



A Look at our Sermon Videos



Ever since we started our weekly sermon powerpoint delivery (now on its 130th delivery), recipients have been requesting for audio or video versions as well. An example of such a request came from Chito Luis, "Please put me in your weekly sermon delivery broadcast list. Really appreciate the Household of Faith providing your sermon powerpoints. Would you have a voice recording of your sermon to go along with it? That would complete the lesson."

We were unable to follow up the suggestion at that time but the opportunity came this year when we have to live stream our worships. Since March, we had built a library of over 20 sermon videos, with one added every week.

These half-hour sermons are easily accessed from our website or the Household of Faith, Supporters and Friends group on Facebook. It is easy to follow these lessons as actual powerpoints are available for download/delivery.

Every lesson is complete by itself, although some series last for one to four weeks. The 4-part series on *Mid-year Resolutions* and *God Can* are the longest. Others like the *Life of David* are covered in 3 weeks. The 2-part series are *Walking with Jesus* and *10 Things You Can Give That Do Not Cost Money*.

Sermons are prepared a month in advance, and the powerpoints are posted on the website two weeks before it is presented. Interested parties can sign up via whatsapp to receive it every Friday before the sermon is presented on the coming Sunday.

When you need a pick me up, swing over to www.hofsg.com and head over to videos for positive, Biblical and helpful lessons for life.

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Psalms 23

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Manna from Heaven

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Blessings for 2020

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Length of Life

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What is sin?

1 John 3:4 *Whosoever commit sin transgress also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*

Romans 7:7-9 *What shall we say then? Is the law sin? May it never be! However, I wouldn't have known sin, except through the law. For I wouldn't have known coveting, unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." But sin, finding occasion through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of coveting. For apart from the law, sin is dead. I was alive apart from the law once, but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.*

Don't bury your head in the sand like an ostrich, when it comes to sin



What does sin do?

What is sin?

Isaiah 59:2 *but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.*

It erects a wall between you and God

Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

We commit sin every day

By our thoughts, deeds and even omissions

James 4:17 *To him therefore who knows to do good, and doesn't do it, to him it is sin.*



We all commit sin

What is sin?
What does sin do?

Romans 3:11-13 *There is no one who understands. There is no one who seeks after God. They have all turned aside. They have together become unprofitable. There is no one who does good, No, not, so much as one." "Their throat is an open tomb. With their tongues they have used deceit." "The poison of vipers is under their lips"*

1 John 1:8 *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

Psalms 139:23 *Search me, God, and know my heart. Try me, and know my thoughts.*

Genesis 4:7 *If you do well, will it not be lifted up? If you don't do well, sin crouches at the door. Its desire is for you, but you are to rule over it."*



Sin works gradually

Frog in boiling water

James 1:14-15 *But each one is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. Then the lust, when it has conceived, bears sin; and the sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death.*

Joshua 7:19 *Joshua said to Achan, My son, please give glory to Yahweh, the God of Israel, and make confession to him; and tell me now what you have done; don't hide it from me.*

Psalms 19:13 *Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins. Let them not have dominion over me. Then I will be upright, I will be blameless and innocent of great transgression.*

John 8:34 *Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly I tell you, everyone who commits sin is the bondservant of sin."*

What is sin?
What does sin do?
We all commit sin



Sin cannot be hidden

Galatians 6:7 *Don't be deceived. God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that will he also reap.*

Proverbs 28:13 *He who conceals his sins doesn't prosper; But whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.*

Psalms 51:9-12 *Hide your face from my sins, And blot out all of my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Don't throw me from your presence, And don't take your holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Uphold me with a willing spirit.*

Psalms 51:2 *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity. Cleanse me from my sin.*

What is sin?
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Sin works gradually



Conclusion: Confess Sin

Hebrews 12:1-2 *Therefore let us also, seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Psalms 51:17 *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.*

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.*

What is sin?
What does sin do?
We all commit sin
Sin works gradually
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As we close two thirds of 2020, we look forward to more restrictions easing in the coming weeks and for the Household of Faith to resume meeting again.

We want to thank all members for keeping up with your contributions so faithfully. **Communion items are available** from the usual channels. If you need anything, please call/text our minister at 93260669, or email henry.kong@yahoo.com.

We will be mailing out the **2021 Pocket Calendars** (sample below) this month. If you need more cards, just give our minister a call.

