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# Intentional Fatherhood - Father's Day 19th June



Father's Day is approaching. The Bible has much to say about fathers, and their roles in the family and church. It is so important that we consider what God has in mind for fathers.

I have observed that on the most part, fathers slide into their role rather casually unlike most mothers. Perhaps they do not experience 9 months of attachment that mothers share with the child.

For this Father's Day, I want to call on all fathers to intentional fatherhood, that is fulfilling all the responsibilities and challenges of fatherhood. To start you off on the right track, here are some passages from the Bible.

Proverbs 22:6: Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. A good beginning is so important. Childhood is the most productive learning years of a person.

Deuteronomy 6:6–7: These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Not many fathers take time to teach the Bible to their children regularly. If you are one of these, may I urge you to start immediately.

Proverbs 13:24: Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them. When our concern is who holds the rod. we spend too much time worrying who wears the pants in the family Considerate and reasonable discipline is so important for building a good character in later years.

Proverbs 14:26: Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge. The best way to lead your children is in your devotion to the Lord and His church. When you are regular at worship, speak well of the church and gives generously, your children will do likewise.

Proverbs 17:6: Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children. Whatever thought, teaching and time that we invest in our children, they will come back and bless us all our lives.





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#### Introduction

So significant to the first-century Jew

Exodus 3:14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "





#### **Text**

John 10:11-16 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who doesn't own the sheep, sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and flees. The wolf snatches the sheep, and scatters them.

The hired hand flees because he is a hired hand, and doesn't care for the sheep

#### **Text**

I am the good shepherd.

I know my own, and I'm known by my own; even as the Father knows me, and I know the Father.

I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep, which are not of this fold.

I must bring them also, and they will hear my voice. They will become one flock with one shepherd.

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#### The Good Shepherd

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.





Introduction Text Luke 15:4-5

Which of you men, if you had one hundred sheep, and lost one of them, wouldn't leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one that was lost, until he found it? When he has found it, he carries it on his shoulders, rejoicing.



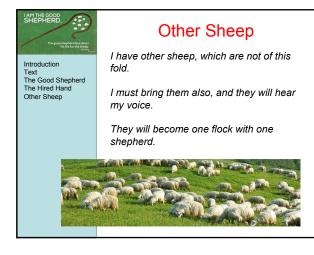


#### The Hired Hand

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#### Psalm 23

Psalm of the Shepherd

Jesus is our Lord

He is the Good Shepherd





#### Psalm 23

Psalms 23:1 The Lord is my shepherd: I shall lack nothing.

- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He restores my soul. He guides me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 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.



#### Psalm 23

- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving kindness shall follow me all the days of my life, And I shall dwell in Yahweh's house forever.
  5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



#### Conclusion

Who is your Shepherd?

What occupies your time?

In whom do you put your trust?

What determines your choices?





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## Last Sunday (Clockwise):

Worship session; Care teams; Dinner fellowship; Delicious fried rice (sea food and salted egg), Oyster kai lan and omelette; Men to serve.





#### 12th June 2022

## Back to Pre-pandemic Activities

- One month before our 5th Anniversary



As you can see from the invitation below, the Household of Faith is back to our usual activities on Sundays - Care Teams, Worship and Dinner Fellowship. There are 15-25 attending regularly and we have more than enough room for these activities.



#### **Every Sunday**

Care Teams at 5:30pm

In-person Worship at 6pm





Please stay for Dinner Fellowship at 7pm

The Household of Faith meets at Block 67. #07-10 Ayer Rajah Crescent (the Launchpad) **Singapore** 139950 opposite the one-north MRT



We can easily accomodate 25-35 - our goal for our 5th year.

If we move our Children Bible class to the entrance of the premises as illustrated by the plan below, there is room for up to 50 in attendance.

We are happy to see members, visitors and family joining us each Sunday. Now that the Lord has provided us the space, let us all do our best to invite our friends and family, and fill it!

Present Worship & Fellowship Area: 30 pax



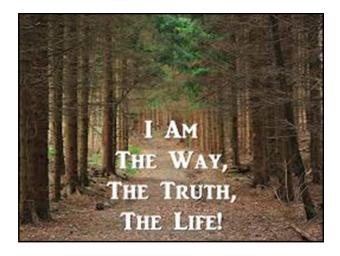
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> Present Children's Bible Class



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#### Introduction

So far in the series:

- "I am the bread of life." (6:35)

- "I am the light of the world." (8:12)
  "I am the door of the sheep." (10:7,9)
  "I am the resurrection and the life." (11:25)
- "I am the good shepherd." (10:11, 14) Tonight:





#### **Key Text**

Another interesting discussion. Look at the text:

John 14:1-11 "Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions. If it weren't so, I would have told you.

I am going to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself;

that where I am, you may be there also.



#### **Key Text**

Thomas says to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.

If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on, you know him, and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."



#### **Key Text**

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you such a long time, and do you not know me, Philip?

