God, to glorify his name and bring others unto himself. Pray also that God would continue to equip us for a life of ministry together in Ireland.*

**JEMIMA NICHOLS**

*I'm in third year studying with my husband Robbie. We're involved in Urban Grace Marrickville and like meeting locals through our little vegetable garden. Last year I particularly enjoyed learning more about the trinity. After college we hope to start a family, and continue to love and serve God somewhere.*

**ROBERT NICHOLS**

*My Name is Robbie Nichols. I live in Marrickville and I go to Urban Grace Church. Please pray for my continual growth this year as a Christian. I've experience so much already in my college years I really look forward to all that's ahead.*

**THOMAS ONG**

*Returning to Singapore to serve as one of the pastors of The Crossing Church. Keen to be involved in evangelism to the less-reached. Please pray that the gospel would be proclaimed and embraced in Singapore. Please pray that I might walk as a child of light. (Eph 5:8)*

**JOHN PERRETT**

*I'm married to Beth, and we have 2 boys, Ethan and Zack. We're excited to be trained to serve in ministry for the rest of our lives. We are keen to serve overseas, especially in Asia, in training and discipling Christians there.*

**MICHELLE POLLEY**

*Thankful for another year exploring the riches of God's grace and excited to join the saints at Randwick Presbyterian Church. Please pray that I would be: growing in godliness, dependance on God in prayer, and zeal for God's glory; putting off sin, seeking to honour God in all things.*

**CALLAN PRITCHARD**

*Callan and Katrina are hurtling into their 3rd year of the Moore experience. While Callan does the whole theological shebang, Katrina will teach secondary students all manner of subjects. They grace the shores of Parramatta, and appreciate your prayers for spiritual growth, a strong marriage, and eyes fixed on Jesus.*

**ALAN READER**

*My name is Alan, in my final year of study. Angie and I are looking forward to returning to Tasmania in 2019 for either parish or AFES ministry (not sure yet!). We were very blessed to have little Theo arrive into our family on the last day of 2017, and he's keeping us on our toes!*

**XERRI SCIBERRAS**

*This year I've started as a student minister at St Basil's in Artarmon. I'm excited to see what God has been and will be doing there. Please pray I continue to settle in and serve well with love, humility and a growing trust in God's Word.*

**YC CHING TANG**

*I am YC, and I am married to Winnie. We are from Hong Kong. I really enjoyed church history last year. It helped me to understand the Anglican heritage and provide background for some of the doctrines we hold from reformation time. I am also looking forward to continue to learn Greek, and use it in my sermon prep.*

**BETHANY UTBER**

*This year I'm thankful to be a student minister at Yagoona Anglican Church and would love prayer that I'd learn and serve there well. Please also pray that I'd keep a perspective of eternity, and keep Jesus at the centre of all things, especially as I get married.*

**JAMES VIGAR**

*I'm thankful for the great blessing college has been and the opportunity to serve in Sydney's South-West. Please pray that I can continue to grow in Godly character and be diligent in study so that I can be better equipped to serve God's people.*

**MELLISA WANG**

*Thankful to be continuing at Randwick Presbyterian. Will be part of the youth team, excited to see how God will grow more disciple-making disciples. Eager to learn more about God's grace and mercy at college while preparing to be stretched in all areas.*

**LACHLAN WEBB**

*Lachlan and his two kids are excited to join the college community. He harbours a secret love of text criticism and is exploring options in bible translation.*

**YVONNE ZHENG**

*Praise the Lord for the study and training in Moore throughout the past years. I am passionate about Church planting and the sharing of the good news of Jesus among the Chinese. Please pray that the Lord will continue to guide this fruitful journey, and prepare me for the future ministry.*

# RESILIENCE

## in my life

I haven't taken the usual path to get to College. No MTS. No teaching degree. No grand plan to do a B.Th or B.Div. I didn't become a Christian until my early 20s. I worked for many years as a lawyer after that. At most, I thought I'd do a year of College, maybe two. And I'm now in my third year. Making these life-changing decisions has been hard, and I've become a more resilient person in making them. This article looks at one of those hard choices, and the approach I've developed which has helped me tackle hardships with greater resilience.

So what is 'resilience'? Basically, it's the capacity to recover from hardship quickly. It can be an innate quality, but also a skill that can be grown. It involves building resources, like faith, persistence and supportive relationships, to help you ably navigate adverse situations. Resilience is important for Christians because we are called to live cross-shaped lives, in which we will face many hardships (2 Tim 3:12).

Being a Christian is my life's greatest joy. But becoming a Christian was one of the hardest things I've ever done, because it's changed everything. My values, my loves, and my life direction.

My parents are refugees from Cambodia, having survived the Khmer Rouge's mass extermination of the middle class. Their parents were also refugees, fleeing the emerging Communist regime in China to establish a new life in Phnom Penh. When my parents made it to Australia, they set down roots in Cabramatta. This place, filled with Greeks and Italians who had

settled in after World War II, became an enclave for Indochinese refugees like my parents, who shared experiences of trauma and hoped to eke out better futures, for themselves, but more importantly, for their children.

I was born a few years after my parents came to Australia. My parents worked back-breaking hours to make sure I never lacked anything growing up, and I was weaned on their stories of suffering and loss. *Never forget. Work hard in school. Lock in your future.* This meant becoming a doctor. Or pursuing dentistry, the family trade. My parents had been dentists, and their parents had been dentists, but Dad's lack of English proficiency meant he took up work as a sheet metal worker, and Mum learned to sew from home. They were determined to pave the way for my secure future. Don't forget what we've lost. Make the most of what we've sacrificed for you. This sense of obligation and parental expectation formed the backdrop of my childhood experience.



By Susan Duc

Ours was a relatively traditional Chinese household. My parents disciplined and admonished me, and I obeyed and honoured them. Loss of "face" was a big deal. Confucian values shaped our family life, which meant that we lived for our parents. My parents lived for theirs, and I lived for mine. And my children would live for me. It made sense, and I saw it in the context of my parents' self-sacrificial love, which they showed by providing richly for all my physical and material needs.

It's pretty clear that my cultural upbringing set me on course to clash with the gospel, which I first heard in high school. For Jesus brings a sword, and not peace, to the biological family (Matt 10:21, 34). I remember being floored by the message of love and promise I found in the God-who-became-man. But I was also repelled by his demand for pride of place in my life, above even my Mum and Dad (Matt 10:35-37, Lk 14:26). I struggled for many years after that with Jesus' call for me to join his family. The cost seemed prohibitive. My parents had sacrificed everything, to help make secure for me the life that had been cruelly torn from them. Could I really turn away from what they had built for me, and walk a different path?