Please use our website to get the latest information on our live streaming, Fidelity bulletin and sermon powerpoints. Recommend it to your friends and point out the special **Visitors' and New Converts' section**.



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13th September 2020

While the Pandemic Continues



The Covid-19 pandemic has infected 25 million and over 800,000 have died. It has affected the lives of everyone, from businesses and governments. Even when an effective vaccine is discovered, it will take a long time for things to recover and life to get back to normal.

Churches has also been affected, and some have predicted the demise of congregations that have been dormant and not relevant. Looking back at these 6 months, here is what the Household of Faith has done while the pandemic rages...

1. Keep on keeping on: At the last assembly on 29th March, we tested our first recorded sermon, Hope for the Hopeless anticipating that we may have to resort to live streaming. Sure enough the next Sunday, we had our first live streaming at the home of the Alfred Poons. Members of the congregation were able to continue to worship at 6pm without interruption.

2. Serving our members: The church bulletin has been mailed to members and interested parties since April. Sermon powerpoints are delivered every Friday. Communion kits are distributed on the last Sunday of each month. We also keep in touch through the Facebook Household of Faith group and via WhatsApp.

3. Providing a website: Since we are no longer able to go to our meeting place, we launched a new mobile-friendly website to bring the church to our homes to use to:

- Go to live streaming
- Get the weekly bulletins and powerpoints
- Even do the daily devotionals.

4. Giving encouragement: In times like these, our sermons have been focused on giving hope and encouragement like Hope for the Hopeless, God Can, Psalm 23, and Blessings for 2020. With our website set up, these can be viewed anytime, anywhere.

5. Opportunities to serve: While we may be restricted in some ways, family and friends are looking to us during these uncertain times. We can share with them our live streaming; point them to our website where we have a section especially for visitors and new converts; and point to links on our webpage with Bible studies for them to discover the word of God.

In addition, we regularly provide giveaways for members to share with their family and friends - website booklet, QR code live streaming cards and pocket celandars (pictured below).



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Introduction

Examples are powerful

1 Corinthians 10:1-6 *Now I would not have you ignorant, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and all ate the same spiritual food; and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. However with most of them, God was not well pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. **Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.***

John 13:15 *For I have given you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.*

Look at 5 examples tonight



1. Zacchaeus

Luke 19:2-10 *There was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector, and he was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, and couldn't because of the crowd, because he was short. He ran on ahead, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house." He hurried, came down, and received him joyfully. When they saw it, they all murmured, saying, "He has gone in to lodge with a man who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my goods I give to the poor. If I have wrongfully exacted anything of anyone, I restore four times as much." Jesus said to him, "Today, salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost."*



Wealthy but seeking


Desire to see Jesus, overcoming whatever is in his way

Ready to change, putting his pride aside

Met Jesus with great joy

Accepted His invitation


Ready to change



1. Zacchaeus

2. Ananias & Sapphira

Acts 5:1-10 *But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira, his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While you kept it, didn't it remain your own? After it was sold, wasn't it in your power? How is it that you have conceived this thing in your heart? You haven't lied to men, but to God." Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and died. Great fear came on all who heard these things. The young men arose and wrapped him up, and they carried him out and buried him. About three hours later, his wife, not knowing what had happened, came in.*



1. Zacchaeus


Whatever we do, even when we keep it secret, God sees everything

Watermelon patch

Often, we can find that the root cause of our sin is greed.

1 Timothy 6:10 *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some have been led astray from the faith in their greed, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

In this case, it was lying to the Holy Spirit. So when we lie, we lie to God and not to men




1. Zacchaeus

2. Ananias & Sapphira

3. Moses

Exodus 34:29-35 *When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.*



1. Zacchaeus
 2. Ananias & Sapphira

Moses is one of the greatest men that ever lived

He took upon himself to advise God - Exodus 32:10-13
Now therefore leave me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them, and that I may consume them... Yahweh repented of the evil which he said he would do to his people.


Here, Moses' face shone from being with God after 40 days and 40 nights of fasting

We need to spend time meeting with our heavenly Father face-to-face.

Rest in His presence

Ask Him to make you more like Him.

Ask Him to show you how to be a reflection of His glory to the world around you



1. Zacchaeus
 2. Ananias & Sapphira
 3. Moses

4. Timothy


Wonderful young person

Timothy's name means "honoring God" or "precious to God."

