

This week we learned the tragic news that the grandson of Elvis Presley took his own life at the age of 27. Here was a young man who supposedly had everything and yet that wasn't enough to bring meaning to his life and make it worth living. Have you ever felt as though life has no meaning? If so, you're definitely not alone!

What, then, is the true purpose and meaning of life? Google that question and you will be given many answers. It is a question that humankind has always wrestled with.

Unfortunately, the idea that we came into existence by chance does not provide a satisfactory answer for this question. If we were not created for any specific purpose, and if we simply cease to exist after struggling so much in life, why continue fighting? Life is pointless and cruel!

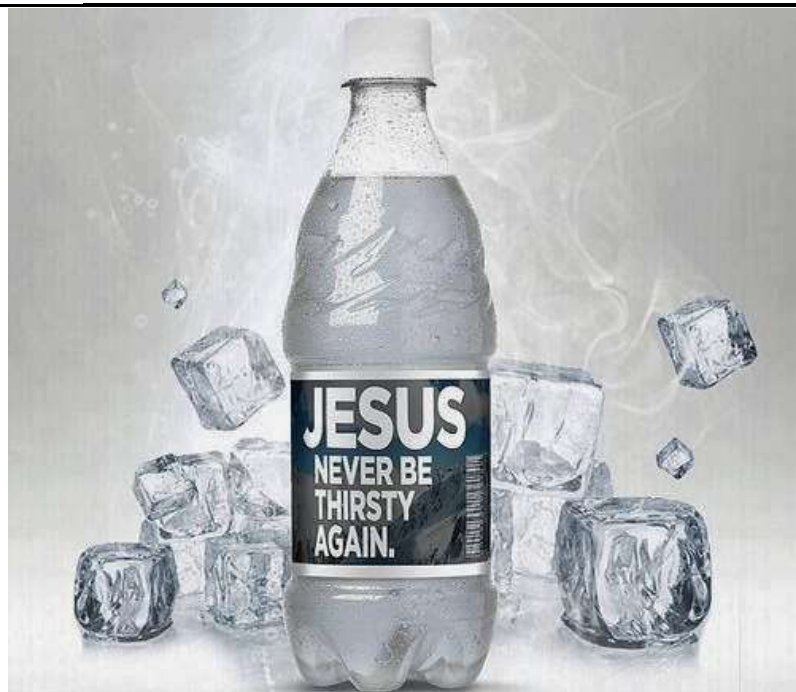
But God says, "Everyone who is called by my name, [has been] created for my glory" (Isaiah 43:7). Now that gives us true purpose and true meaning.

Who better knows how to satisfy our desire for meaning in life than the One who has created us? Our search is completed by obeying and serving God. As Solomon wrote, "Fear God and keep his commandments, for **this is the whole duty of man**" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

The Creator of the universe has given us His word so that we might be "competent" (or complete), "equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:17). When we refuse to recognize God's divine purpose for us, we are acting against what is good for us. This is precisely one of the reasons for so much suffering and despair in the world!

The answer to the question "why am I here?" is found in a relationship with Jesus Christ in which we follow His teachings in our daily lives. Jesus said, "Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14).

We find true purpose in life only when we obey Christ! Only in this way will we be truly "satisfied".



Blessings, Peter

## Our Sunday Service:

Please join us (online!) for our Sunday Service. Go to Exwick Community Church's Youtube Channel, and find the Service for today. We'll gather at 11 am to 'share' as a family together. You can then sing along to the songs on the video, words below!

## VERSE OF THE WEEK:

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Romans 8:38,39*

Good morning,

One of my favourite new songs we sing starts with the words, "I cast my mind to Calvary, where Jesus bled and died for me."

It got me thinking about where my mind has gone over the last few months, and how to protect ourselves from feelings of desperation.

Paul in Ephesians chapter 6 verse 17 says as part of our protection, "And take the helmet of salvation."

Anyone traveling on 2 wheels would be slightly mad not to wear a helmet, to protect their head from damage in an accident.

Any Christian travelling through life, would be slightly mad not to wear the helmet of salvation, to protect against the pitfalls of each day. Many mornings I say, "Lord, I am putting on your helmet of salvation; please protect my mind from the things I will see and hear today."

