

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, 31st May 2026



In Matthew 5:41, Jesus said, "Whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two".

While many are satisfied with good service, in every industry, the crowning touch is this third factor, which Jesus refers to as the 'second mile'.

I have seen many fine Christians in good standing serving God in a most competent way. Among this number, some have come and gone, and are no longer in the faith, much less serving God. What went wrong? It is the missing extra mile.

I am very aware that there are some who serve out of duty, rather than passion or zeal. Others serve to promote themselves or have other ulterior motives. Still others serve grudgingly. When I do not sense 'the extra mile' in a Christian worker, I am not keen in keeping the person in the ministry or scheduling him on a frequent basis.

I firmly believe that those who serve the Lord must want to do it fervently. They must count it an honour and privilege, and even rejoice when they have to suffer loss in doing God's will (Acts 5:41).

When I see members digging into their own pockets, giving top priority to their calling and

making sure the entire body is edified, I sense that the worker is going the second mile. These are the kind of servants God wants for His church. People who will set the example and lead His people to do greater things.

In Luke 10:2, Jesus said, "The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few. Pray therefore to the Lord of the harvest, that he may send out laborers into his harvest." There will always be a need for servants to do kingdom work. God requires the best we can offer. God wants us to give from the bottom of our hearts - fully, truly and without holding back.

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Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Household of Faith

Notice is hereby given that the upcoming Annual General Meeting will take place at Block 67, #07-10 Ayer Rajah Crescent, Singapore 139950 on Sunday, 21st June 2026 at 12noon.



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AGM Agenda



1. Reading and passing of previous minutes and matters arising [Secretary, June Dhanabalan]
2. Director's report [Director/Minister, Henry Kong]
3. Financial Report [Treasurer, Ramesh Dhanabalan]
4. AOB
Update on rental of the Ayer Rajah Launchpad space



Clockwise: Alfred making a point at the men's Care team; June encouraging responses from the ladies' Care team; Henry sharing what it means to be "crucified with Christ". Members enjoying the delicious homecooked lunch fellowship. We thank Catherine for the chicken curry, lor bak, cheese cake & tau sar piah; Elaine for the herbal duck & fruit.



Welcome to the
Household of Faith

31st May 2026

When God Stretches You

Formed in the
Waiting.

Strengthened in
the Pressure.



Today's Sermon



Isaiah 54:2 (ESV)

Enlarge the place of your tent,
and let the curtains of your
habitations be stretched out;
do not hold back; lengthen
your cords and strengthen
your stakes.






INTRODUCTION



Isaiah 54 Context I

Isaiah 54 is a prophetic picture of expansion after hardship.

God was speaking to a people who had experienced barrenness, loss, exile, and uncertainty.



SERMON OVERVIEW



Isaiah 54



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3S: Stretch,
Strengthen,
Spread



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Isaiah 54 Context II





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Isaiah 54 Context III

Yet instead of telling them to stay small and safe, God told them:
Stretch, Strengthen, Settle & Spread

Before breakthrough comes stretching.
Before expansion comes strengthening.
Before settling comes spreading.



Many people want certainty before obedience.

But throughout Scripture, God often asks His people to move before they see the full picture. This is the pattern of God.

SERMON OVERVIEW



Isaiah 54



Introduction



**3S: Stretch,
Strengthen,
Spread**



Sermon Prayer

#1 Stretch: God Stretches Us Before Everything Is Certain



Enlarge the place of your tent, and let
the curtains of your habitations be
stretched out.

Isaiah 54:2



#1 Stretch: God Stretches Us Before Everything Is Certain



God told Israel to prepare for increase before the increase arrived.

The tent had to expand before the people filled it.

Faith often requires preparation before manifestation.



