

Household of Faith fidelity



"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." - Galatians 6:10

Week of Sunday, 19th April 2026

My Heart's Desire and Prayer for the Household of Faith

As I celebrated my 79th birthday last week, my deepest wish for the congregation was that every member may grow in their desire to worship, walk and enjoy God's presence. The Psalmist declares in Psalms 122:1 - *"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord"*. In fact, he prefers a day in the house of the Lord than a thousand days without this privilege. Psalms 84:10 - I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of God, than to dwell in the tents of ease.

I would to God that every member have this mindset - that instead of seeking blessings and gifts from God, we may above everything, truly seek the Giver. Let me share with you what I call the six levels of worship - which of these attitudes below describes your passion for God?

1. I do not enjoy worship: I cannot focus, am easily distracted and get nothing out of worship. -> Worship is not about self, but God. It is not how you feel, what you get out of it, but your regard for and relationship with God. Our passion in worship will grow as we grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Paul shares his struggle in this area in Romans 7:14 *"For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin"*.

2. Worship is a commandment that I need to fulfill: As long as I show up, go through the rituals, do not expect any more of me. -> Could this be the very thing that our Lord Jesus condemned in Matthew 15:8, *"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me"*?

3. I don't mind worship, I can take it or leave it: Many people find the worship experience quite pleasant and are not adverse to it. Still, they have not developed a passion or desire for it. This mindset is acceptable to many Christians, but is truly repulsive to the One you are worshipping. -> Here is what Jesus says in Revelation 3:16, *"So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth"*.

4. I know worship is important: I am still learning to worship more deeply. -> This is the lowest safe level in any relationship to God. We know we have not arrived; have ways to go; but we yearn to do better by reading, learning and doing more in the area of worship. We become like the man who said to Jesus in Mark 9:24, *"Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief"*.

5. I am enjoying worship: I come each time the church opens its doors. Whenever possible, I strive to be early so that I can be part of the Care team session. I want to set the right example and I conduct family devotions at home. -> This is the level I wish for every member. When the rank and file of the church are on this same page, we will see a genuine atmosphere of inspiring worship. This is exactly what Jesus said in John 4:23 *"But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to be his worshippers."*

6. Passion for worship: Top on my list is the worshipper whose zeal for worship makes him create opportunities to commune with God beyond corporate worship. -> When a worshipper is so passionate about his worship with God that he will parcel out huge chunks of his time in worship and prayer. He often goes to his secret closet, at times praying through the night as Jesus encourages in Matthew 6:6 *"But you, when you pray, enter into your inner chamber, and having shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."*

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Clockwise: Care teams in progress; Henry exhorting the congregation; APRIL Birthday guys; Members enjoying lunch fellowship; Thanks to June for the lunch.

Celebrating Our 8th Anniversary



Welcome to the
Household of Faith

19th April 2026

**How
are you
doing?**



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Introduction

This morning getting close and personal
– How are You doing?

We live in an imperfect world

Bad things happen to good people

So how is each of you coping?



**HI, HOW
ARE YOU
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Jesus Set the Example

He travelled light

Matthew 8:20 *Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."*

One Solitary Life:

“Here is a man who was born in an obscure village... He never owned a home.
He never wrote a book.
He never held office...”

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Jesus set the example



Impossible to Do a Balancing Act

Many people want to allocate some of their time to God, but save some for their own use – “balancing act”

1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Matthew 10:37-38 He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me isn't worthy of me. He who doesn't take his cross and follow after me, isn't worthy of me.

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Instead, We need to Focus

We live in complicated, stressful and unpredictable times

Many of us are like Martha of Luke 10:41 *who was careful and troubled about many things*

Luke 10:42 *Only one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.*



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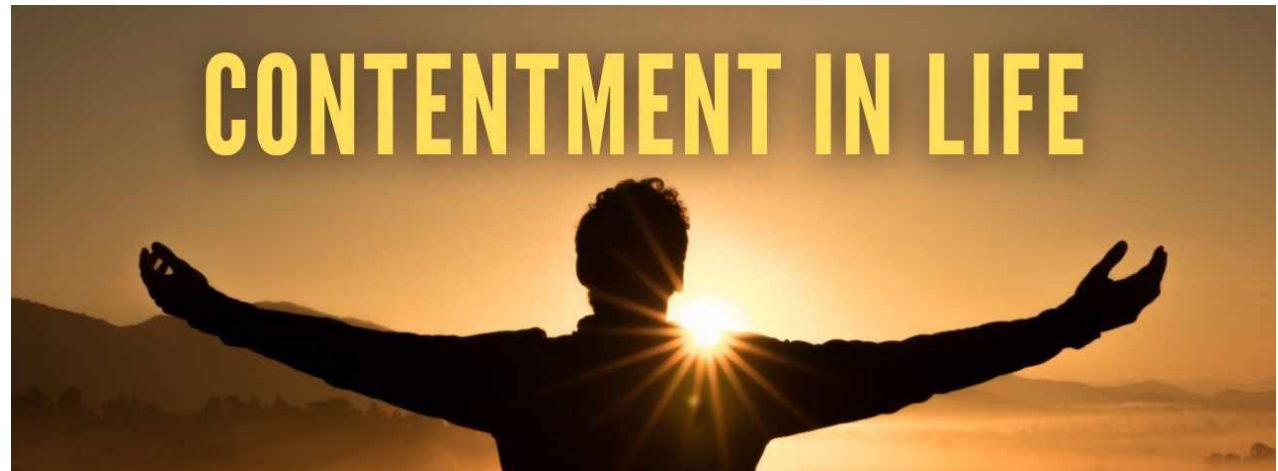
We Need to Focus

1. Foundation: Contentment

Hebrews 13:5 *Let your life be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

1 Timothy 6:8 *And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.*

Philippians 4:11 I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.



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Foundation: Contentment

2. Heart: Thanksgiving

Colossians 2:7 Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

How thankful are we, really?

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.



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3. Fruit: Generosity

Example of the Macedonian Christians
2 Corinthians 8:2 *How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.*

2 Corinthians 8:4 *Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.*

2 Corinthians 8:5 *And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.*

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Fruit: Generosity

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