

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



BEING PREPARED

Last November, Ruth and I were privileged to travel with a convoy of CFS personnel from around Melrose through Mt Remarkable National Park. What were they doing? Checking the state of the fire tracks and vegetation. It had been a reasonably wet year, and the foliage was at least waist-high, and it was coming into "fire season". They were preparing for if things went wrong.

Do we prepare for when daily life takes a turn, when an occasion, a happening upsets the routine? We all expect something is going to happen, which will dampen our happiness, our joy. It might be an illness, a loss of something we consider valuable. A family member, a friend, turns against you and with that turn comes a feeling of rejection and hurt.

Equally, what are our thoughts and reactions when tempted to do, say, or think something we feel in our heart (may even know and believe) is wrong? Do we always have the inner strength to change track, or do we carry on and cause someone else hurt and pain? Do we prepare ourselves, know where to get the power not to carry through and hurt, or not let the pain another might inflict impact more than necessary on my life?

God tells us His words in the Bible are: "For gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; for receiving instruction in prudent behaviour. For doing what is right and just and fair. For giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young — let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance — for understanding proverbs and parables, the sayings and riddles of the wise. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 1:2-7. This "wisdom" includes knowing and believing God loves you.

Trust in the truth of what God's Word teaches about dealing with life, and you will be better prepared when the flames which might scorch life come (and we all know they will come). There are many on-line helps to understanding the Bible. One I use regularly is <https://www.biblegateway.com>

May you enjoy a great life letting God and His love prepare you for whatever might come.

Cheers,

Kevin