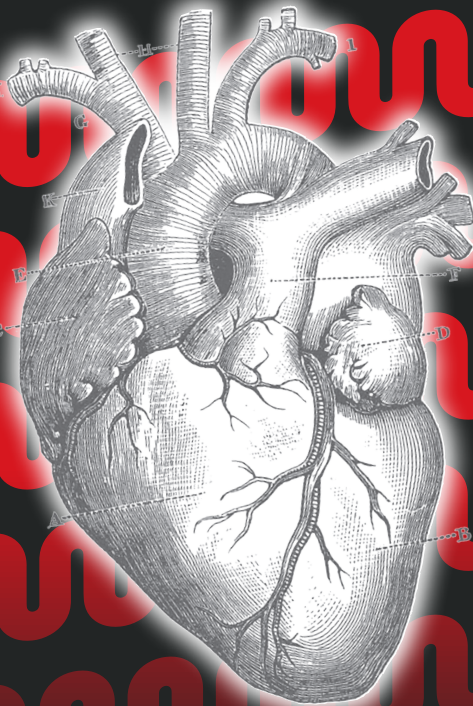


Perth Men's Convention 2025



# MURMURS

OF THE HEART



Speaker **Matt Fuller**  
16 August 2025

# WELCOME TO PERTH MEN'S CONVENTION 2025

*"Don't say in your heart..."*

Over 3 millennia ago, Moses called God's people not to follow the 'murmurs of their heart'. They, like us, had 'murmurs', thoughts and ideas that owe more to the world's leading than the Lord's. To follow those murmurs always leads to disaster. God's word is the one voice to set the compass of our hearts and lives by. God's word in Deuteronomy continues to give us the same call, *"Don't say in your heart..."*.

Welcome to the Perth Men's Convention, 2025. Our speaker today, Matt Fuller, will exhort us from Deuteronomy 7 – 9 to live distinctively for God in a world that loves to follow its own heart.

We are delighted to welcome Matt for his first visit to Perth. Matt is the Senior Pastor at Christ Church Mayfair, where he has been since it was planted in 2001.

As well as Matt's talks from Deuteronomy, we'll join together to sing of our great God's love for us in Christ, we'll hear from two new Toolbox presenters, and how one man came to know Jesus, and we'll hear of several books to sharpen our faith.. Also, a wonderful perk of the Convention is meeting new friends and catching up with old ones, and enjoying a delicious morning tea and lunch.

Our committee has been praying that we will all have our hearts stirred by the Lord Jesus, being better strengthened to live lives that please and honour him.

**Gordon Killow**  
Chair, PMC Committee

# CONVENTION PROGRAMME

## 9:00am SESSION ONE

Interview	With Matt Fuller- Riley Law-Davis
Toolbox 1	What's so good about the Old Testament - Marc Dale
Book Review:	"Gender Revolution" by R Smith, K Weerakoon, P Weerakoon - Aiden Smith
Bible Reading:	Deuteronomy 7:1-26 - Brad Vigus
Session Talk	I can't resist the culture (7:17) Live distinctively as believers - Matt Fuller

## 10:30am MORNING TEA

## 11:00am SESSION TWO

Book Review	"Time for Everything?" by Matt Fuller - Scott Howard
Book Review	"Long Story Short" by Dave Mansfield - Brad Vigus
Bible Reading	Deuteronomy 8:1-20 - Gordon Killow
Session Talk	I achieved success (8:17) Don't be puffed up when life goes well - Matt Fuller

## 12:30pm LUNCH

## 1:30pm SESSION THREE

Toolbox 2:	On Singleness - Josh Van Der Kooij
Testimony	Paul Middleton
Thank you	Gordon Killow
Bible Reading	Deuteronomy 9:1 – 10:11 - Ian Kirk
Session Talk:	I'm better than you (9:4) You need a Mediator to enter the Promised Land - Matt Fuller
Q&A's	Brad Vigus & Matt Fuller Send Questions to 0412 535 778
Wrap Up	The Last Word - Matt Fuller
First Aid officers	0406 716 253 + 0415 917 480 (in case of emergency)

## 3:00pm Close

# ABOUT OUR SPEAKER MATT FULLER



Matt Fuller is the senior Pastor at Christ Church in Mayfair, a church that's a short walk from Buckingham Palace. He has been serving God's people there since 2001 when the church was planted. Amidst the chaos, the Lord has graciously grown the church and enabled them to plant several times into London suburbs and send many

into ministry in the UK and overseas. Having raised their family in the city centre, Matt and his wife Ceri are now empty-nesters, enjoying hiking, reading and sometimes writing books. He's grateful that the Lord has held onto him since he became a believer at university despite his folly.

