



Geebung Wavell Heights Uniting Church

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Our Mission Statement

**"Sharing the love of Jesus together
in welcoming all people into the
fellowship of the church as well as
ministering to the community"**

Calling and Character Always Go Together

by Rabbi Jason Sobel, from *Mysteries of the Messiah*

Moses was eighty years old when God strengthened him to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. God gave Moses a new strength to perform a divine mission and calling at eighty years old. But why did Moses initially resist God's call? Strangely, it had to do with his character. Moses' humility endeared him and made him a great man and leader. This one trait also explains why Moses resisted the Lord's call to become Israel's redeemer, even though it was a tremendous honour. One of the things that endeared Moses to the Lord was that Moses, according to the book of Numbers (Numbers 12:3, Numbers 12:6–8), was the humblest man in all of the earth. What does all this mean for you and me? Moses had a unique relationship with God. He performed these extraordinary miracles in front of Pharaoh. He had this calling upon his life, but calling and character always go together.

This idea of character and calling is vital because you might have a great calling on your life. But to be called is one thing; to have the character humble enough to listen to God's direction, keep His will, and persevere despite people's adverse reactions. We find Moses' characteristic humility in a very unique way. Leviticus 1:1 says, And God called to Moses.

Moses was so humble that he didn't want to write what the directly Lord gave him. The last letter of the word Vayyiqra, "and God called." Moses wrote this word with a very small letter, aleph. Aleph is the first letter and therefore the "lead" or "chief" letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Aleph represents the Lord (Abba, Adonai begin with the letter aleph). It is also the letter that represents leadership. This small letter aleph expressed Moses' humility.

Why is that so important? Because that is the essence and definition of what humanity is. Humility is making yourself small in the sight of God, smaller in the sight of others, and smaller in your sight. Another way to understand it is humility is about occupying the right amount of space. When you occupy too much space, more than what God has allotted to you, that is pride.

Philippians 2 tells us about Yeshua's humility. Out of His great love for us, He did His Father's will and died a painful death on the Cross. While pride is essentially selfish, humility is occupying the right space regardless of how it makes us look. Jesus died a horrible death but rose in victory. Like Moses, His humility led to freedom and salvation.

Friends, humility is the way to greatness in the Kingdom. It's the foundation of spiritual service. It's about making yourself small so that God can be great because you can't be full of yourself and have room for the Lord in your life. And you can't be full of yourself and have room for relationships and the service to others. Suppose you want to be a great leader. In that case, if you're going to be like Messiah and like Moses, who embodied humility, you have to humble yourself in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. Even as the scripture said, Blessed are the humble, for they will inherit the earth.

Written for Devotionals Daily by Rabbi Jason Sobel, author of *Mysteries of the Messiah*.

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For your Diary

Weekly Activities

- Tuesday** Indoor Bowls 1:30 @ Wavell
Wednesday Bible Study 9:00am @ Wavell
Friday Youth Alive 7:00pm @ Wavell
Sunday Sunday School 9am @ Wavell

Fortnightly Activity

- Tuesday** Bible Study 7pm @ Wavell
April 6th and 20th

Special Events

- Sunday March 28th** 9am Worship Service
@ Combined at Geebung

Easter Service Times

- Thursday April 1st** Maundy
Service 7pm @ Wavell

- Friday April 2nd**
Good Friday

- Services**
7:30am @ Wavell
8:30am @ Geebung

- Sunday April 4th**
Combined Service
Service 9:00am @ Wavell



Special Events - April

- Sunday April 11th** 9am Worship @ Geebung
Wednesday April 14th Evening Fellowship 7pm
@ Geebung
Thursday April 15th Council Meeting 6:30pm
@ Wavell

For your attention

Please pray about fund raising for Chaplaincy in 2021

A Garage Sale will take place sometime in the second half of this year.

We will need stock to sell as all the old stock of clothing has been cleared out.

Please set aside for the sale any clothes, toys, kitchenware, sporting goods, appliances etc. as we can start to collect these items at the church now.

We would especially appreciate clothing being brought into the Wavell Basement from now on please, so sorting can commence. Thank you.



Evening Fellowship

Wednesday April 14th
7:00pm @ Geebung

Speaker: Jim Lergessner
Topic: 'The Brisbane we used to know'
Supper provided \$5:00

For Enquiries: Merv Halliday 3265 6689,
Rev. Peter Clark 3267 5236 or 0421 102 847
or by personal contact at church.

