

*“Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim His greatness.
Let the whole world know what He has done.”
1 Chronicles 16:8*

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Equipped to advance the Kingdom:

For anyone who believes that they can't impact the world for Christ because of their lowly/limiting circumstances, Nick had encouraging words. Only this week, Nick was reminded of his first job in a nursing home as a student; he met an old woman who was dying, but who spoke with incredible grace about her life. Her words & peace made a lasting impression on Nick. By living in God's presence & speaking about Him in our lives we **will** impact those around us & advance the Kingdom, regardless of our job, title, or standing in church/society.

God loves to make dreams come true:

Several months ago Jo enlisted prayer support from her lifegroup for her job situation. She was very unhappy at work. God challenged her to ask for bigger things! So she presented her 'ideal' scenario to the Lord – to work for a former employer, who she greatly respected; in a job where she would be challenged & allowed to use her gifts; a pay rise; & that the job move would fit around Heaton Festival! **ALL** of these desires were answered! Praise God!! God honours our prayers.

At the start of the year one of Roz's dreams was to be involved in community ventures. The upcoming Festival has provided the ideal opportunity for her to impact many lives with the love of God & to feel productive while using her talents.

Seeing God in others:

A number of years ago, Andy prayed for a job with other Christians, and that he'd be approached & not even need to apply for the post – God answered those prayers! Praise God!!

To celebrate their recent 25th wedding anniversary, Andy & Ruth went to Scotland. He awoke at dawn one morning with a migraine; when he looked out the window the scenery & sunrise were stunning – he was blown away. The glory of God truly is displayed throughout creation. We must remember that every person reflects God's glory.

Responding to God's prompting:

On way home from work on the bus, John met a young man who looked very upset/depressed. God prompted John to pray for him. He's trusting that the Lord will uphold this troubled man.

The God of Abundance:

In her role heading up publicity for Heaton Festival, Jo testified to seeing **dozens of answers to prayer per day!!!**

John is involved in finance team for the Festival. Initially, it seemed like an insurmountable task, and beyond his abilities. But once he surrendered it to the Lord, the money began to come in. Now even **more** money than predicted has come in – thank you, Jesus.

The gift of friendship:

Colleen, struggling with some major issues in her life, has felt lost recently & quite distant from the Lord, but the persistent love of a friend has led her back to Jesus. She's incredibly thankful to God & grateful for the gift of friendship.

Sore ankle healed:

Recently Dan was training for a school cross country run. However, while playing cricket a couple of days before, Dan had a nasty injury to his ankle & could barely walk. After his brother initiated prayer for healing, the pain disappeared & mobility was restored! Next day Dan won the qualifying heat for his run! Praise You, Lord!!