

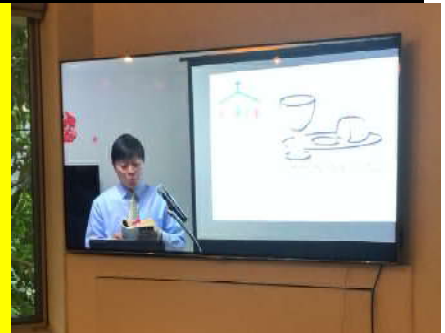
Household of Faith fidelity

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Week of Sunday, 5th April 2020

From Our Minister's Desk:

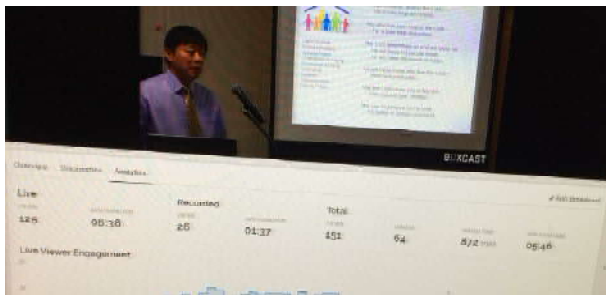
**First Live Broadcast of
Household of Faith Service:
To continue until 30 April 2020**



It was a blessing to be able to assemble together during the early days of the pandemic when groups up to 120 were allowed to meet. With the rise in the number of infections, we knew that it would be a matter of time that more stringent directives be issued, and gatherings of fewer than 120 would be disallowed.



Two Sundays ago, we tested a live streaming of the sermon, and it was viewed by over 130 persons.



Sunday. The link is on our Facebook Household of Faith Supporters and Friends timeline. It will be updated every Sunday at 5:50pm when a new link is assigned by Facebook for the new live stream.

There is also a whatsapp group for anyone who wants to be notified via whatsapp of the link at 4:50pm each Sunday. You can also add your family and friends to this group.



Let us participate together in worship via live streaming until it is safe for us to meet as a congregation. Please feel free to contact me (details in footer) if you have any questions.

This past Sunday, we live streamed our first worship with over 120 worshippers at 6pm on

Your Friend and Minister,
Henry Kong



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10 Things
you can
give to
others

That Do Not Cost Any Money!

	<p>1. Love</p> <p>What the world needs now</p> <p>Example of good Samaritan – follow up</p> <p>Example of blind man – see people more than trees</p> <p>Starts with the love of God – 1 John 4:19 <i>We love Him, because he first loved us.</i></p> <p>How easy to respond to someone who loves us!</p>
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	<p>2. Encouragement</p> <p>All of us put up a good front</p> <p>Life is hard and each one of us has our struggles</p> <p>Too many negative thoughts on the internet</p> <p>James 1:19 <i>So, then, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger</i></p>
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1. Love



1. Love

2. Encouragement

3. Time


Something that is given to everyone equally each day

Like manna, none left over the next day – use it or lose it

So many things distract; easy to get addicted to soap operas, games, surfing the 'net

Important to take stock each day how we spending our time

Luke 10:2 *Then he said to them, "The harvest is indeed plentiful, but the laborers are few."*



1. Love

2. Encouragement

3. Time

4. Service to Others


More than ever, opportunities abound

Simple things like being with someone when he is warded or visiting the doctor

Also so many community projects that you can be involved in

Take a walk in Chinatown or Redhill

A very difficult passage - Ephesians 4:2 *With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love*



1. Love

2. Encouragement

3. Time

4. Service to others

5. Compassion

5. Compassion

Key to giving – compassion

If it is not in your heart, you will stop giving

The first step is to shift the focus from self to others

Must have **common passion**

Romans 12:10 *Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another*

NEWS & NOTES

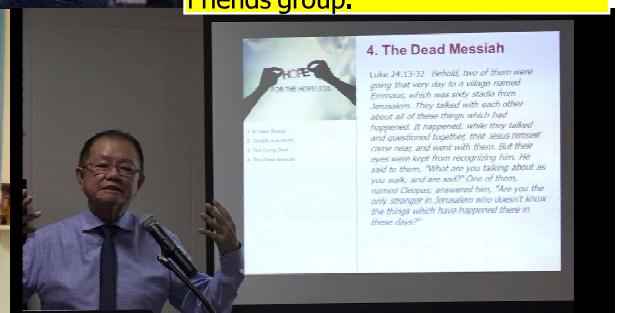
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The attendance at the physical worship was 10, the maximum number allowed for a private worship. The contribution was \$708. Other members are to put their contributions in the envelope mailed to them each week and return to us.

Clockwise: Household of Faith live broadcast; Screenshot from video; The living room at the Alfred Poon's during and before worship with social distancing; Alfred serving the Lord's Supper.

Participate with us this Sunday at 6pm from the link on the Facebook Household of Faith Supporters and Friends group.



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, 12th April 2020

From Our Minister's Desk:

Personal: 3 Years after my Retirement from Pasir Panjang congregation



It has been three years since I retired from the Pasir Panjang church of Christ this April. After I graduated from Bible College, I served the congregation full-time for 51 years. From a house church meeting at an HDB apartment, the congregation now owns its own building and runs a Bible college.

After a rousing farewell party attended by members and leaders from Singapore and overseas, I was ready to join the ranks of retirees.

However, God had other plans for me, and the congregation graciously allowed me to use a back office while I moved on to contribute to serve the Lord as the minister of the Household of Faith, Singapore and continue paying taxes.

It has been a great three years. I am focusing on my family, keeping tabs on my health and becoming more disciplined in house keeping. It was less demanding, and easy to slide into the new schedule.

The Household of Faith is now self-supporting after two years, with a tight-knit group of families and individuals who are deeply committed to the new work. We now average over 30 weekly and have an active Care team and missions programme. It is encouraging to see members from other congregations in Singapore and abroad joining us from time to time, especially

during our anniversaries.

During the DORSON orange restrictions, the Household of Faith was able to meet as usual until a few weeks ago. We have been live streaming for the past two Sundays. Not only have our members and visitors kept attending, but now we are enjoying the participation of many more in Singapore and overseas.

I will be celebrating my 73rd birthday this week. I feel so blessed and have so much to be thankful for and look forward to.

As I come to terms with growing old and foresee that I may not be able to keep on driving, we plan to move to an area with more amenities and closer to an MRT later this year.

These three years have been a second wind for me in the Lord's work, doing better than I first started, benefiting from my experience.

I am enjoying family, friends and the church. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.



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- 1 Love
- 2 Encouragement
- 3 Time
- 4 Service to others
- 5 Compassion

Introduction

Isaiah 55:1 *Ho, everyone who thirsts, come you to the waters, and he who has no money; come you, buy, and eat; yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.*

- 1 Love
 - 2 Encouragement
 - 3 Time
 - 4 Service to others
 - 5 Compassion
- Second part today



6. Faith


Something opposite of money
Seems like rich people do not feel a need for faith
For the poor, faith is precious and their real hope
Hebrews 12:2 *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.*



6. Faith

7. Kindness

The more developed the country, the less kindness seems to be evident
UK we find soccer hooligans and even racist young bullies
Not natural to be kind e.g. road rage
Luke 6:31 *"As you would like people to do to you, do exactly so to them".*
Old bridge builder



6. Faith
7. Kindness

8. Friendship

As the world becomes more populated, loneliness increases


Cities vs rural villages

Friendship is a key contributor to a person's well being

Can we be a friend to someone, especially someone difficult

John 15:13 *Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.*

David and Jonathan



6. Faith
7. Kindness
8. Friendship

9. Keeping in Touch


Mentioned this last week in the good Samaritan example

Flag day, tissue seller etc. – one off

Today many avenues to keep in touch – Facebook, WhatsApp, eMail...

Start with a list of family and friends

2 Timothy 4:9-11 *Be diligent to come to me soon, for Demas left me, having loved this present world... and Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministering.*



6. Faith
7. Kindness
8. Friendship
9. Keeping in Touch
10. Prayer

10. Prayer

"Pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of" – Alfred Tennyson

James 5:17 *Elijah prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it didn't rain on the earth for three years and six months.*

James 5:16 *The effective, earnest prayer of a righteous man is powerfully effective.*

The best thing you can do for anyone

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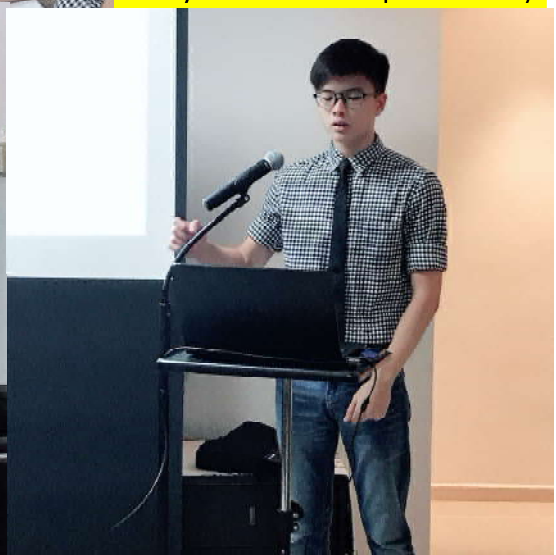


The Household of Faith did their second and last live streaming at the home of the Alfred Poons last Sunday. As permitted, attendance was 10 and contribution \$3,342.

As we comply with the new 'circuit breaker' restrictions, we will do our live screening with a skeleton crew at brother Henry Kong's office.

We want to thank the Alfred Poons for their usual outpouring of hospitality and Barnabas for his efficient technical support.

The bottom photo is the celebration of the April birthdays of Paul and Henry after the worship last Sunday.



Household of Faith fidelity

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Week of Sunday, 19th April 2020

From Our Minister's Desk:

**But the hour cometh,
and now is - John 4:23**



For more than 50,000 people who died in the Covid-19 pandemic, their hour came. For another million who were infected, each one is facing the hour wondering if it would be their last.

The verse is taken from Christ's conversation with the Samaritan woman that *the time is coming when true worshippers will worship God in spirit and truth.*

This week as you go about your days, with the circuit breaker stay-home directive, take time to reflect on your life, faith and legacy. See if you can do better and strive to make your life a blessing.

For me this week, I will celebrate my 73rd birthday, and the reflection would be especially significant. Still, I know that I have miles to go (and promises to keep) before the hour.

When New Zealand was hit by Covid-19, their prime minister was caught by surprise but acted quickly, asking every citizen to act as if they had contracted the pandemic. In our hour of circuit breaker restrictions, we would do well to put on this mindset and perhaps contain the virus with similar success.