The People Who Need Our Prayers

Ross Hargreaves

Joan Morris

Maree Massey

Graham & Joan Power

Alyson Caitens

Stuart Reid & Sylvia Bray

Peter Moore

Kerrie Hughes

Marcia Halliday

Marj McKenzie

Estelle Symes

Tony Marsden

Malcolm & Judy McMillan

Bruce McKenzie

Merle & Bert Wilton

Mary Bill

Vani Susau

Edna Street

Enisela Hafu

Arthur Mann



For the Children <https://www.keysforkids.org/Programming/Keys-for-Kids-Daily-Devotional/Read-Listen>

Ragamuffin

C'mon, Ella," said Anthony. "We need to take out the trash for Dad."

"Okay," said Ella, and together they hauled empty boxes and papers out to the big bin behind their father's store.

Anthony lifted the trash bin cover, but he slammed it back down quickly. "Ella, there's something in there. I saw it move!"

Ella laughed. "Yeah right. You're just trying to scare me."

"I'm not! I'm telling the truth." Anthony pulled up the lid again and poked at the trash with a stick. Hearing a loud moan, Ella screamed, and Anthony dropped his stick and the trash bin cover.

Dad rushed outside. "I heard a scream. What's wrong?"

"There's something in there," Ella said, pointing to the trash bin.

"Really?" Dad approached it and looked inside. "It's a puppy!" he exclaimed. He lifted the little dog from the bin. "How'd you get in there, little fella?"

"A puppy!" said Anthony. "Cool! Can we take him home, Dad?"

"Ugh!" Ella made a face. "He smells! Mum won't want him in the house."

"He's a mess," Dad agreed. "We'll get some doggy shampoo and give him a bath when we get home. We'll see if we can find him a home."

When Mum saw the puppy, she was wary of him at first, but then she took pity on him too. "I think Ragamuffin would be a good name for him," she said.

"Why?" Anthony asked. "I've never heard of that name."

"It's a word used to describe someone who's ragged and dirty," Mum explained.

"Then let's not call him that!" said Ella. "That's not a nice name."

"I don't know—I think it fits him, but you can choose something else," Mum said. "In any case, he'll make a good illustration for my Sunday school lesson tomorrow. What you did for him, Jesus did for us—and even more! Spiritually, we were like ragamuffins. He found us dirty, lost, and trapped in our sins. He reached down to rescue us. He loved us when there was nothing lovable about us."

The puppy barked, and Ella laughed. "He agrees with you, Mum. I think he's glad he's been rescued. But I'm going to think of a nicer name!" by Jan L. Hansen

HOW ABOUT YOU?

Would you call yourself a ragamuffin? Spiritually, that's what you're like without Jesus. But God loves you anyway. He sent His Son, Jesus, to rescue you from sin. Don't try to clean up yourself—you can't do it. You need to trust Jesus as your Saviour. Have you done that? If not, ask Him to rescue you today! (To learn more, click the "Good News!" button in the right column of this page.)

TODAY'S KEY VERSE: Romans 5:6 (KJV)

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. (NLT)





Please remember Peter Moore in your prayers as he undergoes more tests while in hospital.
 Pray for Nina at this worrying time and for her health.
 Pray for Beris as she grieves the recent loss of her Auntie.



Offering: If you would like to give your offering through a regular payment from your bank account to the church account, please use the following details.
 Our Account name is : UCA Geebung/Wavell Joint Congregation
 BSB: 014 010 Account Number: 191878691 Thank you



Monday Middy Prayer

Merciful God, as we travel through this Lenten Journey towards the cross of Calvary, may we take the time to examine what it means to take up our cross and follow you. Uniting Church News March Rev Andrew Gunton

March 28
Palm Sunday

Is 50: 4-9a
 Ps 118: 1-2, 19-29
 Phil 2: 5-11
 Mk 11:1 -11 or
 Jn 12: 12-16

April 4
Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-43
 Ps 118: 1-2, 14-24
 1 Cor 15: 1-11
 Jn 20:1-18 or Mk 16:1-8

April 11
Easter 2

Acts 4: 32-35
 Ps 133
 1 John 1: 1-2:2
 John 20: 19-31

April 18
Easter 3

Acts 3: 12-19
 Ps 4
 1 Jn 3: 1-7
 Lk 24: 36 b—48

GEEBUNG

59 Simla Ave
Sunday Worship 10.00am
 Holy Communion 1st Sun.

Visit us at:
Geebung
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WAVELL HEIGHTS

147 Rode Road
Sunday Worship 8.00am
 Holy Communion 1st Sun.

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