

The Salvation Army Hadleigh Temple

Songster Devotions

Pause for Thought Wednesday 22nd July 2020

I trust this finds you all well in the improving situation of Covid 19, and have an increase in your social activities depending on your circumstances. Many people are now embarking on their annual holiday a journey we all look forward to each year, this year so different to our usual experiences. Travelling takes many forms near, far with the opportunity to meet friends and family and make new friends and see new places.

One of the great travellers of the New Testament was Saul of Tarsus, who grew up in a privileged position as a Roman citizen in the Jewish community. He became a persecutor of the early Christian church and while on a journey to Damascus in Acts Ch.9 v.3 we read of the dramatic event of Saul's conversion and with the help of Ananias became a Christian. His life was of course turned around and he became the first missionary of the Church. He made three great journeys through the Middle East and Europe, the first one taking him from Antioch in about 47A.D. and included Cyprus. His second journey 49-52 A.D. to Galatia and Alexandria. On his third journey 53-57A.D. spending about 3 years in Ephesus. During these journeys he spent time guiding and advising the new Christians highlighting many problems. We today can take lessons from these circumstances as we continue through life.

As Christians we ask that in the words of Song 851

I want to live right, that God may use me at any time and anywhere,

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On Friday 24th. July 2020 Harriet and Andrew take their Wedding Vows at Hadleigh Temple, we know that this has been an anxious and unexpected time for them having to change the arrangements and having to delay their Special Day. We are glad they have chosen to make this commitment to each other, and on behalf of the Songsters wish them a long and happy life together.

Prayer.

Father God, we give thanks for the lives of Harriet and Andrew and ask that your Blessing will be with them at the beginning of this new journey together.

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:

The Lord make his face shine upon thee,

And be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee:

And give thee peace.

GOD BLESS KEEP SAFE KEEP WELL

As this is break time for Songster rehearsals there will not be a Pause for Thought for a few weeks. I will review circumstances late August please feel free to get in touch in the meantime.

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