

# 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, 2nd August 2020**

## Give Us 3 Weeks (2nd in a 3-part series)



This week, we present another 7 resolutions for you to consider and adopt. The Bible tells us in Romans 12:2 *Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God.* Check out some graphics of these passages on page 4.

**8. I will resolve to look for God's mercies** every morning. This is not a fair world, and we can only rely on His grace. *Lamentations 3:22-23 It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.*

**9. I will resolve to overcome the world** - like a boat, in order for the Christian to be useful, he must be in the water but water must not get into the boat. *John 16:33 I have told you these things, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have oppression; but cheer up! I have overcome the world.*

**10. I will let go and let God** - the older I get, the more I realise that God's plans are superior to my schemes. *Hebrews 12:1 Therefore let us also, seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.*

**11. I will resolve to rely on God to meet my needs** - when man cannot, God can! *Philippians 4:19 My God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.*

**12. I will resolve to be wise in God's wisdom** - because often our wisdom is limited and faulty. *James 1:5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach; and it will be given to him.*

**13. I will resolve to be contented** - when we trust God, we will accept whatever He has in mind for us. *Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect to lack, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content in it.*

**14. I will resolve to be clear-headed** - because it is so easy to be confused by all that is going on around us. *2 Timothy 1:7 For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline.*



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## Introduction

So many things are happening  
Usually our first impressions are not adequate  
More important than our own reactions, is what the Bible says  
For Christians this is so important  
To read, discover, reflect and follow  
*2 Timothy 3:16-17 Every writing inspired by God is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction which is in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

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Introduction

## 1. The Pandemic

This is still the number 1 topic  
For Singapore and most countries, moving back to normal  
WHO informs us that the crisis is not over  
The race for a vaccine  
*Psalms 112:7-8 He will not be afraid of evil news. His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established. He will not be afraid in the end when he sees his adversaries.*

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Introduction  
1. The Pandemic

## 2. Race Issues

As old as the Bible  
Jews and Samaritians  
*Romans 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, and is rich to all who call on him.*  
George Floyd  
*James 2:3-4 and you pay special attention to him who wears the fine clothing, and say, "Sit here in a good place;" and you tell the poor man, "Stand there," or "Sit by my footstool;" haven't you shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?*

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Introduction  
1. The Pandemic  
2. Race Issues

### 3. Social Media

A new generation has grown up with social media  
Facebook, Twitter, Instagram...

A good tool but dangerous master

HoF uses Facebook and WhatsApp

Opinionated, entitled and abusive

1 Peter 5:5 *Yes, all of you gird yourselves with humility, to subject yourselves to one another; for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."*

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1. The Pandemic  
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### 4. Aging Society

As the mortality rate increases

Family structure, cost of health care increases,  
decrease in births

Increase in dementia and chronic diseases

Is the younger generation ready to step in?

Psalms 71:18 *Yes, even when I am old and gray-haired, God, don't forsake me, Until I have declared your strength to the next generation, Your might to everyone who is to come.*

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1. The Pandemic  
2. Race Issues  
3. Social Media  
4. Aging Society

### 5. Church Growth

In the past century, churches of Christ fastest  
growing

Currently declining; even small groups

No longer reaching out

Revelation 3:15-18 *"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of my mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing,' and don't know that you are the wretched one, miserable, poor, blind, and naked; I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich; and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see.*

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# NEWS & NOTES



at the Household  
of Faith

We wish all our August birthday celebrants a blessed birthday and another great year ahead.

We have added QR codes on the cover of Fidelity - scan them to go to our new website or the Facebook Household of Faith.

Our condolences to brother Selvarajah on the demise of his brother this past Thursday.



## BIRTHDAYS

Month of August  
Ramesh 1508  
Lai Aunty 2008  
Cheang Andy 2108  
Kong Lay 2408  
Goh Jovan 2508



CASTING  
ALL  
your  
*Worries*  
on Him  
because  
He  
CARES  
FOR YOU

1 PETER 5:7



If any of you lacks  
wisdom, let him ask God,  
who gives generously to  
All without reproach, and  
it will be given to him.