I still struggle with their deeply-felt disappointment. There was no hysteria or radio silence when I decided to

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become a Christian, when I decided to quit my job to go to Bible College, or even when I decided to stay at Bible College. But none of that was required. I felt my betrayal. My failure to be the pious daughter they worked so tirelessly to raise. I still do. This might seem bizarre in Western culture, where parents raise children to make it on their own. To forge their own path. This is not the case in Chinese culture, where parents see children as children until said children marry. Usually.

The Bible tells us that we are to honour and obey our parents, but also that it is for Christ's sake that we do it (Col 3:20). Not because it's a cultural norm, or because it's expected by our parents. I was placed in my family to love and honour my parents, but first and foremost, I was made by God to love and worship him (Col 1:16). Holding firm to this objective truth in the face of subjective experience has helped ground me in faith even when the emotions and voices (both inside and out) try to tell me a different story. I know that I don't have to live up to my parents' expectations and that in fact, I shouldn't. I don't have to bear the burden of living for my parents' approval...as much as I want to. God is at the centre of my life. To give anything else, or anyone else, that place in my life is idolatry. While I understand my parents' point-of-view, I've learned that not everything they say is necessarily right. I need to view everything through the prism of kingdom values, which transcend my parents, culture and even myself.

Over time, as my confidence in God has grown, and I have become a part of his people, I have found it easier (though not easy) to walk this different path. My prayer is for my parents to see this path to Jesus, and that God in his grace and mercy would prompt them to go there with me. I can't make it happen, and my efforts to please them will bring them no closer to that. But until they know God, and understand why I've chosen this different path, I expect more difficult conversations, more confusion, and more conflict.

How have I cultivated resilience to bounce back after each wearying confrontation, to continue engaging with them and loving them? It's a work in progress. But I rest in the sure hope I have of salvation in Jesus, that we endure hardships which serve to refine our faith (1 Pet 1:3-7). It may even, God-willing, be the means he uses to reveal himself to them. The prize is so great that any possibility of claiming it is worth the pursuit. Understanding there is purpose to my hardship, both for my sake and theirs, helps me deal with the tension, their disapproval and my own sense of failure.

I have also learned to lean more heavily on God, and he has helped me see how weak and feeble I am on my own. Knowing that I have the God of the universe on my side, that he initiated this relationship with me in Christ (Heb 10:19-22), is an incredible source of comfort and strength. And I get to seek him out in prayer and drink in his word without limit. I also know that he has given

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me a spirit not of fear, but of power, love and self-control (2 Tim 1:7), and I can trust in him rather than myself.

God doesn't intend for us to have hardship-free lives. I realised this when I became a Christian. It will continue to be hard, especially in the high calling of Christian ministry. But we can be greatly encouraged that God uses our hardships for our good (Rom 8:28), knowing that our experiences of hardship (whatever they may be) will produce in us endurance, character and hope (Rom 5:3-4).

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And he hasn't left us to experience hardship alone. He has given us faith through his Spirit. As we grow in faith, we will grow in resilience. He has also given us direct relationship with him through his Son. The more we appreciate this and draw on it, the more resilient we will become. He has blessed us with a network of genuine love and care—those whom we can call brother and sister, and who with us form the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:12). These are people we can lean on in times of hardship, and who can point us back to God.

God has graciously given us these abundant blessings to make us more resilient to the demands of a Christian life of service. How are you going to use these gifts to help you ably deal with the hardships that will inevitably come your way as you go through life?





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# Rachel Burgess

## Fourth year profile

By the time you read this, I'll probably be about to say goodbye to Moore College. It has been an absolute joy to spend four years here. How did I get here and where to next? Both come down to God's hand directing my life. His past workings I can share with you; the future... I can merely offer what may be.



Growing up in a Christian home I could see that if God was real, he was good. But was he real? Over time he graciously showed me that in Jesus we meet God in the flesh. The way the whole thrust of the OT is towards him and what he would do, the testimony of the resurrection witnesses who were willing to die for this message... The God of the Bible is certainly real, and if real then also good.

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As he gave me a firm conviction of these things, it seemed obvious that this was what my life should be about. Initially I thought that would mean teaching flute part-time and serving in an under-resourced church, perhaps doing a little theological study to be better prepared for this. In 2011, two of the ministers from my church (St Luke's Miranda) encouraged me to do MTS and consider training to serve full-time in ministry. I was becoming increasingly aware that there are all kinds of ways for God to use theologically trained women in the growth of his kingdom, and was excited to do MTS with this in view for the future. There were challenges, but I loved MTS and was encouraged on to College.

When I came to College, I started as a student minister at St John's Parramatta, wanting to learn from their female assistant minister Lisa and the way she ran the women's ministry. Having loved ESL ministry at Miranda and the mix of people at Parra, in third year I moved to Chester Hill Anglican. I loved the huge diversity, the warm community and missional energy, and the great staff team there.

I came to College thinking that I was training to work full-time in parish ministry. Little did I know that I would end up married to a minister by the end! Michael and I got married in January, and it's been great learning to serve together. There are all kinds of opportunities that come up as a minister's wife, and I'd like to be flexible and available to be involved in this way. I'm thankful for my time at Chester Hill where I saw the example of two ministry wives putting their own College study to excellent use, even in the young family stage.

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." (Proverbs 16:9). This verse has something to say about the side of resilience that is adapting to changing circumstances. We are creatures. We might think we know where our lives will take us. But our Creator is the one who is sovereign over our lives. He knows his children and the good works that he has planned in advance for each of us to do. At the moment I'm investigating working part-time as a chaplain for the near future. Is that what I'll be doing next year, or in ten or twenty years' time? I have no idea. But I'm confident that in the words of Ephesians 2, God has good works for me to do.

