

## Weekly Newsletter: 11 March 2025

### Reflection: Contentment on Gospel-Steroids

By Scotty Smith (<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/scotty-smith/contentment-on-gospel-steroids/>)

“A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh, but envy makes the bones rot” Prov. 14:30. “Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you’” Heb.13:5. “Godliness with contentment is great gain” 1 Tim. 6:6.

Heavenly Father, this tapestry of Scriptures is both convicting and consoling. It’s convicting, because I can be envious of anyone, and covetous of anything within sight, smell, sound, or thought. I can get jealous of people who have less hassles and more resources. Extroverts who are completely at ease in every setting. Men who can fix anything broken in houses, cars, and everywhere else. I’m a mess, but your mercy is greater still... thankfully.

But as convicting as these verses are, Father, they are even more consoling. Because, through the Gospel, I have come to believe that all I really *need* is Jesus, plus what you choose to give me, Father. If I owned everything I envy and covet, my *“bones would rot,”* because I’d envy more and finish life very poorly. Because ingratitude is soul cancer and hoarding is heart-disease. Comparison is relationship homicide and selfishness is... well, it’s the most basic contradiction of the Gospel. Acquisition-dreaming is soul depletion and driven-ness is a recipe for whole-life collapse.

So, Father, I don’t just pray for contentment in Jesus, but for utter, overflowing satisfaction—the felicity and fullness that come from knowing Jesus, and being known and loved by him. Thank you for putting a Jesus-shaped vacuum in each of us that only Jesus can fill. Fill it “till we want no more.” So Very Amen.

### Women’s Bible Studies – Online tonight!

We’re meeting this evening at 7pm on Zoom to continue our studies in the last couple of chapters of Luke’s gospel as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Contact [Liz@holyroodevangelical.org](mailto:Liz@holyroodevangelical.org) if you would like the Zoom codes and don’t already have them.

### Men’s Discipleship Group – Cancelled this Thursday

Please note that the men’s group **will not be meeting this Thursday** morning. It will hopefully be back on next week but keep an eye on the newsletter for more details.

## Book Group – this Saturday

This month's book group will be held on **Saturday 15 March at 3.30pm** and will be at 1 Dalrymple Crescent, Musselburgh (note change of date and change of venue!). We are reading 7 Myths about singleness by Sam Allberry. Please speak to Anncriis if you need further information.

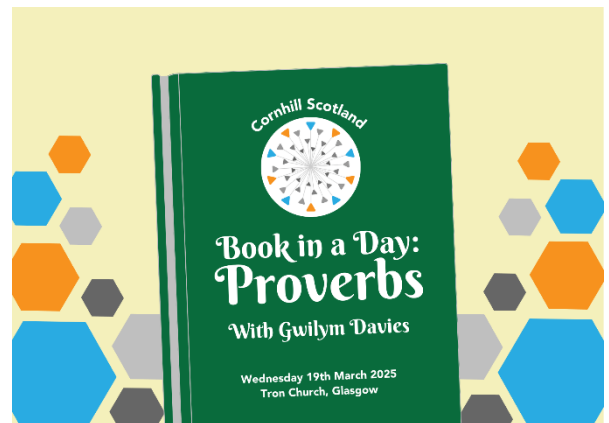
## Christianity Explored – this Sunday

Christianity Explored continues **this Sunday from 5-6pm** in the church. If you're new to the Christian faith or have questions, please come along – this course is for you! Contact Sam for more details ([sampeteralen@gmail.com](mailto:sampeteralen@gmail.com))

## Book In A Day - Proverbs

Come and join our Cornhill class for the day on **Wednesday 19 March** at 25 Bath Street, Glasgow as we spend time digging deep into the book of Proverbs together. Gwilym Davis (who is a tutor at the Cornhill Training Course in London and works at St. Helen's Bishopsgate) will be teaching.

Our Book in a Day events are a great opportunity to learn key Bible handling skills, to grow in your understanding of a book of the Bible and all whilst enjoying warm fellowship with like-minded brothers and sisters.



All light refreshments during the day will be provided as well as all the teaching material. Please bring your lunch with you or buy it from one of the many eateries in central Glasgow. The cost of the day is £20 per person or £10 for students or unwaged. For groups of 3 or more there is a flat rate of £60.

Please let Liz ([Liz@holyroodevangelical.org](mailto:Liz@holyroodevangelical.org)) know if you'd like to go along on the Holyrood ticket! For more details go [here](#).

## Delhi Bible Institute Celebrates – Friday 4 April



On **Friday 4 April**, we are hosting an evening with Isaac and Gloria Shaw from Delhi Bible Institute.

We'll be joined by the church family at Edinburgh North Church and will have dinner together 6.30pm. Isaac will then share with us about the work in North India and we'll be finished by 8pm. Our gathering will be an opportunity to mark DBI's 70th birthday, celebrate the completion of their Vision 2025, and hear first-hand about their Vision 2045. Keep the date free and come along!

## OMF Conference - Japan: across the street and across the world

On **Saturday 26 April** we're hosting the OMF Conference 'Japan: across the street and across the world'. Lorna Ferguson will be speaking about the work in Japan and her plans for her next term there. Jude Tindale will share about the work that's happening amongst Japanese people in Edinburgh.



Doors open at 9.30am for a 10am start. The conference will finish at 11.30am and everyone is warmly welcome.

## Unite for Education – Saturday 22 March



Joe will be taking part in the Q&A at this conference on **22 March 2025**. It will be in HEC from 10am- 4pm. The theme is influencing education in a rapidly changing world - igniting passion and renewing purpose.

The conference will feature speakers, interviews, discussions, network opportunities and a Q&A session. This conference aims to explore the vital role that Christian

education plays in nurturing faith, knowledge, and moral values within our nation. For more information and to register online- <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/uniteforeducation/1582209>

## Church Calendar

For your info and prayers:

- Tuesday: Women's Online Bible Studies at 7pm
- Wednesday: Home Groups
- Friday: HEC Youth 7-9pm in the church
- Sunday:
  - Morning service at 10.30am – Joe Barnard preaching (live streamed)
  - Christianity Explored from 5-6pm in the church
  - Evening service at 6pm – Joe Barnard preaching (live streamed)
- Monday:
  - Baby & Toddlers Group 10am – 11.30am
  - Warm Space 12 noon to 3pm



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