

New Life Christian Fellowship

John the Baptist's "message was simple... "Change your life. God's kingdom is here."

Isaiah the Prophet said: "Thunder in the desert! Prepare for God's arrival! Make the road smooth and straight!" This was about John the Baptist.

John said: "I'm baptizing you here in the river, turning your old life in for a kingdom life. The real action comes next: The main character in this drama - compared to him I'm a mere stagehand - will ignite the kingdom life within you, a fire within you, the Holy Spirit within you, changing you from the inside out."

John baptised the one he predicted would come, Jesus. A voice from heaven declared: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Afterwards, locked in prison, John sent this message to Jesus: "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

What made John loose hope? Doubt! Bearing Jesus' claims in mind: "No one in history surpasses John the Baptizer.". If John struggles, there is hope for us all!

Jesus reassured John, asking his followers to report back: "The blind see, The lame walk, Lepers are cleansed, The deaf hear, The dead are raised, The wretched of the earth learn that God is on their side."

When things do not go the way we hoped, we can doubt too. Please do not loose hope! God's ways are different to ours, He knows the big picture.

Listen to Jesus: "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

Just before he was killed, Jesus encouraged his disciples this was part of God's plan, he was still in control: "I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world."

If there was a robbery you'd call the police; a fire, you'd call the fire brigade; an accident, you'd call an ambulance. If you face difficulties, who will you call? I've got Jesus on speed dial!

(The Message - Mathew 11; John 16)

If you want to talk or would like us to pray for you call: 01834 812839/01834 831533. New Life Christian Fellowship meet: Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am Sundays, all welcome.