

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, 27th September 2026

Are You Offended?



In James 3:2, the Bible tells us that "For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body."

Many things offend. And they hurt. Some cut deep. While they offend, we should not take offense. It is so easy to justify by saying, "Lord, I give up my time for your work... and this is how your people are treating me? I am so discouraged, I am thinking of quitting."

Alas, too many of us fall into this trap of the devil. This is the same voice as the one that asked Adam and Eve to eat the forbidden fruit. So many good Christian workers have given up participating in the church's activities and offering service because of this.

All these years in my ministry, the going has been hard (it is never easy swimming against the tide) but I am blessed with wonderful people who uphold my hands.

Often people will be sly, offensive or downright mean. It is not easy to be a doormat. If I took offense everytime this happens, I would not have lasted very long. I would keep writing off people who offended me until noone was left to work with!

So in doing the Lord's work, the key is found in Acts 5:41 in the example of the apostles that *"They therefore departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer*

dishonor for the Name."

Plan to do the Lord's work in partnership with God. Forget offenses like we should forget praises (in the spirit of "Father forgive them for they know not what they do"). Take it to the Lord in prayer, and go away doing better and treating this person better than before.

When we do not take offense, and give the other brother in question the benefit of doubt and continue to serve the Lord and love the brotherhood:

- a) We will keep serving the Lord no matter what
- b) God will be working with us in partnership and will renew us
- c) Others who unintentionally or intentionally try to offend us will still be working with us, and by our good conduct we may win them to serve the Lord more lovingly.

Let us continue serving the Lord without taking or giving offense and never give up on Him, the church or one another.

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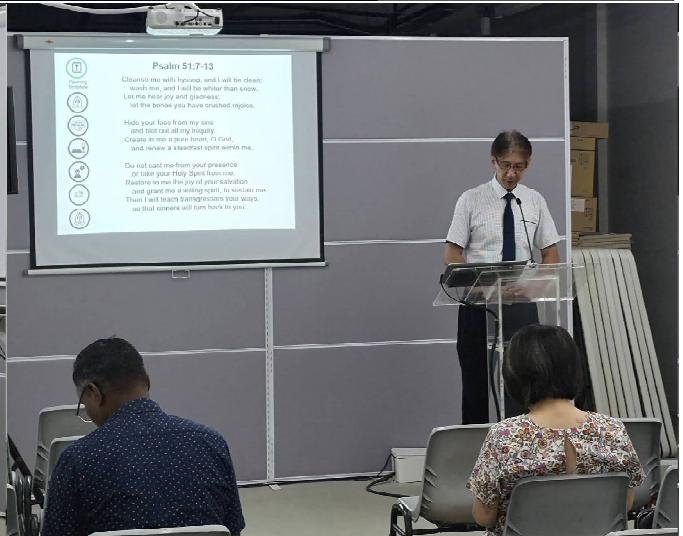
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Clockwise: Men preparing to serve; David reading scripture; David Jai serving; Henry preaching.

Thanks to the Poon family for snacks.





Discipleship

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When your environment changes



- I had control over:
 - ☐ Time
 - ☐ Activities
 - ☐ Energy
 - ☐ The “comfortable” way of life
- Changes = Not Familiar
 - ☐ which means i need to adapt to the change...
 - ☐ otherwise my spiritual rhythm will continue to be disrupted.

Importance of Systems

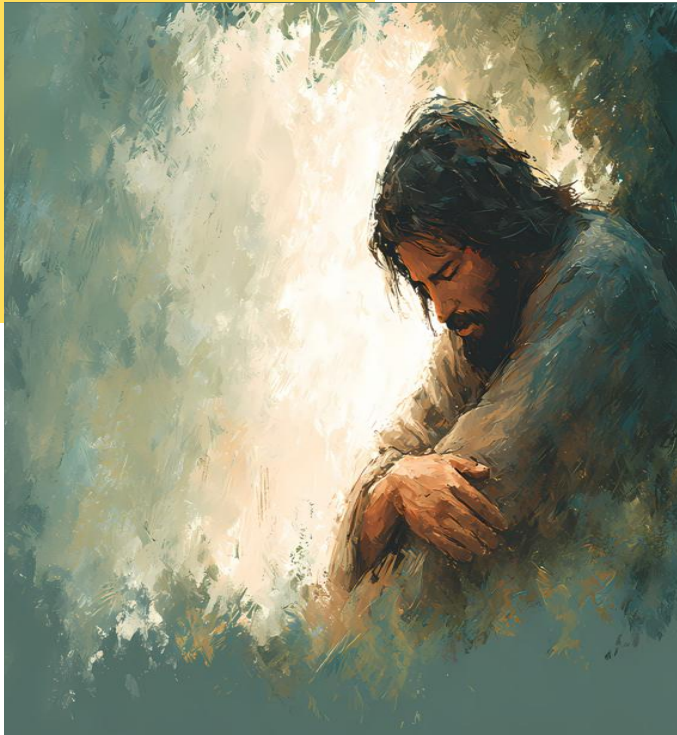


10 Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

Daniel 6:10

- Daniel had a spiritual system (routine) that he followed regardless of change.
 - Systems help us to do the things that we are supposed to do... **consistently**
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Importance of Systems



15 Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. 16 But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Luke 5:15-16

- Just like Daniel, Jesus had a routine that he followed even when things around Him changed.
- The more busy Jesus became, the more **focused** and **intentional** He was in his disciplines.