In the Bible it talks about the devil as a roaring lion seeking who he will destroy. His first port of call is often the mind; the helmet of salvation keeps him out.

God bless keep safe  
John & Dorcas.



## Helmet Competition!

*Can you make a helmet, to remind you of God's helmet of salvation?*

*Post photos of your creations on the Exwick Community Church Facebook page!*



## Sunday Worship Songs

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### JESUS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED

The Son of Man the Son of God  
His kingdom comes  
Jesus redemption's sacrifice  
Now glorified now justified  
His kingdom comes

*Chorus: And this kingdom will know no end  
And its glory shall know no bounds  
For the majesty and power  
Of this kingdom's King has come  
And this kingdom's reign  
And this kingdom's rule  
And this kingdom's power and authority  
Jesus God's righteousness revealed*

Jesus the expression of God's love  
The grace of God the Word of God  
Revealed to us  
Jesus God's holiness displayed  
Now glorified now justified  
His kingdom comes

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### YOUR LOVE OH LORD IT REACHES TO THE HEAVENS

Your faithfulness it reaches to the skies  
Your righteousness is like the mighty  
mountains  
How priceless is Your faithful love

Chorus: I will exalt You oh Lord  
I will exalt You oh Lord  
Praise Your holy name  
That my heart may sing to You  
I will exalt You oh Lord

Your name oh Lord it is a mighty tower  
Your glory it covers all the earth  
In Your hands alone are strength and power  
All praise be to Your glorious name

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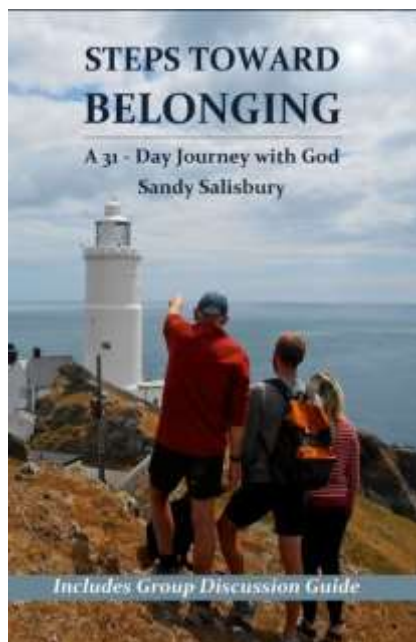
You reach beyond imagination  
With a love outside of understanding  
You touch the lives of all Your children  
With beauty and goodness

You know my words before they're spoken  
You hear each cry my ev'ry passion  
You draw me close and lead me into  
Your beauty and goodness

*Chorus: Wonderful intimate beautiful  
God of love  
You have always been faithful in  
The way that You father me*

Our God is good  
Our God is faithful  
Our God is strong  
Our God is able

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*"These reflections brim with memorable imagery and practical encouragement."*

*Trevor Neill, lead pastor of Selsdon Baptist Church*

I'm very excited about the launch of this book, the second in the *Steps Toward* series. I've been encouraged and challenged as I've reflected on what Belonging looks like in God's kingdom, and I hope you are, too. Let's go on a journey together!

Sandy Salisbury

## **Bible Study online MONDAY, 7:30 pm**

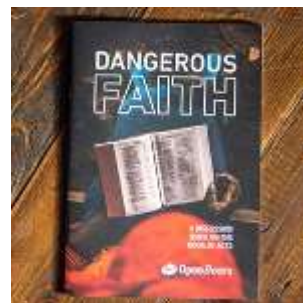
We'd love to have you join us on [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)

Before the meeting, watch the video: 'Acts Part 6 – They were called Christians' from 'Dangerous Faith,' or read Acts chapter 11.

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/resources/dangerous-faith/>

**NEW MEETING ID:** 925 6111 7728      **Password:** 576972

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### ***PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:***

Hilary and Jimmy and their whole family, John, Ena and Bunty, John and Jessie, Bill and Carol, Ann, Roger and Jonathan, Chris C. and his family, families who are finding the current situation particularly hard on their relationships, the worldwide church as it finds different ways of responding to the current crisis.

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