James 1:5

BUT THANKS  
BE TO GOD,  
WHO ALWAYS  
→ LEADS US ←  
IN TRIUMPH  
IN CHRIST.  
2 CORINTHIANS 2:14



WORD  
Swags



AND LET US  
RUN WITH  
PERSEVERANCE  
THE RACE MARKED  
OUT FOR US,  
FIXING  
OUR EYES  
ON *Jesus.*  
Hebrews 12:1-2

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**Week of Sunday, 9th August 2020**



This week, we present the last of 20 resolutions for you to consider and adopt from my series of 4 sermons in July. We celebrate Singapore's 55th National Day today with a Singapore flag on our masthead.

**15. I will resolve to enjoy the journey and not just focus on the destination** - so many of us live for the weekend and just endure the rest of the week rather than enjoying them. *Luke 24:32 They said one to another, "Weren't our hearts burning within us, while he spoke to us along the way, and while he opened the Scriptures to us?"*

**16. I will resolve to stabilize my faith.** It is not good enough to just believe. The devil also believed (*James 2:19 You believe that God is one. You do well. The demons also believe, and shudder.*). Our faith should not cause us to shudder but look forward to His rewards. *Hebrews 11:6 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.*

**17. I will resolve to be humble.** It is okay to be slandered or mistreated for your faith.

Jesus was also mistreated and you are in good company. *1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.*

**18. I will resolve not to be anxious.** The best reason not to worry, Jesus tells us is because only people who don't have God worry. *1 Peter 5:7 casting all your worries on him, because he cares for you.*

**19. I will resolve not to be rushed.** We can plan our day and rush from one appointment to another, but it is up to God to work it out. *In Proverbs 16:9 In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.*

**20. I will resolve to bring souls to heaven.** We live in this world, but must never forget that this is temporary, and soon be over - our final destination is heaven. This is why Jesus says in *Matthew 6:20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.*



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Introduction

### Thankful for Life

Singapore has one of the highest life expectancies - of 84 years

Some provision for health, old age, retirement

Most Singaporeans well taken care of, even during the pandemic, lowest death rates

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

Even though it is a good life, not enough – consider another dimension

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Introduction

### Thankful for Blessings

Singapore is a consumer society

Our homes are so full of stuff – spend half our lives packing them

If we cannot find in our many malls, we go online for the latest and best

As we are thankful for all our blessings, so important that they do not distract us

James 5:1-3 *Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming on you. Your riches are corrupted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and your silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be for a testimony against you, and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up your treasure in the last days.*

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Introduction

Thankful for Blessings

### Thankful for Health

Singapore has one of the best health care systems

Singapore became the gold standard in handling the pandemic with one of the lowest fatalities

Many Government programs for elderly and low income Singaporeans

Life expectancy is expected to go up to 85.4 in 2040

More to life than its length – consider the breadth and depth

*Ecclesiastes 6:12 For who knows what is good for man in life, all the days of his vain life which he spends like a shadow? For who can tell a man what will be after him under the sun?*

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Thankful for Blessings

Thankful for Health

### Thankful for Safety

Most basic need of all humans

Refugees, war-torn nations, dictatorships...

Growing up – 2 robberies; break-in and theft

Now less crime; one of the safest countries in the world

While we may be safe from physical harm; Bible warns of another kind of safety

*John 17:15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one*

*1 Peter 5:8 Be sober and self-controlled. Be watchful. Your adversary the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

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Introduction

Thankful for Blessings

Thankful for Health

Thankful for Safety

### Thankful for Governance

No government is perfect

We just had an election and the web was so lively with opinions, accusations and fake news

Ultimately, it is up to every citizen to vote as the electoral system is reliable

Things work in Singapore

- Rubbish cleared and incinerated
- Streets clean, safe and lit
- Hospitals, schools amongst best

Bible tells us to pray and support the government

*Romans 13:1 Let every soul be in subjection to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those who exist are ordained by God.*

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# NEWS & NOTES



at the Household  
of Faith

Today, we celebrate 55 years of independence for Singapore.

