

Australia

A land pioneered through courage.

We are inspired by people who overcome huge challenges and defy the odds against them through courage, persistence and will-power.

Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the mastery of it.

Courage is doing what you are afraid to do.

Joshua 1:7a Be strong and very courageous...

It takes Courage to be Ordinary.

Acts 4:13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

We need courage to face life's everyday challenges.

Every day we make choices between the right thing and the most convenient thing.

- To choose the way of integrity and staying true to our convictions takes courage.
- Character is doing what is right, as defined by God, regardless of the personal cost.

It takes Courage to Follow Jesus.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Confessing our wrongdoing can be humiliating and uncomfortable but it's the right thing to do.

It takes courage to become a Christian, and it also takes courage to remain a Christian!

Jesus was a Man of Courage.

Jesus exhibited enormous courage to carry out His Father's will.

His obedience, even unto death shows the degree of His courage.

It's hard to fully comprehend the pain and suffering Jesus endured.

Isaiah 53:5 (gnb) Because of our sins He was wounded, beaten because of the evil we did. We are healed by the punishment He suffered, made whole by the blows He received.

The blows inflicted upon Him merged into one complete wound and bruise!

Isaiah 52:14 (tlb) They shall see My Servant beaten and

bloodied, so disfigured one would scarcely know it was a person standing there.

It's within these sufferings of Jesus, lies the heart of the full and great salvation God offers to us.

Jesus suffered and died for our sins, and rose again from the dead, so that we might be acquitted of all wrong-doing and set free to live the lives God has for us to live.

Jesus was truly **'THE Man of Courage!'**

Jesus was a Pioneer.

John 6:38 (nlt) For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent Me, not to do My own

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus always looked for a new village, town, city to preach His good news to those who were lost.

Mark 1:38 Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else to the nearby villages, so I can preach there also. That is why I have come".

Matthew 11:1 (nlt) When Jesus had finished giving these instructions to His twelve disciples, He went off teaching and preaching in towns throughout the country.

Luke 4:43 But He said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."

The pioneer spirit has a **voracious appetite**, and **deep thirst** that will never be satisfied until God's purposes are achieved.

Jesus had this appetite and thirst to reach those lost in sin and those rejected and sick.

God has called us to be a Church that is pioneering new frontiers, locally, nationally, and internationally to fulfill His Great Commission.

Being motivated by this insatiable appetite and deep thirst to engage people with Jesus.

This is the same vision and strategy God gave our founding Pastor Leo Harris 80 years ago.

Let us continue to outwork this same vision to reach the lost, hurt, poor and vulnerable throughout Australia and beyond through an attitude of faith and courage.