
It Takes A Church To Raise Your Child (Tim Challies)

You've probably heard it said that it takes a village to raise a child. Parenting is so difficult, so complex, so relentless, that it is more than any two people can successfully handle. Children thrive under the responsibility of loving parents but also under the watchful eye of a caring community.

When I was starting out in parenting, I assumed this proverb meant something like this: I will raise my children and expect the community around me to keep an eye on them. If they go wild or get out-of-line or go sneaking off somewhere, I give those people free reign to let me know or to intervene directly. It may even fall to them to give my kids a stern talking to. I saw this kind of thing modelled in the community I grew up in. More than once I saw adults get involved when other people's kids were getting out of control. Well and good, as far as it goes.

But as time has gone on, I've seen a far more active implementation of the proverb. The proverb demands more than allowing others to troubleshoot my children's poor behaviour. It invites others to provide input into the development of their character. It invites others to take an active interest in them, to speak to them, to challenge them, to counsel them, to befriend them, to love them. It invites other believers to ask my children about their faith and their fears, their trials and temptations, their dramas as their doubts. It invites other Christians to exert a significant influence on them, and all for their good and God's glory.

It takes a village to raise a child. Really, it takes a church to raise a child because it is in the church that our children find a whole community of adults who love them, who have a deep concern for them, and who are eager to see them come to faith and grow in godly character. The "village" is not there just to keep them in line when they get unruly, but to experience the joy of seeing them grow up in God and grow up for God.

(Excerpt from <https://www.challies.com/articles/it-takes-a-church-to-raise-your-child/>)



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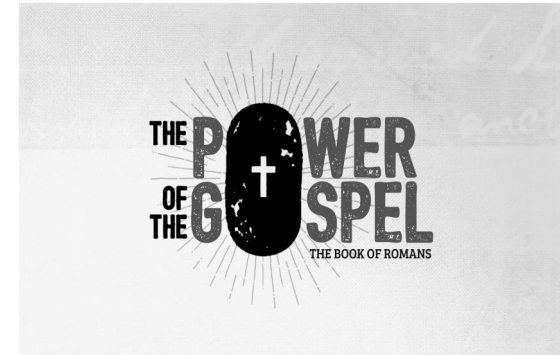
We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at www.slechurch.org.au.

This Week: Freedom From The Law

by Pastor Steven Tran

Next Week:

Life In The Spirit—part 1 [Romans 8:1-17]



Order of Service

Welcome and Singing

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone
Glorious Christ
O Church Arise

Holy Communion

Offering

Community News

Bible Reading

Romans 7

Sermon

By Pastor Steven Tran

Song of Response

Before The Throne Of God Above

Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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Check out slechurch.org.au/groups to find a group that you can join.

Prayer Points

GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD for uniting us to Christ! Thank God that in Christ, we have died to sin and been raised to life. Thank God that what has happened to Christ has happened to us.

THANK GOD THAT WE HAVE BEEN freed from the power that sin had over us. Thank God that we are no longer slaves to sin, but freed to submit willingly and joyfully to our new and good king, Jesus.

PRAY THAT WE WOULD FIGHT HARD against the temptation of sin, being assured of God's grace at work in us. Pray that our new identity in Christ would spur us on to live out every aspect of our lives in righteousness. Confess sins that you have been struggling with lately.

THANK GOD FOR EASTER. Pray for opportunities at this time of the year to share the gospel. Thank God for Easter holidays and pray that the tired and weary will find some rest.

Community News

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES 30 MARCH

Good Friday services will be on at 9am and 11:30am. It is a great opportunity to consider bringing your friends/family along.

For those who can, please help contribute a plate of morning tea to share on the day.

REMINDER RE PARKING AROUND CHURCH ON SUNDAYS

Please be mindful of the following when parking around church on Sundays, so that by our action, we can serve and love our neighbours, both in and out of church:

- by not stopping along the no parking zone on the white striped lines along the front of the church premise
- By using the 2 carpark spaces in front of the church only as drop off and pick up zones on Sunday mornings
- By not parking along yellow lines
- By parking so as not to obstruct driveways
- By leaving Ryans Road Street parking for the elderly and the Armadale Street parking for parents with Sunday School children

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Financial Update

Last Week	\$6,389.78
Weekly Required	\$5,523
Shortfall 2018	\$1,004

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name:	SLE Church
Bank:	National Australia Bank
BSB:	084-424
A/C No:	396558544

SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane

Freedom From The Law [Romans 7]

Intro:

`...to those who know the law'

1. An illustration from marriage (1-6)

2. The Law is good (7-12)

3. The intense wrestle (13-24)

4. Thank God for Jesus! (25)

So what?