



## **Summer News & Prayer Letter 2022**

### **Crossline is still here for you!**

As all our listeners are home based as part of the National Christian Helpline, Crossline is still open to callers every day from 9am till midnight on **0300 111 0101**.

(Calls are charged at the standard landline rate and included in any mobile or home phone call package which includes landlines).

### **Disputes and Forgiveness**

Calls to Crossline are extremely varied in the reasons and background to the situations people find themselves in.

In many cases disputes and lack of forgiveness plays a part in the problem, and it seems to be getting harder for people to forgive friends, relatives and sadly other Church members for what they see as an affront or situation that has caused the root problem.

Sometimes it is difficult to forgive someone, especially when they may have caused harm or upset, but to show forgiveness is a true act of Christian love.

Jesus' message before the cross and under the law was that forgiveness is conditional.

We see this in Matthew 6:12, 14-16, and 18:35 where Jesus says that *"Unless you forgive others who sin against you, then your heavenly Father will not forgive you."* It's a hard message but a message designed to bring realisation for one's need for grace to others and also to receive forgiveness by His grace from God.

We should all remember what God says about forgiveness. In the Lords prayer we say 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.' In the Bibles most powerful example, Jesus being crucified prayed for His executioners saying *"Forgive them Lord for they know not what they do."* (Luke 23:34)

According to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of The Bible, the word "forgive" appears in the Bible 53 times. The concept of forgiveness and grace which, in reality is unmerited favour, is woven throughout the entirety of Scripture and is the bedrock of the Christian message.

Forgiveness is therefore a crucial part of Christianity. It does not mean that we as Christians let others get away with things, but more that we make a conscious effort to forgive and let go of feelings that come with bearing a grudge against one another. Indeed feelings of anger and hatred often cause more harm to the person feeling them than to the person in question. Angela Buttimer a licensed psychotherapist said *"When we hold onto grudges and resentment, it's like drinking poison and expecting the other person to get sick."*

***That is why Jesus taught us forgive and to let those thoughts go.....***

**£££** Each call we receive costs us around £1:50. As most of you will be aware, we are a totally voluntary charity with no paid staff but could you help us reach hurting people? A gift of just £15 helps us to comfort 10 people! To send a one-off gift or set up a standing order and become a Crossline Angel our bank account details are;

CROSSLINE (HULL) - Account no :- 41381765- Sort Code 05 05 27.



### **Save a Tree & Cut Our Costs**

We currently mail around 20 Newsletters with an additional 180 going by e-mail.

To reduce this cost, we are hoping to send more Prayer/Newsletters electronically.

To receive future Prayer/News by email just email [prayer@crossline.karoo.co.uk](mailto:prayer@crossline.karoo.co.uk) with your full name and in the message line type 'email please'

**The Great Commission.**

*After Jesus Christ's death on the cross, he was buried and then resurrected on the third day. Before he ascended into heaven, he appeared to his disciples in Galilee and gave them these instructions:*

*"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20, NIV)*

*This section of Scripture is known as the Great Commission. It was the last recorded personal directive of the Saviour to his disciples, and it holds great significance to all followers of Christ.*

*The Great Commission is the foundation for evangelism and cross-cultural missions work in Christian theology. It is so important that it is mentioned in all of the gospels and in Acts. (Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18; Luke 24:44-49; John 20:19-23; and Acts 1:8.)*

*Springing from the heart of God, the Great Commission calls Christ's disciples to carry out the work God started by sending his Son into the world to die for lost sinners. So how can we as Christians carry out this mission?*

*Many Christians are shy in sharing their faith with non Christians, they may be wary about confronting others face on with the Gospel, worried about rejection, raising culture differences, even sadly, afraid of discrimination.....*

*But in everyday life we can make a difference purely by letting others know our beliefs and demonstrating a Christian attitude in our work place, to our families, neighbours and friends.*

*Just being a listening ear in times of trouble, a shoulder to cry on in times of trials, sickness or bereavement. Just promising that the person will be prayed for can make such a difference and make people think about their lives and hopefully their relationship with God.*

*Question your own story. Who made a difference to you? That person had to step up and demonstrate their faith to you.*

*We as Christians need to keep the ball rolling or the ball will slow down and stop which we know will benefit only the evil powers of this World.*

*We know this is a challenging message but one we all need to consider and pray about.*

***Who can you reach to share the sacrifice Jesus made for us all? Jointly we can make a huge impact...***

*With all blessings for a great summer for you and your families.*

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**Prayer Requests for Crossline;**

Please pray for the continued protection for all our volunteers, especially at this time for our listeners who are taking so many extra calls and putting in extra shifts, our trainee listeners, our finances and for all our callers, whose needs are real and many!

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