WEEKLY SERMON

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God can restore, strengthen and support

Many times in the past I have found myself in a mindset of 'knowing what was best for me and what I had to do to achieve it'.

I was too proud then and sadly did not know it.

Now, many years on, with hindsight I know full well that I was wrong.

I was wrong to think that leading my own way, with advice from family and friends, would be sufficient to see me through life.

These days I know for sure that without our creator being at the centre of our days we will most likely fail. Succeeding, in the truest sense of the word, comes from knowing our God and being led into truth.

By coming to know Him many have gained by becoming leaders for the Lord and showing something of God's Kingdom on Earth.

As a Blackburn Diocese Mosamaria Trust Fund Trustee, I have seen on numerous occasions orphaned and vulnerable Children in Bloemfontein, South Africa being loved and cared for through the hands of God.

They lacked clothing, food, education and medication and humbly receive what God gives through us as a charity and other charitable organisations around.

They are blessed, for spiritually they have gained so much through loving God and accepting they are children of God to be led and directed by Him.

Their ills are eased by our living God, who has never left their side.

These children and their families who gain from the Mosamaria AIDS Ministry know that although they may suffer for a little while, whilst God is ever by their side (the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ) will himself restore, support and strengthen them.

Please take a time to <u>check online what Mosamaria AIDS Ministry stands for</u>, how you can help, and how we continue to help as a Diocese charity.

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