

Fidelity

Let's do what is good toward all men, and especially toward those who are of the household of the faith - Galatians 6:10

2nd July 2023



Countdown to our 6th Anniversary Part 2: At the "Y"







The months at the Metropolitan YMCA were the fastest growing and most active period of HoF. There were several baptisms, many activities like the Missions Retreat, Chartered Members' luncheon, New Year fellowship and even a durian supper at Demsey. Attendance averaged over 30.

Clockwise: Worship at the spacious "Upper Room" at the YMCA; Missions Retreat with participants from Malaysia, Indonesia and China; Baptism of Uncle Goh, 2nd Anniversary and Mother's Day celebration.

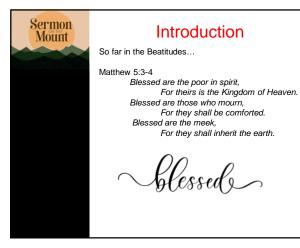


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Matthew 5:6-7

Tonight Matthew 5:6-7

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.





Blessed are the Hungry

Food plays an important part in our lives

Not just physical food but spiritual food

John 6:27-28 Don't work for the food which perishes, but for the food which remains to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you.

John 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will not be hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."





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Continual Hunger & Thirst

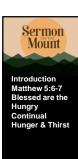
The Greek words for "hunger" and "thirst" are present participles

Image of starvation

Object: righteousness

Matthew 6:33 But seek first God's Kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you

John 4:32-35 But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you don't know about."... Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Don't you say, 'There are yet four months until the harvest?' Behold, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and look at the fields, that they are white for harvest already."



Blessed are the Merciful

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

Such a beautiful trait - meaning of being human

Conditional command - Luke 6:37 Forgive, and you shall be forgiven

Luke 17:3-4 Be careful. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in the day, and seven times returns, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him.



Merciful

Mercy vs Grace

Grace = unmerited favor to undeserving

Mercy = unmerited favor to the hurting

Both = withholding justice

GRACE

Emphsize the giving of what we DO NOT deserve

MERCY

Emphsize the withholding of what we JUSTLY deserve



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Practice of Mercy

- Helping those in circumstances Leviticus 19:34 The stranger who lives as a foreigner with you shall be to you as the native-born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you lived as foreigners in the land of Egypt.
- Forgiving those who have sinned against us Colossians 3:13 says, "bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if someone happens to have a complaint against anyone else. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also forgive others."
- Helping those who are caught in sin John 8:10-11 Jesus, standing up, saw her and said, "Woman, where are your accusers? Did no one condemn you?" She said, "No one, Lord." Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way. From now on, sin no more.'

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Promise to the Merciful

- Mercy 2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that you, always having all sufficiency in everything, may abound to every good work.
- The merciless servant Matthew 18:35 Christ said this to his disciples, "So also my heavenly Father will do to you, if each of you does not forgive your brother from your heart."
- Lacking the love of God John 3:17 says, "But whoever has the world's possessions and sees his fellow Christian in need and shuts off his compassion against him, how can the love of God reside in such a person?"

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Reflection

What keeps us from being spiritually hungry?

- 1. Some lack a spiritual appetite simply because they have never walked with God.
- 2. Partake too much of the world 1 Peter 2:1-2. Peter says, "So get rid of all evil and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. And yearn like newborn infants for pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up to salvation."
- 3. Some lack a spiritual appetite as they are distracted from focusing on heaven the story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10.

Are you still spiritually hungry? If not, why not?

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Conclusion

- 1. Walk the light 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.
- 2. Stay away from sin 1 Timothy 6:5 (Withdraw yourself from the) constant friction of people of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.
- 3. Eat well 1 Peter 2:2 Long for the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby

How can we develop a healthier appetite in 2023?





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9th July 2023



Countdown to our 6th Anniversary Part 3: Early Pandemic





On the 16th July 2021 this week, the Household of Faith will be celebrating its 4th anniversary, the second time not allowed to gather due to Covid-19



During the early months of Covid-19, we were not allowed to meet and resort to live streaming. We kept in touch with members and we stayed togerher to emerge stronger than ever.