# FOURTH YEAR





**BRIAN BARKER**

*Our time at college is nearly done; what a joy it's been. God's plans for us for future work are still yet to be seen. But into the world the Gospel goes; bringing life and hope and light. Our prayer is to join this mission, in God's power, strength and might.*

**JOCELYN BIGNILL**

*Please pray for me as I head towards full time ministry. Pray that God continues to develop my character and grow me in discipline, love, patience, wisdom and strength.*

**HAYLEY BOAG**

*Wow, never thought I'd get here! After a trying (!) 5 years at MTC I'm finishing up my final year of college with the lovely people at 'Church at the Peak' in South Peakhurst, learning the ropes at youth group. Still keen to head overseas next year. Thanks for praying!*

**MATTHEW BORG**

*While I have enjoyed my time at College, I am looking forward to finishing up and heading to Sydney's Western suburbs to proclaim Christ*

**MIRIAM BRADSHAW**

*Pray that Jesus' surpassing power would blast out through my frailty. Also please pray that I would love holiness and be more excited about being in his presence than vaporous delights in this world. Thankyou, I need your prayer!*

**SAMUEL BROADFOOT**

*As Sam and Bo-Jasmine (with their 2 girls) finish this season at college and begin spending more time serving others with the gospel, pray that all the great things they've learned would filter into their convictions, shaping their characters to be more Christlike.*

**ROBERT BROWN**

*Fourth Year feels like a massive privilege. Alice and I are praying the Lord would enable us to make the very most of our final year in Sydney before returning to serve in Student Ministry in the North East of England with our two children (Jonty and Pippa).*

**RACHEL BURGESS**

*This year I'm serving at Panania Anglican Church with my husband Michael. I'm so thankful to our Father for these four years at Moore! Please pray that God would keep growing me in godly character and knowledge of him, and grant me wisdom to see how I can best serve him post-College.*

**ANDREW COURT**

*Married to the sagacious Merry. We both trained as music teachers and love making music together when we can. Living in Parramatta and churching at Riverstone. Desperately and earnestly want to be effective and fruitful servants of the King.*

**KATHERINE COWELL**

*I'm looking forward to my final year of study and continuing to serve my church family at St Matthias, along with my husband Nigel in second year. Please pray that I would treasure and cling to God's Word this year, and for wisdom as we make decisions about future ministry.*

**BENJAMIN DANSON**

*This year is both exciting and scary. It is exciting to dig deeper into God's word. Scary as I make decisions about where I will be serving in the future. Pray that I will deepen my knowledge of God and make a wise decision on where to serve next year.*

**JACK DAY**

*I'm married to Katie, and we're thankful to God for the birth of our first child, Oscar, in November 2017! I'm currently a student minister at St Augustine's Neutral Bay. Please pray that God would give us wisdom this year as we work out where to serve him in 2019.*

**KATIE DAY**

*After studying for three years, I'm now studying fourth year part time. I'm a wife to Jack in fourth year, and a mum to Oscar who was born last November. We are excited to find out what God has planned for us to do after college!*

**VICTOR GEORGE**

*I am married to Ronni. Looking forward to learning how to preach Christ from the Old Testament. Seeking to serve Christ in the South West.*

**CHRISTOPHER GRAY**

*I'm married to Emily, and we have two young children, Joshua and Elspeth. I've just joined Fourth Year after a long time working in parachurch ministry. Our aim is to move into Anglican church work, so this year at Moore is a wonderful part of that journey.*



### JONATHAN HAMER

*We are so grateful for your prayers over our four years at college! Please pray for us as we prepare for 2019, when we hope to be returning to our home-town of Adelaide to serve God and his people.*

### KATHERINE HAMER

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### ANDREW HAYES

*We so value your prayers, especially as we adapt to life with a newborn baby. Currently serving at South West Evangelical Church. Pray for wisdom and humility as we transition from College to full-time ministry (somewhere!?) - and thank God for the deep lessons learned at this great college.*



### LUCY HE

*Lucy is a Mandarin speaker, who was converted from chasing after migrant dreams of success to following our Lord Jesus. She hopes to proclaim Christ and the joy of knowing him in Sydney or Taiwan.*



### SARAH KANAGARATNAM

*Going into 4th year of college everything feels both exciting & daunting at the same time! I'm thankful to God for another year sitting under his word, living & learning in community. Please pray for wisdom as I consider serving on a university campus outside Sydney.*



### SEBASTIAN LANE

*Jess and I have moved to St Barnabas Bossley Park this year and I am excited to be coordinating youth there. I am super thankful for these years at MTC and looking forward to God-willing starting FT parish ministry in Sydney in 2019. We'd love prayer for a smooth transition.*



### KAREN LAWSON-SMITH

*I'm thankful for all the things that God has taught me about himself over my time at college. Please pray that my love, faith and hope would grow this year as I study. Please also pray that I would trust God in the uncertainties of next year.*



### WON IL LEE

*Timothy, Sammy, John (6), Noelle (4), Hope (2): Loved in Christ beyond measure. Thankful to be at Moore to grow in the knowledge of God. Seeking to serve in a church somewhere in Australia from next year. Please pray for faithfulness, boldness, wisdom, and God's provisions.*



### TAWANDA MASANGO

*I am so grateful for our time at college which has been a great opportunity to grow in many areas of life and ministry. At the end of college, my wife Shupi and our lovely daughter Unathi will be going back to Zimbabwe where we will be serving among university students.*



### DANIEL MCKINLAY

*We have loved our time at Moore and can't wait to serve God's people in Watson's Bay and also back in the UK after serving a curacy in Sydney.*



### MARCELO MORBELLI

*Back for round four. Continuing to serve the saints in Smithfield. Gratefully married to the magnificent Lizzie. God-willingly, welcoming a mini-Morbelli to the world in May. Hoping to make the most out of College this year as God prepares us for what he has in store for us next year.*



### JIM NADEN

*I'm married to Pip and we are thinking about the ways in which we can best serve Aboriginal communities after college. Grateful to God for the last three years and am thankful that I have been able to study at Moore.*



### PATRICK O'KEEFFE

*There is so much to be thankful for as Issy and I come to the end of our time at Moore. Please pray for continued dependence upon God's wisdom and strength in study and ministry, all to the glory of Christ.*



### PEDRO OLIVEIRA WOOLMER

*I'm married to Joy and we have a 3 year old son, Mark. We hope to do university student ministry outside Sydney after we finish up college. Pray that we would be content wherever God would have us.*



### DANIEL ONG

*We are excited to be given the opportunity to share what we have learned in the past few years at college with churches in Indonesia. Please pray that Frida, Caleb, Joel and myself will continue to delight in God's Word and be shaped by Him in every aspect of our life.*





### JORDAN PETERSON

Married to Anna; we have 2 boys, Will (2) and Noah (0). God has used my time at College to help me see both Him and myself more clearly in ways I couldn't have imagined. I've grown so much in my love for him. What a huge privilege! Thanks MTC!



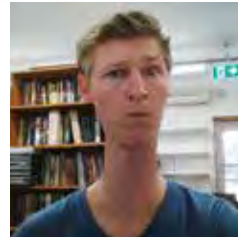
### WILLIAM QUACH

I'm married to Rebecca, we have two children Sophie (3) and bub due at the end of April. We are looking to serve in South West Sydney after college and would appreciate prayer for that. Please pray that we will make the most of our time at Moore and that God will equip us for a lifetime of serving him.