From John 4:23, we get the phrase 'cometh the hour, cometh the man', signifying that whatever the challenge may be, there can be a person to meet and overcome it. This phrase has often been attributed to British prime minister, Sir Winston Churchill during WWII whose V for victory sign is now universally known.

Every day is precious, indeed every hour. Tonight I will share a lesson on the length of time that God has given each one of us. Our time is in His hands and we would do well to bide each hour in Him.



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1. How Long Can Man Live?

Genesis 5:27 *All the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty-nine years, then he died.*

Genesis 6:3 *Yahweh said, "My Spirit will not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; yet will his days be one hundred twenty years."*

Psalms 90:10 *The days of our years are seventy, Or even by reason of strength eighty years; Yet their pride is but labor and sorrow, For it passes quickly, and we fly away.*



1. How Long Can Man Live?

2. What Bible Says

Ephesians 6:2-3 *"Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with a promise: "that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth."*

2 Kings 20:1-6 *In those days was Hezekiah sick to death... Hezekiah wept sore... Thus says Yahweh, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer... I will add to your days fifteen years*



1. How Long Can Man Live?
2. What the Bible Says

3. More to Life than Length

Person in pain - Mark 9:43-44 *If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having your two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire, 'where their worm doesn't die, and the fire is not quenched.'*

Consider the breadth and height - Hebrews 11:16 *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.*



- 1. How Long Can Man Live?
- 2. What the Bible Says
- 3. More to Life than Length

4. Our Time is in God's Hands

Ecclesiastes 3:1 *For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven*

Luke 12:20 *But God said to him, "You foolish one, tonight your soul is required of you. The things which you have prepared--whose will they be?"*

James 4:15 *For you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will both live, and do this or that."*



- 1. How Long Can Man Live?
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- 4. Our Time is in God's Hands

5. Time is the Essence of Life

Hebrews 9:27 *Inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once, and after this, judgment*

Romans 14:8 *For if we live, we live to the Lord. Or if we die, we die to the Lord. If therefore we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

Psalms 118:24 *This is the day that Yahweh has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!*



- 1. How Long Can Man Live?
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Conclusion

Psalms 90:12 *So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.*

Jeremiah 8:20 *The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.*

2 Corinthians 6:2 *for he says, "At an acceptable time I listened to you, In a day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is the acceptable time. Behold, now is the day of salvation.*

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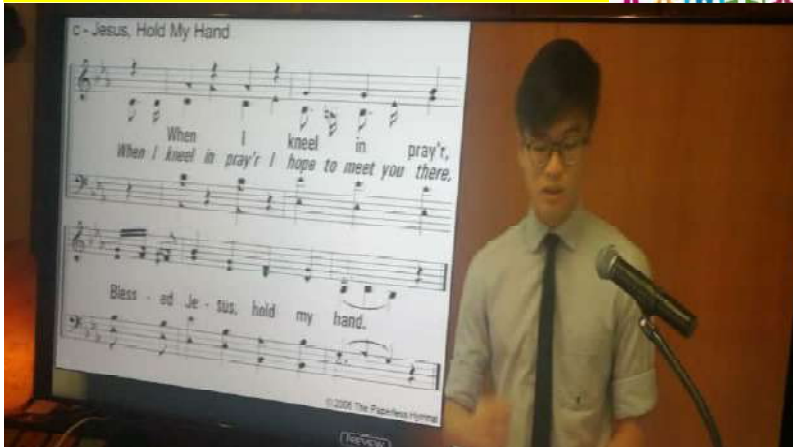


The Household of Faith did their third live streaming at our minister's office last Sunday with a skeleton crew. The contribution was \$721.

Members can pick up communion kit for May at the Alfred Poons' at any time. If you need it delivered, let brothers Henry or Alfred know.

Continue to keep the current situation in your prayers.

Bottom: Share live streaming links and invite your family and friends to participate with us via our Facebook Household of Faith group.



Household Of Faith, Supporters and Friends

Henry Kong
Admin · March 29 at 11:17 PM

Participate with us in our weekly live streaming. Click on the link below for live streaming of 12th April 2020 at 6pm (1 hour)
<https://boxcast.tv/v.../give---henry-kong-zbxtaqoqofbmwgv6btp/>
 Enjoy our 1 hour live streaming videos any time:
 Live streaming of 6th April 2020
<https://boxcast.tv.../10-things-you-can-give-to-others---henry-kong/>
 Live streaming of 28th March 2020
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facebook LIVE Streaming Come to the Household of Faith!

Participate at the live streaming of the Household of Faith worship every Sunday @6pm on this page - Facebook's Household of Faith Supporters and Friends group

HoF Live Streaming

Peter Soh Hof
Good sermon. God bless
6:59 PM

Paul Quek Hof
Reception & clarity (lighting) was very good. !
7:00 PM

Vanessa
Thanks for the sermon and God bless.
7:03 PM

Molly
Well done Bro Henry. Thank you for your message
7:07 PM

Bee Lee Hof
Brother Henry, thanks for the message
7:07 PM

Iris Hof
Thanks for the good sharing n the reminder of what's needful!
7:07 PM

Household of Faith fidelity

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Week of Sunday, 26th April 2020

From Our Minister's Desk:



The Return of House Churches



The early church started meeting at the temple in Jerusalem, but also daily in households according to Acts 2:46 *Day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart...*

This continued for a brief period of time as recorded in Acts 5:42 *Every day, in the temple and at home, they never stopped teaching and preaching Jesus, the Christ.*

It was not long before Christians were not allowed in the temple and began assembling in homes. Members who had large homes, allowed them to be used for church gatherings as recorded in 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.

Today, although church buildings are the norm, around the world, especially in countries where worship is restricted like China, Myanmar and Vietnam, house churches are booming.

With the current pandemic, most countries have shutdown community gatherings and church worships are now on live streaming to our homes. This brings a return to the house church

environment in which families can come together and worship like the early church.

I hope from this experience, we will see not only the return of house churches, but also daily devotionals for the family. One day the pandemic will be over and churches will assemble again. Will our families be stronger, and will daily devotionals be a new part of our spiritual discipline?

The church draws its strength from their families. The stronger the family is in faith and togetherness, the stronger the church will be.

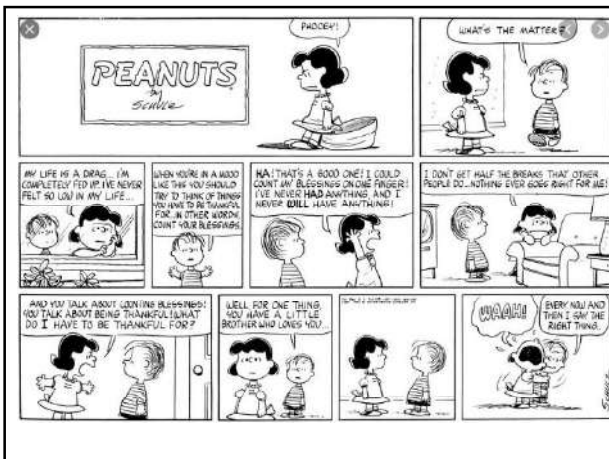
While most of us are feeling uncomfortable and hemmed in by the social distancing requirements, we are all thrust into a time of family fellowship, away from the distraction of work and outings. We can use this time to build faith and reach out to share it with others through social media. Everything happens for a reason –if you choose, the pandemic can build the church stronger.





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	<p>Introduction</p> <p>No other word evoke total acceptance as Blessings</p> <p>Singaporeans are so blessed</p> <p>If you are here tonight, especially blessed</p> <p>For a moment, let us count our blessings</p> <p>Share with you 5 Bible Blessings</p>
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	<p>Getting Wealth</p> <p>Deuteronomy 8:18 - <i>But you shall remember Yahweh your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth; that he may establish his covenant which he swore to your fathers, as at this day.</i></p> <p>Everything we have or are today is because of God's blessings</p> <p>He blessed our parents and He is blessing us – Give God the praise</p> <p>Interesting background - John 9:24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.</p>
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Introduction


	<p>Power, Love and Self Control</p> <p>2 Timothy 1:7 <i>For God didn't give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control.</i></p> <p>Hate is not the opposite of love. Fear is.</p> <p>1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has punishment. He who fears is not made perfect in love.</p> <p>When you ask God for power He wants to bless us with love and self-control also.</p>
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Blessings of
- Getting Wealth

 <p>Blessings of - Getting Wealth - Power, Love, Self Control</p>	<h3>Strength</h3> <p>Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.</p> <p>This blessing builds on the previous tri-blessings of love, power and self control.</p> <p>Do you ever struggle with your self confidence?</p> <p>You can do it. God will strengthen you if you do it through Jesus.</p>
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 <p>Blessings of - Getting Wealth - Power, Love, Self Control - Strength</p>	<h3>Sufficiency</h3> <p>2 Corinthians 9:8 <i>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.</i></p> <p>Sometimes we think that we do not have the resources to do something good.</p> <p>Have you ever experience a good day?</p> <p>This is what this blessing is all about.</p>
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 <p>Blessings of - Getting Wealth - Power, Love, Self Control - Strength - Sufficiency</p>	<h3>Grace</h3> <p>2 Corinthians 12:9 <i>He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest on me.</i></p> <p>Our final blessing is a special one that many Christians fail to realise.</p> <p>Who is going to boast about their weakness?</p> <p>Looking back, God has blessed me with His grace in spite of all my faults and shortcomings</p>
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Blessings of


- Getting Wealth
- Power, Love, Self Control
- Strength
- Sufficiency
- Grace

Conclusion

Which of these blessings do you need in 2020?

- Getting Wealth
- Power, Love, Self Control
- Strength
- Sufficiency
- Grace

James 1:5 Let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach; and it will be given to him.



Call to Worship

Scripture Reading

Opening Prayer

Congregational Singing

Communion & Giving

Exhortation

Invitation

Announcements


Closing Prayer


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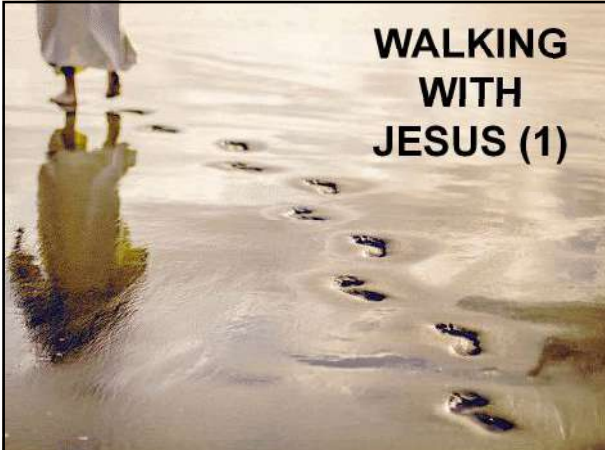
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WALKING WITH JESUS (1)

NEWS & NOTES

at the Household of Faith



The Household of Faith successfully broadcast its fourth Sunday worship via live streaming at 6pm last Sunday. Over 60 participated with us at this time. We are happy to welcome viewers from all over the world, including Philippines, PNG and Malaysia.

