

## New Life Christian Fellowship

Arachnophobia (spiders), Achluophobia (darkness) Coulrophobia (clowns)!. What are you afraid of?

It was recently suggested some Christians suffer "Gospelaphobia" – fear of sharing the Gospel. Jonah refused to share God's Word and ended up inside a whale!

Described as a Christian country; bids to ban the Lord's Prayer, crosses removed in hospitals, and people jobs threatened because they offer prayer, disputes this.

Despite rejection, ridicule, fear of offending; sometimes we just need to speak out: "be goby with the Gospel". So, before I get swallowed up by this earthly silencing mammal, here is God's Word to you this week!

We are in a battle. Light against darkness, truth verses lies. God's truth gives freedom, love and hope. God thinks you are priceless. Jesus justifies and glorifies us as we believe in him.

It is time to fight back, taking a stand for God's Truth. Not aggressive or obnoxiously, but by reflecting God's pure Love.

One powerful weapon is prayer. Whatever your situation, talk to God about it. When Jesus gave us the Lord's prayer, he said "...when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you." (Mathew 6:6) It is not about having our demands met, it is about having a relationship with God, listening to and sharing our lives with Him.

Another weapon is forgiveness. Forgiveness brings release from bitterness and hatred. Some say forgiveness shows weakness. I believe it takes true strength to release someone who has hurt you. God offers us forgiveness and freedom, at the cost of His son Jesus, he wants us to offer others the same.

During world war II we needed blackouts and silence to win the war: "Loose lips sink ships".

In today's battle we need to reflect Jesus' Light, declaring God's Word loudly - our *loose Gospel sharing lips* can save lives!

So, don't be scared, speak out! Pray for all things, at all times. Have the grace to forgive. Shine God's good news through everything that you do today. Let the love battle commence!

**New Life Christian Fellowship meet in Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am on Sundays.  
Please call if you want someone to talk to or pray for you. 01834 831533 / 07827 293781.**