



Sun 6th June 2021: *Faith Under Pressure: Don't be a burden*

Read 1 Thess 2:5-9, 4:11-12, 2 Thess 3:6-9, 1 Cor 9:11-12

Paul and his team loved the church and lived for the gospel. They weren't focussed on what they could get out of the church for themselves, but on what they could contribute to God's family and mission on earth.

- 1) How does your thinking line up with Paul's? Are you more focussed on what you can get out of church and our mission (consuming) or what you can give into it (contributing)?
- 2) Why do you think hard work is best motivated by love? Think about specific ways people serve in the church; how could these roles be motivated by love?
- 3) Why was Paul so concerned with the reputation of the church with outsiders? In what ways are you working hard for the sake of the gospel?

When a family is healthy, everyone plays a part in serving one another. Think of the example of a summer BBQ and how everyone gets involved and contributes. As we begin to gather again as a church family, we need everyone to play their part. Here are some examples of things we need help with.....

- PA/media
- Online church and zoom hosting
- Set up and clean down of facilities
- Making ODCC useable again
- Kids team
- Creche
- Youth team
- Admin support and communication
- Website, social media
- Group leaders and assistants
- Setting up a prayer space and coordinating prayer
- Support into our community
- Plus much, much more

Have a discussion about ways you could personally contribute over the coming season. Group leaders, please be ready to point people towards the right team leaders, or to the office if you are not sure. We would love to help those who want to play their part find a way to get involved.