From an early age, Timothy put his faith in the Lord

2 Timothy 1:5 *having been reminded of the unfeigned faith that is in you; which lived first in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and, I am persuaded, in you also.*

Acts 16:1-2 *He came to Derbe and Lystra: and behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewess who believed; but his father was a Greek. The brothers who were at Lystra and Iconium gave a good testimony about him.*




1. Zacchaeus
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Timothy was humble

2 Timothy 2:1-3 *You therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit the same to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.*

He was teachable

1 Timothy 6:12 *Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you confessed the good confession in the sight of many witnesses.*



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Hezekiah

Man of prayer

2 Kings 19:1 *And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Jehovah.*


He trusted in God as his all

2 Kings 19:15 *And Hezekiah prayed before the Lord and said: "O Lord, the God of Israel, enthroned above the cherubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth.*



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4. Timothy

2 Kings 20:1-6 *In those days was Hezekiah sick to death. Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said to him, Thus says Yahweh, Set your house in order: for you shall die, and not live. Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed to Yahweh, saying, Remember now, Yahweh, I beg you, how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight. Hezekiah wept sore. It happened, before Isaiah was gone out into the middle part of the city, that the word of Yahweh came to him, saying, Turn back, and tell Hezekiah the prince of my people, Thus says Yahweh, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears: behold, I will heal you; on the third day you shall go up to the house of Yahweh. I will add to your days fifteen years; and I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for my own sake, and for my servant David's sake.*



1. Zacchaeus
2. Ananias & Sapphira
3. Moses
4. Timothy
5. Hezekiah

Conclusion

Since we cannot make all the mistakes, we should learn from others'

So many things we can learn from the Bible

Tonight, first 5

Another 5 next week

While human examples are good, Christ is our ultimate role model

Jeremiah 10:23 *O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.*

1 Corinthians 11:1 *Be ye imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ.*



Our cover story outlines some of the activities that the Household of Faith is involved in during the pandemic. We are not only busy, adding new projects like our webpage, but reaching out to many people through our Facebook group, live streaming and website.

When we were meeting at the Metropolitan YMCA, there were an average of over 30 in attendance. Since our live streaming, 150-250 views are recorded at each session with more than 300 accessing our sermons. This is an increase of ten times.

Our Facebook group is more active and popular than ever. We are approaching 1,000 members for the group, with new requests every week. Many of the new visitors to our website are directly from our Facebook group.

It is quite surprising that more people use our website from other countries than Singapore, although Singapore is and should be our largest audience. We have a large following in USA and it is interesting to find visitors from Ireland.

Visitors to our website have freely downloaded our tracts, teaching booklets and materials. We want to encourage visitors to leave a comment as we are ready to listen, respond and interact with them. Brother Richard Chia has volunteered to serve in this area.

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Household of Faith, Singapore

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46%	Singapore
25%	United States
9%	Philippines
7%	Ireland
3%	India
2%	Malaysia
1%	Australia
1%	Indonesia
1%	Papua New Guinea
4%	OTHER

Direct Link to Live Streaming

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Watch this space for updates when we can start assembling together again



20th September 2020

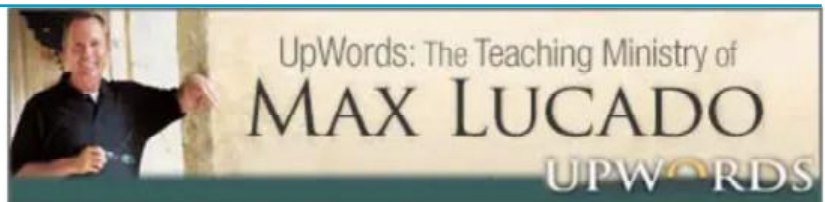
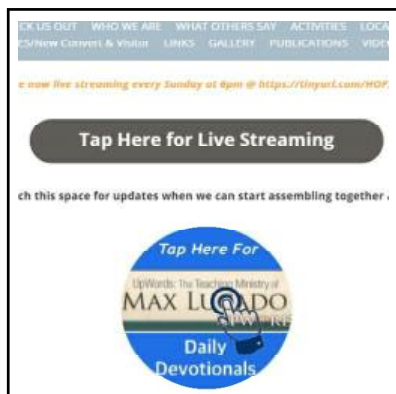


In my sermon, All About Sin, I concluded that we need to obey God's word to keep sin at bay.

We have provided members with a daily devotional guide. The October-December issue are in your hands at this time.

