

Wednesday 10th August 2021

Mark 12:29-30 NIV

“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’”

Having just watched the Olympics I am sure like myself you were all fascinated by the sheer strength used by all the competitors. Not just in body but in mind as well. They all love what they do and it is so good when they get the reward of the medals or even a personal best. The training they have done has proved worthwhile for each and every one of them, including their coaches and families who have travelled the road with them. Jesus gives us training. We see through Mark’s gospel message today that Jesus tells all of Israel how important the message that we have to love God with all our Heart Soul and Strength. We have been given all our abilities from God he has provided us with all our needs. We watched the competitors win their medals and I noticed that as they received them, some thanked God for their medals and on reaching the goals they had set out to achieve. We need to be thankful for all our good gifts given to us and whether we are on a sports track or in church or at work we can and must thank God and give him the glory. It is through the gifts given to us through his never ending love for us that we have the strength to go out into the world and be all that we can be. And in giving God the Glory we are also receiving so much more when we do all we can do in his name. Do not give a little to God, give him the same as he gives us, with all our hearts and our souls and with our strength and we know in doing this we know that we are pleasing in God sight.

Thank you God for your ever continuing love for us. Thank you for all the gifts you have given us to use and we praise you for walking with us as we strive to reach our daily goals in your precious name we pray Amen.