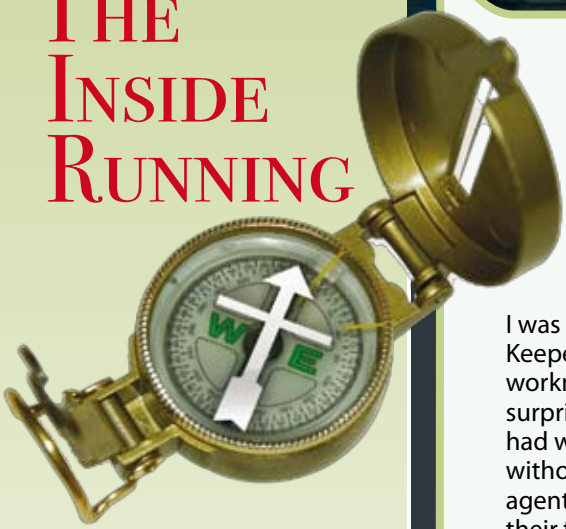




THE INSIDE RUNNING



Never underestimate your influence on other people. When we are known as Christians, people watch us closely, sometimes over decades. Often they are not being critical but hopeful – they hope that someone who stands for something actually lives it out. When Michael Jones refused to play for the All Blacks on Sundays, not everyone agreed with his stand, but they respected him for it.

Are our actions consistent with our words? It is a big job maintaining integrity but it is important. The enemy will tell us we are unqualified and seek to silence us. We need to push past that condemnation and look to God for His assurance that we are indeed His children seeking to walk closer with Him each day.

Whatever you do and wherever you go, put Jesus first.

John

John Subritzky

OUR INFLUENCE

By Graham Walsh

Our faith must be a seven day a week 24 hour a day faith - which means it's not all about what we do at church but what we take out the door into our world.

I was talking to a guy at a Promise Keepers conference when one of his workmates came up. They were both surprised that they were Christians and had worked together for four years without knowing it! They were "undercover agents" in the company and silent in their faith, worried what people may say if they knew. Closet Christians.

At times the greatest hindrance to my talking to people about Christ, especially my close work colleagues and neighbours, has been my fear that my behaviour would not reflect what I was talking about, nor display the unconditional love of Jesus, and His commandment for me to love all those around me. I said "at times" because I have to be careful at work not to use my position as Chairman of the Board to force people to listen to my message about Jesus and bring undue pressure on my staff, because that can be a form of spiritual abuse.

What has more integrity is to pray for them every week without fail, and place them in the hands of Jesus, who loves them more than I could ever do, and do my best to have a consistent, loving disposition.

In a way it is easy for me to talk about Jesus to someone who doesn't know me, like a taxi driver recently. Street witnessing, house-to-house visitation or dropping tracts would be no threat. Talking and speaking about Jesus when I am overseas is really no threat, because these people don't know how I live or speak or act.

Neighbours and workmates see me warts and all. They observe what I do and whether I am for real - a Christian who loves God and loves them. It's not about never putting a foot wrong. People respond to authenticity. Authentic Christians are fallible but they have a point of reference – Jesus – a moral compass that refocuses them when they stumble.

We need to remember that we are the only Bible most will ever read. With God's love held in our heart we can give testimony to His love and mercy. People who are our friends, neighbours and colleagues will see Jesus in us more if we simply convey our love. Through this they will glimpse the love of Christ and want to know more. This is personal evangelism and it costs us time and unconditional love.

Our culture leaves Jesus Christ out of our work. It causes us to believe that we alone are responsible for our job skills and control our success and promotions. Yet scripture doesn't support this view. Paul wrote in Colossians 3:23, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ".

The most important question we need to answer every day we begin work is, whom do I work for? If we understood the Jesus part in our work, perhaps we would experience less stress and frustration. In our work we

have challenges and difficulties from time to time, but if we take Jesus Christ to work with us He will help us overcome.

