

Harvest 2026 (LIMITLESS)

Good morning, everyone.

If you were here last Sunday morning; after everyone was done cheering at the prospect of a short service; Andy delivered an excellent sermon to us on Philippians 2:5-11 and how Jesus should be the heart of who we are.

Andy began by explaining how this passage is written in the style of stanzas, as a poem or a hymn. That it is likely that this phrase was so well known to the people of Philippi, that they need not even read it as the people in attendance will have perked up and chanted, maybe even sang along to these words as the letter was read aloud.

As Andy taught us of this, I felt Psalm 23 (which we have just heard now) pressed onto my heart to use as our reading today. A passage that I am hoping has had the same effect on you today as the passage from Philippians 2 had on the early church in Philippi.

That this morning, the psalm was not simply words that you received and listened to with your ears, but you could feel your heart calling back to beautiful passage and joining in. Sharing in the same Almighty Love that David felt from God and peace that passes all understanding which comes along with that love.

We are doing something a little different for harvest today and in a second, we will be showing you our video from this year's summer camp.

As you came in this morning, I handed you a question sheet for you to fill as we watch. Please take a quick scan through those 10 questions now so that you know what it is you're looking out for.

As you watch, I'd also like you to be thinking about how this video pertains to harvest, but not only in reference to physical food.

Please enjoy.

<https://youtu.be/H0at6gBqa7Y?si=iybrw6JcwW64QPW7>

Thank you.

Today, we celebrate harvest.

Thinking about it, It actually feels rather poetic for me to be the one speaking to you at this special time of year as the last time I was up the front leading the sermon was at the beginning of spring, where we looked at all the new life and budding plants that were beginning to appear all around us, and now, as we think of these beautiful green pastures mentioned in the 2nd verse of Psalm 23, we come together to celebrate the blessings that the LORD has provided to us in abundance.

Now having seen the video from Limitless. I hope that you see and appreciate that the harvest not only relates to the physical food that is brought in during this time but we also see a harvest of people. Of amazing lives (both young and slightly older) drastically effected spiritually through their time at Limitless festival. These people who will go on to share with others this amazing relationship that we have, in the same way we come together to give thanks to God for the gifts that He has given to us through the yearly taking of crops and go on to share that blessing with others.

We give thanks, first for the seeds of previous years of harvests that God provided for us to be planted this year. Thank you, God for the hard-working hands of people that You have gifted us. The hands who went on to plant the seeds and care for and nurture those young plants when they needed it.

We thank you God for the locations to have good soil where those plants could embed their roots deeply into the ground so that they could go on to grow big and strong and stand firm through the fiercest battles, droughts and storms. And we thank you God that now that these plants are grown, they are producing beautiful fruits to share with others and are also full of seeds, ready to plant for future generations.

One story I'd like to share with you now is the experience of one of the people who came to Limitless with us this year who has been one of our youth now for quite some time and has since started to help with the groups that they have outgrown.

While at Limitless, this young person wrote their testimony on a card for us.

The card reads as follows:

"Recently I lost my uncle to a battle with cancer and I was really doubting my faith.

I struggled to go to church because of my grief, but when I received prayer on Friday night for God to bring joy back into my life, I realised that He was there and always had been.

So, I gave my life to Jesus for the first time Properly."

In continuation to this, that same young person became a little radio silent at the beginning of September as groups started back up and so I sent a message asking "Are you okay? Do you want a call at some point for a catch up?"

I received this reply: "I'm alright Josh, I'm sorry I haven't been around the church very much recently and haven't been interacting as much recently with DBC.

I've been really busy and a little overwhelmed trying to find a job and balancing all the volunteering that I do because I currently do" the stables, outdoor centre, playgroup and toddler minding which feels like juggling multiple jobs even though I'm not getting paid.

"One thing that has been good since Limitless though is that God has kept the joy in my heart, so even though I have been overwhelmed, I haven't been going to pieces and stuff in the church services, which was happening before.

I know this is a long message, but I just want to confirm that I am doing okay if a little stressed out about the prospect of life changing."

We have so much to be grateful to God for as we see yet more of his promises fulfilled on a daily basis.

Thinking back to Psalm 23 which we had read this morning, It is so easy to now see that we can look upon these tables prepared before us here and see a physical embodiment of our cups overflowing.

We may know that when we stand with God, we will have all that we need. We will lack nothing.

With this table before us, we can see that even when difficult times come upon us, times that we see ourselves walk through what feels like the darkest valley, we may rest assured and be comforted in the knowledge that through the use of His faithful servants, God will still provide to us what it is that we need. And as our cups overflow with anointing oil, we should ensure that the extra may not go to waste but be continually poured out in abundance upon those in a less fortunate position such as the people who will receive your wonderful and generous offering at Killamarsh food bank or through the work of BMS. That in the receiving of these gifts, they too will see the hand of God at work through us and realise that they too lack nothing and have all that they need.

And as we continue to follow the Lord and He guides us along the right paths for His name's sake, we recognise that His goodness and love will follow us and will follow us all the days of our lives, and that we may dwell in the house of the Lord forever.