#1 Stretch: God Stretches Us Before Everything Is Certain



Biblical Example 1: Noah built the ark before rain came. (Gen 7)



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Biblical Example 2: Abraham left his homeland before knowing the destination. (Gen 12:1)



#1 Stretch: God Stretches Us Before Everything Is Certain



Biblical Example 3:
Peter stepped out of
the boat before walking
on water. (Matt 14)



#1 Stretch: God Stretches Us Before Everything Is Certain



Biblical Example 4: The disciples distributed bread before multiplication happened. (Matt 14)



#2 Strengthen: Before God stretches our stakes, he strengthens us



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Isaiah 54:2



#2 Strengthen: Before God stretches our stakes, he strengthens us



A larger tent without deeper stakes collapses.

Expansion without spiritual depth becomes dangerous.

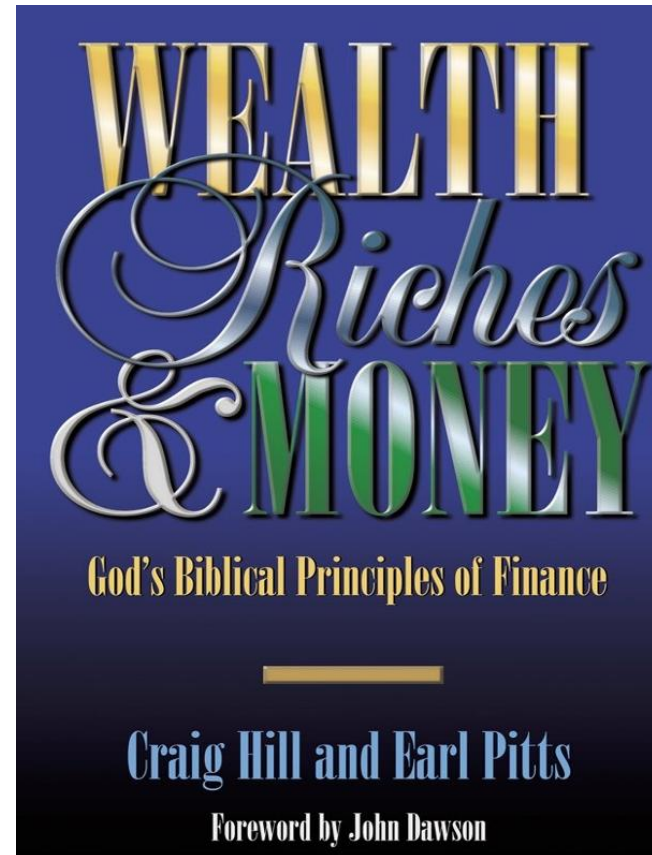
Before God increases influence, responsibility, or blessing, He strengthens character.



#2 Strengthen: Before God stretches our stakes, he strengthens us



Modern Day Example:
Tithing



#2 Strengthen: Before God stretches our stakes, he strengthens us



*We have spoken to many people who, when they looked at their financial situation with their natural minds, **could not see any way that they could tithe and still continue to pay their bills.***

*After implementing the practice of tithing with the right attitude and becoming a tither for a few months, they have consistently reported that **after paying all their bills, the amount of money available to them on the 90% of their income is more than that of the 100% formerly.***

*We have then asked, “How does it work? Are you making more than you did before? Are you spending less than before?” Consistently they answer, “I don’t know how it works. I’m not making any more, nor consciously spending any” **They have released God’s supernatural power into their finances by lining their ways up with God’s.***

