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敬虔於神，仁慈於人

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基督徒的道德觀是什麼呢？基督徒的道德價值是集中於「人與神」以及「人與人」之間的關係上。以「神」為主要；以「人」為次要。當一位律法師來問耶穌說：「律法上那一條是最大的？」耶穌回答說：「第一是『盡心愛神』，其次，是『愛人如己』」。基督徒對神應該要存著一個敬虔、愛慕的心，對人要存著一顆慈悲、仁愛的心。

基督徒要如何「敬虔於神」呢？聖經裡面提到許多敬虔的人。例如：約伯(伯1:1,5)、哥尼流(徒10:1-2)、大衛(詩5:7)。當我們研究他們的生平之後，我們會發現他們均有同一個特點，即他們都是敬畏神，常常禱告，正直公義。可見一個敬虔的人，他不但與神有美好的關係，他個人也有優良的品德。

(一) 敬畏上帝

何謂敬畏神呢？箴言8:13說：「敬畏耶和華，在乎恨惡邪惡；那驕傲狂妄並惡道，以及乖謬的口，都為我所恨惡。」一個敬畏神的人，他不是恨惡罪人，他乃是恨惡罪惡。他不喜歡犯罪，他也不敢犯罪。驕傲、狂妄是一種態度的表現；惡道是行為的表現；乖謬的口是言語的表現。由此可見，罪不但可以從行為上表現出來，也可以從態度及言語上表現出來。

約伯在言語上不敢犯罪，他說：「賞賜的是耶和華，收取的也是耶和華；耶和華的名是應當稱頌的。」約伯敬畏神，遠離惡事(伯1:1)。大衛對上帝的態度是怎樣的呢？他常存著謙卑的心，倚靠上帝(詩31:14)。當他有機會殺死掃羅的時候，他卻說：「今日耶和華將王交在我手裡，我卻不肯伸手害耶和華的受膏者。耶和華必照各人的公義誠實報應他」。大衛「不以惡報惡」反而「以善勝惡」。他因敬畏神，就遠離惡事。哥尼流多多賙濟百姓(徒10:2)，在行為上表現出他敬畏神。聖經說：「欺壓貧寒的是辱沒造他的主；憐憫窮乏的，乃是尊敬主。」(箴14:31)

信主之後，我們有否常常對付罪呢？我們是否常存著一個敬畏神的心來恨惡自己所犯的罪呢？

(二) 常常禱告

約伯每晨起來就獻燔祭，為著他的兒女禱告(伯1:50)。從大衛所寫的詩篇裡，我們會看到他與主的關係是如何的親密(詩1至150篇)。使徒行傳10:2說：「哥尼流常常禱告神。」莫怪，神的恩典就臨到他和他的全家。連他的親屬密友也蒙恩得救。禱告是敬虔的一個主要關鍵。

我們是否常為著我們的兒女禱告？為著教會，為著國家禱告？我們是否每日與主親近，與神交通，過著一個敬虔的生活？

(三) 正直公義

約伯...完全正直(伯1:1)，哥尼流是一個義人(徒10:22)，大衛是正直公義(詩7:8)。敬虔的人不但是正直，亦是公義。

何謂「正直」，何謂「公義」呢？正直的相反是彎曲；公義的相反是不義或不正。我們的思想、言語和行為是否歪曲的呢？我們行事為人是否正直公義？詩112如此說：「敬畏耶和華，甚喜愛祂命令的，這人便為有福！他的後裔在世必強盛；正直人的後代必要蒙福.....正直人在黑暗中，有光向他發現；他有恩惠，有憐憫，有公義.....他永不動搖；義人被記念，直到永遠.....他施捨錢財，賙濟貧窮；他的仁義存到永遠。」

基督徒不但要「敬虔於神」，他也要「仁慈於人」。一個有仁慈的人有何特徵呢？(請參路10:27-35)他是：

(一) 滿有憐憫

耶穌所講的比喻中，有一個人落在強盜中，他們剝去他的衣裳，把他打個半死，有一個祭司看見他，不理他，就走過去了。有一個利未人看見他，也照樣走過去了。惟有一個撒馬利亞人看見他，就動了慈心。

一個有仁慈的人，他是滿有憐憫的。他一看到別人的需要、困難、問題，他不是只知不理，乃是伸手幫助。一個有仁慈的人，他的心地是好的，為甚麼呢？

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Devotion to God

by Rev. Un Hock Wee

"And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your Father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts." (1 Chronicles 28:9)

Why is King David known as the greatest king Israel ever had? It's because he was a man after God's own heart. He was the only king who loved the Lord and served the Lord with all his might. Now, let us learn from the greatest king as he gave wise advices to his son Solomon.

1. ACKNOWLEDGE GOD

A person who sincerely loves the Lord will trust and depend on God's provision everyday. When David was a shepherd boy, he took care of his father's flocks. It was not an easy task for a young boy to bring out the sheep and look for food to feed them everyday. He simply had to trust the Lord. He was lonely most of the time, staying in the wilderness and thus was able to develop an intimate relationship with the Lord. This was the reason why he had strong faith in the Lord. The Lord indeed was his ultimate companion. This was what David said to the Lord, "Please protect the flocks from harm and provide enough food for them. Help me to love and care for them."

