

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



LESSONS FROM MR PANTS

#1 WHAT! NOT AGAIN?

Ruth and I are currently in The Riverland taking care of Mr Pants and the cat while Sean and Connie along with several friends are enjoying a four-week, 4X 4 driving and camping holiday through southwestern WA.

On the day we arrived Mr Pants had a wash and "Blow-dry" which is not his favourite pastime. The expression says it all.

I wonder how often in our relationship with God and Jesus we can easily find ourselves with a MrPants type attitude?

For instance; It's time to go to worship service. Again? I went last time. But God says: "Some people have given up the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer." **Hebrews 10:25**

We are told reading God's Word and having it in our lives is what God expects. It is good for the building of faith and closeness to our loving God. Are we who profess to be followers of Jesus always eager to do this? Let's be honest. There are days when it is tempting to say, "I did it yesterday. Now again today?"

Some other "What? Not again?" questions might relate to: talking to God, telling him how great you think he is, thanking Him for his love shown through Jesus his Son, praising him for who he is – yesterday, today and all the tomorrows.

It is life-changing to recognise, accept and believe that no matter how many times we "mess up" God never thinks, "What? Not again?" He never thinks that and he never will. He is filled with love for all people. He is filled with love for you.

God never says, "What? Not again?" He wants us to have that same attitude toward those who have, hurt us, upset us, got "under our skin" or just plain "drive us crazy". How many times do you ask? His answer is, "As many times as needed". **Check Matthew 18:22**

When we find ourselves muttering, "What? Not again?", then is a good time to remember that God says, not muttering under his breath but loud and clear, "Tell me about it, remembering I love you and want to help you again and again and again **as many times as needed**".

May you have a great week and God bless you,
Kevin.