Live streaming name cards (left) were mailed to you this past week. If you need more of the live streaming namecards to pass to your family and friends, please let our minister know.

Below: National colours of our members from past National Days.



Scan QR CODE  
for live stream

**facebook**  
**LIVE** Streaming

Participate at the live streaming of the Household of Faith worship every Sunday @6-7pm (1 hr) on Facebook's Household of Faith group at <https://tinyurl.com/HOFstream> or scan the QR code



**HAPPY  
NATIONAL DAY!**





**16th August 2020**

## All You Need can be found at our new website



The newly launched website is a storehouse of information and materials for members and visitors to the Household of Faith. This mobile-friendly website is easy to access and navigate.

All you need to do is to type [www.hofsg.com](http://www.hofsg.com) on your phone, tablet, notebook or desktop. You will be greeted instantly with "Welcome to our website", with a button that you can tap to go to our live stream (left). It will always link to the latest url. When we return to assembly at the MYMCA, this will be updated accordingly.

There are 15 sections in our website, all easily reached from the ever present menu. At the bottom of every page are 3 links for you to leave a message, request delivery of sermons and bulletins or report an error or broken link.

The first section is CHECK US OUT in which we offer to listen, share, pray and talk with anyone who visits our web.

Next we inform WHO WE ARE with the Household of Faith story and links to churches of Christ in the USA.

For good measure, we include a section with comments from people who have visited the Household of Faith or benefited from our services - WHAT OTHERS SAY. This may be updated from time to time.

Under ACTIVITIES, we list our Sunday services as well as our schedule for the week. Here you

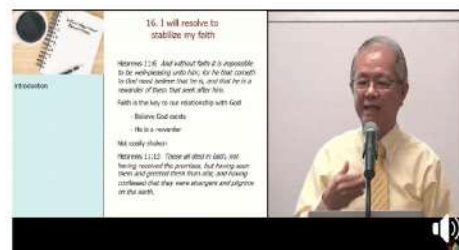
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**We are now live streaming  
every Sunday at 6pm @  
<https://tinyurl.com/HOFstream>**

**Tap Here to go  
to Live  
Streaming**

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




[Tap here to view our Sermon  
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Consider the Manna:

- Rained from heaven
- 6 mornings a week
- Good for just a day except Sabbath
- Bread of angels
- Purpose

God continues to provide for our needs today

Discuss 5 of these

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Introduction

### Life

Genesis 2:7 *Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*

John 1:3-4 *All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.*

John 10:10 *I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.*

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Introduction  
Life

### Peace

John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, give I to you. Don't let your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.*

Philippians 4:6-7 *In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.*

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Introduction  
 Life  
 Peace

### Strength

Psalm 46:1-3 *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.*

Isaiah 43:1-3 *Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.*

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 Strength

### Wisdom

James 1:5 *But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach; and it will be given to him.*

Proverbs 3:13-19 *Happy is the man who finds wisdom, The man who gets understanding. For her good profit is better than getting silver; And her return is better than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies. None of the things you can desire are to be compared to her. Length of days is in her right hand. In her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness. All her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her. Happy is everyone who retains her. By wisdom Yahweh founded the earth. By understanding, he established the heavens.*

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 Strength  
 Wisdom

### Joy

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

Isaiah 61:10 *I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

Habakkuk 3:17-18 *Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.*

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The big news last week was that some religious organisations were allowed a hundred persons to congregate at their services. We eagerly look forward to further easing so that the Household of Faith can return to regular worship and other activities.