He who has seen me has seen the Father. How do you say, 'Show us the Father?'

Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I tell you, I speak not from myself; but the Father who lives in me does his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me for the very works' sake.



#### Jesus and God

John 14:1-11 "Don't let your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe also in me

John 1:1-4 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. 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.



Introduction Text Jesus and God

#### Jesus and Heaven

In my Father's house are many mansions. If it weren't so, I would have told you.

I am going to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may be there also.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with God's trumpet. The dead in Christ will rise first, then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. So we will be with the Lord forever.



Introduction Text Jesus and God Jesus and Heaven

#### Jesus the Way

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Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father, except through me.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,



Introduction Text Jesus and God Jesus and Heaven Jesus the Way

#### **Knowing Jesus**

If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on, you know him, and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."

First Thomas, now Philip

Do we know Jesus?

- Great teacher
- Son of God
- One with the Father



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#### **Knowing Jesus**

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you such a long time, and do you not know me, Philip?

He who has seen me has seen the Father. How do you say, 'Show us the Father?'

Matthew 16:13-16 Now when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" They said, "Some say John the Baptizer, some, Elijah, and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."



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#### Seeing is Believing

Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I tell you, I speak not from myself; but the Father who lives in me does his works.

Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me; or else believe me for the very works' sake.

John 20:25-28 Then he said to Thomas, "Reach here your finger, and see my hands. Reach here your hand, and put it into my side. Don't be unbelieving, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"



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#### Conclusion

Luke 2:25-32 Behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

He came in the Spirit into the temple. When the parents brought in the child, Jesus, that they might do concerning him according to the custom of the law, then he received him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, "Now you are releasing your servant, Master, According to your word, in peace; For my eyes have seen your salvation, Which you have prepared before the face of all peoples; A light for revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of your

people Israel."



Last Sunday (Clockwise): Spiritual food followed by delicious curry from the Poon Family and water melons from the David Gohs.



19th June 2022

### Sermons Based on Scriptures

- Key Pillar of the Household of Faith



Romans 10:13-17 For, "Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in him whom they have not heard? How will they hear without a preacher? And how will they preach unless they are sent?... So faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

When I started out to build a new congregation, the winds of change is taking the brotherhood by storm. I want to keep things simple, heartfelt and most of all, Biblical.

So right from the start, sermons based on the scriptures became the key pillar of the Household of Faith. Here is how to keep it this way:

- \* Check out any our powerpoints everyone is based on the scriptures. By connecting various Bible verses together, members will be edified by the Word of God.
- \* These powerpoints are available as softcopies in our website (www.hof.sg), Facebook group and in every issue of the bulletin, Fidelity.
- \* At our Care teams, we recall the past week's sermon and discuss its implications.

In the above ways, members and visitors gain great mileage for the time we spent together.



#### WHO IS A FATHER?

He loves without reasons holds your finger when you need a helping hand.

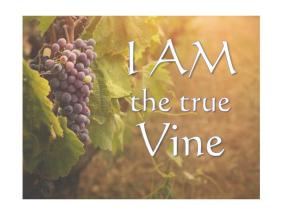
He is always there to support and guide you and stays just close behind to hold your back if you fall.

He is a loving parent who will unhesitatingly go to extreme lengths for his children.



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Last of the 7 "I am's" of Jesus in John

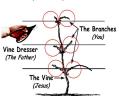
The first was "I am the bread of life." (6:35)

Emphasis is that Jesus offers eternal life

Now "I am the true vine." (15:1-8)

Jesus is the Vine

God is the Vinedresser



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#### Introduction

#### Text

John 15:1-8 *I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.* 

Every branch in me that doesn't bear fruit, he takes away.

Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already pruned clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

Remain in me, and I in you. As the branch can't bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you, unless you remain in me.



I am the vine. You are the branches.

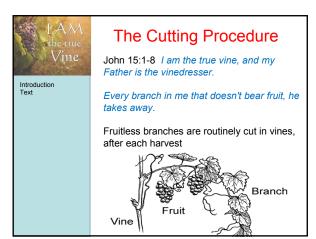
He who remains in me, and I in him, the same bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

If a man doesn't remain in me, he is thrown out as a branch, and is withered; and they gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

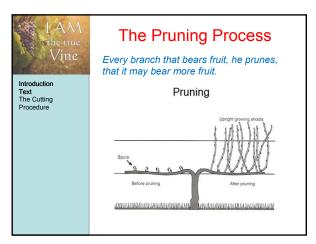
If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, you will ask whatever you desire, and it will be done for you.

In this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; and so you will be my disciples.

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#### **Purpose of Pruning**

Every branch that bears fruit, he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

In order for the vine to harvest more fruits, it has to be pruned

Same for the Christian – growth comes from pruning

James 1:2-4 Count it all joy, my brothers when you fall into various temptations, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. Let endurance have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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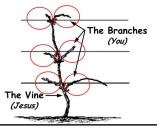


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#### Jesus and Branches

I am the vine. You are the branches.

