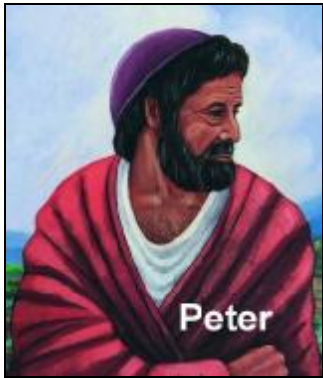


Faithful Men's Spiritual Retreat 2007

Bandon Faith Mission Camp

Studying the Life Principles of:



**“And the Lord said,
Simon, Simon, behold, Satan
hath desired to have you, that
he may sift you as wheat:
But I have prayed for thee, that
thy faith fail not:
and when thou art converted,
strengthen thy brethren.”
*Luke 22:31,32***

Old Habits Die Hard!
But they CAN die... on the cross!

MY NAME _____



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Schedule of Events

Time	Duration	Main Function	Support Function
THURSDAY 12 APRIL			
4:00pm		Arrive at Camp - Unpack and Start Dinner	
6:00pm	1 hour	Dinner (<i>Spaghetti, Garlic Bread</i>)	
6:45pm	45 min	Break, Sports Time	<i>Clean-up</i>
7:30pm	1:30 hour	1st Session – <u>Introducing Peter</u> – Craig Ledbetter	
9:00pm	1 hour	Snack (<i>Tea, Coffee, Sandwiches</i>)	
10:00pm	1 hour	2nd Session – <u>The Effect of Following Jesus</u> – Dan Pero	
11:00pm	1 hour	Fellowship Time	
12:00am	7:30hrs	Sleep	
FRIDAY 13 APRIL			
7:30am	1 hour	Wake-Up, Read Bible & Take Shower	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:30am	45min	Breakfast (<i>Eggs, Sausage, and Cereal</i>)	
9:15am	15min	Break	<i>Clean-up</i>
9:30am	1 hour	3rd Session – <u>The Problems with the Cross</u> – Buddy Blunkall	
10:30am	1 hour	Break	
11:30am	45 min	4th Session – <u>Battling Satan in Our Thoughts</u> – Rich Fulton	
12:15pm	30 min	<i>Prepare Bag Lunches</i>	
12:45pm	4:00hrs	Hiking and Hill Walking (bag lunch)	<i>Prepare Dinner</i>
4:45pm	30min	Break	
6:00pm	1 hour	Dinner (<i>Roast Chicken</i>)	
7:00pm	1 hour	5th Session – <u>Don't Waste Your Trials</u> – Craig Ledbetter	
8:30pm	45min	Dessert, Tea and Coffee	
9:15pm	1 hour	Sports Time (Outdoor)	
10:15pm	45min	Pop-Corn Preaching (8 – 10 men preaching for 5 mins each)	
10:45pm	1:30hrs	Bonfire and Evening Quiet Time	
12:15am	7:15hrs	Sleep	
SATURDAY 14 APRIL			
7:30am	45min	Wake-up, Read Bible & Take Showers	<i>Prepare Breakfast</i>
8:15am	45min	Breakfast (<i>Eggs, Porridge and Cereal</i>)	
9:00am	1:30 hrs	Final Session – <u>Strengthening the Brethren</u> – Buddy Blunkall	
10:30am	15 min	Break	
10:45am	30min	Testimony Time	
11:15am	1 hour	Pack-up and clean-up	<i>Prepare Lunch</i>
12:15pm	30min	Lunch (<i>Sandwiches</i>)	
12:45pm		Final Clean-up, Leave for Home	

“A ruffled mind makes a restless pillow.” (Charlotte Brontë, quoted in *The Montreal Gazette*)

“Nothing honours the Lord more than trusting Him without explanation or reservation.”

Prayer of Duncan Campbell: “God, make me as holy as a saved sinner can be.”