### JESSICA SMITH

It's a joy to partner with the saints in Lakemba in sharing Jesus with the Muslim community. May God bring many from darkness into light! I'd love prayer for discipline (and sanity!) in this final leg of college, and wisdom re: plans to serve in the M world long-term.



### MATTHEW SMITH

I'm feeling stretched - pray that I don't lose my head! In June, I married Beth (3rd year). Best decision ever, but now it's time to pick up everything I dropped in first semester. Please pray for energy and wisdom to fulfil my responsibilities while loving my beautiful wife well.



### PHILIP STOLK

Janice and I are hoping to be used by God in growing His kingdom in a gospel-poor area of Australia or New Zealand. We can't wait to see what God might do to glorify Himself through us! Please pray that as we plan for next year and look ahead to a lifetime of proclaiming Christ, that we'll keep depending on Him.



### DANIEL TAN

Dan is married to Deb and together they will be heading back to Singapore in 2019. Dan will serving as the Young Adults' Pastor at Bathesda Church Bukit Arang, a vibrant family church in Central Singapore. They're both looking forward to being back in their native homeland and making Jesus known there.



### CHRISTOPHER TOWNSEND

My name is Chris, married to Erin also in 4th year. We're excited to be serving together at Focus Indonesia church at UNSW. Erin and I look forward to serving the Lord together in Indonesia from 2019 and beyond. Please pray that God would continue to grow us in godliness.



### ERIN TOWNSEND

Hello! I'm Erin. Married to the wonderful Chris. On Sundays I have the privilege of serving Indonesian university students at FOCUS Indonesia. God willing, we'll move to Indonesia next year to proclaim the gospel to students. Very thankful to God for my time at college and all he's taught me.



### MATTHEW TYLER

I'm Matt, married to Ellen and we have Tom (Oct 2016) and one on the way (Mar 2018). We're loving our community at Moore West and our multicultural, unpredictable family at our church in Guildford. Long term we're seriously considering Bible translation with Wycliffe somewhere in the Pacific.



### NICHOLAS WEBB

I am grateful to be at Moore for a fourth year, with my wife Rebekah even joining me at Moore this year (to do a one-year course)! Please pray for us as we apply and prepare for gospel work overseas, likely in South East Asia.



### ANTONY WEISS

Deaconed in February, curate of Christ Church St Laurence and also Chaplain to St Paul's College within the University of Sydney. On the 1st August, it will be 25 years since I gave my life to Christ. Please pray as I run the race before me in 2018.



### ANDREW WEST

Married to Christine who is an OT at St Vincents Hospital. Serving at Village Church. Please pray that God would keep growing me at college, and then send us out in 2019 to serve for his glory!



### ANDREW WILLIAMS

Please pray for Claire, Jack, Charlie and I as we work towards taking the good news of Jesus to my homeland of New Zealand, a beautiful country which has all but abandoned its Christian heritage. Pray especially for us as we work out family dynamics of parenting, resting and living for the kingdom.



### JACKY WONG

Cindy, Charlotte and I are immensely thankful to God for the learning and fellowship at college. Please pray that God will continue to grow us in our last year of college life and in our language skills to teach God's word and love people better at Artarmon Anglican.



### PAUL YOUNG

2018 is a big year for Bec and me. Our last year of college, a baby boy and moving back home to Perth. Please pray that we will grow in love and service, that we'd end well and that God will bring many to know him through us.



### NICHOLAS WOODWARD

*Tasmanian who became a Christian while studying at UNSW. Married to the lovely Danae and looking to head outside of Sydney for ministry after college! Thankful to God for our great year group and for the way he has grown us during our four years here!*

### DANAE WOODWARD

*By God's grace we've made it to 4th year! I'm growing in my love for the God of great and precious promises of hope, and in my confidence to teach others about him! 4th year will be big, so please pray for our endurance in this and job hunting interstate.*



### ROBERT YOUNG

*Hi I'm Rob! Please pray that God may give Melody and I wisdom with decisions for 2018 and beyond. We're hoping to serve God in Sydney in the short-term before going interstate or overseas. Please also pray that Zachary (2) and baby (due July) will know and love Jesus always!*



### TOM ZHANG

*Both Tom and Amy are born-again Christians from Mainland China through overseas campus ministries. Tom currently helps the church with the starting of Mandarin ministry, and he hopes to finish the college and be involved in parish discipleship building for Mandarin ministry.*



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abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge;  
the fear of the Lord is Zion's treasure. (Isa. 33:6)**

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# RESILIENCE

## and Endurance in Ministry

Studying at Moore College is a strange stage of life to be in. Full-time students are taking one, three or four years to devote to theological study, seeking to deepen their knowledge of God and of the Scriptures so that they can go out into the world to be better teachers of God's word and disciple-making disciples. And for most, if not all of us, this decision involved some level of sacrifice. For some, it was giving up a lucrative job, or a job they found fulfilling. For some, it was moving away from their family. For some, it was moving to a different church family. For some, it was moving from the relaxed country life to the busyness of inner-city Sydney. For anyone training for ministry, the decision to study at theological college involves some level of sacrifice.

But do we really have a right understanding of sacrifice in the Christian life? We seem to talk a lot about resilience; about setting up good patterns so that we can persevere in ministry and avoid burnout. The problem is, though, we often don't spend enough time talking about sacrifice, and when we do, it is rarely in the context of the kind of sacrifice that Jesus expected from his followers:

<sup>34</sup>And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, *"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it."* (Mark 8:34-35)

What is it that Jesus means by these words? And have we forgotten this challenge? The narrative that those training for ministry regularly hear is that it is crucial to plan early to put safeguards in place to help ourselves grow in resilience, and persevere for a lifetime of ministry, while avoiding the dangers of burnout. This is a right and a good concern! But are we in danger of focusing so much on self-care that we neglect Jesus' call to sacrificial discipleship—losing our life in order to save it? This is not just a problem for those training for ministry, of course; anyone who trusts in Jesus is subject to that same call to take up their cross and follow him. How, then, can we live lives of sustainable sacrifice in the world?



By Nick Woodward

In his recent book *The Good Life in the Last Days*, Mikey Lynch explores this tension with great pastoral insight. It is a book that I would highly recommend any Christian read as we seek to explore how to live well in the world as followers of Jesus, and navigate the balance between idolatry on one end, and burnout on the other. Here are some helpful points that he makes as we seek to navigate this tension.

