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Good day to you. Today is Good Friday or Great Friday as some call it. The day commemorates the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ and the unassailable fact he was the greatest man who ever lived and represents the greatest story in all of history. Now at this point some will say all that's just an irrelevant fairy tale while others will simply like the man-made pageantry and still others will exchange Easter eggs for some unknown reason. Then others will just see a long weekend to enjoy some time off. Christians, true Christians, will pay homage and find enormous consolation and peace in Easter. Good Friday records Christ's death while Easter Sunday records and rejoices in his resurrection, rebirth and ascension.

Sadly, I think the world is turning away from true Christianity and sadly the result of this is a world of emerging chaos and rudderless people everywhere. Just look at all the minority groups baying for recognition of their sometimes most peculiar life styles and habits and claiming normality. Its often a measure of a lost people who find consolation in anger and rage. While Christianity teaches love and kindness it also has rules and lays down through the great tome, the Bible, how we should live and why. Those rules are simple and straight forward and are the basis of our laws in Australia. The more we depart from them the more trouble mankind faces. So if you don't believe in the creator or you don't believe in any type of spiritual connection then it can be argued your life is somewhat meaningless. As an example let's look briefly at an amazing human in the cosmologist Professor Steven Hawking of Cambridge University. Crippled by the cruel affliction of motor neurone disease he is completely disabled and relies on others for all his physical needs. He simply cannot move except for one cheek muscle through which he communicates with a computer. Despite this he has made major contributions to science and the study of cosmology and in particular, singularity or black holes. His list of accomplishments and awards is impressive. However let's look even more closely at this man called Steven Hawking. He says, with conviction, there is no God and no heaven and no afterlife. He says this without any proof at all and absolutely no science to back him. In the book of Psalms we read that *"only the fool says in his own heart there is no God"*. So, am I saying Steven Hawking, for all his knowledge is a fool, well yes I am in the sense that he cannot meet the great calling in Luke which says, "physician heal thyself". Now this does not necessarily mean a physical healing, rather it challenges us to do what we assert as proof of our claims.

So Steven Hawking is held aloft as a champion of science and a fine example of how a man can beat adversity and that's abundantly true and it's very impressive. However as with many people he has knowledge but little wisdom. For him, life is a series of equations where for me its series of God given miracles. For Hawking it's a book of mathematics, where for me and all Christians its God's great text book of truth. It's the miraculous power of prayer and humility in ones approach to life. It's about knowing how insignificant yet how important we are in the great scheme of things. Hawking has none of that and so in my view is a worldly exception and a spiritual failure. What is his life about and how does he rationalise his existence and in that he is truly lonely which is the greatest affliction of all. Physician heal thyself.....he can't but we can if we believe and this Easter and in particular today being Good Friday take a moment and reflect on why we are here and marvel at the existence of the creator and his son Jesus Christ, the greatest man who ever lived. The choice is yours to rely on science or rely on your spirit, rely on your own frailties or rely on he who made us. I draw my strength from Easter and all it represents and to live in the hope and knowledge of salvation. In balance I rely on science for worldly comfort but I can't rely on science for eternity.

Today is Good Friday and today is important and today is the first day of the rest of your life. Make is a good Friday and rejoice in the sacrifice made for us and let no one say, you're a fool.

Until next time this is Kent Bayley