We have been placed in our workplace to



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WHAT'S ON THE DVD:



FEATURED SPEAKER



Bevan Herangi - 23 min

Three simple keys to being a positive influence wherever you are are! Bevan Herangi worked for Open Doors, mainly developing the youth area of the ministry. Bevan has travelled to several countries experiencing first-hand the harsh conditions that many Christians live in. He then joined the NZ Police before working in Australia. He has been involved with leading teams of young people in the areas of surf lifesaving patrols, large outreach teams, youth groups and recreation.



HUMOUR

- Fun on wheels



DRAMA

Construction Site Christian 7 min

Workmates are more than a bit surprised when a man reveals that he is a Christian.



PROMOS

• Forging Tomorrow's Men

promo: New promo for 2009 Events featuring Peter Whaanga and how God changed him in an instant.

- **Developing Spiritual Champions promo:** Workshops to boost your church's Men's Ministry.



BONUS FEATURES

Mumsdollar "Brothers in Arms" music video. Like this? Then support the boys and buy the album "Ruins". See background and lyrics doc on DVD ROM.

Highlights PK 2008: Short overview of the Auckland Event. Show your friends what Promise Keepers is like!



Documents:

- **Discussion Questions:** Use these with Bevan Herangi's message.

DVD ROM

- **8 Bible reading guides:** Choose a plan that works for you.
- **Band of Brothers weekly studies:** 8 Men's Small Group studies.
- **iPod Videos & MP3s:**
- **Bevan Herangi** and most other videos in iPod size.
- **Mumsdollar "Brothers in Arms"** MP3

Letter from Paru - 1834

Great is the grace of God within my heart: therefore my heart is large with love, and is pricked on account of sin. The words of Jehovah are good: and they cause a desire in my heart to pray to Him, and stick close to Him. This is my thought, that I should heap up the words of my Lord within me, and not forget them by day or by night. Sir, Mr Yate, listen. When will a good heart be deep within me, not to go away again? Sometimes I say within myself, my thoughts shall be fixed on God: then I think about sawing, and the payment I am to have for sawing, when I have finished my tree. This is the way I am, this day, and this day, and this day. Mr Yate, what are your thoughts? Perhaps, Yes; perhaps, No.

Letter from Paru, a Maori trained by the missionaries as a sawyer, to Mr Yate, at the Kerikeri Mission Station, 1834, apparently about baptism. Copied from reproduction displayed in the Stone Store.

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bring the good news and be salt and light. I give heartfelt thanks that Jesus has placed me in my mission field here in NZ. It is my work of love, my obedience to the Lord, my mission.



Graham Walshe Under Graham's leadership, Brother International (NZ) Ltd has become one of the top performing distributors of Brother products worldwide. Graham has also worked with several not-for-profit organisations including the Pacific Cooperation Foundation and serving on the Board of Promise Keepers. Graham has proved that Christian principles applied in the business world can lead to success and that fundamental integrity, truth and honesty is now a practice many businesses are striving to adhere to and be recognised for.

GEOFF'S STORY

Would you offer to pay \$3,324.00 when no-one asked you to?

Geoff is a builder who carefully tracks his jobs and accounts. Five years ago when an invoice he was expecting didn't come in after the second month, he called the supplier. They told him it had been paid, but he knew it hadn't. The supplier had completely lost the record of the transaction during an internal reorganisation. The only paperwork left in existence was the quote which Geoff had. Because he gave them a copy of the quote, the supplier was able to generate an invoice.



The awesome thing was that the company rep remembered a similar incident with Geoff and the same company 11 years ago. Geoff had forgotten all about the first time, but the rep sure remembered! Your testimony and integrity are clearly imprinted on everyone around you.

FORGING TOMORROW'S MEN

Dunedin 31 July - 1 August | Christchurch 14 - 15 August | Tauranga 28 - 29 August
Wellington 11 - 12 September | Auckland 9 - 10 October