The booklet of the menus of our newly completed website was sent out with the Fidelity last week. This week, we are introducing a new masthead for the weekly Fidelity, now in its third year. The bulletin is posted on our website, as early as a week in advance.

## All You Need can be found at our new website

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will find links to request services and contact information.

The next two sections are LOCATION and STAFF which are self explanatory.

Under RESOURCES, you will find lessons, tracts, booklets, workbooks and compilations by our minister. There is also a subsection for New Converts and Visitors. Materials from various sources are available for viewing and download. There is also a listing of our services on this page.

We have carefully selected our LINKS to provide the best places to look for churches, learn the Bible and get books and Bible materials.

Also, there is a Q & A section with a variety of questions answered by our minister. We will add more to this section as more questions are submitted.

Our last 3 sections store our sermons, bulletins and photos for viewing and download.

GALLERY displays a good sampling of photos of activities at the Household of Faith - from birthdays and baptisms to worship and special occasions. Every photo is captioned and more

are added all the time.

VIDEOS OF SERMONS since we started to live stream. Over the months, we have accumulated a good collection and are adding more each week.

Our final section is our PUBLICATIONS where Fidelity issues since April 2020 reside.

Here we have it - everything you need is online. If you would like to see a feature that is not there, please let our minister know.



Live Photo Room

Announcements

See All (1)

Members will see the most recent unread announcement at the top of the group.



Henry Kong

Admin · 29 Mar ·

Participate with us in our weekly 1-hour live streaming worship on Sunday at 6pm Sunday 16th August 2020

<https://boxcast.tv/view/16-august-2020->

The link to our live streaming has to be different every week. We update the link every Saturday so when you use the website, Facebook group or this direct link (<https://tinyurl.com/HOFstream>), you will always get the latest link for live streaming.



**23rd August 2020**

## We must Intentionally Reach out with the Gospel



In order for the church to grow, we must intentionally looking for ways to reach out to family and friends with the gospel and church activities. As we keep on doing this, we must disciple members, especially new converts to inculcate this mindset.

When we recently made a serious attempt to update and refurbish our website, we were not trying to pretty up the old site but replace it with something new, mobile-friendly and relevant. To accomplish this, we emphasize 3 features:

1. We want to connect with those who visited our website by listening, caring and sharing. Brother Richard Chia has offered right from the start to lend a listening ear to anyone who wants to unburden, and pray with them.

2. A special section for new converts and visitors. Here you will find helpful materials like the first 40 days, personal Bible course and the full set of Jule Miller's Visualize Bible Study series. We provide easy ways for visitors to respond (see right).

3. We have put all our resources online including tracts, workbooks and compilations. Our bulletins and sermon PowerPoints and videos are also accessible from the website.

The first thing to do is to familiarize yourself with our website. The booklet we mailed out with the menus of the website is a good place to start. Then recommend it to your family and friends, going through with them if possible. Let's use every way possible to share the gospel with our family and friends.



### Section for Visitors and New Converts Excellent Materials from Various Sources

Resources on this section - tap on Titles or Scroll Down: 1 Start with the Personal Bible Course • 2. Learn the Joy of Christianity • 3. Learn of God's Plan for Redeeming Man • 4. Learn the History of the Lord's Church • 5. Try out for 40 Days • 6. Discover The Old Testament • 7. Discover the Life of Jesus • 8. Discover the Start of the Church



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### Introduction

Psalm 23 is the most quoted chapter in the Bible

It is suitable for most occasions, especially funerals

A Psalm for All Seasons

Birth, Graduation, Illness, Baptism, Marriage, Funeral – all the keys issues of life

Especially when life is shaken by uncertainties, changes and loss

Only 7 verses, but so comforting, sure and healing

For tonight's lesson, I will use the traditional King James version

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#### Introduction

### The LORD is my shepherd

Psalms 23:1 *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

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

David himself was a shepherd; he now ascribes the position to God

Sheep are fully reliant on their shepherd

From the time a lamb is born to when it is sent to the slaughter, the sheep lacks nothing

Here we experience the Lord's personal care, guidance, and protection of his people.