These videos of our 1-hour worship can be viewed at any time from the links on Facebook, just look for the Household of Faith supporters and friends group.

The contribution received was \$1,599. Those who mailed in your contributions will receive a receipt.



BoxCast HOF 19 April 2...

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Week of Sunday, 3rd May 2020

From Our Minister's Desk:



GOING FORWARD...



Congratulations! You have survived the 'Circuit Breaker' partial shutdown. Take heart, in another month if all goes well as it should, schools will be opened, followed by day care centers and hopefully, opportunities for religious assemblies.

Currently we have met with, and are awaiting confirmation from the Metropolitan YMCA staff on whether Upper Room will be renovated and if the HoF will be relocated to another meeting room when we start meeting again.

For the month of May, we will need everyone to do their part, staying at home and helping to contain the spread of the Covid-19 virus. The more we cooperate with the regulations, the sooner life will return to normal.

Many are suffering during this time, some more than others. This is something that none of us can predict, but everybody is doing their best to resolve the situation.

Oversights like the dormitories of migrant workers are now being urgently addressed with new facilities at the Changi Exhibition Centre and the Tanjong Pagar Terminal.

With all these efforts by our proactive government and highly disciplined citizens,

Singapore will soon begin to see good results like Hong Kong and South Korea.

I will share 2 theme sermons in May - 'Walking with Jesus' and 'A Man after God's Own Heart'.

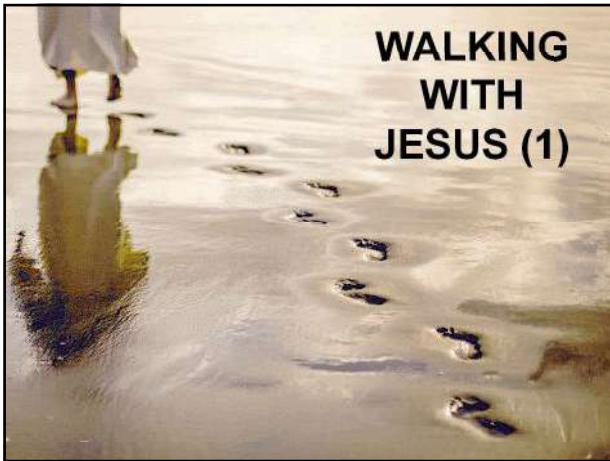
At a time like this, I have often wondered what Jesus would do if He was here. I will share 2 lessons on significant events in the life of Christ where He showed understanding, compassion and presented solutions to the problems people were facing during His time.

In the 3-lesson series on 'A Man after God's Own Heart', I want to bring the walk with Jesus closer home in a man like David. He was not a perfect person, broke half of the 10 commandments but God's grace was extended to him again and again.

I hope that as we keep on keeping on during this difficult time, God's word will help us overcome each and every obstacle with faith and positivity, going forward...




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	<h3>Introduction</h3> <p>First of 2 lessons on Walking with Jesus</p> <p>So much to learn from and experience</p> <p>Especially in times like this – I wonder what Jesus would do during the pandemic</p> <p>Put yourself in the sandals of Jesus and take a walk with Him in His steps</p> <p>1 Peter 2:21 <i>For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving you an example, that you should follow his steps</i></p>
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	<h3>1. Quarantine Test</h3> <p>Matthew 4:1-11 <i>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. When he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry afterward.</i></p> <p><i>The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"</i></p> <p><i>Then the devil took him into the holy city. He set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge concerning you.' and, 'On their hands they will bear you up, So that you don't dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written, 'You shall not test the Lord, your God.'"</i></p>
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Introduction

	<p>Again, the devil took him to an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory. He said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Get behind me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'"</p> <p>Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him.</p>
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	<h2>2. One Thing Lacking</h2> <p>Mark 10:17-22 As he was going out into the way, one ran to him, knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"</p> <p>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except one-- God.</p> <p>You know the commandments: 'Do not murder,' 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not give false testimony,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and mother.'"</p>
<p>1. Quarantine Test</p>	

	<p>He said to him, "Teacher, I have observed all these things from my youth."</p> <p>Jesus looking at him loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me, taking up the cross."</p> <p>But his face fell at that saying, and he went away sorrowful, for he was one who had great possessions.</p>
<p>1. Quarantine Test</p>	



3. Caught in the Act


John 8:1-11 *The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman taken in adultery. Having set her in the midst, they told him, "Teacher, we found this woman in adultery, in the very act.*

Now in our law, Moses commanded us to stone such. What then do you say about her?" They said this testing him, that they might have something to accuse him of.

But Jesus stooped down, and wrote on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he looked up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw the first stone at her."

1. Quarantine Test

2. One Thing Lacking



Again he stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground.


They, when they heard it, being convicted by their conscience, went out one by one, beginning from the oldest, even to the last.

Jesus was left alone with the woman where she was, in the middle. 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."

1. Quarantine Test

2. One Thing Lacking



4. Dead but Alive

John 11:17-44 *So when Jesus came, he found that he had been in the tomb four days already..*

Many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother. Then when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary stayed in the house..

Therefore Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you would have been here, my brother wouldn't have died. Even now I know that, whatever you ask of God, God will give you."


Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."


Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."


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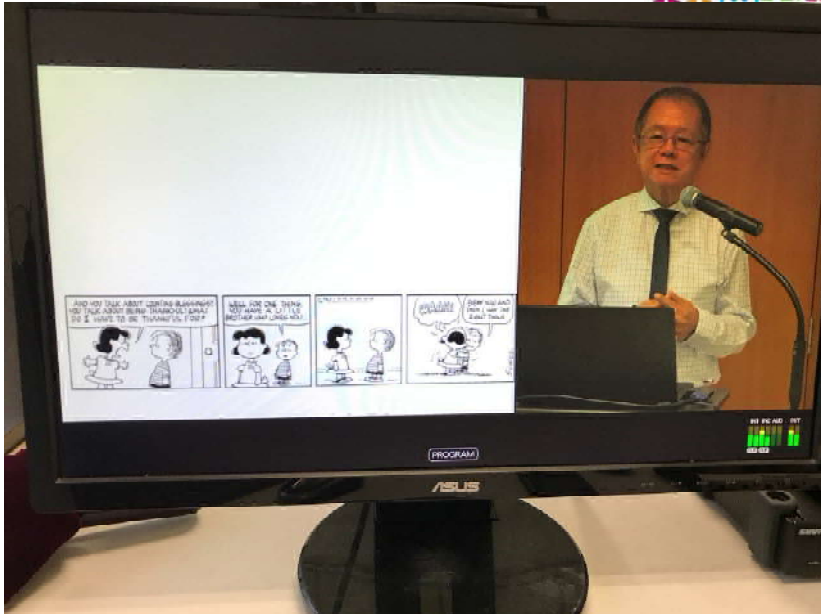
	<p><i>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he die, yet will he live. Whoever lives and believes in me will never die..."</i></p> <p><i>Therefore when Mary came to where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you would have been here, my brother wouldn't have died."</i></p> <p><i>When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews weeping who came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They told him, "Lord, come and see."</i></p> <p><i>Jesus wept. The Jews therefore said, "See how much affection he had for him!"</i></p> <p><i>Some of them said, "Couldn't this man, who opened the eyes of him who was blind, have also kept this man from dying?" Jesus therefore, again groaning in himself, came to the tomb.</i></p>
<p>1. Quarantine Test 2. One Thing Lacking 3. Caught in the Act</p>	

	<p><i>Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."</i></p> <p><i>Jesus said to her, "Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see God's glory?" So they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying.</i></p> <p><i>Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, "Father, I thank you that you listened to me. I know that you always listen to me, but because of the multitude that stands around I said this, that they may believe that you sent me."</i></p> <p><i>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" He who was dead came out, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Free him, and let him go."</i></p>
<p>1. Quarantine Test 2. One Thing Lacking 3. Caught in the Act</p>	

	<h2>Summary</h2> <p>1. Quarantine Test – Matthew 17:21 But this kind doesn't go out except by prayer and fasting.</p> <p>2. One Thing Lacking - Luke 16:13 - No servant can serve two masters</p> <p>3. Caught in the Act -1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.</p> <p>4. Dead but Alive - John 3:15 that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.</p>
<p>1. Quarantine Test 2. One Thing Lacking 3. Caught in the Act 4. Dead but Alive</p>	

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at the Household of Faith



MCCY has announced not only the extension of the Circuit Breaker by another month, but also more stringent measures. The Household of Faith will continue live streaming during the extended period, but are only permitted a technician without a worship team. Our minister therefore will conduct the entire service with pre-recorded acapella hymns. Keep up with your worship at 6pm each Sunday. We are arranging delivery of communion kits for May. Contact our minister if you have not received it or if you have any needs or requests.



ELEVATED SAFE DISTANCING MEASURES FOR RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS

On 3 Apr 2020, MOH announced elevated safe distancing measures to minimise local transmission of COVID-19. These measures will be in effect from 7 Apr 2020 until 4 May 2020. This advisory provides guidance to religious leaders on the implementation of these measures for religious organisations.

Further Restrictions on Faith-based Activities

2. From 26 Mar 2020, religious organisations were to suspend all congregational worship and religious services, while places of worship could remain open for private worship and some rites¹ for not more than 10 persons at any one time.

3. From **7 Apr 2020 to 4 May 2020 (inclusive)**, religious organisations are to implement additional safe distancing measures:

- All religious services will remain suspended and **all places of worship will be closed to the public**.
- Columbariums in places of worship will be closed to visitors. Families may continue to install niches for their loved ones in private ceremonies involving not more than 10 persons and with the precautionary measures listed in the [Annex](#).
- Where necessary, places of worship may continue to conduct funeral rites.** Funerals and wakes should involve no more than persons at any one time (excluding religious and other support workers, which must be kept to a minimum) and comply with the precautionary measures listed in the [Annex](#).
- All other religious activities² that were previously subject to no more than 10 persons, will now be fully suspended.
- Activities at workplace premises should also be suspended. Religious organisations must have their employees/religious workers work from home (i.e. telecommute), if they wish to continue their operations.