In addition, we provide an online daily devotional on our website by brother Max Lucado. It is slighter longer, and more inspirational and practical. Just click a button from our home page (see below).

Whichever one you choose (or both), keep the word of God fresh each day as a lamp unto your feet.



Discover Your Language by Max Lucado

Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2: 2-4)

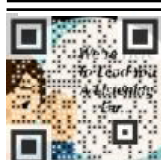
Oh to have heard this moment in Jerusalem. Andrew describing God's grace in Egyptian. Thomas explaining God's love to the Romans. Bartholomew quoting the Twenty-third Psalm to Cretans. John relating the resurrection story to the Cappadocians.

Some in the crowd were cynical, accusing the disciples of early morning inebriation. But others were amazed and asked, "Whatever could this mean?" (v. 12).

Good question. Crowded city. Prayerful followers. Rushing wind and falling fire. Fifteen nations represented in one assembly. Disciples speaking like trained translators of the United Nations. Whatever could this mean?

At least this much: God loves the nations. He loves Iraqis. Somalians. Israelis. New Zealanders. Hondurans. He has a white-hot passion to harvest his children from every jungle, neighborhood, village, and slum. "All the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord" (Num. 14:21 ESV). During the days of Joshua, God brought his people into Canaan "so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty" (Josh. 4:24 ESV). David commanded us to "sing to the

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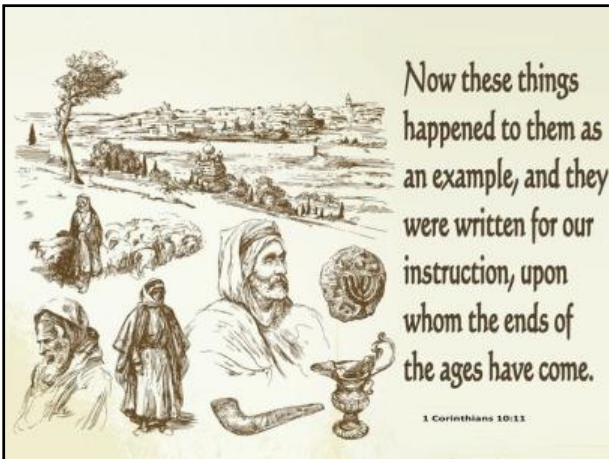


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Introduction

Last week we looked at 5 examples

One of these was king Hezekiah

He was a man of prayer


Bible tells us when he was sick to the point of death, he asked God to heal him

2 Kings 20:5-6 tells us that God extended his life by 15 years

Today, we have friends and family with terminal illness

Like Hezekiah, we can always bring it to God in prayer

James 5:16 *Confess your offenses to one another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effective, earnest prayer of a righteous man is powerfully effective.*



Introduction


6. Mary

Mother of Jesus; not God's mother

Wonderful and faithful person

Luke 1:46-55 *Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord. My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior, For he has looked at the humble state of his handmaid. For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed. For he who is mighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name. His mercy is for generations of generations on those who fear him. He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their heart. He has put down princes from their thrones. And has exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things. He has sent the rich away empty. He has given help to Israel, his servant, that he might remember mercy, As he spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and his seed forever."*

Significant relationship with Jesus - John 2:1 *The third day, there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there.*



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6. Mary


Fearful, but brave - Luke 1:29-38 *But when she saw him, she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered what kind of salutation this might be... Mary said, "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; be it to me according to your word." The angel departed from her.*

In the middle of her mission, she was praising God

All the time, she stayed on course and trusted God

John 19:26 *Therefore when Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing there, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!"*

Luke 2:35 *Yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."*




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Key character in the Old Testament

Genesis 18:16-33 *The men rose up from there, and looked toward Sodom. Abraham went with them to see them on their way. Yahweh said, "Will I hide from Abraham what I do, seeing that Abraham has surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed in him? For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of Yahweh, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that Yahweh may bring on Abraham that which he has spoken of him." Yahweh said, "Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous, I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come to me. If not, I will know." The men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, but Abraham stood yet before Yahweh.*



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Genesis 18:23-33

Abraham drew near, and said, "Will you consume the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous within the city? Will you consume and not spare the place for the fifty righteous who are therein? Be it far from you to do things like that, to kill the righteous with the wicked, that so the righteous should be as the wicked. May that be far from you. Shouldn't the Judge of all the earth do right?"

Yahweh said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake."