# PMC BOOK STALL

We only have books on sale that are being reviewed at today's PMC. We recommend you purchasing online any of the following books with your preferred Christian bookshop.

## GOD / AWE

- Tim Chester Forgiven  
Andrew Moody In the light of the Son  
Dane Ortlund Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers  
Rico Tice Capturing God: The surprising image that reveals the truth about God

## BIBLE BASICS

- Vaughan Roberts God's Big Picture

## CHARACTER

- Ray Ortlund The death of porn  
Tim Keller Forgive: Why Should I and How Can I?

## CHURCH

- Christopher Ash The book your pastor wishes you would read  
Nate Palmer Servanthood as Worship  
Richard Sweatman & Antony Barraclough Unmissable Church

## EVANGELISM

- Sam Chan How to Talk About Jesus (Without Being That Guy): Personal Evangelism in a Skeptical World  
Steve McAlpine Being the bad guys

## FAITH, WORK, IDENTITY

- Jerry Bridges Who am I  
Paul Grimmond When the noise won't stop. A Christian guide to dealing with anxiety"  
David Murray Reset – Living a grace-paced life in a burn-out culture  
Matt Fuller Perfect sinners

## MANHOOD

- Al Stewart The Manual - Getting masculinity right  
Matt Fuller Reclaiming Masculinity

## MARRIAGE

- Matt Chandler Mingling of souls  
Gary Thomas Sacred marriage – (Book & DVD course)

## PARENTING

- Tony Payne Fatherhood

- David Murray Meeting with Jesus: A Daily Bible Reading Plan for Kids  
Jonathan Gibson The moon is always round

## PRAYER & BIBLE READING

- DA Carson Praying with Paul. A call to spiritual reformation.  
Tim Keller The way of wisdom – devotions in Proverbs  
Paul Tautges Brass Heavens: Reasons for unanswered prayer

## PURPOSE

- Charles Drew A Journey Worth Taking

## SEXUAL ETHICS

- Sam Allberry Is God Anti-Gay  
Sam Allberry What God has to say about our bodies  
Vaughan Roberts Transgender  
Preston Sprinkle Embodied

## SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

- Peter Maiden Radical gratitude  
Rebecca Confronting Christianity  
McLaughlin

## DISCIPLESHIP / MINISTRY

- Tim Challies Do more better  
Matt Perman What's best next?  
Simon Distinctly Christian  
van Bruchem retirement

## WORLD VIEW

- Carl Trueman Strange New World: How Thinkers and Activists Redefined Identity and Sparked the Sexual Revolution  
Rory Shiner & Peter Orr The world next door

## OTHER

- Timothy Keller The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness  
J I Packer Concise Theology  
Alan Chapple God's Plan for Salvation  
True Devotion - In search of authentic spirituality  
Collin Hansen Timothy Keller: His Spiritual and Intellectual Formation  
Michael Horton Recovering our Sanity, how the fear of God conquers the fears that divide us  
Jake Meador In Search of the Common Good - Christian Fidelity in a Fractured World  
Michael J. Kruger Surviving Religion 101 - Letters To A Christian Student On Keeping The Faith In College

# **TOOLBOX NOTES: ONE**

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# SESSION ONE BIBLE READING: DEUTERONOMY 7:1-26 (NIV)

When the Lord your God brings you into the land you are entering to possess and drives out before you many nations—the Hittites, Girgashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites, seven nations larger and stronger than you—<sup>2</sup> and when the Lord your God has delivered them over to you and you have defeated them, then you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, and show them no mercy.<sup>3</sup> Do not intermarry with them. Do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons,<sup>4</sup> for they will turn your children away from following me to serve other gods, and the Lord's anger will burn against you and will quickly destroy you.<sup>5</sup> This is what you are to do to them: Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones, cut down their Asherah poles and burn their idols in the fire.<sup>6</sup> For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples.<sup>8</sup> But it was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.<sup>9</sup> Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love

him and keep his commandments.<sup>10</sup> But those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him.<sup>11</sup> Therefore, take care to follow the commands, decrees and laws I give you today.

<sup>12</sup> If you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will keep his covenant of love with you, as he swore to your ancestors.<sup>13</sup> He will love you and bless you and increase your numbers. He will bless the fruit of your womb, the crops of your land—your grain, new wine and olive oil—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.<sup>14</sup> You will be blessed more than any other people; none of your men or women will be childless, nor will any of your livestock be without young.<sup>15</sup> The Lord will keep you free from every disease. He will not inflict on you the horrible diseases you knew in Egypt, but he will inflict them on all who hate you.<sup>16</sup> You must destroy all the peoples the Lord your God gives over to you. Do not look on them with pity and do not serve their gods, for that will be a snare to you.