4. Some religious organisations may wish to explore alternative means to support the religious needs of their communities such as live streaming, podcasts and online ancestral praying. If so, the activities and the people involved in implementing the

alternatives must be kept to only what is essential (e.g. filming a sermon only without a worship team or band), and for as short a duration as possible. Precautionary measures must also be taken (see [Annex](#)).

5. During this period, religious leaders are to strongly advise their followers **not to hold religious gatherings³ in private settings, except with family members in the same household**. This is to minimise movement and interactions of people in public and private places, and for people to stay home as much as possible.

Full Implementation of Measures

6. **Religious organisations are to fully implement these safe distancing measures as soon as possible and no later than 7 Apr 2020.** Persons and organisations that do not comply will face stiff penalties under the Infectious Diseases Act.⁴

Social Responsibility is Critical

7. We understand that these additional measures can be disruptive to religious life but they are necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19, and protect Singaporeans. We encourage religious leaders to advise their communities to **Stay Home (to) Stay Safe**, during this critical period. Through our collective efforts, we can keep Singapore safe from COVID-19.

MINISTRY OF CULTURE, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH
4 Apr 2020

For queries, please contact MCCY's Community Relations and Engagement Division at cpro@mccy.gov.sg

¹ E.g. communal prayers, cell group meetings, religious classes

⁴ Offenders will face a fine of less than \$10,000 or imprisonment of less than 6 months or both. In addition, existing levers under the Infectious Diseases Act, including the temporary suspension of operations, may be used against errant persons and operators.

¹ Weddings, funerals and wakes.

² E.g. religious classes, cell group gatherings, prayer meetings

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, 10th May 2020

From Our Minister's Desk:

Our Live Streaming Worship



There are now 7 live streaming videos of our sermons and worships, linked from the Household of Faith Supporters and Friends group on Facebook. Our first video was "Hope for the Hopeless", uploaded by brother Barnabas on 29th March 2020. It was a test run recorded at our regular services at the Metropolitan YMCA.

As things turned out, the very next week, religious assemblies were restricted from 100 to 10 persons. We then met at the home of the Alfred Poon and broadcasted our first official live streaming worship.

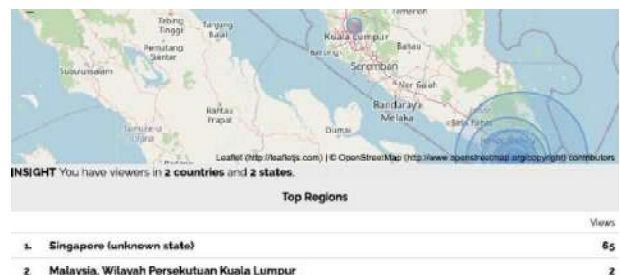
In the next few weeks, the restrictions became more stringent, and we were prevented from visiting anyone, even our extended families. We moved our 'studio' to my office with a skeleton crew to continue the live streaming worships.

These restrictions have now been further tightened and only two persons are allowed to be involved in the live streaming. Pre-recorded songs have are used instead of a worship team.


Our minister worked with brother Paul Poon and his family to video the worship songs, and with brother Barnabas Thng to video the prayers and sermon. These videos are edited and put together by brother Barnabas each week for members and friends.

At our last assembly in March, we were averaging an attendance of 30-40. Since our first live streaming, the number of views at 6pm on Sundays climbed to over 60. If we assume 2 persons per view, over 100 persons participated in the worship. Over a hundred more click on our links each week to view the sermon.

God has enabled more people to participate with us during the pandemic. We hope that when restrictions are eased, and we are able to assemble again, some of these people who participated with us online, may join us in person for our regular services.



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Introduction


2nd and final lesson on Walking with Jesus

Purpose: Put yourself in the sandals of Jesus

1. Compassion
2. Sorrow
3. Mercy
4. Life

Walk and talk Rabbi-discipleship


This evening we'll look at 4 more experiences



1. Second Birth


John 3:1-15 *Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. The same came to him by night, and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Most assuredly, I tell you, unless one is born anew, he can't see the Kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"*









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Jesus answered, "Most assuredly I tell you, unless one is born of water and spirit, he can't enter into the Kingdom of God! That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Don't marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but don't know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

	<p><i>Nicodemus answered him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and don't understand these things? Most assuredly I tell you, we speak that which we know, and testify of that which we have seen, and you don't receive our witness. If I told you earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven, but he who descended out of heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.</i></p> <p>Interesting night of learning.</p> <p>Water and Spirit.</p>
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	<h2>2. Living Water</h2> <p><i>John 4:4-24 He needed to pass through Samaria. So he came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son, Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being tired from his journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman therefore said to him, "How is it that you, being a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)</i></p> 
<p>1. Second Birth</p>	

	<p><i>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."</i></p> <p><i>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. From where then have you that living water? Are you greater than our father, Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself, as did his children, and his cattle?"</i></p> <p><i>Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst again; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."</i></p> <p><i>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I don't get thirsty, neither come all the way here to draw."</i></p> <p><i>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."</i></p>
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1. Second Birth

The woman answered, "I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You said well, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands; and he whom you now have is not your husband. This you have said truly."

The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour comes, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, will you worship the Father. You worship that which you don't know. We worship that which we know; for salvation is from the Jews. 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."



1. Second Birth
2. Living Water


3. Costly Discipleship

Mark 10:23-31 Jesus looked around, and said to his disciples, "How difficult it is for those who have riches to enter into the Kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words.

But Jesus answered again, "Children, how hard is it for those who trust in riches to enter into the Kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God."

They were exceedingly astonished, saying to him, "Then who can be saved?"

Jesus, looking at them, said, "With men it is impossible, but not with God, for all things are possible with God." Peter began to tell him, "Behold, we have left all, and have followed you."





1. Second Birth
2. Living Water

Jesus said, "Most assuredly I tell you, there is no one who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or land, for my sake, and for the Gospel's sake, but he will receive one hundred times more now in this time, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land, with persecutions; and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last; and the last first."

Told it like it is.

Not easy, but worthwhile.





1. Second Birth
2. Living Water
3. Costly Discipleship

4. Do You Agape Me?

John 21:15-24 So when they had eaten their breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me more than these?"

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you."


He said to him, "Feed my lambs."

He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me?"

He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I have affection for you."

He said to him, "Tend my sheep."

He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you have affection for me?"



1. Second Birth
2. Living Water
3. Costly Discipleship


Peter was grieved because he asked him the third time, "Do you have affection for me?"

He said to him, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I have affection for you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

Most assuredly I tell you, when you were young, you dressed yourself, and walked where you wanted to. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you, and carry you where you don't want to go." Now he said this, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. When he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."

Then Peter, turning around, saw a disciple following. This was the disciple whom Jesus sincerely loved, the one who had also leaned on Jesus' breast at the supper and asked, "Lord, who is going to betray You?"



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3. Costly Discipleship

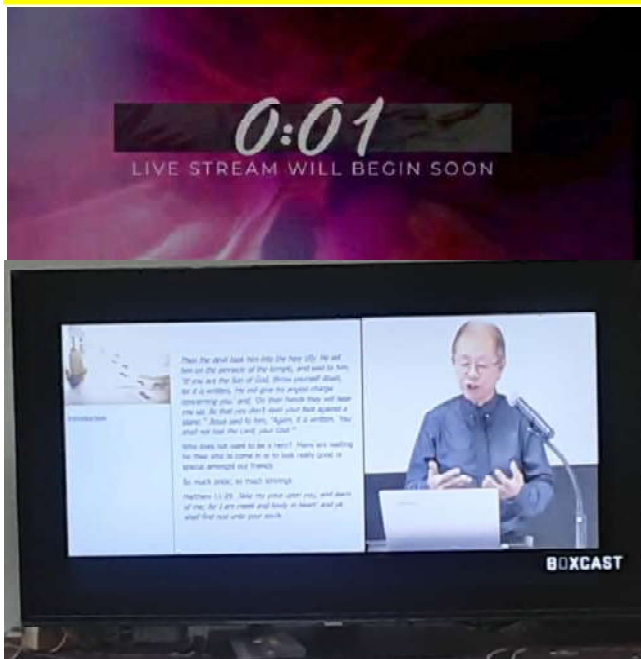
Peter seeing him, said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?"

Jesus said to him, "If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you? You follow me." This saying therefore went out among the brothers that this disciple wouldn't die. Yet Jesus didn't say to him that he wouldn't die, but, "If I desire that he stay until I come, what is that to you?" This is the disciple who testifies about these things, and wrote these things. We know that his witness is true.



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We thank God for watching over us and keeping us safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. As the 'Circuit Breaker' restrictions are gradually lifted, we look forward to the time when the Household of Faith can assemble again.

God has opened to us a new ministry - the Live Streaming Project. Read the cover story for details.

Clockwise: Countdown for our live streaming starts 2 minutes before 6pm every Sunday; Please return to us your Sunday contributions for the month of May; Live streaming is reduced to feature just one person using pre-recorded songs by brother Paul and his family; The links to all our 7 live streaming videos are on the first post on the Household of Faith Supporters and friends group on facebook - look under Announcements.



Weekly Contribution

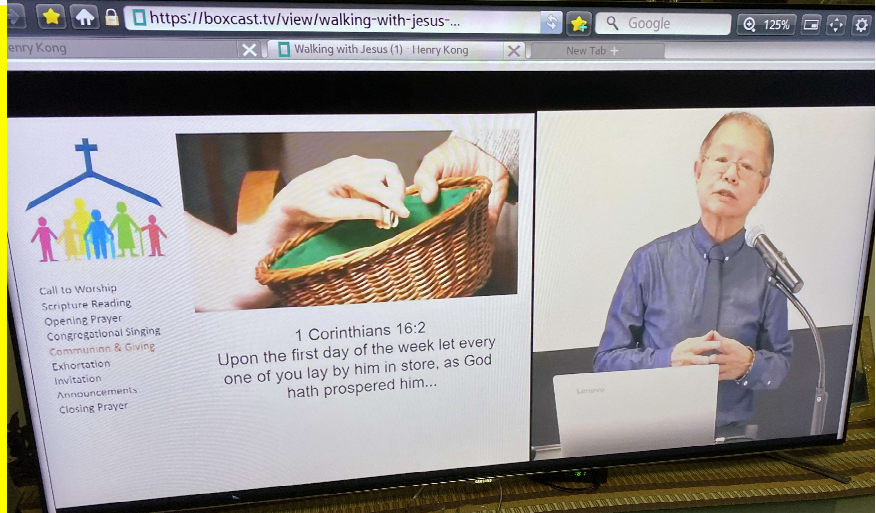
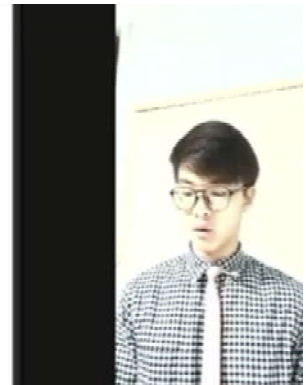
1 Corinthians 16:2
Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him

Date: 5 Sundays of May - 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

Name _____

Amount \$ _____

Please cross and make all cheques payable to Henry Kong and send them to Pasir Panjang PO Box 27, Singapore 911121.