Abraham answered, "See now, I have taken it on myself to speak to the Lord, who am but dust and ashes. What if there will lack five of the fifty righteous? Will you destroy all the city for lack of five?"

He said, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." returned to his place.



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He said, "Oh don't let the Lord be angry, and I will speak. What if there are thirty found there?"


He said, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there."

He said, "See now, I have taken it on myself to speak to the Lord. What if there are twenty found there?"

He said, "I will not destroy it for the twenty's sake."

He said, "Oh don't let the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once. What if ten are found there?"

He said, "I will not destroy it for the ten's sake." Yahweh went his way, as soon as he had finished communing with Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.




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Father of the Faithful - Hebrews 11:8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he didn't know where he was going.

Friend of God - James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Unquestioning obedience - Genesis 22:12-14. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son. Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide."

Surrendered to God's will - Genesis 22:8 "Abraham answered, 'God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.'"



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Started off as a true Jew - Acts 7:58 *They threw him out of the city, and stoned him. The witnesses placed their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.*

Acts 8:1 *And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.*

Grew to be a persecutor - Acts 8:3 *As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.*



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Acts 9:2-9 *and asked for letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.*

As he traveled, it happened that he got close to Damascus, and suddenly a light from the sky shone around him. He fell on the earth, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He said, "Who are you, Lord?" The Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise up, and enter into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the sound, but seeing no one. Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened, he saw no one. They led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. He was without sight for three days, and neither ate nor drank.



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Become the greatest apostle

Wrote most of the New Testament

God's word is for everybody

We are worth more than our qualifications
Philippians 3:4-9 though I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If any other man thinks that he has confidence in the flesh, I yet more. However, what things were gain to me, these have I counted loss for Christ.

Paul accepted every circumstance - *Philippians 4:11-13 "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength"*



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Two good friends of Jesus

Opposing personalities

Luke 10:38-42 *It happened as they went on their way, he entered into a certain village, and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she came up to him, and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister left me to serve alone? Ask her therefore to help me." Jesus answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is needed. Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her."*



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Both hospitable

Earlier, when Jesus had come to resurrect Lazarus from the dead, He showed great respect and love for Mary and Martha.

They spoke to Jesus as if He were a part of their immediate family. Jesus was so troubled by their anguish over their brother's death that He was moved to tears before raising Lazarus to life again - John 11:33 *When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews weeping who came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,*

The good part - Luke 10: 41 *"Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her"*



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Not as famous as Paul but significant influence on the New Testament church

A young man who was directly associated with the early disciples, as they seem to have met at his mother's house - Acts 12:12 *Thinking about that, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.*

It is more than probable that he personally knew the Lord Jesus Christ. He was closely related to Barnabas, his sister's son.

He was a rich young man who devoted his wealth to the missionary work of the Church.

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In spirit and character John Mark should be carefully compared with Timothy

His failure from missionary work was due to his lack of the kind of boldness and energy that was necessary for dangerous traveling.

Acts 12:25 *And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.*

Useful to the end in spite of failures - 2 Timothy 4:11 *Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.*

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So much we can learn from people in the Bible

Like us, not perfect

Our second part, I have selected good people

Everyone can teach us something

Like I said last week, Christ is our only perfect example

1 Corinthians 11:1 *Be ye imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ.*

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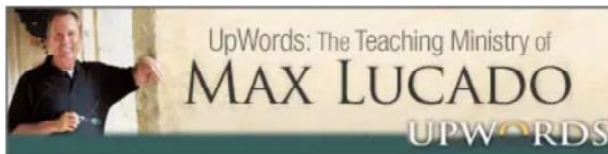


We are serious about our daily Bible study - sin will keep you from the Bible or the Bible will keep you from sin. In this week's cover story, we feature one daily devotional by brother Max Lucado to let you sample what is on our online website.

You should have already received your regular 3-month hardcopy compilation of Daily Devotionals for October-December 2020. Please let our minister know if you have not receive it yet.

We have also mailed out the 2020 pocket calendar cards. Let our minister know if you need more. Thank you for the positive comments on this year's art work. Many liked the QR code where they can scan to go to our website instead of having to type it.

Stay safe - let our minister know if you need any assistance.



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Lord, all the earth! . . . Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!" (Ps. 96:1-3 ESV). God spoke to us through Isaiah: "I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Isa.49:6 ESV). His vision for the end of history includes "people for God from every tribe, language, people, and nation" (Rev. 5:9 NCV).

