

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



FOLLOW THE PLAN - TOGETHER

There is a lot of action taking place out the back of my home.

Men and machinery are working all over the block. Although appearing to each be doing their own thing, they are obviously following a master plan.

Just imagine what our lives would be like for us, for our community, if we all followed the plans for the life of love, joy and peace as planned for us by the God of love himself.

Let's look at some of those plans.

To start – "Completely love the Lord God with all your heart, spirit and mind." (Mark 12:30) Perhaps we should pause here, as this is where the Plan comes "off the rails". None of us manages to get the foundation down before the cracks of self-interest and disobedience sets in as we try to redraw the plans to suit ourselves.

Well, that's a bit hard. Let's look at another part of the master plan.

"Love your neighbour as much as you love yourself." (Mark 12:31) Oh, dear! This part of the plan will be virtually impossible. I don't know my neighbour, never talk to him. And anyway, who is "my neighbour"? Also, there are times when I don't always love myself too much. Maybe I can redraw the plan.

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So Jesus steps in (which He knew right from the start was part of the Plan) and repairs all that needs to be repaired. The Planner can then look at you and me and all who accept what His Son did and say, "Well, it is finished! I accept what my Son did in your place. I forgive you for not getting the job done the way I wanted. Come on and be part of my family also".

Enjoy knowing and acknowledging even though you fell short of what was expected, you can still be a loved child of a loving God who planned for you to share in His forgiving love. *Kevin.*