



Dear Friends,

Have you noticed that the frangipani trees are flowering at the moment? They have such a delicate flower with a lovely soft perfume. Many flowers have fallen from the trees and lie on the ground, but sadly, only remain fresh for a short time, before they begin to wither and turn brown.

As a child we had a beautiful frangipani tree in our garden in Manly. My Dad worked in The Corso in the Commonwealth Bank just near a florist. Each Saturday morning (the banks were open then), my sister would wake up early and pick a box full of flowers, sprinkle them with water, and Dad would deliver them to the florist. The flowers were used for wedding bouquets (late 1940s) and of course their delicate perfume would have wafted through the air. I can't remember how much she received for her weekly "job" but it did give her some pocket money.

There are times when we lose our connection with Jesus, maybe it's through a difficult time in our lives, or being too busy or our faith has weakened. It's then we find ourselves wilting and perhaps becoming miserable, and feeling depressed. It is as though we've fallen off the tree. However, once we have our eyes focussed on Jesus again, and are reconnected to him, then our beauty and our fragrance begins to shine through and we are once again witnesses for him.

Jesus says in John's Gospel: John 15:5 (New Living Translation) "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."

In Christian love and service,

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This old hymn speaks about fixing our eyes on Jesus, and my prayer is that we will fix our eyes on Jesus daily so that we can bear fruit, or blossom as we were meant to.

[Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus - YouTube](#)

[An Inspiration Of Song - the story behind the song Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus - YouTube](#)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus

1. O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Refrain:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

2. Thro' death into life everlasting,
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion--
For more than conqu'rors we are!

3. His Word shall not fail you--He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

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