

## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



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This line made by a tractor wheel in a ploughed paddock brought back a childhood memory. Dad owned and worked the last team of working hoses in the district. I can vaguely remember them; they are a unique memory for which I am grateful. There was one horse with a particular job. For hour after hour, he would walk in what was called the furrow and, in this way, control the other horses in the team. As the plough followed, it cut these straight lines of turned earth across the paddock. Dad could have fallen asleep on that plough, and the plough line would have continued across the paddock, in the right place and around the corners.

A Bible verse says, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (**Proverbs 3:5 & 6**) The horses trusted Punch. Dad trusted Punch to follow the furrow, which meant he could sit on the plough seat with the loose reins—both happily travelling along the same straight furrow in a relationship of trust, making the ploughing so much easier. Ploughing is the preparation of a paddock for seeding so a crop can grow, ripen and produce useful grain. If a plough, whether pulled by horses or a tractor, wanders all over the paddock, the crop cannot yield what was intended. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (**John 14:6**)

We often imagine we are smart enough to find our own way through life and go from "Where I am now" to "Where I want to be tomorrow, next week, or sometime in the future". That would be like ploughing a paddock while not knowing where you are going, why you are doing it, or what outcome you are hoping for.

Dad knew why he was ploughing, where he was going, and the outcome he hoped for. While not knowing this, Punch trusted Dad and worked with him.

God plans to plant his forgiving love into the hearts of all people, and the "crop" he hopes to gather from you and me is a love toward Himself and His Son, Jesus, as a show of trust and a forgiving love toward others.

Do you trust God and His love, which holds no grudges? Do you trust Jesus to show you the way to His Father's love? If you do, tell Him; if you don't, tell Him; if you have a question, ask him.

God bless,

Kevin.