

# HOMECALL NOTES



**FROM BURDEN TO SURRENDER**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS - POTCHEFSTROOM

### Dreamweek

- R350 per person online
- Wristbands: Issued upon purchase. Please keep your wristband safe, as it is required for entry.
- If you bought your tickets via Main, you will receive your wristband from Main.
- Please note that the Tickets in CRC Potchefstroom have been sold out.
- Be on the lookout for our Social Media challenge that will be run on CRC Potchefstroom & CRC Klerksdorp pages that will be run during Dreamweek!

### Sunday Service

- 08:30 and 17:00, Dagbreek Estate (Next to Feather Hill)
- Every Sunday.
- Come expectant and with a friend!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - KLERKSDORP

### Dreamweek

- R350 per person online.
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- Please note that the Tickets in CRC Klerksdorp have been sold out.
- Be on the lookout for our Social Media challenge that will be run on CRC Potchefstroom & CRC Klerksdorp pages that will be run during Dreamweek!

### Sunday Service

- 10:00 and 17:00, Portuguese Hall, Wilkoppies
- Every Sunday.
- Come expectant and with a friend!

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## WELCOME & CONNECT – ICE BREAKER

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell.

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

Sing at least 1 dynamic praise song and 2 intimate worship songs. As leaders, we set the pace for Praise & Worship, led by example and with confidence!

## ENGAGE – THE WORD

With a raise of hands can we please see who was at church Sunday morning?

Let the members who were at church, or that listened online share the following:

- In short what was Sunday's sermon about?
- Considering last week's sermon which was part 1 and this week which is part 2 what have learned from this series.

We will talk about a specific burden tonight and this is the burden of religious striving!

Read Matthew 11:29-30

Okay, so let us expand on this scripture:

- **People crave soul-rest but confuse religious works with faith**
  - o Matthew 11:29-30 offers rest through Jesus' easy yoke, not exhausting rituals mistaken for faith.
- **Jesus' yoke is freedom from the Spirit, not fleshly slavery**
  - o Unlike legalistic burdens, Jesus' yoke in Matthew 11:29-30 liberates through spiritual alignment, not flesh-driven rules.
- **Pharisees push rule-keeping; Jesus' yoke brings true salvation**
  - o Matthew 11:29-30 contrasts the Pharisees' legalism with Jesus' grace-based yoke, redefining salvation.

Read Matthew 23:4

Matthew 23:4 condemns the Pharisees for burdening people with heavy rules they don't follow or ease, exposing their hypocrisy.

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Let us briefly discuss the scripture and the explanation:

- **Pharisees impose heavy burdens beyond God's commands.**
  - o Matthew 23:4 criticizes the Pharisees for adding burdensome rules to God's commandments, creating oppressive expectations not required by God.
- **They demand perfection but excuse their own failures.**
  - o Enforce strict rules on others while hypocritically refusing to follow them or help those struggling.
- **Judging others while being judged themselves.**
  - o Jesus exposes the Pharisees' hypocrisy: they burden others with impossible standards, yet their own failures invite God's judgment.

Like the Pharisees did back then we find the church doing similar things today to enforce religion on people, let's talk about these and read the scriptures as we go:

Read Matthew 23:15

Matthew 23:15 condemns the Pharisees for zealously converting others to their legalistic ways, making them worse off spiritually than themselves.

Read: Ephesians 2:8-9

Ephesians 2:8-9 declares salvation is by grace through faith, a gift from God, not earned by works, countering the Pharisees' burdensome legalism in Matthew 23:4 and 23:15. It emphasizes that no one can boast, as salvation depends on God's grace, not human effort, freeing believers from oppressive rules.

- **Churches focus on outward rules, not heart change.**
  - o Many churches emphasize appearances over true spiritual transformation, mirroring the Pharisees' heavy burdens, while salvation comes through faith.
- **Jesus' name brings freedom and power.**
  - o Calling on Jesus' name gives believers full authority and freedom, empowered by the complete presence of the Holy Spirit.

Read: Colossians 2:20-23

This scripture warns against following human-made religious rules that focus on outward behaviour rather than true spiritual transformation. Paul says that since believers have "died with Christ" to worldly principles, we shouldn't submit to rules, rooted in human tradition, that appear wise but lack power to change the heart or curb sinful desires. They promote false humility and legalism, contrasting with the freedom found in Christ's grace.

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Let us discuss these statements:

- Religion's rules rob joy, chaining people to works instead of Jesus' love.
- Christians dodge Jesus' light yoke, craving freedom without purpose.
- Grace transforms hearts, sparking good works naturally, not to earn heaven, because we are already children of heaven.

Get two people to read: James 2:17 & 2 Timothy 2:15

- **Works flow from knowing Jesus, not earning Him**
  - o Religious rules push people to perform to gain God's approval, but true works stem from a heart transformed by grace, not a checklist to win His love.
- **Prayer is joyful connection, not a burden to earn favour**
  - o Some carry the crushing weight of rule-based religion, but prayer is spending time with Jesus as heaven's child, not a task to secure salvation.
- **Grace inspires action, not vain efforts or obligation**
  - o Works done to earn heaven are fruitless, but having received grace freely, believers naturally serve through prayer or church attendance out of love, not duty.

WORKS FOR SALVATION IS DRAINING, WE WORK FROM SALVATION!

*Altar call*

## WORKS & APPLICATION

Encourage members to share personal testimonies of times when God came through against all odds when the situation seemed hopeless, the diagnosis was grim, but God stepped in and turned everything around.

Allow these moments to foster a supportive environment where the group can join hands and pray together for those facing challenges, drawing strength from Revelation 12:11 that says: And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