John 10:14 *I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.*

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#### Introduction The Lord is my shepherd

### He makes me to lie down

Psalms 23:2 *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

Nourishment for the sheep is found in green pastures

Green pastures are rare in Palestine but the shepherd knows where to lead the sheep

Today, we find nourishment from God's word

Still waters represent pools in oasis rather than dangerous rushing rivers

There is safety and security wherever we allow God to lead us

Psalms 4:8 *I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.*

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#### Introduction The Lord is my shepherd He makes me to lie down

### He restores my soul

Psalms 23:3 *He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

Sometimes a sheep may wander away from the flock; God will seek and restore us

He will show us the way and lead us to the paths of righteousness

Micah 6:8 *He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?*

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Introduction  
The Lord is my shepherd  
He makes me to lie down  
He restores my soul

### Thy rod and staff...

Psalms 23:4 *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

Life is not always a path of roses

Hebrews 13:5-6 *I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*

Rod: used to gently guide the sheep back to the flock

Staff: hook used to pull the sheep back to safety especially along mountain ledges

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Introduction  
The Lord is my shepherd  
He makes me to lie down  
He restores my soul  
Thy rod and thy staff

### Thy rod and staff...

Psalms 23:5 *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

When we abide under God's good pleasure, He will do the best of us

Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved... for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Imagine having a feast before your enemies

Welcome guests are anointed with oil

Our God is a generous God

Luke 6:38 *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

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He restores my soul  
Thy rod and thy staff

### Surely goodness...

Psalms 23:6 *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.*

God's goodness and mercies continue to be showered upon us

1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

The litmus test is our relationship to the house of the Lord

Psalms 122:1 *I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.*

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The Lord is my shepherd  
He makes me to lie down  
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Thy rod and thy staff

### Summary

Points taken from Max Lucado's book, Travelling Light

*Rest from the burden of a small god...*  
- Because I have found the Lord.

*Rest from doing things my way...*  
- Because I shall not want.

*Rest from weariness...*  
- Because he makes me to lie down.

*Rest from worry...*  
- Because he leads me.

*Rest from hopelessness...*  
- Because he restores my soul.

*Rest from guilt...* - Because he leads me in the paths of righteousness.

*Rest from pride...*  
- Because of his name's sake.

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Introduction

The Lord is my shepherd  
He makes me to lie down  
He restores my soul  
Thy rod and thy staff

### Summary

*Rest from the valley of death...*  
- Because he walks me through it.

*Rest from the shadow of grief...*  
- Because he guides me.

*Rest from fear...*  
- Because his presence comforts me.

*Rest from loneliness...*  
- Because he is with me.

*Rest from shame...* - Because he has prepared a place for me in the presence of my enemies.

*Rest from my disappointments...*  
- Because he anoints me.

*Rest from envy...* - Because my cup overflows.

*Rest from doubt...* - Because he follow me.

*Rest from homesickness...* - Because I will dwell in the house of my Lord forever.

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**Henry Kong**  
Admin · March 29 · 🌐

Participate in our weekly live streaming 1-hour worship at 6pm Sunday 9th August 2020  
<https://boxcast.tv/View/so-much-to-be-thankful-for---henry-kong-ywmeikwghzklbwuciaa>  
 Enjoy our half hour sermon videos any time @ <http://www.hofsg.com/videos>

**Look Streaming** Come to the Household of Faith!

The Live Streaming of the Worship Will Begin at 6pm

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



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# HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH

## News & Notes

This past week, I wanted to add some videos on our website besides the live streaming sermons. When I just unearthed a handful, having mostly taken photographs, I sounded a general alert in our whatsapp groups for assistance. When only a handful trickled in, I decided to use the photographs as slide presentations.

By the end of the day, I had compiled several slide presentations and posted them on our website and Facebook. (The resolution on Facebook is rather poor as Facebook reduces the size of the videos significantly).