He who remains in me, and I in him, the same bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.



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#### Jesus and Branches

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This is the job of the vinedresser.





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#### Jesus and Branches

If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, you will ask whatever you desire, and it will be done for you.

John 15:3 You are already pruned clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.



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#### Conclusion

In this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; and so you will be my disciples.

Matthew 7:19-20 Every tree that doesn't grow good fruit is cut down, and thrown into the fire. Therefore, by their fruits you will know them.



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Call to Worship
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Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing
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Closing Prayer



Stay Back for Dinner Fellowship





26th June 2022

# 3 Ways the HoF Attempts to Follow the Biblical Pattern



It is easy to be confused when looking for a church home as many churches are either adapting to modern innovations or chasing after the latest trends. Right from the start, the Household of Faith has endeavoured to follow the Bible in everything that we do.

In Name: Galatians 6:10 - So then, as we have opportunity, let's do what is good toward all men, and especially toward those who are of the household of the faith.

We adopted the Biblical name, Household of Faith when we were told that the Regristrar of Societies would no longer register the name, Church of Christ. Both are Biblical names for the Lord's church.

In Doctrine: 1 Timothy 4:6 - If you instruct the brothers of these things, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished in the words of the faith, and of the good doctrine which you have followed.

All the sermons preached faithfully every Sunday are based on the word of God. Over 80% of the slides consist of Bible verses. This is done so that members will go away with the Word of God rather than the opinions of men.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 15:9 - And in vain do they worship me, Teaching as doctrine rules made by men.

In Practice: Acts 2:42-47 - They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and prayer... 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, praising God, and having favor with all the people. The Lord added to the assembly day by day those who were being saved.

The church in the New Testament met for worship, communion, fellowship and to study the Word of God.

They had small groups like our Care teams and meals together like our dinner fellowship.

The Household of Faith is a simple congregation that is friendly, heartfelt and Biblical. It is easy for visitors to feel at home, and members to grow in faith.

All are welcome and no one will be forced to comply in any way. Members give freely and cheerfully, serve as they are able, and work together for the glory of God.



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#### Introduction

The gospel of John highlights several women

Usually, Bible character studies focus on men e.g. Moses, Elijah, David

Will be profitable for us to look at some women from John

Beginning with Mary, mother of Jesus

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#### Family

Husband: Joseph

Sons: Jesus, James, Joses, Simon and

Judas

Daughters: Salome and Mary Relatives: Elizabeth and Zacharias Nephew: John the Baptist

Matthew 13:55-56 Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother called Mary, and his brothers, James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? Aren't all of his sisters with us?



Introduction

#### **Angel Gabriel**

Luke 1:26-33 Now in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was

Having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, you highly favored one! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women!...Don't be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and will call his name 'Jesus.' He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High.

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Introduction Family Angel Gabriel

#### Birth of Jesus

Matthew 1:18-21 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was like this; for after his mother, Mary, was engaged to Joseph, before they came together, she was found pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, intended to put her away secretly.

But when he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take to yourself Mary, your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She shall bring forth a son. You shall call his name Jesus, for it is he who shall save his people from their sins."

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#### Seeking Jesus

Luke 2:41-49 When he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast, and when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem.

Joseph and his mother didn't know it, but supposing him to be in the company, they went a day's journey, and they looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances.

When they didn't find him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for him



Introduction Family Angel Gabriel Birth of Jesus

It happened after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When they saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us this way? Behold, your father and I were anxiously looking for you."

He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"

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#### At the Wedding

John 2:1-11 The third day, there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee.

Jesus' mother was there. Jesus also was invited, with his disciples, to the marriage. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Whatever he says to you, do it."

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#### At the Cross

John 19:25-26 But there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

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

Luke 2:34-35 Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary, his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which is spoken against. Yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."



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#### At the Upper Room

Acts 1:14 All these with one accord continued steadfastly in prayer and supplication, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Last mention of Mary in the Bible

Tradition places her death in Ephesus

The Roman Catholic church revered Mary and teaches that she was taken to heaven after the course of her earthly life

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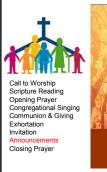
#### Conclusion

Luke 1:46-48 Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord. My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior, For he has looked at the humble state of his handmaid. For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed.

Much more

Simple – Magnificat Accommodating – Seeking Jesus Insightful - at the Wedding Devout - at the Cross Faithful – at Upper Room

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Call to Worship Scripture Reading Opening Prayer Congregational Singing Communion & Giving Exhortation Invitation Announcements Closing Prayer	FELLOWSHIP DINNER  Provided by the Poons	- - -
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Clockwise: Father's Day pizza fellowship announced; fathers posing with pizzas, members and visitors enjoying the fellowship; more than enough for seconds. PS. Pizzas were sponsored by Annie, served with chicken drumsticks from June and fruits from Phai.