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Faithfulness

Having Faith in Oneself and Others

Pearl has heard a royal command, to build a castle tall and grand. And despite others thinking that it's too hard a task or too hopeful a dream, Pearl marches on towards her goal.

There can be challenges for anyone who has a dream, and Kirrily Lowe is no different from Pearl. "There are times in my life where people have not believed in the work that I am doing or the dream I have in my heart," Kirrily says. "At times like this, I have had to learn to not listen to the voices of criticism or discouragement, but rather focus on the work in front of me and keep going."

And that is what Pearl teaches children in *Faithfulness*. Despite some of the other children not having faith in Pearl's faith, she perseveres and assures them that they can do it. With no room for doubt, she continues to work towards her goal, even when others actively hinder her, for she has faith in the command and herself.

Pearl not only teaches children to be unwavering in their faith, but also highlights the diversity of cultural faith in Australia. When Henry Smith suggested that Pearl be Indigenous Australian, Kirrily "jumped at this suggestion, as the celebration of diversity and finding unity in diversity is something we can all focus on building." Kirrily and Henry also agreed that it was important to work with a First Nations artist for this book to stay true to this celebration of diversity, including Bronwyn Houston in the illustration work.

Faithfulness puts many amazing themes into the one character of Pearl, teaching children the importance of persevering to achieve their dreams. It teaches children to have faith in themselves, in their ideas, their plans and their dreams, as well as in others.

Kirrily Lowe is a Mum to Sammy, Harry and Elijah and a pastor together with her husband Tim at the C3 Church City Campus in Darlinghurst, Sydney. She is passionate about filling young lives with great values in a fun and relatable way. *The Invisible Tree* is her first series of books.

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