Facebook Household of Faith Supporters and Friends

Announcements



Henry Kong
Admin - March 29

Participate with us in our weekly live streaming worship of the 3rd May 2020 worship at 6pm (1 hour)

<https://boxcast.tv/.../walking-with-jesus->

Enjoy our 1-hour live streaming videos any time:

Sermon: Blessings for 2020
<https://boxcast.tv/.../blessings>

Sermon: Length of Life
<https://boxcast.tv/vi.../lol---henry-kong>

Sermon: 10 Things You can Give (2)

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Week of Sunday, 17th May 2020

From Our Minister's Desk:

Pandemic Status in Singapore

Current Covid-19 Situation in Singapore

Community

Daily single digit infections
Some restrictions eased
20 fatality - all seniors
More easing on June 12
Ample food and health care

Migrant Workers

Over 20,000 infections
No deaths - all recovering
New, better quarters
Free health care, wifi, food
Salaries will be paid

Every week, friends and members text and emailed me asking how we are dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic. Here is an update.

Singapore has been tightening restrictions since March with schools, most commercial businesses and services closed, and visits between immediate family members from different households disallowed.

Since the daily infections are now falling, there has been some easing of restrictions since May 5th and more restrictions will be lifted on June 12th.

However, religious gatherings will be the last to be lifted. The Household of Faith is a small congregation and we can assemble again if up to 50 people are allowed to meet.

To date the number fatalities is 20 deaths, all victims over 55 years old. No migrant workers have succumbed to the virus.

Singapore continues to have an ample supply of food as well as adequate health care.

The government is leaving no stone unturned in taking care of our migrant workers, including

ensuring that they are receiving their salary during this pandemic. Better quarters are now available, including free food and wifi. The latest facilities are the Singapore Polytechnic lecturers' quarters at Dover Road.

The Household of Faith will continue to live stream our worships every Sunday at 6pm, with all videos available for viewing at any time on our Facebook Household of Faith Supporters and Friends Group.


We will continue to mail out the weekly Fidelity and ensure that communion kits are available for members. If you would prefer to receive an email copy, let us know.

Keep up with our activities on Facebook and via WhatsApp.

Our minister and his team stand ready to assist you during this time. Please email or call brother Henry on the number below.



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A MAN AFTER
GOD'S OWN HEART

A Man After God's Own Heart (1)


Three-part series on life of King David


Just completed *Walking with Jesus*

More down-to-earth

So many things we can learn

Skim only the surface





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1. Selection of David

1 Samuel 16:1-13 *Yahweh said to Samuel, How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? fill your horn with oil, and go: I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite; for I have provided me a king among his sons....*

Samuel did that which Yahweh spoke, and came to Bethlehem... It happened, when they had come, that he looked at Eliab, and said, Surely Yahweh's anointed is before him.

But Yahweh said to Samuel, "Don't look on his face, or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him: for Yahweh sees not as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks at the heart..."

Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel.




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Samuel said to Jesse, Yahweh has not chosen these. Samuel said to Jesse, Are here all your children? He said, There remains yet the youngest, and, behold, he is keeping the sheep.

Samuel said to Jesse, Send and get him; for we will not sit down until he come here. He sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful face, and goodly to look on.

Yahweh said, Arise, anoint him; for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers: and the Spirit of Yahweh came mightily on David from that day forward.



1. Selection of David

2. Visit to the Battlefield

1 Samuel 17:32-40 *David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.*

Saul said to David, You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

David said to Saul, Your servant was keeping his father's sheep; and when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after him, and struck him, and delivered it out of his mouth; and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and struck him, and killed him. Your servant struck both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God. David said, Yahweh who delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.

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1. Selection of David

Saul said to David, Go, and Yahweh shall be with you. ..

Saul clad David with his clothing, and he put a helmet of brass on his head, and he clad him with a coat of mail...

David said to Saul, I can't go with these; for I have not proved them. David put them off him. He took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in his wallet; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

Simple faith
Fully trusted the Lord
5 Stones?




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- How God Sees
- Visit to the Battlefield

3. Popularity of David

1 Samuel 18:5-16 *David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and it was good in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants. It happened as they came, when David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with instruments of music. The women sang one to another as they played, and said, Saul has slain his thousands, David his ten thousands.*

Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom?




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Saul eyed David from that day and forward. It happened on the next day, that an evil spirit from God came mightily on Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul cast the spear; for he said, I will strike David even to the wall. David avoided out of his presence twice. Saul was afraid of David, because Yahweh was with him, and was departed from Saul.

*Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. **David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and Yahweh was with him. When Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he stood in awe of him.** But all Israel and Judah loved David; for he went out and came in before them.*




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4. Matter of Integrity

1 Samuel 24:1-17 *Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men on the rocks of the wild goats. He came to the sheep pens by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were abiding in the innermost parts of the cave. The men of David said to him, Behold, the day of which Yahweh said to you, Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it shall seem good to you. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe secretly...*

Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way. David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king... David said to Saul, Why listen you to men's words, saying, Behold, David seeks your hurt?




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Behold, this day your eyes have seen how that Yahweh had delivered you today into my hand in the cave: and some bade me kill you; but my eye spared you; and I said, I will not put forth my hand against my lord; for he is Yahweh's anointed. Moreover, my father, behold, yes, see the skirt of your robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the skirt of your robe, and didn't kill you, know you and see that there is neither evil nor disobedience in my hand, and I have not sinned against you, though you hunt after my life to take it..

It came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, Is this your voice, my son David? Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. He said to David, You are more righteous than I; for you have rendered to me good, whereas I have rendered to you evil.



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Life of David is an interesting and inspiring one

Tonight, focused on the early life of David before he became king


So much promise!

Young, but so much faith

Honoured but behaved well

All the time, putting God's will above his own

No wonder called a man after God's Own heart



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Psalms 31:1-4

In you, Yahweh, I take refuge.

Let me never be disappointed: Deliver me in your righteousness. Bow down your ear to me. Deliver me speedily.

Be to me a strong rock, A house of defense to save me.

For you are my rock and my fortress, Therefore for your name's sake lead me and guide me.

Pluck me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, For you are my stronghold.

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at the Household of Faith

We are happy to get this newsletter out every week even though we are not able to assemble together for the time being. The web version is posted on Facebook's Household of Faith Supporters and Friends page every Wednesday. We put the print copy in the mail by noon on Wednesday so it will reach everybody by Friday.

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Remember, you can get the link to our live stream (plus previous videos) on Facebook at our Household of Faith Supporters and Friends group.



This is the first of a series of 3 quizzes on the life of King David of the Bible.

True or False

- T F 1. David's great grandmother was a foreigner from Moab.
- T F 2. King David was the second ruler of Israel.
- T F 3. King David ruled over Judah during the civil war in Israel.
- T F 4. David became King over all of Israel after the civil war in Israel.
- T F 5. David was an old man when he finally became King over Israel.
- T F 6. David bravely fought Goliath even though he was afraid.
- T F 7. David gathered three stones for his fight with Goliath.
- T F 8. David was a ruddy, handsome fellow with beautiful eyes.

Answers

- True 1. His great grandmother was Ruth the Moabite from the book of Ruth. (Ruth 4:13-22)
- True 2. King Saul was the first King of Israel and David became the king of Israel after the death of Saul and the end of the civil war.
- True 3. David was anointed king by the house of Judah after Saul's death. The commander of Saul's army made Ish-basheth, the son of Saul, king over Israel. A civil war ensued. David was King over Judah for 7 and a half years before becoming king of all of Israel. (2 Samuel 5:4-5)
- True 4. All of the tribes of Israel came to Hebron where David was and made him king over Israel. (2 Samuel 5:1-5)
- FALSE 5. It may sound old to some people but he was only Thirty years old and he lived to the age of seventy. (2 Samuel 5:4)
- FALSE 6. David fought and defeated Goliath but he did not show any fear.
- FALSE 7. He gathered five smooth stones from a brook before he approached the giant for battle. (1 Samuel 17:40)
- True 8. (1 Samuel 16:12, 1 Samuel 17:42). Ruddy means reddish as in reddish hair or reddish skin like Esau at birth.

- Daniel Gray, Fun Bible Quizzes, www.basichurch.org

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*"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, 24th May 2020

Helping Covid-19 Victims in India

The Household of Faith has sent an agape gift of S\$1,000 to brother Madiki in India to help those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.




I am writing this regarding our Covid-19 relief work. You may be aware that we have been helping the poor families, preachers and other weaker sections of the community with food supplies and daily essentials as their works are halted due to lock down during the pandemic. Not everybody is fortunate to have the option of work from home. We have undergone 3 lock-down sessions, and the 4th one is at the corner. By God's grace and providence many of our brethren in UK, Singapore and India have helped us to help with communities around us. We are still in need of funds to keep our relief work going especially among preachers and children.

I know HOF has recently become self supporting and has its own commitments to meet. We would be very thankful, if you have any extra funds and if you can spare them towards our relief work in India. Please keep us in your prayers.

Regards,
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Church of Christ, Pithapuram, India



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A Man After God's Own Heart (2)


Second of a three-part series on life of King David

Begin to show his weaknesses

But God was with him

Compared to other kings, David did well






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Friendship with Jonathan

1 Samuel 18:1-4 *It happened, when he had made an end of speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him, and gave it to David, and his clothing, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his sash.*

1 Samuel 20:3-4 *David swore moreover; and said, Your father knows well that I have found favor in your eyes; and he says, Don't let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as Yahweh lives, and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death. Then said Jonathan to David, Whatever your soul desires, I will even do it for you.*

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2 Samuel 9:1-7

David said, Is there yet any who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?... Ziba said to the king, Jonathan has yet a son, who is lame of his feet... Then king David sent, and fetched... Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul,

David said, Mephibosheth. He answered, Behold, your servant! David said to him, "Don't be afraid of him; for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore you all the land of Saul your father; and you shall eat bread at my table continually."

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2 Samuel 2:1 *Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: and David grew stronger and stronger, but the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.*

2 Samuel 5:1-5 *Then came all the tribes of Israel to David to Hebron, and spoke, saying, Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel: and Yahweh said to you, You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel. So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a covenant with them in Hebron before Yahweh: and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.*



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He courageously fought and defeated his enemies e.g. the Philistines.