Take a look at them from our website and if you like, download them for safekeeping as they showcase of a wide range of the Household of Faith's activities over the past 3 years - from baptisms to group photographs.

On this page are some screenshots.



HoF Children



HoF Groups

Tap on the above photo Tap on the above photo



HoF Worship



HoF Visitors

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Lessons Sunday HoF Baptisms





It is hard to believe that the Household of Faith has not met for half of 2020 and that we have been live streaming for 5 months already. Our first live stream was on 29th March on my sermon, Hope for the Hopeless (2).

From a small audience averaging slightly over 30 at the Upper Room of the Metropolitan YMCA, our live stream has attracted viewers from all over the world, averaging over 150 views each time.

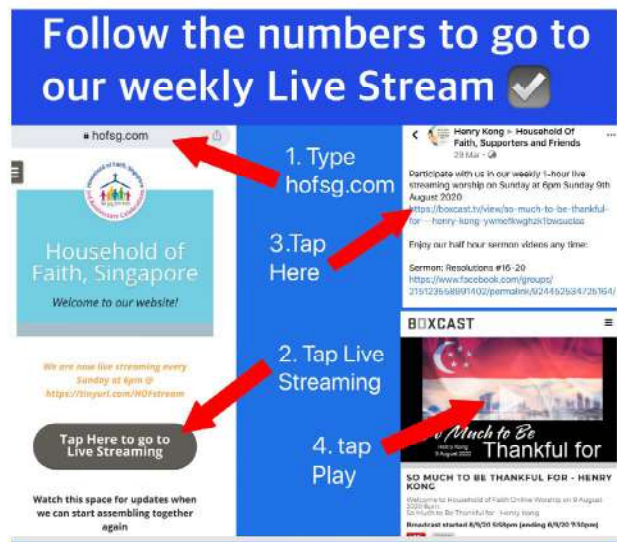
We have received many positive comments. Each week, we attempt to do better. However, our goal is not to keep up with live stream, but to assemble together as a congregation in the near future.

While many churches became dormant or inactive, Household of Faith was able to use the internet to further extend its reach.



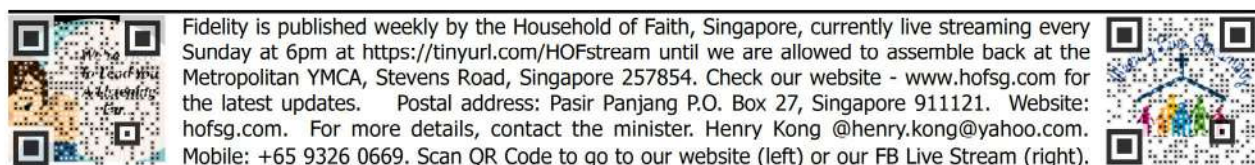
Go to our website - [hofsg.com](http://hofsg.com) > videos for the rest of the sermons

With the recording of our sermons, we have launched a mobile-friendly website accessed with a few taps on your phone or desktop (see above screenshot).



We use Facebook to update our link to Boxcast where we upload our live stream. Boxcast will generate a unique link for each live stream, so instead of attempting to send a notification to everybody each week, we update the link every Saturday on Facebook, Household of Faith, supporters and friends group.

Just go to our group - it is the first post (under announcements). You can also go there directly by typing <https://tinyurl.com/HOFstream>. If you want something simpler or in case you need to tell a friend about our live stream, follow the 4 simple steps on the left screenshot.






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### Introduction

What do you see on the MRT every day?  
So many start and end the day without God  
Even Christians  
Will the "God Factor" make a difference?  
Tonight, let us open the Bible...  
Introduce practical ways for meaningful living

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The GOD FACTOR

Introduction

### Ezekiel 37:1-8

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

<sup>2</sup> He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.

<sup>3</sup> He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!'

<sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath<sup>al</sup> enter you, and you will come to life.