### God created things other than himself

God created the physical world, and he made us as creatures with physical needs. He didn't have to make us as creatures who can taste, or see, or touch. Lynch points out that God could have just made angels who are able to praise him continually, but he didn't. Instead, we are made in such a way as to enjoy the physical things that God gives us in his world, and we are also made as limited creatures, who require food and rest to be able to live. Thankfully God made us in a way that we enjoy these good gifts that sustain us! We must not, therefore, approach the world like a Stoic, thinking that the things of this world are to be avoided and are of no value. God has created a good world for us to enjoy.

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It follows from this that God made creation to be complex rather than simple. We must seek to give God the glory in all things, but also acknowledge that the world exists as a thing separately from God. Yes, we can and should give thanks to God when savouring the taste of chocolate, but we can also enjoy the chocolate for its own sake. We must not ignore God when we enjoy the good things of this world, but equally we must remember that God is a God who gives good things to his children (Matt 7:11).

### **We have Christian freedom in the way we approach life in this complex world**

There is not one single right way to respond to each situation you might find yourself in. You and I might face near-identical circumstances, and each of us might respond to them completely differently, and each response can still be a valid Christian response. This freedom is both a

nature, when we say yes to one good thing we will inevitably be saying no to other good things (and many bad things which we should rightly avoid). We can and must worship God in the good things we choose to do in our day-to-day lives, whether it is evangelising, playing sport, or putting our kids to bed. God has placed us in this complex world and called us to glorify him in how we live in it; and if we truly love God, this will flow out in the way we live in the world.

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responsibility and an encouragement. It is a responsibility in that we are called to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called (Eph 4:1) and so honour Christ with our actions. It is an encouragement when we are reminded that God made us in such a way that we are limited and finite; by our very

As mentioned previously, some of the sacrifices that we make are when we choose one good option and necessarily miss out on other good options that we could have chosen; this type of sacrifice cannot really be considered denying ourselves, but is merely making a choice between two good options. Another kind of sacrifice

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that we make is *dying to our sinful selves*; if there is anything in our lives that we love above Christ, then we must, as Lynch suggests, "sacrifice our worldly, sinful love of them". This is often a painful process as we sacrifice things that are dear to us. But once we truly follow Christ, and love him above all things and at the centre of all things, then we often will realise that the things that we sacrificed, that were once so dear to our sinful selves, will fade into insignificance compared to the joy of truly following Christ. Many of the passages in which we are called to suffer or give something up also promise great reward (see Mark 10:28-30, Matt 19:29-30).

There are two other types of suffering that we face, that may or may not come as a result of sacrifice. The first is *suffering due to a fallen world*. This kind of suffering is experienced by Christians and non-Christians alike, but the truth of the gospel allows Christians to face this type of suffering with hope, with our eyes fixed on the glorious future that is to come. The second is *suffering for the sake of Christ*—persecution that we face from the world due to following Christ. For many Christians around the world, this persecution leads to extreme suffering and even death. But, as Lynch points out, while this kind of suffering is awful, and causes us to cry out "How long, O Lord?", *the life that leads to this suffering is good and right*. 2 Timothy 3:12 says that those who seek to live a godly life should expect to be persecuted for it; but we are called to live that godly life nonetheless.

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## We need to remember when we are

The Bible reminds us frequently of the point in history we find ourselves in. We are in the last days. 2 Peter 3 states that the only reason Jesus has not yet returned is because God is showing his patience so that more people may be saved. In 1 Corinthians 7, Paul writes about a number of different situations in which the Corinthian church is to act in a certain way *because the time is short*. What follows is a passage which is quite difficult to read:

“From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; those who mourn, as if they did not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.” (1 Cor 7:29-31)

Given the rest of what Paul writes about marriage in 1 Corinthians 7, he clearly isn't

commanding husbands to neglect their wives (see 1 Cor 7:3-5). Lynch suggests, rather, that we should adopt a *‘living as if’* stance. In this stance, he writes, “because of our eager expectation of the new creation and our passionate concern for the preaching of the gospel, we will be less engrossed with the genuinely lovely things and truly noble tasks of this present world”. In this stance, we are mindful of the times that we live in; we treat the things of this earth as temporary, because we are in the last days. This doesn't mean we must give away all of our possessions, but it means that we recognise the things of this earth for what they are, and not allow them to turn our focus from heavenly things, and serving Christ with our whole lives.

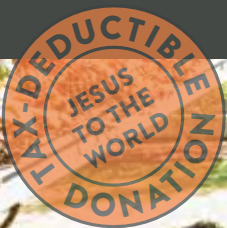
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Jesus has called us to take up our cross and follow him, being willing to lose our life in order to save it. The process of finding a balance in the midst of this tension is a tricky one; it will involve making decisions which say no to good things, and this will look different for each of us as we seek to glorify God in our own circumstances. But, ultimately, with the apostle Paul, we want to be able to look back on our life and say the following:

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. (2 Tim 4:6-8)

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# FACULTY AND CHAPLAINS AT MOORE



## MARK THOMPSON

Mark serves the College as its Principal and by lecturing in Christian doctrine. In the last few years he has done a fair bit of writing, mostly on God, the gospel, justification only by faith, and the life and work of Martin Luther. Mark is married to Kathryn and they have four teenage daughters: Elizabeth (19), Anna (17), Rachel (16) and Mary (13).



## COLIN BALE

Colin is the Vice-Principal, Academic Dean and Head of Church History. His ongoing research interest is bereavement in Australia caused by the deaths of service personnel in World War 2. Colin is married to Gillian and they have three adult children – Robert, Elizabeth and Edmund.



## GEORGE ATHAS

George is married to Koulia, and they have two teenage daughters, Hosanna and Josephine. George has been teaching in the Old Testament department for 13 years, and is also Director of Research. He loves history and archaeology, is an avid Formula One fan, and enjoys good coffee and jazz.



## JULIETTE ANTOON

Serving Moore College's distance students. Please pray that God will use the PTC to grow and equip many Christians for ministry according to God's word in their churches, workplaces, schools and other communities.



## ALISON BLAKE

Alison's ministry background is in local church ministry in Sydney with her husband Michael but she's currently part of Harbour Church, Shellharbour and involved in SRE and women's Bible study. She also serves in the MT&D program for wives of newly ordained ministers in the Sydney Diocese.



## MARK EARNGEY

The Earngey family are glad to have arrived back in Sydney and are excited to serve at Moore after spending the last four years in Oxford. Mark was undertaking research into the English Reformation, and the indefatigable Tanya was largely occupied with our three wonderfully energetic children, Grace, Simeon and Sophia.



## DEB EARNSHAW

Deb is really grateful for her time at Moore College as a student and a chaplain. She counts it a privilege to meet one on one with female students and particularly loves College mission. She also serves as an assistant minister at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church and loves spending time with family and friends.



