

# Calvary Galway Weekly Bulletin



Week of 5 February 2012

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## This week and beyond:

### \* Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> of February

✠ 10:15 – prayer & devotions

✠ 11:00 – worship & the study of  
God's Word

Psalm 78

“Passing the Torch”

@ the Galway Bay Hotel

### \* Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> of February

Grounded in Love

“My Manifesto”

7:30pm @ Anju's

### \* Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> of Feb.

Men's Study

“Trust What is Sure”

7:30pm @ Fanie's

### \* Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> of February

Worldviews

“The Trial of Jesus”

7:30 pm @ Cornelius' & Honey's

## Upcoming Events:

### \*\* Irish Stew Cook-off 25<sup>th</sup> of February

Enter your own version of  
Irish Stew – prizes, music,  
loads of food

**Bring a friend!**

## Christ-centred/Christ-living

### When Life Is Hard

I love Scripture's honesty. I love how the biblical authors, inspired by the Holy Spirit, don't hold back about despair, weakness, doubt, or fear. They don't step gingerly around topics of pain or temptation or trouble. They are frank about the fact that life is hard.

So when the biblical writers speak to us of hope and joy and peace, we know these are real too. And in our depths of despair, we can take their hand and follow them out of the pit.

Take for example, the words of Jeremiah in Lamentations 3 that we are all so familiar with: *“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness”* (v. 22-23). These words are spoken from the heights, a spectacular panorama. But how do we get there when we feel crippled by the trials of life?

The same way Jeremiah did.

Only a few verses earlier he writes from

the deepest valley: *“...my soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is; so I say, ‘My endurance has perished; so has my hope from the Lord’”* (v. 17-18).

Can you relate? Hope, gone. Peace, gone. Happiness, so far gone, you can't even remember what it feels like. What do we say to someone who confesses this? Do we recoil at their lack of faith? And yet here is Jeremiah, prophet of God .....

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**“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Philemon 1:3**

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## Kid's Church

Children under 11 are requested to attend kid's church, where they can be instructed on their own level.

## Worship Courtesies

To limit distractions:  
\* Please remember to turn off your mobile.

\* And if at all possible, please avoid getting up and leaving service.

## Hotel Courtesies

Please be a witness by respecting the other organisations meeting in the other rooms.

## Thank you!

Where we meet:

**Sunday mornings are @ the Galway Bay Hotel on the Prom in Salthill, Galway.**

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# Growing in Grace & Knowledge (II Peter 3:18)

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.... confessing that in his trouble he feels bereft of all of the blessings of the people of God.

Then Jeremiah shows us how he gets from the depths to the heights: *"But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope..."* (v. 21).

His soul, which had taken its last breath of hope, was resuscitated by *calling to mind* who

God is and what He does. He *is* faithful. He *shows* mercy, He *does* love. He *does not* forget. He sent His only Son who endured the agony of the cross, in our place and for our sins, and rose again, victorious. *This* I call to mind.

Notice that Jeremiah's trial was unchanged. He didn't get a phone call that the cancer was gone. He didn't find his enemies on his front

porch asking for forgiveness. He didn't get hired. His child didn't become a Christian. But he had something better.

He had hope. Hope that one day, even if it wasn't until heaven, he would know happiness again.

By Carol Mahaney @ <http://www.girltalkhome.com/blog>

**\*\* Check this space periodically for free downloads. This month:**

1. Jerry Bridges book: "Trusting God" – go to: <http://christianaudio.com/free>

## WPC

The last Thursday of every month is a time of worship, prayer and communion – 7:30pm

## Other Areas of Ministry & Involvement

† Compassion  
\* Operation Christmas Child  
\* Missionary support

† Children's ministry

† Hospitality

† Evangelism

† Equipping the Saints conferences

**"... but through love serve one another." Gal. 5:13**

## Our Studies & Ministries

### Sunday Morning

We are currently going verse-by-verse through the third book of the Psalms (73-89). We will be looking at the realities of human life and the peace that is found in God alone.

### Grounded in Love

"Grounded in Love" is our women's study. Current study is through the book, "The Gospel Primer". We meet every Tuesday night @ 7:30.

### Friday Evening Worldviews

A 5 week course "Is The Bible Reliable"? For centuries, intellectuals and critics alike have questioned inconsistencies. Dr. Meyer examines ancient texts and archeological evidence to build a compelling case for the accuracy of Scripture - and why the Bible is more trustworthy than ever.

### Men's Study

We are currently going through Paul Tripps book "A Broken-Down House". We meet every Thursday night @ 7:30.

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