

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



MAINTENANCE

The iconic Murray Bridge road bridge was built one hundred and forty-four years ago, allowing vehicles and later trains to cross this mighty river. All to make life easier. Enable commerce to flow more effectively and high enough that the chugging, churning paddle boats could easily pass beneath its grandness.

I doubt if the designers and builders would have imagined the structure they laboured over ever becoming a tourist attraction or of the massive trucks and the designer cars that now trundle across it. This benefit to so many is only possible because of the ongoing maintenance over the intervening years.

Everything needs maintenance. Mechanical maintenance, electrical maintenance, building maintenance, health maintenance, and mental maintenance and no maintenance lead to a breakdown; if left, eventually, nothing works, and there is seizure and crumbling.

Even our relationship with a loving and caring God needs maintenance.

How often do we turn up before God for a check-up and tuning? Is it weekly on Sunday, daily at devotion time, or a moment-by-moment living assessment? Modern machines and equipment have built-in continuous maintenance protocols, as do we. It's called a living faith and trust in our loving God.

Do you find yourself questioning God or rarely thinking about him? Rarely consider his thoughts in day-to-day decision-making? Maybe it's time to talk to him about a diagnostic check-up and let him highlight what in your relationship with him needs a "change," "re-boot", or maybe even replacement. Does a thought pattern need changing? Has the once vibrant relationship of love and trust become slow and "sludgy"? Has the robust and shiny love for a loving personal God of the Bible become dulled and encrusted with the rust of "living pressures"?

Remember, he is right into loving maintenance and rebuilding. The Bible, a record of his thoughts and actions, is full of words about his love for people, for you. Find a copy and look for words of his love and second chances (he calls it forgiveness). Talk to him about making you stronger in trusting him and his passion. Ask him to help you know and accept his plans for your life of joy. Even if it means some "maintenance changes". You might be surprised at how close you get to him.

God bless,
Kevin.