## SIMON GILLHAM

Simon and Margie have two adult children, Maddie and Noah. They served as missionaries in Namibia and before that in local church ministry in the Hunter Valley. Simon is the Head of the Department of Mission and teaches in areas of mission and ministry. He is passionate about seeing the lost saved in the Lord Jesus.





### PAUL GRIMMOND

Paul is thankful to God for his job as Dean of Students and teaching in Ministry and Mission. He is married to Cathy and has 3 kids. Paul loves spending time with his family and watching students get enthusiastic about the truths of the Bible. He is excited about seeing God at work preparing future pastors, teachers and evangelists.



### DAVID HÖHNE

The Höhnes have been part of the Moore College community for more than a decade, attending Newtown Anglican Church. David's main research areas are the coming Kingdom of God and Modern European history. Amelia serves as the Academic Support Coordinator for Moore College and also works in adult literacy.



### ANNA HU

Anna is enjoying being part of the Moore College community again. Please pray that as she meets with the women from her chaplaincy group there will be much thanksgiving, sharing of challenges, but most of all, mutual encouragement to live gospel-shaped lives.



### PHILIP KERN

Philip and Amy were married in 1984, and have four children, Alexandra, Philip Stephen, Eliot and James. They attend Abbotsford Presbyterian Church. Philip came to Moore in 1998 to teach New Testament. His current research interests include Galatians, Christology, and the patriarchal narratives.



### CHASE KUHN

Chase has been on the faculty since 2016 teaching theology, ethics, and preaching. His current research interests are at the intersection of ethics and theology: work and the Christian life, and human dignity. He is married to Amy, and they have three children. As a family, they enjoy listening to music, going to the beach, and playing Uno.



### ISOBEL LIN

Isobel was a student at Moore over 20 years ago and 2018 is her 7th year as a chaplain. She finds it both humbling and encouraging playing a small role in the lives of the next generation of gospel workers. Isobel is married to Peter with three daughters. Pray that Isobel would continue to love and serve Jesus in every season.



### ANDREW LESLIE

Andrew is married to Felicity with three children. He lectures in Christian Doctrine. Andrew likes to spend time with his wife, family, and dear friends, alongside music, reading, (a minimal amount of) exercise, and rest. On Sundays he and his family attend All Saints' Petersham.



### ED LOANE

Ed is married to Joc and they have five children. Ed first came to Moore 20 years ago and then joined the faculty in 2014. He enjoys teaching doctrine and church history at college as well as the preaching and pastoral care associated with being on faculty. The Loanes enjoy spending time together and holidays in the sunshine.



### ALLI MUSCAT

Alli loves spending time getting to know the students and encouraging them as they prepare for future ministry. Please pray that she will serve the college and students faithfully, with love and humility. She and her husband Paul enjoy being part of the family at MBM (Multicultural Bible Ministry) at Rooty Hill.



### PETER ORR

Peter is married to Emma and they have four sons, Ben, Ollie, Jonny and Daniel. Having worked in Romania, London and Melbourne, he joined the faculty in 2014. Peter loves spending free time with the family and watching and playing lunch-time cricket at college.



### ARCHIE POULOS

Archie and Ainsley have three children. Archie has the joy of teaching in the Ministry Department and is currently researching the building of Sydney clergy competency. In the midst of her ministries Ainsley practises speech pathology and Georgia and Zoe are at Uni. The family love sharing Thursday night dinner together.



### LESLEY RAMSAY

I am very thankful for this privilege of sharing in the lives of the students at College! The rest of my week sees me travelling with my husband Jim to encourage independent church-planting pastors and their wives, working in ministry in my church at EV on the Central Coast, and working on loving my far-flung family.



### MARCELLE RODGERS

Marcelle and her family served as CMS missionaries in Indonesia followed by local parish ministry at Newtown Anglican church. Marcelle continues to run a friendship-evangelism craft project she started with Muslim village women in Indonesia as well as distributing EMU music materials within Australia.



### ANDREW SHEAD

Between teaching – which he never tires of – Andrew spends time with his students, preaches, and writes on the Old Testament. He is excited about the richness of the Old Testament as a source for Christian theology. Andrew is married to Jean and they have three children who fill their lives with excellent conversation.



### TARA STENHOUSE

Tara serves in the Ministry Department, team teaching in various areas of ministry and missions. She also teaches church history to Diploma students. Tara is the Dean of Women. She and Ian love being part of the Randwick Presbyterian Church family, where Ian serves as the senior minister.



### SARAH SEABROOK

*Al and I have been married for 13 years and have 3 children at Primary School who fill our days with love, craziness and opportunities to grow in godliness. I'm super excited to be at College this year alongside our chaplaincy women as they love and serve Jesus.*



### CATHY SMITH

*After working in Japan with CMS Cathy and her husband Grahame now pastor a Japanese congregation at Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church. Cathy enjoys meeting newcomers, leading Bible study, promoting mission, volunteering as a hospital chaplain, and encouraging her 4 adult children in ministry and mission.*



### CAROLINE SPENCER

*Caroline works full-time for City Bible Forum as an Evangelist and Trainer. City Bible Forum seeks to reach the world through the workplace with the good news of Jesus. Please pray for Christian city workers as they love their office neighbours and that God might bring forth a great harvest.*



### WENDY SWANTON

*Wendy works in Two Ways Ministries as Operations Manager. Please pray for the work of TWM training students and young adults in evangelism through Two Ways to Live; training Student Ministers and building a network of evangelistic leaders. She and her husband Philip Swanton are involved at St Thomas' North Sydney.*



### CHRIS THOMSON

*Chris started following Jesus at university. Before moving to Sydney in 2016 he was a biblical researcher in Cambridge and taught at Cambridge, Oak Hill College, and the University of Edinburgh. His current research focuses on linguistic misunderstandings in biblical interpretation. He belongs to Church By the Bridge in Kirribilli.*



### WILL TIMMINS

*Will joined the Faculty in June 2014 and teaches in the New Testament department. Originally from the UK, he has spent time both as a pastor and lecturer. His academic research has been focused in Paul's letter to the Romans. He is married to Lizzy and enjoys music, rugby, cricket, good food and the natural world.*



### PETE TONG

*In 2017 Pete joined the New Testament Department part time and spends the rest of his week at St Andrew's Wahroonga. He is married to Katelyn and their kids are: Chloe (12), Lily (9) and Sam (7). Pete has a love/hate relationship with fishing and a love/love relationship with performing magic.*