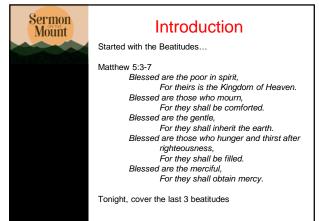


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Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.
Blessed are you when people reproach you,

persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.
For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



Blessed are the Pure in Heart

Matthew 5:8-12 - Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

Today's world is so corrupt

Genesis 6:5-6 - God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. God was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him in his heart.

Psalms 53:3 Every one of them has gone back. They have become filthy together. There is no one who does good, no, not one.

Proverbs 20:9 Who can say, "I have made my heart pure. I am clean and without sin?'



Introduction Matthew 5:8-12

Acts 13:22 When he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, to whom he also testified, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'

Psalms 24:3-4 Who may ascend to Yahweh's hill? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart...

John 4:23-24 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. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

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Blessed are the Peacemakers

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called children of God.

Proverbs 20:3 says, "It is to a man's honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel."

Proverbs 6:12-14 A worthless person, a man of iniquity, Is he who walks with a perverse mouth; Who winks with his eyes, who signals with his feet, Who motions with his fingers; In whose heart is perverseness, Who devises evil continually, always sows discord.

1 Corinthians 6:7-8 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? Why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?



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Revelation 16:5-6 I heard the angel of the waters saying, "You are righteous, who are and who were, you Holy One, because you have judged these things. For they poured out the blood of the saints and the prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. They deserve this."



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- For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven
- Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad for great is vour reward in heaven.
- In good company with the prophets

Acts 5:41-42 They therefore departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for Jesus' name. Every day, in the temple and at home, they never stopped teaching and preaching Jesus the Christ

Romans 8:17-18 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if indeed we suffer with him, that we may also be glorified with him.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which will be

revealed toward us.

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3 Important Beatitudes tonight

Blessed are the Pure in Heart Blessed are the Peace Makers Blessed are the Persecuted

Hebrews 11:13-16 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them and embraced them from afar, and having confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking after a country of their own. If indeed they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had enough time to return.

But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.



Call to Worship
Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
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Next Week: 6th Anniversary Lesson



Call to Worship Scripture Reading Opening Prayer Congregational Singing Communion & Giving Exhortation Invitation Announcements Closing Prayer



Stay Behind And join us for our Agape fellowship meal





16th July 2023



Countdown to our 6th Anniversary Part 4: 2022-Present





Clockwise: The church was officially registered on January 2022. We rented a meeting place and modified our logo. Care teams and dinner fellowshipwere resumed, together with Missions Sunday and Anniversary celebrations.



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Introduction

Hard to believe that the Household of Faith is now in its 6^{th} year

Matthew 16:16-19 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jonah: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven.

And I also say unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.



Introduction

Winds of change amongst churches of Christ

Saturday worship, musical instruments, women ministers

Household of Faith committed to be biblically-led.

Jeremiah 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.

Jeremiah 6:17 I set watchmen over you, saying, Listen to the sound of the trumpet; but they said, We will not listen.



Introduction

Tonight: Pictorial review of the milestones of the Household of Faith over the past 6 years

Started to meet these needs:

- Evening service amongst churches of Christ
- Request from brother Alfred Poon
- Personal commitment and focus on Nat's

health

- Good groundswell support since the start
 From family and friends
 Also English, Chinese, Filipino & Indians communities
 - SIBI and overseas visitors

History well-documented

- Facebook Supporters and Friends group
 Mobile-friendly website: www.hofsg.com





Mobile Website



- Updated every week Live streaming link

 - Every issue of Fidelity
 - Video of SermonsUseful Bible materials

 - Gallery of photos and videos







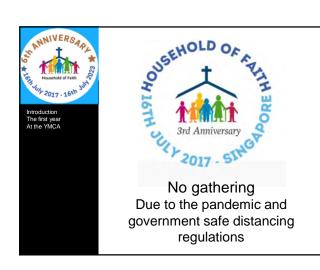




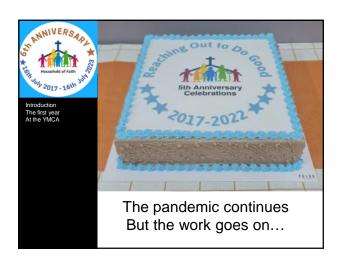
























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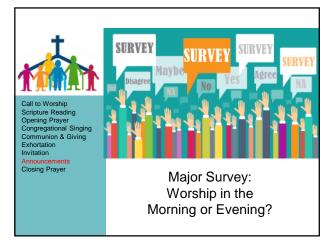
God has blessed the Household of Faith through thick and thin