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The GOD FACTOR


Introduction  
Ezekiel 37:1-8

### Ezekiel 37:1-8

<sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.

<sup>8</sup> I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.



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The GOD FACTOR

Introduction  
Ezekiel 37:1-8

### Created in God's Image

Genesis 1:26-27 God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in His own image. In God's image He created him; male and female He created them.

Wisdom of Solomon 2:23: For **God created** man to be immortal, and **made** him to be an **image** of his own eternity. The righteous, because they are **made** in the **image** of **God**, can rest in the full hope of eternal life.

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Introduction  
Ezekiel 37:1-8  
Created in God's  
Image

## Created for Heaven

1 Peter 1:3-4 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy became our father again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance that doesn't fade away, reserved in heaven for you*

James 4:14 *Whereas you don't know what your life will be like tomorrow. For what is your life? For you are a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away.*

Luke 12:19-20 *I will tell my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. Take your ease, eat, drink, be merry." 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?"*

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Introduction  
Ezekiel 37:1-8  
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## God Reaches Out to You

Luke 13:34 *"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that kills the prophets, and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, like a hen gathers her own brood under her wings, and you refused!"*

Luke 19:10 *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost."*

John 15:16 *You didn't choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatever you will ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you.*

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## Unfulfilled Without God

John 10:9-10 *I am the door. If anyone enters in by me, he will be saved, and will go in and go out, and will find pasture. The thief only comes to steal, kill, and destroy. I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.*

Ecclesiastes 6:2 *A man to whom God gives riches, wealth, and honor, so that he lacks nothing for his soul of all that he desires, yet God gives him no power to eat of it, but an alien eats it. This is vanity, and it is an evil disease.*

6 *Yes, though he live a thousand years twice told, and yet fails to enjoy good, don't all go to one place?*

12 *For who knows what is good for man in life, all the days of his vain life which he spends like a shadow? For who can tell a man what will be after him under the sun?*

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### 5-Step God Factor

1. Wake up with Psalms 118:24 *This is the day that the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it!*
2. Give thanks with the example of Jesus in John 6:11 *Jesus took the loaves; and having given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to those who were sitting down; likewise also of the fish as much as they desired.*
3. Serve God in all you do. Colossians 3:22 *Servants, obey in all things those who are your masters according to the flesh, not just when they are looking, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God.*

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### 5-Step God Factor

4. Do good to all men. 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.*
5. Pray before you speak, decide or post. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 *Pray without ceasing.*



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### HELPFUL LINKS

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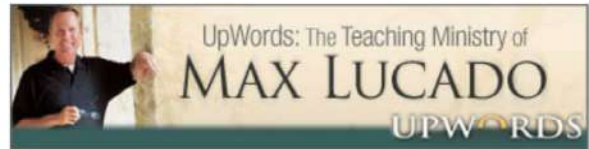
It has been half a month since we last met as a church. We pray that all of you are keeping up with your daily devotionals, following up with the weekly live stream worships, and finding opportunities to reach out to our family and friends.

We have attempted to put all the materials, media and outreach tools on our newly launched website. Everything you need or want to introduce to your family and friends that we can think of is just a tap away.

Unlike our first website on wordpress.com, this one is mobile-friendly and easy to read and navigate. It is intended to be interactive, with photos, videos and even slide presentations.

As we receive feedback, new features are added all the time. One of these is a New Converts' and Visitors' section where we list our services and recommend helpful materials for new Christians or those seeking to become Christians.

We look forward to assembling together again. In the meanwhile, we are using social media and live stream to reach out to many more people. Continue to look out for ways to touch lives with the love of Jesus during these uncertain days.



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I wonder, was he ever tempted to reclaim his boundlessness? In the middle of a long trip, did

New features are added all the time - now there is a daily devotional at [Links > Daily Devotionals](#). Photos, videos, Fidelity and PowerPoints are updated weekly.