### JANE TOOHER

*Jane lectures in Ministry, Church History, and New Testament, and is the Director of the Priscilla & Aquila Centre. She lives in Newtown with 2 of her nephews. She loves walking, movies and spending time with family and friends. Jane is a member of All Saints Petersham.*



### PHIL WHEELER

*Phil is the Director of Evangelism and New Churches for the Sydney Diocese. Phil attends church at Redfern in a church plant reaching especially those who are part of the indigenous community. He lives in Gladesville with wife Jill and two adult children and enjoys being an amateurish barista, golfer and handyman.*



### JULIA WILLIAMS

*Julia and her husband, Malcolm, have worked in student and church ministry for some years. Her involvement with Urban Grace Church, The Create Ministry, Mothers' Union, their six children and grandson keep her life full of blessings and busyness.*



### PAUL WILLIAMSON

*Paul and Karen have two adult sons Matthew and Andrew. Paul has taught Old Testament at Moore since 2001. He is currently working on commentaries on Exodus and Ezekiel. Recreationally, Karen and Paul enjoy seaside walks, and playing competitive basketball.*



### LIONEL WINDSOR

*Lionel is married to Bronwyn and they have three children. Lionel teaches in New Testament and Greek. His research and writing focuses on biblical and theological principles for gospel ministry. Lionel loves seeing people grow in joy and confidence in understanding God's word and speaking it others.*



### DAN WU

*Dan is married to Chrissie and they have three sons, Liam, Archie and Harry. He has been on the faculty since 2013, and teaches in Old Testament and Biblical Languages. His doctoral research explored the relationship of honour, shame and guilt in the book of Ezekiel. Dan also loves fishing, all forms of footy, fishing, basketball, and fishing.*



### JOAN YOUNG

*Joan and her husband Warwick enjoy belonging to St James Croydon. When she isn't meeting one to one, mentoring others, or prompting neighbors to think in light of eternity, she spends time reading, preparing for her next conference talk or workshop, sipping coffee or escaping to the great outdoors.*







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# SOCIETAS

## Book Recommendations

In *Societas* 2017, we featured the commentaries that the Biblical Studies department most recommended for each book of the bible. This year, we asked the Doctrine and Ministry departments for their book recommendations. This list should not be read as if the compilers agree with every idea in every one of these books. However, these are the books the faculty have found most helpful. Every idea needs to be tested against the explicit teaching of the Scriptures and explored in its relation to the God of the gospel.

### Christian Doctrine

#### Most Useful Single-Volume Theologies

- J. Calvin *Institutes of the Christian Religion* (1559 edn; trans. F. L. Battles; Philadelphia: Westminster, 1960) – OK, it's two volumes, but it's too good to leave out.
- G. Bray *God is Love: A Biblical and Systematic Theology* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2012).
- M. Horton *Pilgrim Theology: Core Doctrines for Christian Disciples* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2011).
- M. Allen & S. Swain (eds) *Christian Dogmatics: Reformed Theology for the Church Catholic* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2016).

#### The Nature of Theology

- Introductory K. Kopic, *A Little Book for New Theologians: Why and How to Study Theology* (Downers Grove: IVP, 2012).
- Medium J. Webster, *Confessing God* (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 2005).
- Advanced K. Vanhoozer, *The Drama of Doctrine* (Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2005).

#### Revelation and the Doctrine of Scripture

- Introductory T. Ward, *Words of Life* (Nottingham: IVP, 2009).
- Medium P. F. Jensen, *The Revelation of God* (Leicester: IVP, 2002).
- Medium M. Thompson, *A Clear and Present Word* (Leicester: IVP, 2006).
- Advanced D. A. Carson (ed), *The Enduring Authority of the Christian Scriptures* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016).

#### The Triune God and his Attributes

- Introductory M. Reeves, *Delighting in the Trinity: An Introduction to the Christian Faith* (London: IVP, 2012).
- Medium G. Bray, *The Doctrine of God* (Leicester: IVP, 1993).
- Advanced T. F. Torrance, *The Christian Doctrine of God: One God Three Persons* (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 1996).

#### Creation and Humanity

- Medium C. E. Gunton, *The Doctrine of Creation* (London: Continuum, 2004).
- Medium A. A. Hoekema, *Created in God's Image* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1992).
- Advanced M. Levering, *Engaging the Doctrine of Creation: Cosmos, Creatures, and the Wise and Good Creator* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2017).

#### The Fall and Sin

- Introductory I. D. Campbell, *The Doctrine of Sin* (Fearn: Christian Focus, 1999).
- Medium C. Morgan & R. A. Peterson (eds), *Fallen: A Theology of Sin* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2013).
- Advanced H. Blocher, *Original Sin: Illuminating the Riddle* (Leicester: IVP, 1997).
- Advanced I. A. McFarland, *In Adam's Fall: A Meditation on the Christian Doctrine of Sin* (Maldon, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010).

#### The Person of Christ

- Introductory M. Reeves, *Christ our Life* (Milton Keynes: Paternoster, 2014).
- Medium D. Macleod, *The Person of Christ* (Leicester: IVP, 1998).
- Medium T. Weinandy, *Does God Suffer?* (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark, 2001).
- Advanced S. Wellum, *God the Son Incarnate* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2017).

#### The Work of Christ

- Introductory J. R. W. Stott, *The Cross of Christ* (Leicester: IVP, 1986).
- Medium G. A. Cole, *God the Peacemaker: How Atonement Brings Shalom* (Downers Grove: IVP, 2009).
- Medium R. Letham, *The Work of Christ* (Leicester: IVP, 1993).
- Advanced C. Hill & F. James III, *The Glory of the Atonement: Biblical, Historical and Practical Perspectives* (Nottingham: IVP, 2004).

#### The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

- Introductory D. F. Wells, *God the Evangelist* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1987).
- Medium S. Ferguson, *The Holy Spirit* (Leicester: IVP, 1996).
- Medium D. F. Wright (ed), *Spirit of Truth and Power: Studies in Christian Doctrine and Experience* (Edinburgh: Rutherford House, 2007).
- Advanced G. A. Cole, *He Who Gives Life: The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit* (Wheaton: Crossway, 2007).

#### The Doctrines of Grace

- Introductory K. M. Kopic, *God So Loved, He Gave* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2010).
- Advanced R. M. Allen, *Justification and the Gospel* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2013).
- Advanced K. M. Kopic, *Sanctification: Explorations in Theology and Practice* (Downers Grove: IVP, 2014).
- Advanced R. M. Allen, *Sanctification* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2017).