After 6 years, we are on a firm footing with dedicated members and many supporters

We encourage all to "keep on keeping on"

2 Timothy 4:7-8
I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the course,
I have kept the faith:
- henceforth there is laid up for me

 henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing.







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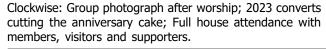
6th Anniversary

Celebration in Pictures









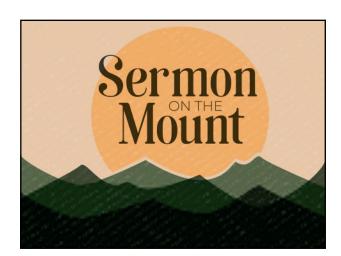




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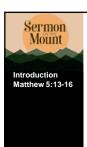
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You are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its flavor, with what will it be salted? It is then good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under the feet of men.

You are the light of the world.
A city located on a hill can't be hidden.
Neither do you light a lamp,
and put it under a measuring basket,
but on a stand;
and it shines to all who are in the house.

Even so, let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.



People are Watching Us

Comment: "Call Yourself a Christian!"

Hebrews 12:1 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely. And let us run with endurance the race that is set before us..."



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Introduction Matthew 5:13-16

People are Watching Us

1 Peter 2:12

Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

1 Peter 3:1 In like manner, wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; so that, even if any don't obey the Word, they may be won by the behavior of their wives without a word

1 Timothy 4:12

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.



The Salt of the Earth

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Worth his weight in salt - ancient salt trade routes

Value of Salt

- enrich taste
- preserve food

Christians

- give purpose to life
- preserve the souls of men



The Salt of the Earth

Salt can lose its flavor

- chemical impurities (sodium ions)
- humidity

Becomes worthless; Christians can backslide

2 Peter 2:21-22

For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.

But it has happened to them according to the true proverb.

proverb,
"The dog turns to his own vomit again," and
"the sow that had washed to wallowing in the mire."



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The Light of the World

John 8:12 Again, therefore, Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."

Let the lower lights be burning!

Brightly beams our Father's mercy From His lighthouse evermore; But to us He gives the keeping Of the lights along the shore.



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Matthew 5:14-15 You are the light of the world.

A city located on a hill can't be hidden.

Neither do you light a lamp,

and put it under a measuring basket, but on a stand;

and it shines to all who are in the house.

- No secret disciple what is your reputation?
 - brighten wherever you go people are watching

Matthew 10:42 Whoever gives one of these little ones just a cup of cold water to drink in the name of a disciple, most assuredly I tell you he will in no way lose his reward.



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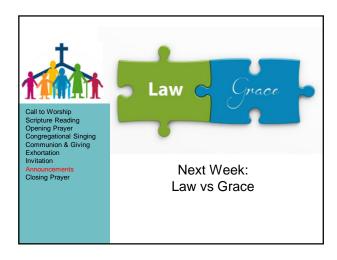
3 Important lessons tonight

- Give taste to your environment Preserve the people you hold dear
- Let your light shine

Matthew 5:16

Even so, let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.





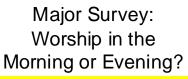
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Sister Catherine with the towering anniversary cake; Members, visitors and supporters enjoying the Nonya buffet and delicious beef stew from the Pang family; We are taking a major survey to see if we will move our worship to the morning; Anniversary giveaways. Thanks to all who celebrated with the HoF, contributed food, and offered prayers and words of encouragement.