God longs to proclaim his greatness in all 6,909 languages that exist in the world today. He loves subcultures: the gypsies of Turkey, the hippies of California, the cowboys and rednecks of West Texas. He has a heart for bikers and hikers, tree huggers and academics. Single moms. Grayflanneled executives. He loves all people groups and equips us to be his voice. He commissions common Galileans, Nebraskans, Brazilians, and Koreans to speak the languages

of the peoples of the world. He teaches us the vocabulary of distant lands, the dialect of the discouraged neighbor, the vernacular of the lonely heart, and the idiom of the young student. God outfits his followers to cross cultures and touch hearts.

Pentecost makes this promise: if you are in Christ, God's Spirit will speak through you. Don't miss the opportunity to discover your language.

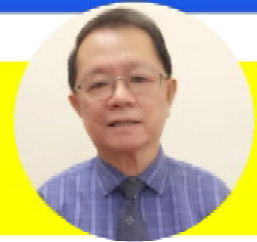
With whom do you feel most fluent? Teenagers? Drug addicts? The elderly? You may be tonguetied around children but eloquent with executives. This is how God designed you. "God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well" (Rom. 12:6 NLT).

For whom do you feel most compassion? God doesn't burden us equally. "The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men . . . He fashions their hearts individually" (Ps. 33:13, 15).

[God] comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us (2 Corinthians 1:4 NLT). ■



Let Us Not Grow Weary In Well Doing



We live in perilous, unprecedented times. Millions have been infected with the Covid-19 pandemic; thousands have already died. While the virus is looming around us, many are also struggling with the attendant in-your-face obstacles every day.

In some countries, there is scarcity of food. Some are stranded in foreign countries and running out of funds. Many have lost their livelihood.

Those who have survived the above may feel depressed or find it difficult to cope with the shut down and restrictions. Many are finding it difficult to adjust to the new normal. There has been a sharp increase in family violence.

What do you do in times such as this? For many, it is tempting to stop trying and just give up on the good that we are doing. Before we toss up our hands and throw everything down the drain, here are 3 thoughts.

1. Tough times do not last; tough people do. Think about the past pandemics. The SARS infection is still vivid in the minds of many. Read about the other pandemics and see how they overcame it.

Tonight, I conclude the second of a 2-part series on Examples from the Bible. Take a leaf from the positive examples of characters from the Bible like Hezekiah, who turned to God in times of crisis and was richly blessed by Him.

2. Nothing is gained by giving up. You have done well so far. Keep on keeping on. It is so important to run with patience the race that is set before us. Hebrews 12:2 tells us that we can do it if we *look to Jesus, the author and*

perfecter of faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3. Any time is too soon to give up. A person does not shed a couple of kilograms from the first workout. It will take time, persistent effort and discipline.

I have often wondered why a person like Demas who worked with the great apostle Paul and witnessed the power and miracles of God, would give up the faith. Sure, it is not easy serving the Lord and enduring hardship as a good soldier of the cross. But it is so worth it.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us not grow weary in well doing. Keep up your faith, continue to worship with the church through live streaming every Sunday, and look for opportunities to reach out to your family and friends.


To run the race and give up at any point before crossing the finishing line is to disqualify yourself. Do not allow the pandemic and its consequences to discourage you or derail your faith. God is in charge and everything. He has a purpose for the pandemic even though we cannot see it.

Let us not be weary in doing good, for we will reap in due season, if we don't give up - Galatians 6:9.



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Knowing God is more than just pure knowledge or being able to prove His existence or quote X number of verses.

If we know God, who He is, what He wants for us to be, our lives will be transformed.

Our outlook, world view and day-to-day practices will be different - Proverbs 27:1 *Don't boast about tomorrow; For you don't know what a day may bring forth.*

We will learn how to live each day fully, one day at a time.



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Draw Nearer to God


Where are you in relationship to God?

If your relationship with God is compared to a family car where would you place God?

The Bible says in James 4:8 for us *to draw near to God with the promise that He will draw near to you.*

Drawing near to God means living every day in full awareness that you are in partnership with God in everything that you do.

I love the way the Psalmist puts it in Psalm 118:24: *"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."*



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Draw nearer to God


Strangers & Pilgrims

Hebrews 11:13 *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.*

Think of yourself as a stranger and pilgrim. What would you do?

