November 8th 2026

Risks Taking

While I loved skateboarding and jumping fences as a young person, in general, risk taking isn't something that I have ever enjoyed. I don't like taking risks, because risks lead to failure. I often associated failure with not being good enough, so I wanted to avoid it at all costs. In sport, I would never take a risk in making a courageous run, just in case I stuffed it. In musicals, I would never want the lead role, just in case I wouldn't be able to learn the lines. In Church, I wouldn't preach in case I said the wrong thing or didn't deliver a powerful message.

Peter took a risk in Matthew 14:22-32. Jesus was walking on the water and Peter called out to him and said, "Lord, if it's you, tell me to come to you on the water." Jesus told him to come. This was such a bold and risky thing to do! Peter could be known for the rest of his life as the guy who sank in the water, this could ruin his confidence forever! Yet this didn't stop Peter, he began to step out of the boat. As he started walking on water, Peter became fearful, he took his eyes off of Jesus and started to sink. Jesus reached out his hand and saved him.

Peter took a risk and failed... At least he was willing to fail...
I would have just stayed in the boat... What about you?

In my years of ministry, I have learnt that growth comes from people getting out of the boat and into the water. I am grateful for all the people over the years who have taken a risk on me. Sometimes it paid off, sometimes they had to sit down and correct me, but they let me continue to fail forward.

May we be a church who continues to equip, challenge and stretch each other to get into the water, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith. Let us take risks, and see the fruit from jumping in. With love, Josh



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Volunteer Sign Up Sheets

As this is a major undertaking for us as a Church we need to pull together as much as possible. Please see the sign up sheets in the foyer to put your name down to support the cause. Please take note of the requirements for each area. We will also be having a church information stall in the markets

WOW Ladies meeting - Saturday 21st November

Join us for our last meeting of the year on Saturday 21st November. We will be celebrating Christmas and learning how to fold books into works of art with Sarah from Eternal Blooms. Cost is $10 per person which includes supper.
Please RSVP to Linda 0437 213 740 so we know to expect you and have supplies ready. Thank you for supporting us in 2026!







Christmas Pageant



The Gawler Christmas Pageant is on again this year on Saturday the 28th of November! We are teaming up with the Clovie Gawler to have a nativity float in the pageant. If you would like to be a part of the pageant, please speak to Kim and come to an information session at Riverside on Sunday 8th of November - 1:00pm.

Christmas Choir

Kate is seeking people to be a part of the Christmas Choir this year. The song is Shepherd Boy by Phil Whickham. First rehearsal will be on Sunday 22nd November at 1:00pm with more to follow after Splash in the lead up to the Nativity Service on Sunday 20th December and Christmas Day service on 25th December.



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Touch Point

Sermon by Jonathon
Available on Youtube
Riverside Gawler Church

1 Peter Series

Read 1 Peter 5:12-14

Q1. What has stood out to you from our time in 1 Peter?

*Q*2. What does the word 'grace' make you think of?

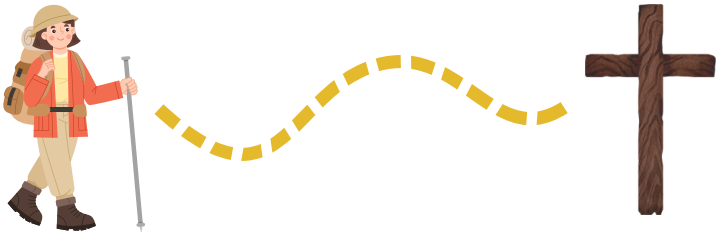
*Q*3. How do you stand firm in God's grace

a. In salvation
b. In Christ's second coming
c. In suffering
d. In family life
e. In church life and ministry
f. In leadership

4. What does the life and example of Silas teach us about standing firm in God's grace? See Acts 16:11-34 for reference.

5. What does the life and example of Mark teach us about standing firm in God's grace? See Acts 15:36-41 (for reference, Mark left Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey in Acts 13:13), Colossians 4:10, Philemon 1:24, 2 Timothy 4:11

6. Who is someone in your life that you could come alongside to help them stand firm in God's grace? What could you share with them?



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This Sunday at Riverside

We will be concluding the 1 Peter series, read 1 Peter 5:12-14 in preparation.

Next Sunday at Riverside

There is no service at Riverside as it is The Hope Cup at Trinity College Waldeck oval. We will have a short service at 9am before the Cricket and activities begin.

This Week at Riverside

Monday *Tuesday to Friday*	9th November	Building Closed *Brekky Club*	Brekky Packs available *9am - 10am*
Tuesday	10th November	Café and Play Café	9am - 1:30pm
Wednesday	11th November	Bubbles Café and Play Café	9:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 1:30pm
Thursday	12th November	Café and Play Café Creationships Prayer Meeting	9am - 1:30pm 10am - 12noon 6:45pm
Friday	13th November	Café and Play Café	9am - 1:30pm
Saturday	14th November	Brekky Club	9am - 10am
Sunday	15th November	The Hope Cup	9am - 4:30pm





The HOPE cup

Please Sponsor Darren
Funds go towards homeless support

Generous Hearts

For those of you who feel led by the Holy Spirit to give financially to Riverside, whether that be regularly or on special occasions. Please talk to or email Kate for the BPAY details. kate.adami@salvationarmy.org.au
We can also accept EFTPOS through the Café till or cash in the offering.

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