



Welcome back Lockdown Lookouts...

Thanks for your help last week - it was great to see that despite others things looking number one (including the mean prison jailer here) that Jesus is number one - over everything - creation and the church. That helped me keep going following Jesus last week. I hope it did for you too.

But Paul's letter to the Colossians is not over - there is something else in this letter, I need your help with.

Are you able to help me again?

Yours

Jail Bird Joe

Opening Prayer

'Dear Heavenly Father, help us to know you better as we read from the Bible now, and to love Jesus more. Amen.'

Challenge

- 1) Take a pack of playing cards, take out the jokers and three of the kings. Now shuffle the rest of the cards up, and deal them out between the players. The aim of the game is to be the player who is left with the King - you have to get the king, then stick with the king. If you have any pairs of cards, for example 2 x '8s' or 2 x Queens - you take them out of the cards in your hands and put them to one side. Each go you hold your cards up, so that no one else can see them, and with the backs of the cards facing the player on your left. They take one of your cards from you. If they get a pair, they take that pair out of their hands. Then they hold the backs of their cards up to the person on their left, and so on and so on. The person who has the king left at the end when all the other cards have gone has won - they have stuck with the king!

Read Colossians 2:6-7

Remember Paul is writing to some Christians. People were saying to them that Jesus was ok, but he wasn't the best. They needed other things to know God. Or that Jesus really isn't up to much. They can tempt us to give up on Jesus. But Paul wants them to know something different!

'So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.'

Chat it through

- **What have the Christians received (v6)?** (Jesus as Lord, v6)
- **What do you think that means?** (They have heard the message that Jesus is God's chosen king of the world. They have made Jesus king of their lives. To receive something is to make it your own. They have made Jesus their own)
- **Having started with Jesus, what must we do? (v6)** (Stick with Jesus! They are to continue to live their lives following him. They weren't to wander off to follow something else, or think they needed something else as well as Jesus.)
- **Why might we be tempted to stop following Jesus as our Lord, or have other things in charge as well?** (There might be different answers - it is hard to follow Jesus sometimes, other things look more exciting, or Jesus doesn't seem enough)
- **How do we stick with Jesus? (v7)** (- By being like a plant whose roots are deep in Jesus. We draw our life and strength from him. - By being like the brick wall which is being built up higher as more bricks are added - we are grow in our trust in Jesus.
- **What do we need to be like strong, growing plants? (v7)** (This happens as we are strengthened in the message of the Bible, and growing in being thankful for all Jesus has given us.)
- **How will you stick with Jesus this week?**

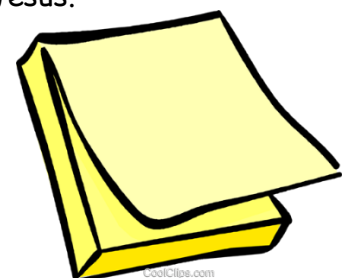
Pray it through

Get some post it notes, or scraps of paper with some tape or blue tack. Find a surface that it is ok to stick things too (temporarily!) On each of your pieces of paper write a name of someone you know who follows Jesus - it might be someone from church, home, in this country or abroad.

Now go and stick your note with the name on the surface. As you each stick it on, pray that the person on your note would stick with Jesus, or would be rooted and built up in Jesus.

Do that as many times as you would like.

NOW un pause the video on YouTube to continue...



Craft

- 1) If you have some soil, a pot, and some seeds (sunflower, cress or other) - plant the seed in the pot - and then watch it grow. As it grows in the place that it was planted, pray you would do the same - grow in the spot you have been planted - Jesus! You could put this memory verse on a stick in the pot...

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- 2) Get a piece of paper. Toward the bottom, draw around your hand with the fingers facing towards the bottom of the page. These will become the roots of your tree. If you have a toilet roll, stick it on above your hand as the tree trunk. If you don't, you could just draw the trunk on. Above the trunk colour it in, or colour cotton wool green, or use strewed up paper and stick it on, to form the top of your tree. Towards the bottom of your page, so that the fingers are below it, draw a line across, like the ground. Now write 'Rooted in Jesus' at the bottom of the page and colour in.