If God is with me and wants me to keep going, why should I dishonour Him and let people and things cause me to desert the Lord who abundantly provides?

Every time the church meets a challenge, faces a crisis or struggles with a problem... if we draw near to God, let Him take over and stay with it the way God wants us to...there is everything to gain.



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Strangers & Pilgrims

Love God more dearly

I know for a fact, that there is nothing that I would not do for God. No one that I would not give up. Nothing that I would not sacrifice.


And if Jesus was to come today, my response would be "even so come Lord Jesus!"

But all these would be too easy.

You see, for us to truly love God, John says in 1 John 4:20, *"If a man say, I love God, and hate his brother, he is a liar: for he that love not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"*

And this commandment have we from him, That he who love God love his brother also."

To love God we must love His creatures.



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Draw nearer to God

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We must accord others the love and respect due. On no occasion should we wish for anything other than heaven's blessing to be among our fellow men.

This is a hard saying because people don't always treat us right. Sometimes we are mistreated and people often do not take the time or trouble to see our point of view. And at times we are just dismissed as of little or no importance.

Matthew 5:22 *"But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire."*



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Relationship with God is not just mental assent

It involves more than just 'My God and I'

How we regard and treat our fellowmen reflects how much we love God

All of us need to do better, every day in every way

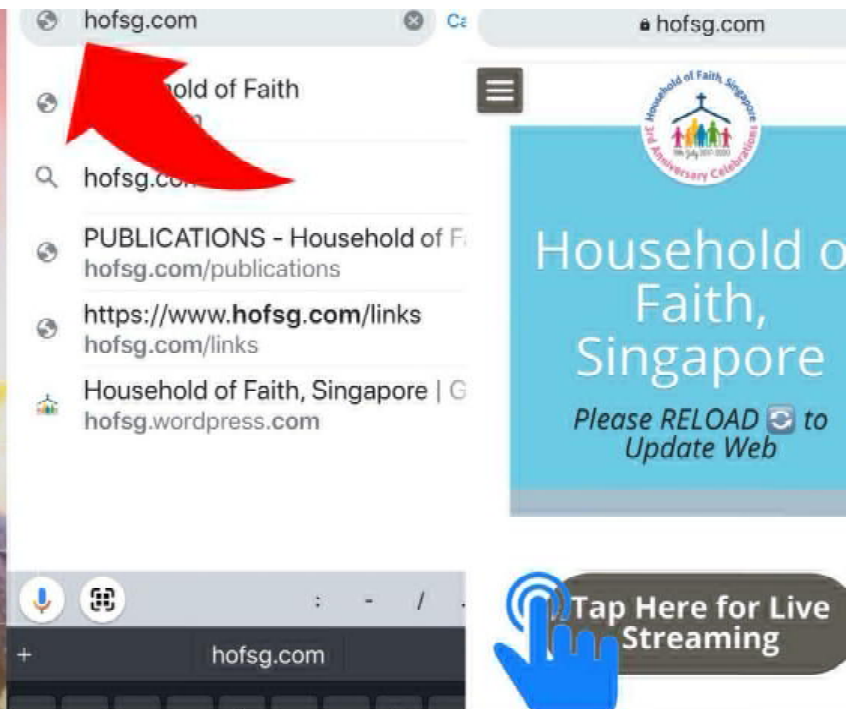
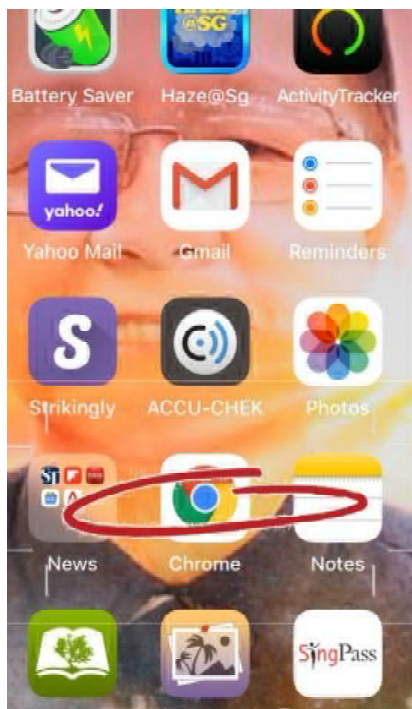
Start with one day at a time

- To know God more deeply.
- To draw to God more closely.
- To love God more dearly.



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