Special Songs

Faithful Men

I am looking to Jesus, giving all in the race,
pressing upward to gain the heavenly prize!
Faithful men are my witness,
who have struggled for Christ,
and they watch from the grandstands in the sky!

Chorus

Faithful men... have gone before us!
Faithful men... who fight and stand!
I want to fol-low in their footsteps!
Make me Lord... a faithful man!

Jacob joined with the faithful; Joseph followed behind;
Moses ran with the mighty men of old!
There was David and Daniel; Then came Peter and Paul.
Now they shout as they run on streets of gold!

(To Chorus)

End of the last Chorus

Make me Lord... a faithful man.
Make me Lord, a *faith-ful* man!

A Few Good Men

What this dying world could use, Is a willing man of God
Who dares to go against the grain, And work without applause
A man who'll raise the shield of faith, Protecting what is pure
Whose love is tough and gentle, A man whose word is sure

God doesn't need an orator, Who knows just what to say
He doesn't need authorities, To reason Him away
He doesn't need an army, To guarantee a win
He just needs a few good men!

Chorus

Men full of compassion, Who'll laugh and love and cry
Men who'll face eternity and aren't afraid to die
Men who'll fight for freedom and honour once again
He just needs a few good men

He calls the broken derelict whose life has been renewed
He calls the ones who know his Son to stand up for the truth
Enlistment lines are open and he wants you come in
He just needs a few good men

To Chorus

Previous Theme Songs

Be Thou an Example (2005)

1 Timothy 4:12

Let no man despise thy youth;
but be thou an example
of the believers,
in word, in conversation,
in charity, in spirit,
in faith, in purity.
Let no man despise thy youth;
but be thou an example!

By Faith Noah (2004)

Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah,
being warned of God
of things not seen as yet,
moved with fear,
prepared an ark
to the saving of his house;
by the which he condemned the
world,
and became heir of
the righteousness,
heir, of the righteousness
which,
is by faith.

He Must Increase – John 3:3 (2003)

He must increase, but I must decrease,
What a sobering thought!
The Son of God,
Came into the world,
Sinners like me He sought!

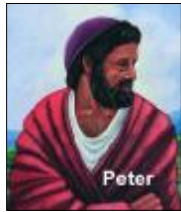
On the cross,
He earned the right,
to govern this life of mine.
But the world cries out,
“It’s not Jesus we see,
As long as your pride shines bright!”

He must increase, but I must decrease,
What a troublesome task!
But, the more I yield, the more He reigns,
And, that’s what it’s all about!

Oh the more I yield, the more He reigns,
And that’s what it’s all about!

This Year's Theme Song – Peter's Song

When the Lord Calls a Man



At a time in my life when I should have known peace
In my work and my home and my search to increase;
I found every thing empty, I found it a loss,
Until Jesus came preaching of life on the Cross!

Chorus

*When the Lord calls a man, and He gives him a clue
of the life to be lived by faith through and through;
He first breaks and removes all the dross, and in time
He changes each part of his heart and his mind.*

This Jesus, He's something much more than He seemed;
His words pierced much deeper that I ever dreamed.
They called me to look beyond struggles with self
To a life that was changed - from me to Himself!



But that Life that He spoke of, was not His one goal-
It was others, oh others in darkness untold!
Jesus needed a man who would learn how to die;
Not just to his sin, but the bondage of pride!
(Chorus)

Oh Satan, he grips with a powerful hold,
And seeks to defeat us with failures untold!
But in spite of it all, we can finally begin
to strengthen with grace, and to help the breth-ren!
(Chorus)



Scriptures to Memorize

Meditate on these throughout the Retreat for best effect on your mind and heart!

