

## "LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



### POTENTIAL

Noticing this sign outside a bottle shop, I smiled and thought, God has put some witty people in this world.

But what if the words went like this? "There are tragic stories of people who may never be what they could have been."

How often have you walked past someone and thought, "Why are they wasting their life sitting there?" Have you walked past and considered, "There is someone who would have been born with much to offer. What went wrong? Or worse, do we not even see them?"

The media daily displays lives shrivelled by what? Circumstance, missed opportunity, disinterest, lack of ability, insufficient knowledge, knowledge with-held, lack of support and caring. How long could the list be?

Perhaps they have tried to stand tall but have been knocked down once too often and have become too tired to get up and try again. Maybe the one "helper" kept walking.

If you are reading this and feel let down, knocked down, or just feel down and not sure if anyone cares. Think about the people Jesus loved and help stand up. Beggars with incurable diseases, fishermen, a religious leader, a soldier, and crowds of people like you and me. Who knows what He might be calling you to be, to do. Don't give up. Talk to Him about your fears and hurts.

To us all, He says, "Peace I leave with you; my Peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (**John 14:27**)

God's Word (The Bible) also tells us, "Be strong and courageous ... The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (**Deuteronomy 31:7-8**)

We who can be guilty of walking past maybe need to learn from the once well-known story Jesus told of the bloke who, after others had walked past, crossed the road to help someone from a different community who had been bashed up and ripped off. It's called "The Story of the Good Samaritan". You can read about it in the Bible, Luke 10: 25 – 37.

Perhaps we all need to talk to Him, whether "feeling down" or "walking past".

God bless,

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