

## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



### GOING FORWARD TOGETHER

For those blessed to travel north from Maree to Oodndatta, in the middle of our great out-back, you will come across the Algebukina Bridge. With nineteen, thirty meters spans totalling five hundred and eighty metres, this wrought iron railway bridge started in 1892 and opened on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1892 has to be a wonder to behold as it crosses over the Neales River.

Having been fortunate to have stood between the now disused and rusting parallel tracks disappearing into the distance, it struck me that while all the pieces of steel and rivets were necessary if those tracks did not continue in parallel to their destination, there was not a lot of point in the exercise, and in fact, could be catastrophic.

Maybe there is a lesson here in living a life with Jesus.

Jesus (God's Son) came to show, guide, help and empower us to live lives parallel to, alongside Him. Do that with his loving help, and your life will reach the destination He has planned for you, even though you may not see the "end of the line" right now, and there may be rivers of troubles you have to cross. Trust he will make sure you get across.

Just imagine if, halfway across the bridge, one of the lines wandered off to the left (or right). Not only would the destination not be reached, but there would be a tragic and sad end.

Be sure to travel through life parallel to Jesus following the planned journey. How?

Trust in the plan the loving God has drawn up for your life, even when, at times, you cannot see or imagine where it is going. **(Proverbs 3:5-6)** His plan is for you to succeed.

When tempted to think you know best and want to go off on your own, stop. Talk to Jesus, and ask for his help, strength and understanding to continue travelling in parallel.

As well as encouraging us to talk to His Son, Jesus, about travelling along with Him by our side, God has given us His word in the Bible to use as the "dog spikes" to help us remain firmly in place travelling along with Jesus. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." **(Matthew 24:35)**

We can be absolutely confident Jesus will never suddenly turn right (or left) and leave us lost and alone. Jesus promises in Matthew 28:20. "I am with you always, all the way to the end of the world."

Blessed and safe travel,

Kevin

(Dog spikes are like big nails holding the rails to the wooden sleepers. Today with the use of concrete sleepers, a different method of fastening is used, but for the same objective of holding the rail in place.)