He captured the city of Jerusalem and made it the capital and a religious centre.


He recaptured the Ark of the Covenant.

He also waged successful wars against Moab, Ammon, Edon, Amalek and Syria

He established a long lasting dynasty /Davidic which lasted for 400 years.

He organized religion through the Temple music/ composed Psalms.

He made his nation rich by taxing his enemies




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The Ark of the Lord

2 Samuel 6:1-9 *David again gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David arose, and went with all the people who were with him, from Baale Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, even the name of Yahweh of Armies who sits above the cherubim. They set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in the hill: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.*


They brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was in the hill, with the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. David and all the house of Israel played before Yahweh with all manner of instruments made of fir-wood, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with tambourines, and with castanets, and with cymbals.



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When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen stumbled. The anger of Yahweh was kindled against Uzzah; and God struck him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God.




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Bathsheba

2 Samuel 11:2 It happened at evening, that David arose from off his bed, and walked on the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful to look on. David send and inquired after the woman. One said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?


David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in to him, and he lay with her (for she was purified from her uncleanness); and she returned to her house. The woman conceived... David said to Uriah, Go down to your house, and wash your feet. Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of food from the king. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and didn't go down to his house... Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire you from him, that he may be struck, and die.



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When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she made lamentation for her husband. When the mourning was past, David sent and took her home to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased Yahweh.




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2 Samuel 12:1-14 Yahweh sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and raised. It grew up together with him, and with his children. It ate of his own food, drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was to him like a daughter.

A traveler came to the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man who had come to him, but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man who had come to him."




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David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As Yahweh lives, the man who has done this is worthy to die! He shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity!"

Nathan said to David, "You are the man. This is what Yahweh, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that would have been too little, I would have added to you many more such things. Why have you despised the word of Yahweh, to do that which is evil in his sight? You have struck Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against Yahweh



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Psalms 51:1-13

Have mercy on me, God, according to your loving kindness. According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity. Cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, My sin is constantly before me.

You teach me wisdom in the inmost place. Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean, Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness, That the bones which you have broken may rejoice. 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. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, Sinners shall be converted to you.

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We want to express our thanks to everyone who has upheld uncle Goh in prayer. He was warded in the hospital for a few days. He is back home with a new hospital bed which he says, helps him to sleep at night.

HoF has received a request from brother Joel Madiki to help our brethren in India reach out to the community during the pandemic. We have sent them an agape gift of S\$1,000.

Contributions received:

17th May 2020: \$200

All our live streaming videos are on Facebook. Search for Household of Faith Supporters and Friends group - it is the first post under announcements.



This is the second of a series of 3 quizzes on the life of King David of the Bible.

True or False

1. T F Ahimelek, the priest gave David some meat to eat from the altar.
2. T F David pretended to be insane because he was afraid.
3. T F King Saul cried in David's presence.
4. T F David swore to kill Saul's descendants.
5. T F David went to kill Nabal because he had scorned him but Nabal's wife interceded on his behalf to save his life.
6. T F The families of David and his men were taken captive by the Amalekites.
7. T F David's army once thought about stoning him themselves.
8. T F David consulted a priest to determine whether the Lord wanted them to take certain actions several times.

Answers

1. FALSE He gave him consecrated bread. (1 Samuel 21)
2. TRUE David acted insane and let his saliva drip while he scribbled on the doors. (1 Samuel 21:12-22:1)
3. TRUE David's words had rang so true to Saul that he knew he was wrong to pursue David that he wept. (1 Samuel 24:16)
4. FALSE David swore to Saul that he would not kill off his descendants. (1 Samuel 24:21-22)
5. TRUE David and his men were on their way to avenge the insults of Nabal when they met Abigail who smooth things over with wise words and gifts of supplies. (1 Samuel 25:32-35)
6. TRUE David and his men were away to help the Philistines fight against Israel when a raid on their town occurred and their families taken away. (1 Samuel 30:1-3)
7. TRUE His men were very upset when their families had been stolen away by raiders. They were talking about stoning David for it. (1 Samuel 30:6)
8. TRUE twice it says he went to a priest to inquire of the Lord. Other times it simply says he inquired of the Lord. (1 Samuel 23:9, 1 Samuel 30:7-8)

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"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 2020

CB Restrictions Lifted This Week



Singaporeans are looking forward to the lifting of certain 'Circuit Breaker' restrictions this week. However, in Phase I, the majority will remain at home until Phase II kicks in. The date has not been set, but it looks like it will be a few months before we can enjoy going out, dining in restaurants and shopping in malls.

During this time, I would like to suggest 3 things that will benefit your spiritual walk with God.

1. Revisit the gospels. Devote 30 minutes in the morning to read the Bible. Start with Mark, then John and finish up with Matthew and Luke in this order. As a bonus, you may want to read Acts as well, since Luke and Acts are written by the same inspired writer. Do this even if you are already on a Bible reading plan.

2. Create a prayer list. Do not do it on a piece of paper. Get a notebook or do it on the memopad of your phone or tablet. Start with your family and move on to your friends. Devote a page to each person so that you will have room to add notes like when you pray for them, what needs you pray and any responses or updates to your prayer.

3. Share our live streaming worships with your family and friends. On an average, 35 persons attend our worships at the Metropolitan YMCA. However, since our live streaming, more than 100 have been participating at our worships.

Although it is quite difficult to get our family or friends to join us at the assemblies, many will readily tap on the link and participate at our worships remotely.

I am encouraged by people like Steven who not only shared the link, but went back to ensure that his friends actually were online.




Just 3 simple and easy projects, but they will bless your life and others as well.



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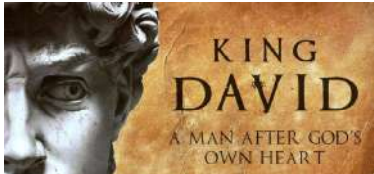
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Building the temple

First, David returned the Ark of the Lord to Israel

Now he wants to build a temple for God

1 Chronicles 28:2-10 *Then David the king stood up on his feet, and said, Hear me, my brothers, and my people: as for me, it was in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of Yahweh, and for the footstool of our God; and I had made ready for the building. But God said to me, You shall not build a house for my name, because you are a man of war, and have shed blood...*

Of all my sons (for Yahweh has given me many sons), he has chosen Solomon my son to sit on the throne of the kingdom of Yahweh over Israel. He said to me, Solomon your son, he shall build my house and my courts; for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. I will establish his kingdom forever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my ordinances, as at this day..




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1 Kings 8:12-21 *Then spoke Solomon... Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, who spoke with his mouth to David your father, and has with his hand fulfilled it, saying, Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house, that my name might be there; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.*

Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Yahweh, the God of Israel. But Yahweh said to David my father, Whereas it was in your heart to build a house for my name, you did well that it was in your heart: nevertheless you shall not build the house; but your son who shall come forth out of your loins, he shall build the house for my name.



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David's Census

1 Chronicles 21:1-8 *Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel. David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring me word, that I may know the sum of them.*

Joab said, Yahweh make his people a hundred times as many as they are: but, my lord the king, aren't they all my lord's servants? why does my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of guilt to Israel? Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab.

Therefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people to David. All those of Israel were one million one hundred thousand men who drew sword: and in Judah were four hundred seventy thousand men who drew sword. But he didn't count Levi and Benjamin among them...




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God was displeased with this thing; therefore he struck Israel. David said to God, I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing: but now, put away, I beg you, the iniquity of your servant; for I have done very foolishly.

1 Chronicles 21:9-15 Yahweh spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, Go and speak to David, saying, Thus says Yahweh, I offer you three things: choose you one of them, that I may do it to you... either three years of famine; or three months to be consumed before your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you; or else three days the sword of Yahweh, even pestilence in the land...

David said to Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall, I pray, into the hand of Yahweh; for very great are his mercies: and let me not fall into the hand of man. So Yahweh sent a pestilence on Israel; and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men. God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was about to destroy, Yahweh saw, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the destroying angel, It is enough; now stay your hand.



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David and Absalom

2 Samuel 13-18


Absalom was banished after he kills his sister's rapist, Amnon.

Joab convinced David to allow Absalom to return.

Absalom has higher ambitions eg like celebrity.

He was a great politician and wins the favor of the people, and leads a rebellion against his father.


David defeats Absalom and though he wants to preserve his life, Joab kills him.



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2 Samuel 19:1-8 It was told Joab, Behold, the king weeps and mourns for Absalom. The victory that day was turned into mourning to all the people; for the people heard say that day, The king grieves for his son. The people got them by stealth that day into the city, as people who are ashamed steal away when they flee in battle. The king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, my son Absalom, Absalom, my son, my son!



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4. The Psalms of David

75 of the 150 Psalms

David was a great warrior and mighty king

Writer of the sweetest poetry of Israel.

King David surrounded himself with a group of prophets and scholars and together they studied the Torah

Habit to pray and chant psalms

David pours out his heart in these Psalms reflecting all the varied incidents that has happened in his

Some Psalms were composed by Adam, Shem, Abraham, Moses and others.


The Book of Psalms is divided into five parts, and subdivided into seven parts, and further divided into 30 divisions

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Psalms 23:1-6

Yahweh is my shepherd: I shall lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over.

Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life, And I shall dwell in Yahweh's house forever.

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Congratulations - you have survived the Circuit Breaker restrictions. Life is slowly returning to normal but it may be a few more months before the next phase kicks in.

We are mailing and delivering communion kits for June. Individual members will receive them in the mail; families will get them via home delivery. Please liase with brother Alfred.



PHASE 1

From June 2, will take at least 4 weeks



- Some businesses will reopen with measures in place.
- Households can have 2 visitors a day - must be children and/or grandchildren from the same household.
- Pri 6, Sec 4 and 5 students to attend school daily. Other students alternate between home-based learning and school.
- Pre-schools will reopen fully by June 10. Student care centres will also resume.
- Places of worship to reopen for private worship only.
- Marriage solemnisations can take place in-person, with 10 people attending.

PHASE 2

Over a few months



- F&B dine-in will be allowed. Retail outlets, gyms, fitness studios, tuition and enrichment centres will reopen.
- All students will return to school.
- Sports, recreation and outdoor facilities will reopen, with safe management practices.