<sup>17</sup> You may say to yourselves, "These nations are stronger than we are. How can we drive them out?"<sup>18</sup> But do not be afraid of them; remember well what the Lord your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt.<sup>19</sup> You saw with your own eyes the great trials, the signs and wonders, the mighty hand and outstretched arm,

with which the Lord your God brought you out. The Lord your God will do the same to all the peoples you now fear. <sup>20</sup> Moreover, the Lord your God will send the hornet among them until even the survivors who hide from you have perished. <sup>21</sup> Do not be terrified by them, for the Lord your God, who is among you, is a great and awesome God. <sup>22</sup> The Lord your God will drive out those nations before you, little by little. You will not be allowed to eliminate them all at once, or the wild animals will multiply around you. <sup>23</sup> But the Lord your God will deliver them over to you, throwing

them into great confusion until they are destroyed. <sup>24</sup> He will give their kings into your hand, and you will wipe out their names from under heaven. No one will be able to stand up against you; you will destroy them. <sup>25</sup> The images of their gods you are to burn in the fire. Do not covet the silver and gold on them, and do not take it for yourselves, or you will be ensnared by it, for it is detestable to the Lord your God. <sup>26</sup> Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Regard it as vile and utterly detest it, for it is set apart for destruction.

# TALK ONE: I CAN'T RESIST THE CULTURE

- “Don’t say in your heart” 7:17; 8:17; 9:4
- Israel is the hope of the world 4:5-8
- The judicial sentence falls on the Canaanites

*“The short term aim is the destruction of the dangerous Canaanites, but the long term aim is blessing for the world”*

Don't serve other gods v1-16, 25-26 (the Lord has chosen you)

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Don't fear other nations v17-24 (the Lord is with you)

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⇒ You are a treasured possession (1Pet 2:9-10)

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# SESSION TWO BIBLE READING: DEUTERONOMY 8:1-20 (NIV)

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. <sup>2</sup> Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. <sup>3</sup> He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. <sup>4</sup> Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. <sup>5</sup> Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the Lord your God disciplines you.

<sup>6</sup> Observe the commands of the Lord your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. <sup>7</sup> For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; <sup>8</sup> a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; <sup>9</sup> a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

<sup>10</sup> When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. <sup>11</sup> Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws

and his decrees that I am giving you this day. <sup>12</sup> Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>15</sup> He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. <sup>16</sup> He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. <sup>17</sup> You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” <sup>18</sup> But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

<sup>19</sup> If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed.

<sup>20</sup> Like the nations the Lord destroyed before you, so you will be destroyed for not obeying the Lord your God.

# TALK TWO: I ACHIEVED SUCCESS

- Remember God’s provision in the barren past v2-11

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- Don’t forget it’s God’s provision in the wealthy future v11-18

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Life in the Promised land	Israel	Christians
It’s God’s free gift	Deut 4:40: ‘The land the Lord your God gives you for all time.’	e.g. Heb 10:19 “We have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus.”
It belongs to those who obey	4:1, 5, 14, 40. “Keep his decrees...so that... you may live long in the land”	e.g. Heb 12:25 See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks
Expectation?	Pessimism – most generations will fail but God will never forget the nation Deut 4:31	Optimism – A few will fall away but the Christian has the indwelling Spirit



# SESSION THREE BIBLE READING: DEUTERONOMY 9:1-10:11 (NIV)

Hear, Israel: You are now about to cross the Jordan to go in and dispossess nations greater and stronger than you, with large cities that have walls up to the sky. <sup>2</sup> The people are strong and tall—Anakites! You know about them and have heard it said: “Who can stand up against the Anakites?” <sup>3</sup> But be assured today that the Lord your God is the one who goes across ahead of you like a devouring fire. He will destroy them; he will subdue them before you. And you will drive them out and annihilate them quickly, as the Lord has promised you.

<sup>4</sup> After the Lord your God has driven them out before you, do not say to yourself, “The Lord has brought me here to take possession of this land because of my righteousness.” No, it is on account of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is going to drive them out before you. <sup>5</sup> It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going in to take possession of their land; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the Lord your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. <sup>6</sup> Understand, then, that it is not because of your righteousness that the Lord your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stiff-necked people.

<sup>7</sup> Remember this and never forget how you aroused the anger of the Lord your God in the wilderness. From the day you left Egypt until you arrived here, you have been rebellious against the Lord. <sup>8</sup>

At Horeb you aroused the Lord’s wrath so that he was angry enough to destroy you. <sup>9</sup> When I went up on the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant that the Lord had made with you, I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights; I ate no bread and drank no water. <sup>10</sup> The Lord gave me two stone tablets inscribed by the finger of God. On them were all the commandments the Lord proclaimed to you on the mountain out of the fire, on the day of the assembly.