<p>Luke 22:31,32 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.</p>	
<p>1Peter 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>1Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.</p>
<p>Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.</p>	<p>1Peter 4:1,2 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.</p>
<p>1Peter 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.</p>	<p>John 21:22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.</p>
<p>1Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.</p>	<p>1Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.</p>
<p>Matthew 4:19 And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.</p>	<p>Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.</p>
<p>Ephesians 4:22-24 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.</p>	

Scripture Points to Ponder

Scripture	Write-out the verse, then Ponder the Truth Being Taught
Luke 22:31,32	
1Peter 1:7	
1Peter 5:5	
Galatians 2:20	
1Peter 4:1,2	
1Peter 1:15	

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John 21:22	
Matthew 4:19	
1Peter 1:23	
1Peter 5:8	
Romans 13:14	
Ephesians 4:22-24	

Session One – Introducing Peter

Pastor Craig Ledbetter – Bible Baptist Church, Ballincollig



“And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.” John 1:42

Sermon Notes

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Session Two – The Fruit of Following Jesus

The Call To Learn From Jesus How To Live, And How To Produce Fruit

Dan Pero, Calvary Bible Baptist Church, Bray, Co. Wicklow

**“And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers
of men.” Matthew 4:19**

Sermon Notes



Session Three – The Problems with the Cross

How the Humiliation of the Cross Defines the Life of the Christian

By Buddy Blunkall

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

Sermon Notes



Session Four – Battling Satan in Our Thoughts

Rich Fulton, Pastor of the Calvary Bible Baptist Church of Bray, Co. Wicklow

“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.” 1Peter 5:5



Sermon Notes

Session Five – Don't Waste Your Trials!

Craig Ledbetter, Pastor of the Bible Baptist Church of Ballincollig, Cork

“And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.” Luke 22:31,32

Sermon Notes



Session Six – Strengthening the Brethren

Buddy Blunkall

“and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.” Luke 22:32

Sermon Notes:

Late one night at the insane asylum, one inmate shouted, "I am Napoleon!" Another patient asked, "How do you know?" The first inmate said, "Because God told me!" Just then, a voice from another room shouted, "I did NOT!"

Worksheet One – The Trials I am in Right Now

How to face the trials you are struggling with right now

Currently I am struggling with the following things in my life – I can't seem to get through these problems, or obstacles, and feel very hindered in my walk with God:

✓	Trial / Personal Struggle	What is God trying to change?
	The Will of God for my life – it may be not what you want to do. (Romans 12:1,2)	
	The Authority over my life – they may be hard to obey. (Hebrews 13:17)	
	I am too busy and have so little time for personal devotions and church activities (Matthew 6:33)	
	Financially I am struggling and my faith is weak about what to do (Proverbs 22:7)	
	My health is worrisome and keeps me self focused (2Corinthians 12:9)	
	Close people in my family worry me – they are not saved or are not living for God (Gal 4:19,20)	
	I have hurts from my past that keep coming up in my mind and keep me defeated (Philippians 3:13,14)	
	I have several big temptations that I so easily give in to (1Corinthians 10:13)	
	I have loads of doubts about my own salvation (2Corinthians 13:5)	
	I have lost my joy and the joy of serving the Lord and it scares me (Psalm 51:12)	
	I can't seem to let go of the friends in my life that are holding me back from living for God (Prov 13:20)	
	I find myself very lonely and can't seem to trust the Lord for a wife (Genesis 2:22; Psalm 37:4,5)	

Prayer List

“Men ought always to pray, and not to faint” Luke 18:1

This list can be used every time we get together to pray, and should be added to as we learn of individual needs and requests.

For Salvation (2 Pet 3:9) *“God is not willing that any should perish...”*

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For Christian Growth (2 Pet 3:18) *“but grow in grace”*

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For Special Needs (Health, Family concerns)

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For Your Church Needs

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Anything Else – maybe your own needs



THANKS TO THE ILLUSTRATOR (COW) JOHN 13:37-38
THAT'S RIGHT PETER, WE'RE ARRESTING YOUR PRECIOUS JESUS ... WHAT'R YA GUNNA DO ABOUT IT, HUH? A HAH HAH HAAAAAAAAA