PHASE 3

S'pore enters a 'new normal' until a vaccine is available



This is the last of a series of 3 quizzes on the life of King David of the Bible

True or False

- T F David's friend Jonathan died the same day Saul died.
- T F Jonathan had a surviving son.
- T F David captured Jerusalem and called it the city of David.
- T F David moved the ark of the covenant from Baalah to Jerusalem.
- T F David sinned.
- T F David's son tried to become King.
- T F David's army had thirty-seven men called mighty men.
- T F King David built the temple of the Lord in Jerusalem.
- T F Christ was borned in David's family.

Answers

- TRUE The battle had went badly for them that day and many of the men died including King Saul, his son Jonathan and his two others sons. (1 Samuel 31:6)
- TRUE Mephibosheth had survived. (2 Samuel 4:4, 2 Samuel 9:3)
- TRUE David captured the stronghold of Zion and lived there. He called it the "City of David." (2 Samuel 5:7-9)
- TRUE They put it on a new cart to move it. (1 Chronicles 13:6, 2 Samuel 6)
- TRUE David had gotten Uriah's wife pregnant then he had Uriah killed to cover up his sin. (2 Samuel 11:4-5, 2 Samuel 12:9)
- TRUE Absalom plotted for people to proclaim him king in Hebron when a trumpet sounded. (2 Samuel 15:10-12)
- TRUE The mighty men and their deeds are listed in these verses. (2 Samuel 23:8-39)
- FALSE He wanted to but God only allowed him to collect the materials for building it and his son Solomon actually built it. (2 Samuel 7:12-13, 1 Kings 6:1)
- True Matthew 1:1 - The book of the generation of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham.

- Daniel Gray, Fun Bible Quizzes, www.basichurch.org

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"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, 7th June 2020

What Do You Make of the Pandemic?



This was the question my cardiologist asked me when I was in his clinic last Friday for my quarterly checkup. He knows that I am a preacher.

Without hesitation, I replied that God regularly reminds us how helpless we are and how much we need to put our trust in Him. The pandemic is just a way of tapping us on our shoulder and reminding us to look up and reflect on our relationship with him.

Developed countries like the UK boast of empty churches because they have become self-reliant and no longer depend on God.

This is what we learn from David, when he decided to do a census of his fighting men. Joab, his second in command advised him not to do it, because Joab realised that all Israel's success was a result of God's blessings.

Nevertheless, Joab submitted to King David's command, and in 1 Chronicles 21:5, Joab told David the sum of his fighting troops. *All those of Israel were one million one hundred thousand men who drew sword: and in Judah were four hundred seventy thousand men who drew sword.*

The following verses tell us that God was greatly displeased with David and 70,000 men perished

because David was over confident and put his trust in his great army.

Today, like David, many rest secure, not in our trust in God, but in the balance of our bank accounts.

As we return to normal, survive the pandemic and resume life as usual, we may be missing the whole point. David was a man after God's heart, because he repented and learned from his mistakes.

We can be like David, if we renew our faith and put our trust in God. We can repent from the way we are living, and move some of our assets to benefit our family, friends and the church.



May we be reminded of Proverbs 3:5, 6 as Phase I of the restrictions are lifted:


1. To always trust in God with all your heart,
2. Don't lean on your own understanding,
3. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.




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 <p>GOD CAN</p>	<p>Introduction</p> <p>4-part series Go to the Bible to discover anew So many misconceptions Open our eyes to the majesty and power of God</p>
	

 <p>GOD CAN</p>	<p>There is a God</p> <p>Let's start at the beginning So many religions – even deep in the jungles At least 500 million do not believe in a God - 6%</p>
<p>Introduction</p>	<p>200 million from China – after decades of communist ideology</p> <p>Great opportunity for the gospel – growth of house churches</p> <p>Every day, more people moving from atheism to theism</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Makes more sense2. Leads to a better quality of life

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**Why People are Atheist –
do not believe in
the existence of a god/gods**

The state of the world – poor, hungry, selfish, full of injustice...


If there is a God, why doesn't He do something?

Do not understand God

Too many fake religions

Have not seen the love of God


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**Why People are Theist
– believe in the existence of god/god(s)**

Makes sense for the short life span on earth



Mayflies have the shortest lifespan on Earth. Their life lasts only for 24 hours. Mayflies also called as 'one-day insects' because of their shortest life span. There are 2500 different species of mayflies in the world. In fact, some members of mayfly family die within few hours.

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**Why People are Theist
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Man is limited in size, ability, power and life

Everybody wants to worship a higher being

Isaiah 44:14-18

He burns part of it in the fire; with part of it he eats flesh; he roasts roast, and is satisfied; yes, he warms himself, and says, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire. The residue of it he makes a god, even his engraved image; he falls down to it and worships, and prays to it, and says, Deliver me; for you are my god.



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Why not Christianity?

Actually Christianity is most popular religion

According to 2015 figures, Christians form the largest religious group by a wide margin with 2.3 billion (over 30% of the total world population)

Islam and Hinduism following behind – national, not freewill

Early church did well, but became corrupt when insitutionalised

Many have been hurt by churches and missionaries


Just takes one bad Christian or experience

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Why Christianity?

History – Adam, Hebrew nation, Christianity

Teaching of Jesus e.g. Sermon on the Mount

Truthfulness of the Bible

Resurrection of Jesus e.g. boldness of apostles


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Why have some left Christianity?

Create God in our own image – e.g. forgiveness

Think of God as one who punishes us

Grand old man in the sky

Genie-in-a-lamp

2 Timothy 4:10 *for Demas left me, having loved this present world*

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Why Christianity?



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Most people believe in God

Atheists are turning to God because it makes good sense

Most religions are inadequate, even Christianity, if viewed wrongly

Some good reasons to believe in Christianity

1. Better life
2. Steadfastness in crisis
3. Hope for the future



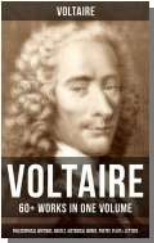
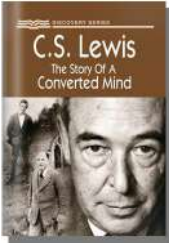
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Tale of 2 Men

Voltaire (18th century writer and philosopher):
"I wish I had never been born"

C.S. Lewis (British theologian):
From atheism to theism – 1929
To Christianity – 1931
Greatest Christian apologist of our time



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If you have not received your communion kits for June and July, please let our minister know.

As the restrictions are lifted for live streaming (see MCCY circular on the right), we will assemble with our worship team this Sunday instead of using pre-recorded songs.

When the number permitted participants is raised to 50, we will resume regular worship.



Tan Grace
Poon Alfred
Song Amy

Birthdays This Month



GRADUAL RESUMPTION OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

On 19 May 2020, the Multi-Ministry Taskforce announced a phased approach to resuming activities safely from 2 Jun 2020. This advisory provides guidance to religious organisations (ROs) on the phased approach for the resumption of religious activities.

6. ROs should continue to support the religious needs of their communities via remote means such as recording and broadcast of religious services and prayers.

- a. There should be **no more than 5 persons on-site** at a time for the digital production of these services. Time spent on-site for this purpose must be kept as short as possible. ROs may return on-site for these activities as and when required but we encourage ROs to plan their production schedule as everyone must continue to limit their movements outside

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We still get people asking for our live streaming links.

It is on Facebook, under the Household of Faith, Supporters and Friends page

At the first post, under Announcements

or you may copy this permanent link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/215123558991402/permalink/836997670137318/>

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Sermon: Walking with Jesus (2)
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Sermon: Blessings for 2020
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Sermon: Length of Life
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Week of Sunday, 14th June 2020

How God Looks at Man



In our previous series on King David, we learn from 1 Samuel 16:7 that God said to Samuel, *"Don't look on his face, or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him: for Yahweh sees not as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks at the heart."*

In the real world, we see that often this is not the case. The recent uproar over the killing of George Floyd is a case to point. A person with power and connections could get away with anything, even murder. Even in Singapore, we favour people who have status, position or qualifications.

We look at a person and see his stature, beauty and the clothes he wears. Often people are invisible to us because of the way they look and the menial work they do. Younger people have no time for old people and often regard them as being in their way or slowing down their progress to their destination.

I could go on and on, but I confess that I have been doing the many of these things that I have just mentioned. I have to constantly remind myself that it is wrong, that it is not the way God looks at us and that I should extend to everyone my right hand of fellowship.

Let us be reasonable. How can a God who create all things be impressed with a mere human being? Your looks, intelligence or

accomplishments are as insignificant as an ant's hill to a human.

No wonder King David ask in Psalms 8:3-5 *When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, The moon and the stars, which you have ordained; What is man, that you think of him? The son of man, that you care for him?*

It is important not to forget what the Bible says in James 2:1-9:

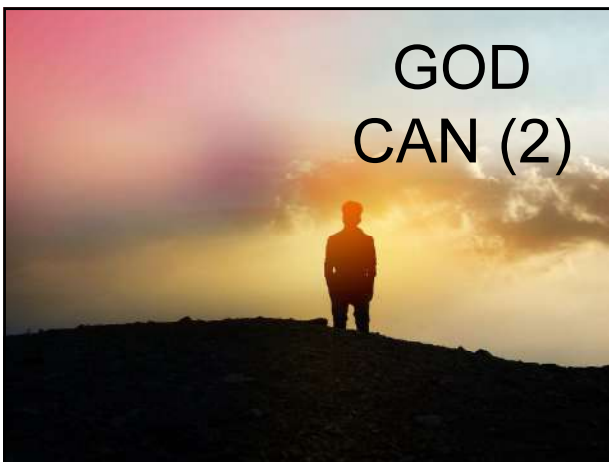
My brothers, don't hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory with partiality.

For if a man with a gold ring, in fine clothing, comes into your assembly, and a poor man in filthy clothing also comes in; and you pay special attention to him who wears the fine clothing... haven't you shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?... However, if you fulfill the royal law, according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. But if you show partiality, you commit sin, being convicted by the law as transgressors. □



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Introduction

4-part series on God


Last week we looked at people who do not believe in gods

And explored the reasons people believe in gods

Also I made a case for Christianity

And ended with the life of 2 great men, Voltaire and CS Lewis.

Tonight we go to the Bible to see what it says about God




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God Is

John 1:1-2
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

Psalms 41:13
Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel, From everlasting and to everlasting! Amen and amen.

Isaiah 55:9
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.




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Genesis 1:1
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Psalms 8:3-4
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, The moon and the stars, which you have ordained; What is man, that you think of him? The son of man, that you care for him?

John 1:3-4
All things were made through him. Without him was not anything made that has been made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.



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The Provider

Psalms 55:22
Cast your burden on Yahweh, and he will sustain you. He will never allow the righteous to be moved.

Nehemiah 9:21
Yes, forty years did you sustain them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing; their clothes didn't grow old, and their feet didn't swell.