<sup>11</sup> At the end of the forty days and forty nights, the Lord gave me the two stone tablets, the tablets of the covenant. <sup>12</sup> Then the Lord told me, “Go down from here at once, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have become corrupt. They have turned away quickly from what I commanded them and have made an idol for themselves.”

<sup>13</sup> And the Lord said to me, “I have seen this people, and they are a stiff-necked people indeed! <sup>14</sup> Let me alone, so that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven. And I will make you into a nation stronger and more numerous than they.”

<sup>15</sup> So I turned and went down from the mountain while it was ablaze with fire. And the two tablets of the covenant were in my hands. <sup>16</sup> When I looked, I saw that you had sinned against the Lord your God; you had made for yourselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. You had turned aside quickly from the way that

the Lord had commanded you. 17 So I took the two tablets and threw them out of my hands, breaking them to pieces before your eyes.

<sup>18</sup> Then once again I fell prostrate before the Lord for forty days and forty nights; I ate no bread and drank no water, because of all the sin you had committed, doing what was evil in the Lord's sight and so arousing his anger. <sup>19</sup> I feared the anger and wrath of the Lord, for he was angry enough with you to destroy you. But again the Lord listened to me. <sup>20</sup> And the Lord was angry enough with Aaron to destroy him, but at that time I prayed for Aaron too. <sup>21</sup> Also I took that sinful thing of yours, the calf you had made, and burned it in the fire. Then I crushed it and ground it to powder as fine as dust and threw the dust into a stream that flowed down the mountain.

<sup>22</sup> You also made the Lord angry at Taberah, at Massah and at Kibroth Hattaavah.

<sup>23</sup> And when the Lord sent you out from Kadesh Barnea, he said, "Go up and take possession of the land I have given you." But you rebelled against the command of the Lord your God. You did not trust him or obey him. <sup>24</sup> You have been rebellious against the Lord ever since I have known you.

<sup>25</sup> I lay prostrate before the Lord those forty days and forty nights because the Lord had said he would destroy you. <sup>26</sup> I prayed to the Lord and said, "Sovereign Lord, do not destroy your people, your own inheritance that you redeemed by your great power and brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand. <sup>27</sup> Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Overlook the stubbornness of this

people, their wickedness and their sin. <sup>28</sup> Otherwise, the country from which you brought us will say, 'Because the Lord was not able to take them into the land he had promised them, and because he hated them, he brought them out to put them to death in the wilderness.' <sup>29</sup> But they are your people, your inheritance that you brought out by your great power and your outstretched arm."

**Deut 10:1** At that time the Lord said to me, "Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones and come up to me on the mountain. Also make a wooden ark. <sup>2</sup> I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. Then you are to put them in the ark."

<sup>3</sup> So I made the ark out of acacia wood and chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I went up on the mountain with the two tablets in my hands. <sup>4</sup> The Lord wrote on these tablets what he had written before, the Ten Commandments he had proclaimed to you on the mountain, out of the fire, on the day of the assembly. And the Lord gave them to me. <sup>5</sup> Then I came back down the mountain and put the tablets in the ark I had made, as the Lord commanded me, and they are there now.

<sup>6</sup> (The Israelites traveled from the wells of Bene Jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died and was buried, and Eleazar his son succeeded him as priest. <sup>7</sup> From there they traveled to Gudgodah and on to Jotbathah, a land with streams of water. <sup>8</sup> At that time the Lord set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister and to pronounce blessings in his name, as they still do today. <sup>9</sup> That is why the Levites have no share or

inheritance among their fellow Israelites; the Lord is their inheritance, as the Lord your God told them.)

<sup>10</sup> Now I had stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights, as I did the

first time, and the Lord listened to me at this time also. It was not his will to destroy you.<sup>11</sup> “Go,” the Lord said to me, “and lead the people on their way, so that they may enter and possess the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.”

# TALK THREE: I’M BETTER THAN YOU

- How will you enter the “promised land”?

Not because you’re good... (righteous) 9:1-6

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...because you’re really stubborn 9:7-24

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# ABOUT PERTH MEN'S CONVENTION

Perth Men's Convention (PMC) arose out of a desire to see men across Western Australia transformed by the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The convention's aim is to see men united on the basis of faith in this gospel and strengthened to be more like Christ.

PMC does this through clear Bible teaching and challenging men to

respond in faith and obedience. Since the first convention in 2001, many hundreds of men have come together from dozens of churches across the state. It is an exciting ministry and one that we pray will, under God, keep growing to the glory of God. For more information, email:

[pmc@ccowa.org](mailto:pmc@ccowa.org)

## CONVENTION INFORMATION

**Prayer:** If you've been challenged by any of the sessions and need someone to talk to or pray with, please see one of the men who have been on stage. They are ready to talk, encourage and pray with you.

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