#2 Strengthen: Before God stretches our stakes, he strengthens us

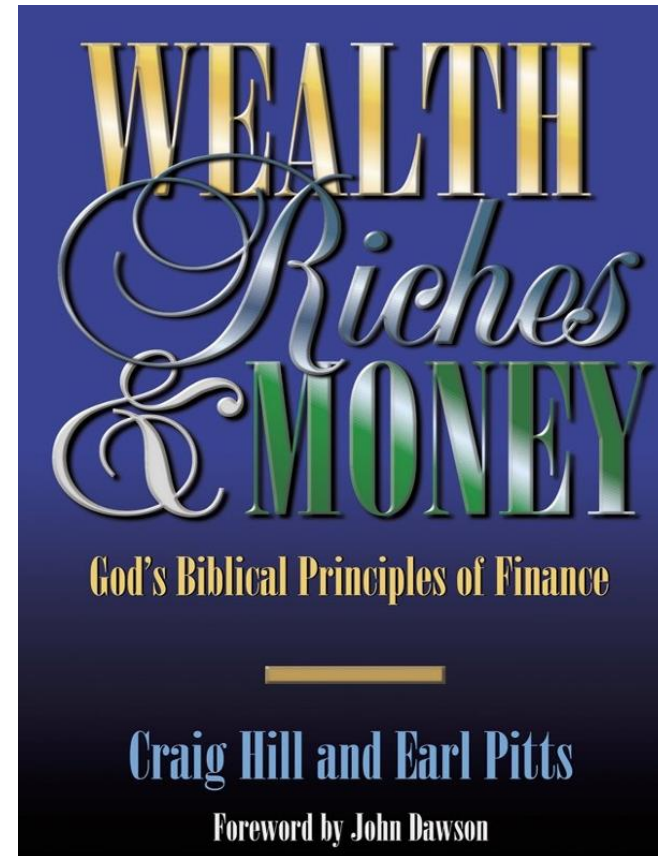


Many believers testify that when they honor God faithfully:

- (i) they become wiser stewards,
- (ii) more disciplined,
- (iii) less wasteful,
- (iv) more content,
- (v) more aware of God's provision.

The miracle is not always more income first.

Sometimes the miracle is transformed priorities and deeper trust.



#3 Spread: What God Strengthens, He Sends



For you will spread abroad to the right
and to the left, and your offspring will
possess the nations and will people the
desolate cities.

Isaiah 54:3



#3 Spread: What God Strengthens, He Sends



Many people think “church” is primarily a place we attend or a service we run.

But Isaiah 54 reveals something deeper.

God strengthens His people not so they can stay comfortable inside the tent, but so they can spread beyond it.



#3 Spread: What God Strengthens, He Sends



God's goal was never simply preservation.

It was multiplication, influence, and transformation.

That is why: We are not doing church, we are becoming church.



Application #1

We are not doing church, we are becoming church.



The infographic is divided into two vertical panels. The left panel, titled 'DOING CHURCH', features a blue background and lists activities: PROGRAMS (calendar icon), MEETINGS (two people at a table icon), ATTENDANCE (three people icon), EVENTS (megaphone icon), and SCHEDULES (clock icon). The illustration shows people planning a 'YOUTH CONFERENCE SAT. 9AM' and a 'MEETING TONIGHT 7PM'. The right panel, titled 'BECOMING CHURCH', features a yellow background and lists formation goals: BECOMING MORE LIKE CHRIST (cross icon), BECOMING PEOPLE OF PRAYER (prayer hands icon), BECOMING PEOPLE OF COMPASSION (heart icon), BECOMING SPIRITUALLY MATURE (plant icon), and BECOMING CARRIERS OF GOD'S PRESENCE (sun icon). The illustration shows Jesus with a child, people praying, and people sharing a meal.

DOING CHURCH

FOCUSES MAINLY ON ACTIVITY:

- PROGRAMS
- MEETINGS
- ATTENDANCE
- EVENTS
- SCHEDULES

BECOMING CHURCH

FOCUSES ON FORMATION:

- BECOMING MORE LIKE CHRIST
- BECOMING PEOPLE OF PRAYER
- BECOMING PEOPLE OF COMPASSION
- BECOMING SPIRITUALLY MATURE
- BECOMING CARRIERS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Application #2

How to Grow in God?



THEOLOGY + SPIRITUAL FORMATION

SILENCE



*Creating space to be still
before God.*

REFLECTION



*Thinking deeply with God
through Scripture,
tradition, and reason.*

ENCOUNTER



*Meeting the living God
who transforms our hearts
and our lives.*