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UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - AUSTRALIA - 1997 - SERMON SUMMARIES

4 January 97	Bruce Dean	Crosslands Camp	Build <u>deep foundations</u> in your life - physically, mentally and spiritually. Be aware of the difference between image and substance, ie. you may be attracted to a person's personality but it is the person's character you have to live with.
11 January 97	Bruce Dean	Woonona	<u>God deals with us with great love.</u> He rejoices over His people and supports them. Our journey as the people of God is a very interesting one, but our enemy is intent on destroying and dividing us.
18 January 97	David Hulme (VIDEO)	Truscott Street	(Bruce Dean in Melbourne) <u>The Danger of Preconceived Ideas.</u> Major "Christian" church has been in error for 2000 years about the basic facts they teach about the very founder of their religion. Also belief that Paul was basically against God's law. It is only because God has intervened and given us His spirit that we understand the truth about such things.
25 January 97	Bruce Dean	Truscott Street	<u>Zeal must be accompanied by knowledge.</u> Need to be zealous for the right things; zealous about your own business, not someone else's; be zealous in a quiet, humble manner; at the right time; and in balance.
1 February 97	Graemme Marshall	Truscott Street	<u>Changes in WCG are historic.</u> Never before in the history of Christianity has anything like this happened, when an unorthodox fringe church became orthodox. However, in spite of all this, God is reproducing Himself through mankind.
	Rod McQueen		A key to happiness and contentment is to <u>strive to succeed</u> but <u>be content</u> with your lot. Work hard to give to your fellow man more than you take. Strive to excel in what you are doing. Remember that contentment is not dependant on what you have - it is an attitude of mind.
8 February 97	Bruce Dean	Emu Plains	<u>The Road to Eternal Life.</u> The people of God have always known about the resurrections eg. Hannah, Job, Isaiah, Daniel. Luke, etc. We need to focus on the big picture - the long-term. The Sabbath gives us the opportunity to stop and check our bearings and get refocused from time to time.
15 February 97	Bruce Dean	Truscott Street	<u>Prophecy.</u> Fulfilled prophecies greatly inspired the first century church, eg. Christ being born of a virgin, in Bethlehem, Herod's killing of the children, crucifixion, etc. Prophecy reveals that God is involved in the lives of humans; that He is the judge and that we have to repent and change. Hope of the resurrection gives great encouragement.
22 February 97	Bruce Dean	Woonona	One reason for the church is to <u>teach the truth.</u> The ultimate teaching comes through the Holy Spirit. We are to seek, learn, live and teach the truth because we are to be teachers in the kingdom.

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1 March 97	Bruce Dean	Woonona	
<u>The lessons of Jonah.</u> Jonah did not really know God, he did not want Nineveh to repent and be saved. We can have the same attitude about others - judgemental, jealous and vengeful - eg. when a particular person comes into UCG. Jonah did not realise that God is not willing that ANY should perish but that ALL should come to repentance.			
8 March 97	Roy Holladay (VIDEO)	Truscott Street	
<u>The Two Trees.</u> The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Satan said “You will not surely die”. He spoke about the immediate, physical; God spoke about the spiritual, eternal. “Your eyes shall be opened” is a counterfeit of God opening our minds upon conversion.			
15 March 97	Brian Orchard	Truscott Street	98 present
<u>Godliness</u> requires examining yourself and making God the Father and Jesus Christ part of the process. Examine and evaluate yourself in terms of the fruit of the Holy Spirit. These fruits should show in our attitude, our thoughts, our words and our actions.			
	Bruce Dean		
From the Louisville Conference: Doctrine - some needs to be refined (NOT redefined); Preaching the Gospel; Organisation of Local Church; Hymnal Project; Educational Programs - for new and old members, youth, ministry, prevention and recovery (eg. drugs); booklets - 4 to be printed this year.			
22 March 97	Geoff Hughes	Bulli Senior Citizens	35 present
(Bruce Dean in Melbourne)		(Truscott Street 30 approx. present)	
<u>What does God want from us?</u> God is looking to see if we really love Him with all our heart, mind and strength - not just that we meet the minimum requirements of the law.			
	Geoff King		
<u>Belief that saves</u> is believing Christ’s words and Christ’s words <i>are</i> the Father’s words. We are not to worship and adore the personage of Christ (as you would a movie star) but believe what He said and as a consequence live a certain way of life.			
29 March 97	Michael Baran	Woonona	37 present
<u>Walls</u> - which can be legal, psychological, racial, social, etc - separate people. Christ’s sacrifice aimed at breaking down such barriers, between man and man and between man and God.			
	Rex Lehmann		
<u>Suffering.</u> Reasons for suffering can be our own mistakes, other people’s faults, our own wrong judgement, time and chance, spiritual growth. Job was righteous but was perfected through suffering.			

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5 April 97	David Hulme (VIDEO)	Truscott Street	32 present
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The church as a body must have **vision** - to care for the church and preach the gospel.

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We must have vision and be doers of the Work. Be doers of the Word and not hearers only.

12 April 97			
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(11 April, 12 April, 13 April - Friends of the Sabbath Conference.)

19 April	Peter Nathan (TAPE)	Truscott Street	
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Rulership in God's Church. We should submit voluntarily, in lowliness of mind, to one another. We, as Christians, are interdependent. Strife comes about through wanting power.

20 April 97	Bruce Dean	Wentworthville	
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PASSOVER

22 April 97	Bruce Dean	Wentworthville	
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FIRST DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

What is wrong with the period of "Lent"? You cannot make yourself better through penance. Instead, we need to repent. This includes diligence, clearing your name before God, hating sin, vehement desire to change, zeal.

26 April 97	Bruce Dean	Truscott Street	
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Do not let anger lead you into sin. A soft answer turns away wrath. Anger is not a fruit of the Holy Spirit.

28 April 97	Bruce Dean	Schell Park	104 present
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LAST DAY OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation! Don't argue, dispute, quarrell and criticise. Instead, encourage each other with your conversation. Your example will either inspire others or cause them to stumble.

Bruce Dean		
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Put away the leaven of the Pharisees, Sadducees and Herodians. These groups were arrogant, political, manipulative, not open, judgemental. However, they joined together to plot Christ's death to keep in power.