

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, 15th March 2026

Unconditional Love Changes Everything (1/2)

There is nothing more important for anyone to do than respond in a reciprocal manner to God's unconditional love - paying it forward; and extending it to our fellowmen. Jesus said in Matthew 22:37-39, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. A second likewise is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

When this message takes root, souls render obedience to Christ, grow in grace and backsliders return to their first love.

Christians who respond to God in unconditional love will stay faithful in all situations, worship God in spirit and truth, and reach out to touch others with this love. When we extend unconditional love to our fellow men, we let our light shine, pointing one and all to God. It is a challenging journey to learn, practice and grow in unconditional love. However, there is no joy as sweet and no experience as satisfying as when we submit ourselves to God's greatest commandments in this area.

Turning Hearts Home to God: Jesus' preaching at the temple was rudely interrupted one morning when the scribes and Pharisees roughly shoved a woman before Him. They had gone through a lot of trouble spying on her extramarital activities, and now dumped their prized catch before Jesus, insisting that He issue a judgement call in strict compliance with the law of Moses.

The early morning crowd were treated to the excitement of the drama, but Jesus would not play into the hands of the crowds nor the scribes and Pharisees. John 8:6 tells us that "Jesus stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the

ground, as though He heard them not." We have no information on what Jesus scribbled on the ground, but while others were drawn to the charade, Jesus was concerned about how He could turn the heart of this woman back home to God.

The woman who was caught in the act of adultery realised that there was no way out for her, except death according to Leviticus. 20:10 and Deuteronomy 22:22. While she cowed before the crowd of accusers, Jesus stood up and replied, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."

According to the law, the eyewitnesses to her sin were to cast the first stone, followed by others. As Jesus returned to His writing on the ground, the crowd began to disperse as the conscience of each one disqualified him to carry out the punishment.

Finally, Jesus was left alone with the woman. Jesus told her in John 8:11, "Neither do I condemn you: go, and sin no more."

What an important lesson Jesus offered here in helping us deal with weaker brethren, and especially those who are struggling with sin. Our objective is not just to apply scriptures, but to touch them with the grace of God and turn their hearts home to God.

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Clockwise: Alfred making a point at the Men's Care Team; Jonathan reading scriptures; Henry exhorting the congregation; Michael, Eric, Paul serving communion/giving; Good variety of snacks from the Poons; Thai porridge from Phai.



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The background features a large, bright orange sun in the upper center, partially obscured by the text. Below the sun are several layers of stylized mountains in shades of green and dark green, creating a sense of depth. The overall color palette is warm and natural.

Lessons from the
Sermon
ON THE
Mount

Fasting (1/4)

1. Do not be like the hypocrites i.e. with sad faces.
2. Do not turn your devotion to God into a show, by contorting their faces, that they may be observed to be fasting.
3. All you get is men's praise - this will be their reward.
4. Here is how to do it - *But you, when you fast, anoint your head, and wash your face; so that you are not seen by men to be fasting, but by your Father who is in secret*
5. Your Father, who sees, will reward you.

Our Service to the Lord (2/4)

All Christians serve the Lord

Sometimes we do it the wrong way

Often for the wrong reasons

Jesus sets it right on the Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 6:24 *"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You can't serve both God and Mammon."*

Treasures (3/4)

Of universal interest

Matthew 6:19-21

"Don't lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal;

but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves don't break through and steal;

for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

How to determine your treasure...

What is Your Treasure?

1. How you spend your time
2. What you spend your money on
3. What you prioritize
4. What gets you excited
5. What you worry about
6. What you will sacrifice for



What is Your Treasure?

How to determine your treasure

In Singapore, the traditional 5 Cs

- Cash
- Credit Card
- Car
- Condominium
- Country Club

These days – the new 5 Cs

- Cash
- Career
- Culture
- Credibility
- Convenience

What Does the Bible Say?

If man is immortal, treasures are meaningful

So important to have a long-term view and with heaven in mind

You are not a fool to give up what you cannot hold, in exchange for what you cannot lose

James 5:2-3

Your riches have rotted and your garments have become moth-eaten.

Your gold and your silver have rusted; and their rust will be a witness against you and will consume your flesh like fire.

It is in the last days that you have stored up your treasure!

Introduction

What is Your
Treasure?

What Does the
Bible Say?

Why did the Apostles Sacrifice?

1. They were convicted that Jesus was God
2. They witnessed Jesus' resurrection
3. They were filled with the Holy Spirit
4. They were able to perform miracles

Acts 5:38-42 For if this counsel or this work is of men, it will be overthrown. But if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow it, and you would be found even to be fighting against God!...They therefore departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for Jesus' name.

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- 1. Righteousness, virtue** - Proverbs 11:4
Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death.
- 2. Hope in God** - 1 Timothy 6:17 *Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.*
- 3. The Church** - Matthew 13:44-46 *“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid again; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

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Heaven-proof Your Treasures

Luke 12:33 *“Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves money belts which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near nor moth destroys.*”

Matthew 19:21 *Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”*

1 Timothy 6:18-19 *Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.*

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Conclusion

Matthew 6:31-33 *"Therefore don't be anxious, saying, 'What will we eat?', 'What will we drink?' or, 'With what will we be clothed?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first God's Kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things will be given to you as well.*

John 14:1-3 *"Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it weren't so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself.*