Solution...?

- More Tasks to get done = More Intentionality

Christian System:

1. Prayer Time
2. Bible Studying Time
3. Self-Reflection Time
4. Fellowship Time
5. Church Time

- But is this truly the best for us?
- What if we had a bad day?
- What happens if i accidentally stop following?



Discipleship



16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17 “**Come, follow me**,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” 18 At once they left their nets and followed him.

Mark 1:16-18

- “Follow Me”
- The main idea changes from maintaining standards to being THE standard.
- And it all starts by responding to Christ.

Jesus' System of Living

In His daily life, Jesus prioritised these few things:

- Prayer - **Mark 1:35**

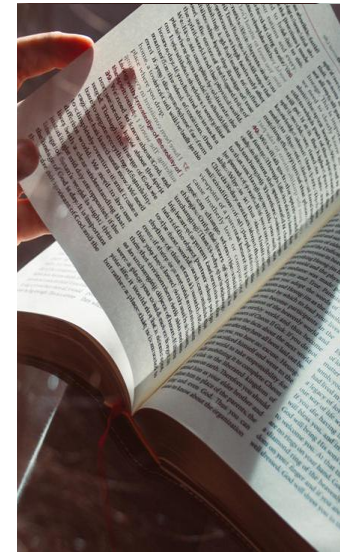
- ☐ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

- Scripture - **Matthew 4:4**

- ☐ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'[\[b\]](#)'"

- The Father's Will - **John 6:38**

- ☐ For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.



Spiritual Sensitivity



14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 5:14

- The closer you are to what God is, the clearer you see what is right and wrong...
 - In Romans 12, we are now transformed with the renewing of the mind. And we can recognise what is spiritually healthy or unhealthy
 - Again, and it all starts by responding to Christ.
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Cost of Discipleship

Discipline can be built, but Discipleship comes at a cost

23 Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross **daily** and follow me. 24 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

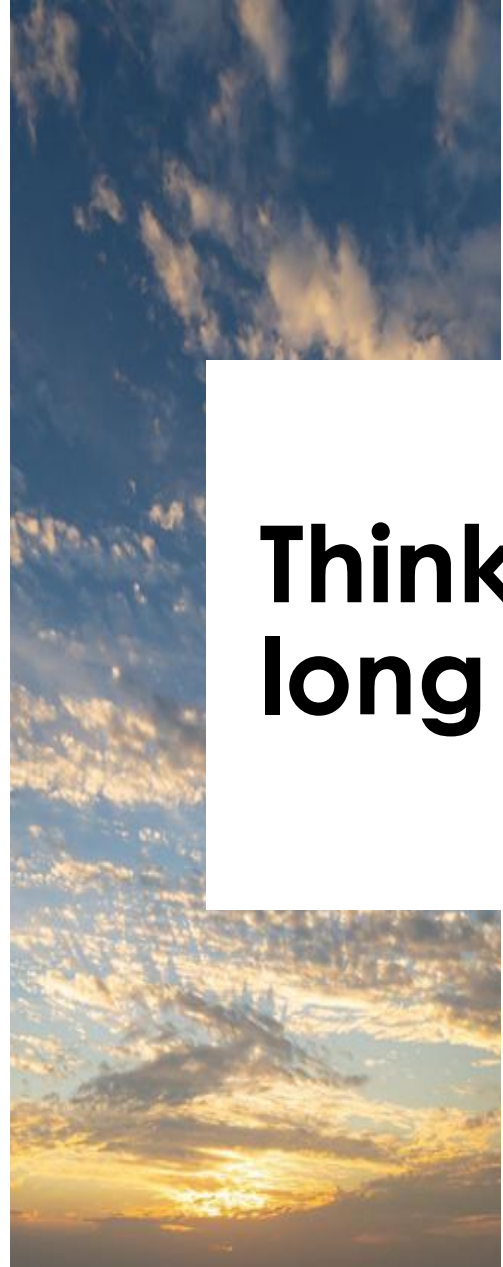
Luke 9:23-24

- The keyword is “Daily”
- Paul says the same thing in [Philippians 3:7-8](#)

Spiritual Growth



- Ups and Downs ~ sometimes you will feel like nothing is happening
- But it always goes up.



Thinking long term

24 By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. 25 He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

Hebrews 11:24-26

7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:7-8



At the end of the day

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1. Systems are important ~ but the heart guides it

2. Discipleship only works with surrender ~ am i fully accepting Christ daily?

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.”

John 15:9-10