Matthew 5:45
that you may be children of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.

Psalms 37:25
I have been young, and now am old, Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his children begging for bread.

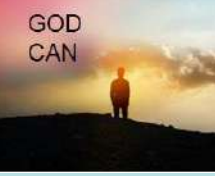


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Matthew 6:25-33

Therefore, I tell you, don't be anxious for your life: what you will eat, or what you will drink; nor yet for your body, what you will wear. Isn't life more than food, and the body more than clothing? See the birds of the sky, that they don't sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns. Your heavenly Father feeds them.

Aren't you of much more value than they? "Which of you, by being anxious, can add one cubit to the measure of his life? Why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They don't toil, neither do they spin, yet I tell you that even Solomon in all his glory was not dressed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today exists, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, won't he much more clothe you, you of little faith?"




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God Answers Prayers

2 Chronicles 7:14 *if my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

James 5:17-18 *Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it didn't rain on the earth for three years and six months. He prayed again, and the sky gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit.*

Matthew 17:20 *He said to them, "Because of your unbelief. For most assuredly I tell you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will tell this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.*




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God Can Do Anything

Matthew 20:15 *Isn't it lawful for me to do what I want to with what I own? Or is your eye evil, because I am good?*

Romans 9:21-26 *Or hasn't the potter a right over the clay, from the same lump to make one part a vessel for honor; and another for dishonor?*

... As he says also in Hosea, "I will call them 'my people,' which were not my people; And her 'beloved,' who was not beloved." "It will be that in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people,' There they will be called 'children of the living God.'"



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Today we tend to make God our buddy
 He loves us but He is way higher than us
 By definition, God always existed
 He is the creator of all things
 He provides for and sustains us
 And will answer our personal prayers
 Because He can do anything He wants



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Since last Sunday, our worship reverted to a core worship team live streaming. The production is more seamless and co-ordinated, thanks to brother Barnabas.

Brother Barnabas has posted a sermon only version of our live streaming since two weeks ago. The first generated more than 150 views to date.

The July-September Power for Today was sent out with the hardcopy of Fidelity this week.

We have started sending an electronic version of Fidelity. Let our minister know if you prefer it to the hardcopy.



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Barnabas Thng shared a live video.

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Barnabas Thng was live.

10 hrs ·

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Week of Sunday, 21st June 2020

The Christian and His Assets



We are so blessed in Singapore with so many good things bestowed upon us by our heavenly Father. Lest we take them for granted, let us go to the Bible and see what it says concerning our management of them.

3 Things

The first thing to bear in mind is that all we are, and all we have, comes from God. Revelation 4:11 - *"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."*

Next, we need to define assets in terms of time, service and possessions.

Lastly, we have to understand that we alone are responsible for how we use these assets. Romans 2:6 *God "will repay each person according to what they have done."*

1. Time

What God wants most from all of us is our time with Him, talking to Him in prayer and learning from Him in Bible reading, like Mary did. Luke 10:42 *but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.*

It would be interesting for each one of us to calculate how much time we return to God compared to all our activities of the day.

2. Service

This is something all of us can do if we have a heart to please God.

There are some who devote their lives to the ministry, but you can also serve God by reaching out to your family and friends. Jesus said in Matthew 25:40, *'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

3. Possessions

God has never asked us to give beyond that we are able or willing.

The work of the Household of Faith continues because of the sacrificial, heartfelt and freewill gifts of members. 2 Corinthians 9:7 *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Conclusion

The Bible not only has much to say about how we should use our assets, but also highlights many examples that we can emulate.

David delighted in spending his time in the house of the Lord - Psalms 27:4 *One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.*

Dorcas was a wonderful example of service to others - Acts 9:36 *In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor.*


The Macedonian Christians gave sacrificially of their possessions - 2 Corinthians 8:3 *For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.*

God loves you and has bestowed upon you assets, like He did when He gave out talents to His servants in Matthew 25:15. It is up to us to decide how to use them and will be accountable to God after our life. ■





	<h3>Introduction</h3> <p>4-part series on God</p> <p>We have completed two lessons in this series</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Why more reasonable to believe in God2. Some attributes of a loving God <p>Some may be wondering – if God can do anything, why are we suffering?</p> <p>Good question – let us answer this tonight</p>

	<h3>Man is Created by God</h3> <p>Sometimes we forget ourselves and think we are the only ones who matter</p> <p>Genesis 3:22 <i>The Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. Now, lest he put forth his hand, and also take of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever..."</i></p> <p>Psalms 8:4-6 <i>For you have made him a little lower than God, And crowned him with glory and honor. You make him ruler over the works of your hands. You have put all things under his feet</i></p>
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 <p>GOD CAN</p>	<h2>God's Good Pleasure</h2>
<p>Introduction Man is Created by God</p>	<p>Philippians 2:13 <i>For it is God who works in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure.</i></p> <p>Matthew 6:10 <i>Let your Kingdom come. Let your will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.</i></p> <p>Proverbs 16:4 <i>The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.</i></p> <p>Hebrews 11:6 <i>Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to him, for he who comes to God must believe that he exists, and that he is a rewarder of those who seek him.</i></p>

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	<p><i>and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.</i></p>

 <p>GOD CAN</p>	<h2>God – Devil – You</h2>
<p>Introduction Man is Created by God God's Good Pleasure</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 3:24 <i>Lord God, you have begun to show your servant your greatness, and your strong hand: for what god is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to your works, and according to your mighty acts?</i></p> <p>Micah 6:8 <i>He has shown you, O man, what is good. What does the Lord require of you, but to act justly, To love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?</i></p> <p>Ephesians 2:2-3 <i>In which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the powers of the air, the spirit who now works in the children of disobedience; among whom we also all once lived in the lust of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.</i></p>




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Romans 7:14-23

For I don't know what I am doing. For I don't practice what I desire to do; but what I hate, that I do. But if what I don't desire, that I do, I consent to the law that it is good. So now it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwells in me.

For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwells no good thing. For desire is present with me, but I don't find it doing that which is good. For the good which I desire, I don't do; but the evil which I don't desire, that I practice...

For I delight in God's law after the inward man, but I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity under the law of sin which is in my members.




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God is Sovereign

Exodus 20:2-3 *"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me.*

2 Chronicles 20:6 *Aren't you God in heaven? and aren't you ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? and in your hand is power and might, so that none is able to withstand you.*

Revelation 19:1-2 *"Hallelujah! Salvation, power, and glory belong to our God: for true and righteous are his judgments.*




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Genesis 3:15 *I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel.*


Genesis 50:19-20 *Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save many people alive.*

Romans 8:31-37 *What then shall we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ... No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*




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Trust God – He Can

Proverbs 3:5-6
Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And don't lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, And he will direct your paths.

John 10:29
My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of my Father's hand.

Jeremiah 29:11
For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

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God Can Help
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 Against the evil in this world
 Our current situation
 In our personal struggles
 Let go and let God

Ephesians 3:20-21 *Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to him be the glory in the assembly and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.*

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Name card size information of our live streaming services are available in both soft/hard copy. Let us know if you need more cards to distribute.

We take this opportunity to wish all our fathers a Happy Father's Day today. Fathers are the spiritual leaders of the family. Please read the 10 things that God asks fathers to do below.

The statements of account for April and May 2020 are on our Household of Faith Accounts page. It was delayed because we could not get the signatories to sign the accounts due to the circuit breaker restrictions.



HAPPY
FATHERS
DAY
2020



10 Things God Asks Fathers to Do:



1. Provide for their families (1 Tim. 5:8)
2. Love sacrificially (Eph. 5:25-33)
3. Teach their children about the Lord (Eph. 6:4)
4. Encourage their children (Col. 3:21)
5. Talk about God's word, often (Deut. 6:6-9)
6. Appreciate their children (Ps. 127:3-5)
7. Guide their families in serving the Lord (Josh. 24:15)
8. Set a good example (Prov. 20:7)
9. Love their children enough to discipline them
(Prov. 13:24; 19:18)
10. Lead their families as Christ leads the church
(Eph. 5:23)



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." - Gal 6:10

Week of Sunday, 28th June 2020

Five Considerations When Looking for a Home Church



Since we are now in Phase II of our recovery, we are looking forward in the near future to return to regular worship. So many have come to worship with us online through live streaming and we look forward to some joining us when we resume our assembly.

1. Basis of Faith

The first thing in looking for a home church is to see the basis of faith. Is it based on some creed book, tradition, charismatic experiences, or the Bible? The Bible alone should be the foundation of faith.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

2. Salvation by Grace

Some churches who may look to the Bible as the foundation of faith, may interpret the Bible in a legalistic way. It is so important to filter every doctrine through the grace of God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, that no one would boast."

3. Activities of the Church

If you have a family consisting of youth and

young adults, you may want to look for a larger and older congregation with established activities for every member of the family.

4. Goals of the Church

It is easy to size up the main thrust of a church after a few visits. For example, the Household of Faith was birthed out of evangelism, and members are constantly encouraged to reach out to their family and friends.

5. Your Contribution

Finally, you may want to consider what you can and want to contribute to a home church. Usually, in a small congregation, more is required of every member compared to a larger church where the work is more equally distributed.

Conclusion

Choosing a home church is both exciting and challenging. Everyone should choose thoughtfully and carefully.

Once this is done, we should give of our best to participate, contribute and do our part to build up the church.



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at the Household of Faith

On the right is the latest update from MCCY, permitting churches with less than 50 persons to meet. We have been making arrangements with the Metropolitan YMCA to resume worship and has been in touch with our members on this matter at this time of writing.

We are looking forward to our third anniversary in July. If everything works out, we will be able to assemble again and celebrate our third anniversary!

We are working with brother Barnabas to see if we can continue live streaming from the YMCA.

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RESUMPTION OF MORE RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES IN PHASE TWO

Worship Services

11. Places of worship may **resume congregational and other worship services, starting with up to 50 persons at a time** (excluding religious and supporting workers, which should be kept to a minimum), subject to safe management measures.³
12. Places of worship should observe the following safe management measures for worship services:
 - a. Worshippers have to observe **1 metre safe distance** between others if they are worshipping individually. Worshippers may also worship in groups of no more than 5 persons, with 1 metre safe distancing between groups.
 - b. Keep worship services to **as short a duration as possible**. Worshippers should leave immediately after performing their worship. There should be no reception or mingling between worshippers, before, during or after each worship service.
 - c. All persons present must **wear a face mask at all times**.⁴ Those who are involved in the conduct of the worship service (e.g. preachers, prayer leader, scripture reader) may wear a face shield when performing their speaking duties and must be at least 1 metre away from any other individual.
 - d. **Singing and other live performances are not permitted during the**

