

# Pitching Our Tent



# Pitching Our Tent in the Land of Hope







Time to think **BIG**



# Isaiah 54

1 **“Sing, O barren one, who did not bear;**  
break forth into singing and cry aloud...



The instruction is to **SING**  
and **make space**  
**before** the **miracle**





# Make Space

2 “Enlarge the place of your tent,  
and let the curtains of your habitations be  
stretched out;  
do not hold back; lengthen your cords  
and strengthen your stakes.





We are **MOVING**  
**Our Sunday Celebrations!**

**We need space for our growing church family so from 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016, our services will be held at The Morlan Centre, Queens Road.**



**Every Sunday**  
**10:30am**



WHY?

LOVE GOD  
PEOPLE

# WHY?

1) To make room to become **BIGGER** - the space gives us an increased capacity to invite and welcome new **people** to our services.



# WHY?

2) To do church **BETTER** - the space is 'nicer' and more welcoming, recognisable and accessible for new **people** and the move gives us a clear opportunity to improve, refresh and update what we do what we do in our meetings.



# WHY?

3) To grow **BOLDER** - as individual people and as a church in believing for and stepping up and out into what God will do in and through us.





**Bigger,  
Better,  
Bolder.**



# MAKING THE TENT STRONG

Guy ropes

Fly sheet (Cover)

Pegs

Poles (Frame)

Pole sleeves

Inner tent

Ground sheet

Zips

Bag

Prayer

Praise

Patience

Partake (serve)

Partnership

Presence

Provision

Peers (Invite)

Passion



The tent can be **big** and  
**strong** but it is pointless if it  
is pitched in the wrong place!





**Acts 2 1-4** When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.





- They had pitched their tent in the right place
- ‘Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.’ (Acts 1:4)
- They obeyed
- They were ‘all together’



# Acts 2 (TM)

**22-28** “Fellow Israelites, listen carefully to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man thoroughly accredited by God to you—the miracles and wonders and signs that God did through him are common knowledge—this Jesus, following the deliberate and well-thought-out plan of God, was betrayed by men who took the law into their own hands, and was handed over to you. And you pinned him to a cross and killed him. But God untied the death ropes and raised him up. Death was no match for him. David said it all:

I saw God before me for all time. Nothing can shake me; he’s right by my side. I’m glad from the inside out, ecstatic. I’ve pitched my tent in the land of hope. I know you’ll never dump me in Hades; I’ll never even smell the stench of death. You’ve got my feet on the life-path, with your face shining sun-joy all around.

- **God has a well thought out plan**
  - It may be hard to understand today and to obey what He is asking but He knows the end of the story.



- **God untied the death ropes**
  - He is in charge of Your life and your situation.
  - It may feel as though your confined or it may feel feel you are over stretching
  - He knows





- **Nothing can shake me**
  - We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken
  - Everything else will!
  - ‘HE’s RIGHT BY MY SIDE’



- **I've pitched my tent in the land of hope**
  - **Because of who Christ is and what He has done, we can dwell in the place of hope wherever we are and whatever is going on around us.**



# How Do You See The Land Ahead?

- **Numbers 12**

**27** This is what they reported to Moses: “We went to the land where you sent us. It really is a land flowing with milk and honey. Here’s some of its fruit. **28** But the people who live there are strong, and the cities have walls and are very large.

**30** Caleb told the people to be quiet and listen to Moses. Caleb said, “Let’s go now and take possession of the land. We should be more than able to conquer it.”

# The Land Was The Same

- But the perspective was different
- The majority looked with doubt and fear
- Joshua and Caleb looked with faith and HOPE
  - They knew the word of God and the power of God and allowed these to dictate their perspective.
- We need faith and hope to fuel our LOVE



# Where Will You Pitch Your Tent?

- We have all experienced disappointment, frustration, sorrow, loss, pain, hurt and so on...
- But if we choose to pitch our tent there we will not be ready for what God is going to do
- Pitch your tent in the land...
- HOPE
- FAITH
- LOVE
- 'Sing O barren...'





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