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Wi-Fi diagnostic check?

The communication world is all about link speed. Wireless and accessing information as quick as possible anytime and anywhere. The technology Innovator has re-invented the way we meet, the way we work and the way we live. Our reliability on such equipment is so dependable that most times we don't even realise it. In an article I read, the writer highlighted that WIFI seems to be some type of miracle worker, hidden away somewhere that within range we receive all the information we want instantly? We are also warned about the temptation of using free public WIFI at hotspots like hotels, cafes & food outlets, malls & airports can also come with some problems such as unauthorised access of personal details and misuse of information. While out and about my daughter constantly reminds me to be careful and don't login to free Wi-Fi, but in reality, it's hard to ignore the word "free" and especially when you are out of credit. A quick look on social media won't hurt.

Recently at home we have been experiencing connection problems. Who doesn't have Wi-Fi problems? The strength level bars tell us if we are good to go or not. Full bar means strong link, less means link is weak. The miracle maker as mentioned in the article also seems to have a mind of its own, connects and disconnect when it wants to. The ongoing problem is extremely frustrating particularly during a video meeting and with email work. The other annoying part is finding the root of the problem. Is our Wi-Fi stuck in the stone age that why it's so slow? Our theories led us to think that it could be the cable layers working outside, or the La Nina weather effect, and maybe just maybe our devices need upgrading?

After complaining to the service provider and vigorous diagnostic check, we are told that there is nothing wrong with our Wi-Fi? But how can that be? Nothing has improved, the response we get from our devices is "failed" to connect to the internet, contact your service provider? Surely this outcome is not you would expect.

In another light, maybe the Wi-Fi problem is a good problem? Since its been down, there has been some changes in our household communication. Sometimes we can lose sight of connecting to the real world and with real people, we can easily have our heads sunk deep into our devices that we forget the importance of normal human ties. The other night and without the Wi-Fi our family were so hooked in the moment and enjoying a normal conversation which lasted for hours, and without any interference.

What does the Bible say about connections? And staying connected with God? Such as life, we are not told of the hidden interferences that we often face and come across. Staying connected with God by constantly checking our own strength bar or faith bar helps us to believe that our God is always there. Jesus gives us a diagnostic advice when He talks about love and care for one another, put into practice our calling, read the word, and pray to keep in check.

To stay connected to God Luke tells us in chapter 10: 27 the first and great commandment is to "Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with will your soul, and will all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbour as yourself". By checking all our links in the chain is in good order, the scriptures in John 15: 15 Jesus said I am the vine, and you are the branch, remain in me and I remain in you. Stay connected in Christ and He will stay connected to you.

- Arii

There are times in our lives when the telephone has brought us joy, comfort, and companionship, especially through the Covid lockdown period. There are times when the telephone has been a "pest". trying to do something and away it goes again. interruptions, the meal is late, hungry people wanting tea. Thank goodness for the answer phone. There are times when the telephone has brought us sadness and worry as well, then we use the telephone for comfort, communicating with family or friends.

A prayer from Hello Lord, Ivor Bailey speaking.

Hello, Lord

The telephone rang, I watched it a while as it continued to ring, demanding attention.

it was threatening my privacy, and I hesitated to act on its command.

I wondered - but how could I tell -

if it was a business-call, a stranger breaking into my world,

a friend - or a wrong number?

But I answered it - and I found it was a friend,

Instantly it gave me a warm sense of contact.

We talked, and laughed, and joked. And I felt good at the end of it.

Instead of being a disturbance, it brought another person very close to me,

and we both felt better.

Thanks, Lord for the telephone.

it's not a threat, It brings my friends into my home.

St. Andrew's Rakaia

Tuesday 17th November

10:30 am | Rakaia Fit Kids | with Miranda A time for friendship, fun, and support. Welcome to all pre-school children.

1:00 pm | Steady As You Go | Balance, strengthening and gentle exercises for senior folk's health and well-being.

2:00 pm | St Andrew's Mission Meeting | In the lounge

Rev Aarii's bible readings for Sunday at St Andrew's

1 Thessalonians 5; 1 - 11, Matthew 25; 14 - 30 The Parable of the Three Servants

PLAINS SPEAKING deadline for contributions 15th November 2020.

Email Elsa Hydes at esurya@hotmail.com

Rev. Aarii Taimataora will be away from the 17th to 22nd of November.

Any pastoral concerns please contact parish council.

*NOTE there is NO service at Carew this Wednesday

November Services			
15 th	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Aarii
	10:30 am	St. John's Methven	Rev. Neville Burns
22 nd	9:30 am	St. Andrew's Rakaia	Rev. Neville Burns
	10:00 am	Staveley	Rev. Jim Young, combined St. John's

Carry the Spirit into the world. Lift high the bringer of truth!

Go with open hands because the Spirit is received, but never held in our grasp.

And may the rays of every sunrise remind us of the sign of the Spirit's flame,

the restful dark of night be the Spirit's gift of peace to us and that which lies

between be safely held in the hands of God. **Amen.**

-Dorothy McRae McMahan