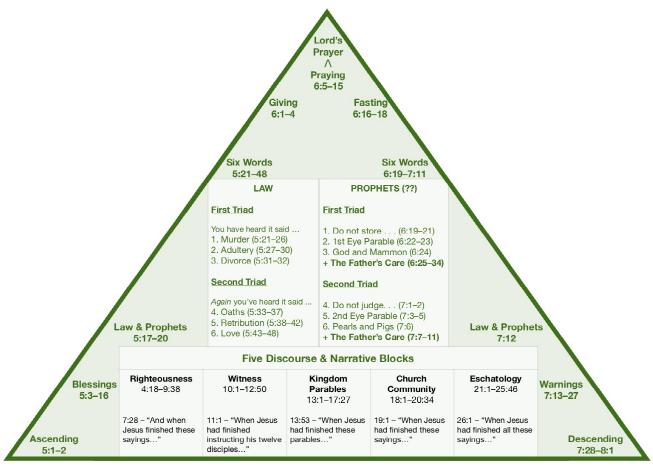
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A Graphic Map of

the Sermon on the Mount



Galatians 6:10



Many of these observations have been drawn from the following resources:

The Sermon on the Mount and Human Flourishing by Jonathan Pennington; The Sermon on the Mount by Dale Allison.



We continue to receive feedback on our shift to the morning survey. Please keep sharing in the Whatsapp men and ladies group. Our purpose is to seek a consensus, but we do not want to leave anyone behind. In the meanwhile, let us keep on reaching out to our family and friends.

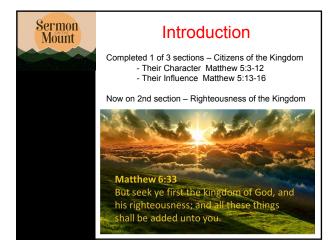


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Don't think that I came to destroy the law or the prophets.

I didn't come to destroy, but to fulfill.

For most assuredly, I fell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not even one smallest letter or one tiny pen stroke shall in any way pass away from the law, until all things are accomplished.

Psalms 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple

Hebrews 7:19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.



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Whoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments, and teach others to do so, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever shall do and teach them shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.

2 Corinthians 3:6-8 who also made us sufficient as servants of a new covenant; not of the letter, but of the Spirit

For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

But if the service of death, written engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the children of Israel could not look steadfastly on the face of Moses for the glory of his face: which was passing away:

face; which was passing away: won't service of the Spirit be with much more glory?



Introduction Matthew 5:17-19

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For I tell you that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, there is no way you will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Scribes and Pharisees promote righteousness

Matthew 16:11 But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Matthew 6:2 Therefore when you do merciful deeds, don't sound a trumpet before yourself, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may get glory from men. Most assuredly I tell you, they have received their reward.



1. Murder vs Anger

Matthew 5:21-26

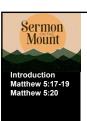
"You have heard that it was said to the ancient ones, 'You shall not murder;"

and 'Whoever shall murder shall be in danger of the judgment.'

But I tell you,

that everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment





1. Murder vs Anger

Matthew 5:21-26

But I tell you,

- everyone who is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment;

- and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca ' shall be in danger of the council;
- and whoever shall say, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of the fire of hell.





1. Murder vs Anger

Matthew 5:21-26

If therefore you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has anything against you.

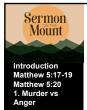
leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way.
First be reconciled to your brother,
and then come and offer your gift.

Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are with him in the way; lest perhaps the prosecutor deliver you to the

and the judge deliver you to the officer, and you be cast into prison.

Most assuredly I tell you, you shall by no means get out of there, until you have paid the last penny.

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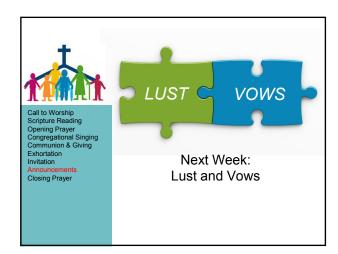
Old Law vs Grace

Matthew 17:2-5 He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his garments became as white as the light.

Behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them talking with

Peter answered, and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, let's make three tents here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them. Behold, a voice came out of the cloud, saying,
"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him."







Stay Behind And join us for our Agape fellowship meal: Sandwhiches

