

“LIFE THROUGH THE LENS”



SACRIFICE

Last week we celebrated Anzac Day with much talk and celebration about “sacrifice”, and “mateship” as it should be. Actually, it was the God of the Bible who invented “Mateship”. He made the first man so He would have a “Mate”. Then out of concern for “His Mate” – God made a woman so the man would have a special friend and not be lonely. So here was the first man with God as his mate on one hand and a woman as his special friend on the other; all good. In fact, we are told that God Himself said: “This is good!” Or as I like to think, He said: “This is fabulous!” It is no wonder “mateship” is held in such high regard: It’s in our DNA – we are meant to have “mateship”.

As for “Sacrifice”. If you look at the Biblical account of the relationship of God and man, it was God who made the first sacrifice and continues to sacrifice when He puts His care, concern and love of you before all else – even to the point of His Son Jesus dying on a cross so the “mateship” can be restored. The concept of sacrifice along with mateship comes from outside ourselves: it is built in. It is when we put ourselves “first” that those two parts of humanity we celebrate are pushed aside.

Maybe, if when thinking of putting self, first, we asked God what He thought, there would be more “Mate-ship”, more “Sacrifice” each day.

Enjoy life.

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