

# The Coyote's Wail

When businessman Allen Emery was in the wool business, he once spent an evening with a shepherd on the Texas prairie. During the night, the long wail of coyotes pierced the air. The shepherd's dogs growled and peered into the darkness. The sheep, which had been sleeping, lumbered to their feet, alarmed, bleating pitifully. The shepherd tossed more logs onto the fire, and the flames shot up. In the glow, Allen looked out and saw thousands of little lights. He realized those were reflections of the fire in the eyes of the sheep.

"In the midst of danger," he observed, "the sheep were not looking out into the darkness but were keeping their eyes set in the direction of their safety, looking toward the shepherd. I couldn't help but think of Hebrews 12: 'looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith...."



**Ken Sleeman's Blog address**  
[www.strokeofagenius.blogspot.com](http://www.strokeofagenius.blogspot.com)

**EPIC** (Women's Group)

**Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9.30 -11.30 am at Cath's home.**

**IMPACT** (Men's Group)

**On Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30 pm.**

**Venue: John's home.**



April 15, 2007

Service Time: 10.00 am

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## Seeing like a Caterpillar

Caterpillars have a limited range of vision. This was borne out in an experiment in which a number of them were placed on the rim of a flowerpot. A pine branch, their favourite food, was laid nearby. But they never saw it. Instead, they did what they "felt" like doing. Rather than moving to the easily accessible dinner, the little fellows compulsively crawled around the edge of the pot until they starved to death. Relying entirely on their delicate sense of touch, they didn't see the delicious pine sprigs that were readily available.

God's people have been known to make similar mistakes. All too often men and women, made in the image of God, fall into the nearsighted error of "seeing like a Caterpillar." According to Numbers 14, it happened to the nation of Israel.

Although God had miraculously led them to the threshold of the Promised Land, they chose not to enter because they couldn't see that far by faith. They were afraid and controlled by a feeling of hopelessness, a whole generation missed going into a land flowing with milk and honey. The result was 40 years of needless wandering and an honourless burial in the hot sands of a barren wilderness.

As Christians, we too let our feelings dictate our actions, and we fail to see the good things God has for us. Because of spiritual nearsightedness, we miss God's best. Let's break that pattern today. By trusting God, we can see beyond our immediate circumstances and look for the good things of a life of faith.

—M.R.D.II

**INGLE FARM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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**WELCOME**



Thanks for joining us today  
It's our prayer that as we  
worship God together, you  
will meet with Him.

**CARE CARDS:**



Please fill these out on arrival  
and place in the offering bag  
later in the service.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:**



Children are encouraged to  
start the service with us before  
moving to the back of the  
church for their activities.

**SAMARITAN SHOPPING BAG:**



Please help us care for those  
in need by bringing groceries  
and placing them in the bag  
by the door.

**CHURCH OFFICE:**



Located on the premises next  
to the Centre Manager's  
office. Feel free to call in  
Monday to Friday 9.00 am to  
5.00 pm.

**AFTER THE SERVICE:**



We would love you to join us  
for tea and coffee following  
the service so that we can get  
to know each other better.

**PRAYER:**



If you would like prayer  
following the service then  
please speak to the pastor or a  
member of the worship team.

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**\$ FINANCE**

Budget	\$1,273
Last Week's Offering	\$1,780
Average for this qtr	\$1,329
Average year to date	\$1,286

**SAMARITAN SHOPPING**

Cereal  
 Sugar  
 Tea/Coffee  
 Tinned Veggies, Soup,  
 & Tuna.

President of the  
 South Australian Bapbist Union  
**Mr Allan Priest**  
 will be our guest speaker next  
**Sunday 22nd**  
**April**  
 Please bring a  
 plate of morning  
 tea to share.



Please be aware that Terry  
 will be away on  
 Wednesday 18, Thursday 19,  
 and Friday 20, April.  
 Should a pastoral need arise  
 during this time please  
 contact one of our Elders.

Faith is believing  
 what we do not see;  
 its reward is  
 "seeing" what we  
 believe.



**Next  
 Leaders' Meeting**  
**Monday, T.B.A., 2007**

Martin Luther made this interest-  
 ing observation in his book *Table  
 Talk*. God and the devil take oppo-  
 site tactics in regard to fear. The  
 Lord first allows us to become  
 afraid, that He might relieve our  
 fears and comfort us. The devil, on  
 the other hand, first makes us feel  
 secure in our pride and sins, that  
 we might later be overwhelmed  
 with fear and despair.

**FOCUS**

*All articles reflect the opinions of the  
 author and not necessarily those of the  
 editor.*  
 Please submit all articles for the  
**FOCUS** to Trevor Knott no later than  
 Wednesday 10.00 pm via:  
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