

## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



### PASSION

Ruth and I have just spent four weeks house-sitting at Goolwa. It was also the month of South Australia Living Artists displays in many galleries homes and sheds across SA. Consequently, we spent many days wandering, pondering and discussing the adage, "It's all in the eye of the beholder", This "beholder", beheld everything from the incredible, "How did they ever do that!", to the "Why did they bother?" One thing we did discover, was some of our most enjoyable times were spent with the actual artists discussing their efforts. Every artist had one thing in common which made the time spent with them special, and that was their passion for their art.

As I wandered away from one "sharing" which I discovered had gone on for an hour, for some reason I recalled some words from God where he has some strong words about being "lukewarm" which can easily be understood to be a warning about a lack of passion in our lives toward him, his love toward us and our reaction to his calling on our lives. **(Romans 12:11. Revelations 3:15-16)**

All this then raised the question, "As a follower of Jesus, how passionate am I about explaining, demonstrating and painting the picture of Jesus and his love of people to others? When I talk about Jesus to others does my passion hold their attention and interest and spark a desire to want to know more about him? Or am I like guides we encountered in some galleries who were simply there in a sort of friendly, yet disengaged way handing out pamphlets and when asked a question giving a cursory explanation as to where to find what, as distinct from the smiling, enthusiastic, "Come with me and I will show you!"

Of course, sharing my enthusiasm often calls for me to make time, maybe go out of my way, change my priorities for a time, being prepared to admit "I'm not sure, but I will find out and get back to you." And do it.

What of the times when "Today I am just too tired" or "I just can't become interested and my enthusiasm has gone on holiday"? Those are the times to remember God's words, "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you." **(Isaiah 41:10)** Don't forget Jesus himself said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." **( Matthew 11:28)** Part of that "rest" is knowing Jesus forgives, he doesn't hold it against you when for a time you are afraid, or tired, or unsure. He is always waiting for you, with his help to become passionate about his love and share it again.

God bless,  
Kevin.