## Commentaries

See this year's list of commentaries at [www.moore.edu.au/news/commentary-list/](http://www.moore.edu.au/news/commentary-list/)

### The Doctrines of Church, Ministry and Sacraments

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| Introductory | G. Bray, <i>The Church: A Theological and Historical Account</i> (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2016).                                      |
| Medium       | E. Clowney, <i>The Church</i> (Leicester: IVP, 1995).  |
| Advanced     | M. Husbands & D. J. Treier (eds), <i>The Community of the Word: Toward an Evangelical Ecclesiology</i> (Downers Grove: IVP, 2005). |

### The Doctrine of the End

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| Introductory | C. Venema, <i>Christ and the Future: The Bible's Teaching about the Last Things</i> (Edinburgh: Banner of Truth, 2008).                                     |
| Medium       | P. R. Williamson, <i>Death and the Afterlife: Biblical Perspectives on Ultimate Questions</i> (London: IVP, 2017).  |
| Advanced     | K. E. Brower & M. W. Elliot (eds), <i>Eschatology in Bible and Theology: Evangelical Essays at the Dawn of a New Millennium</i> (Downers Grove: IVP, 1997). |

### Ethics

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| Introductory | M. Hill, <i>The How and Why of Love: An Introduction to Evangelical Ethics</i> (Sydney: Matthias Media, 2002).                      |
| Medium       | A. J. Cameron, <i>Joined Up Life: A Christian Account of How Ethics Works</i> (Nottingham: IVP, 2011).                              |
| Advanced     | O. M. T. O'Donovan, <i>Resurrection and Moral Order: An Outline for Evangelical Ethics</i> (2nd edn; Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1994). |

## Ministry and Mission

### Wisdom in leadership – Craig Hamilton (Matthias Media)

This book is written by a pastor to pastors, but it has 78 short (3-4 page) chapters that drip with wisdom. It is so useful for any person who has a responsibility for leading others in church life—Bible study leaders, youth leaders and parish councillors.

### Growing Yourself Up – Jenny Brown (Exelsia Publishing)

Using the insights from Bowen Family Systems theory, Jenny helps the reader to understand why we make the decisions we do in the different stages of life, and why we get stuck at certain points in our development. It is personally helpful, and helpful as we care for and serve others.

### Right Side Up – Paul Grimmond (Matthias Media)

Written to help new Christians make sense of the Christian walk, this book hits a wider group of people. It reminds all Christians of the blessings of being a Christian and the resources God provides in our journey toward to glory.

### Evangelism in a Skeptical World – Sam Chan (Zondervan)

It is so easy to think evangelism is too hard or for other people. Sam Chan helps us to think about engaging others in an engaging way with the gospel. His model is simple and easy—start where people are, and move them closer to Jesus.

### A Better Story – Glynn Harrison (IVP)

Written in response to the rapid changes in our world that have seen, in a decade, a movement from acceptance of heterosexual marriage being normal, to Christians being hated, Harrison gives a compelling explanation of the effects of radical individualism, and more importantly, reminds us that, though often silenced, Christians have a much better story to tell than our world has heard.

### Crucial Conversations, also Crucial Confrontations – Patterson, Grenny, McMillan, Switzer (McGraw Hill)

Almost everyone is conflict averse. We don't like it. These books show the ways that conflict, handled well, can grow people and relationships and gives helpful tips on how to engage well in conflict.

### Emotional Vampires – Albert Berstein (McGraw Hill)

This is not a book for everyone. You should not read it if you are looking for reasons not to engage in caring for others, or want to be an amateur psychologist. It explores mental illnesses and their features. It is a book for people who feel unable to explain why their thoughtful ministry to others may end up having the opposite results to what they expect.

### Together through the storm – Sally Sims (Matthias Media)

This is a book about the privilege our churches have in caring for our members. It will help you be a Christian carer, and also structure church life to facilitate Christian care.

### How Long, O Lord? – Don Carson (Baker)

An old book but one that is well worth the read. It is a theology of why God permits suffering. It is a book that should be read when you are not in the midst of suffering, but one that should be read for when you do go through suffering.

### Dig Deeper: Tools to Unearth the Bible's Treasure – Nigel Beynon & Andrew Such (IVP) 2005

This book gives you tools to help you read the Bible. It is ideal for the average Christian, and it's also a great resource for Bible Study leaders and other teachers of God's word.

### Expositional Preaching: How We Speak God's Word Today – David Helm (Crossway)

This is a great book on the what, why and how of expositional preaching. It is easy to read and yet also theologically rigorous. The kind of book that preachers of any level of experience will be blessed by.

### The Trellis and the Vine: The Ministry Mind-Shift That Changes Everything – Colin Marshall & Tony Payne (Matthias Media)

This book explores the nature of church ministry and puts forward a paradigm that places disciple-making at the heart of the enterprise. In a world of competing demands and expectations where it is so easy for our ministries to be consumed by traditions and pragmatics, this is a book that everyone in Christian ministry ought to read and consider.

### Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community – Dietrich Bonhoeffer (HarperOne).

Books don't stay in print for over 60 years without good reason. In the contemporary rush for 'authentic community', Bonhoeffer's classic work has a renewed relevance. He makes a theological case for the blessings, the struggles and significance of Christian fellowship. In contrast to the many human-centred and utopian ideals being flaunted about, Bonhoeffer is raw, honest, realistic and Christ-centred.

### Our Secular Age: Ten years of Reading and Applying Charles Taylor – ed. Collin Hanson (The Gospel Coalition)

This collection of essays seeks to interact and engage with secularism, and particularly the portrait of secularism painted by Catholic philosopher, Charles Taylor. Like any collection of essays, some are stronger than others, and no-one will agree with all they read. This is a book likely to stimulate lots of reflection on the nature of Christian ministry in the changing social context in the western world.

### Cross-cultural Servanthood: Serving the World in Christ-like Humility – Duane Elmer (IVP)

This is an important book for anyone considering serving in cross-cultural ministry. Elmer will convince you again from the Bible of the significance of humble service in any Christian leadership, and show you how critical and how difficult it is to maintain that disposition in cross-cultural ministry. By pointing you back to Jesus and providing practical tips in application, this book will encourage and equip you for ministry.

# Partnering with you to reach your local community



**Empowering parish ministry by partnering with churches to strengthen community care and gospel outreach is a core part of our vision.**

Depending on local circumstances this can include:

- working alongside parishes to establish ministries that provide practical help to people who are vulnerable, ageing or marginalised and open doors for them to be connected with other church activities
- initiatives that enable churches to boost local visibility while also engaging congregations in practical projects serving wider community need
- equipping churches to welcome people from other cultures with training, support and resources for English as a Second Language (ESL) ministry
- supporting youth ministry through initiatives that engage, educate and empower young people to recognise and respond to need in their world.

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