When David became king, he continued to worship and honor God not only for himself but he also lead the people to worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Every time he went to war, he simply put his trust in the Lord then God would grant him victory. In every success, credit was always given to God alone. As he passed his throne to his son Solomon, he encouraged him to worship and honor God in the way he did.

2. SERVE GOD WHOLEHEARTEDLY

David was also known as the only king who served the Lord wholeheartedly. The word wholehearted means "uncut stones." This means he served the Lord with pure and perfect heart. His main objective was to please the Lord in everything he did. He served the Lord by giving his best in every task he would do. He was also the only king who had a desire to build the Lord's temple. So, serving the Lord wholeheartedly means dying to self and living for the Lord.

We should not only give a part of our lives to him but the whole. We should serve Him with the very best that we have and can do. Sad to say, his son Solomon did not heed his father's advice. He had a good start but ended up being unfaithful and thereby caused his kingdom to be divided.

3. WILLING HEART

The word "willing" means "to find pleasure in, to take delight in, be pleased with and have affection for, to desire." This simply means that it is a pleasure to serve our God Almighty and a delight to do the things that would please Him. There's no other purpose or intention in my life than to please God in everything I do.

There may be many motives in serving God other than pure pleasure and delight. Sometimes we have our own *hidden agenda* or *personal motives* in serving the Lord. God wants us to serve Him with a willing spirit. One that desires to hear his Heavenly Father say to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant," as he meets Him face to face.

Sometimes, knowing and serving God may not be our greatest pleasure. Maybe we serve with a divided heart. We may ask, "How can I change the way I feel?" We can't. Only God can. Give Him your heart - your whole heart. Ask Him to change it. The words of Deuteronomy 30:6 have changed my heart and my life. "The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love Him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live."

Every single day I pray that God will circumcise my heart to love Him. I know we will never be men and women after God's own heart with halfhearted devotion. A heart wholly devoted to God is a heart like His.

My God, I praise You because You are the same God today as You were when David was king. You still desire wholehearted devotion from Your people. I pray to acknowledge You and submit to You daily. I pray to serve You with wholehearted devotion. Please show me where my heart is divided and make it whole again. Finally, I pray to serve You with a willing spirit. Please purify every motive I have for serving You. I pray these things in Jesus' name, Amen.



Doing What's Right ... For God's Sake

by Music Committee

*Father, if it is Your will,
take this cup away from Me,
nevertheless, not My will,
but Yours, be done.*

Luke 22:42

Great spiritual progress occurs when we learn to do what is right for reasons higher than those that have moved us in the past. The very act of doing the right thing is important, of course, but even more important than that is our motive for doing it. Jesus repeatedly emphasized the importance of the "heart." We must get to the point where we do the right thing not just for good reasons, but for *higher* reasons, the highest of which is being the pure love of God Himself.

It is not an easy thing to wrestle with the question, "What are we to do?" and keep the focus on God. Even as we consider what God's will might be from a theoretical standpoint, it's hard to keep our thoughts from being overpowered by the more immediate concerns that relate to ourselves. *How will this or that action affect our feelings? What will make us happy? What will others think of us? What will we think of ourselves? What's our best strategy?* All these petty self-concern about the pros and cons of human behavior make it appear that life is about us. But life is not about us, it's about God. All the self-centered questions in the world matter very little next to the question of God. *What does God desire? We*

are never more in danger of acting selfishly than when the thing God desires happens to be a thing that also accrues to our advantage. It's hard to keep from wrapping plain old self-will in the mantle of "God's will."

At some point, we must learn not only to do what's right, but to do it for God's sake. Whether obedience seems advantageous or disadvantageous to us personally should not be allowed to dominate the discussion. Many good things do come to the obedient, and it would be naïve to suggest that we shouldn't be drawn to these. But they can't be our primary concern. Jesus taught that we get the good things God has for us only by forgetting these things and keeping our focus on Him. We find ourselves only when we lose ourselves, and life is gained in the act of giving it up.

*Not as I will, but as Thou wilt.
To be able to say these words
and truly mean them
is the highest point
we can ever hope to attain.
Then, indeed, we have broken out
of time's hard shell to breathe,
not its stale air,
but the fresh, exhilarating atmosphere
of eternity.*

- Malcolm Muggeridge -



Today's Vision. Tomorrow's Direction

by Rev. Danny Reyes

Isaiah's Vision

God Himself chose Isaiah so that he received revelation from God to speak to the people of his time. Yet we know that his vision in Isaiah chapter six changed his life forever, so that his entire direction in life differed. A lot of people see visions of God, but when God asks, "Whom should I send?" they would answer, "Here am I, send him." Or they would say, "Lord, here I am, but it's better if I stay here." At the end of Isaiah's vision, he was so changed that he said to God, "Here I am, send me."

And not only so, God clearly showed him where he would preach and that when he preached, no one would listen and no one would understand. And even if they understood, they would not believe. If God should send you there, would you go? Some people said that if God should call them to be like Rev. Stephen Tong, they would be willing. If God should call them to be like Billy Graham, then all the more they would go. Yet, if He should call them to go to a people who would not believe, then it would be a waste of time and energy. However, after Isaiah saw this vision, the entire direction of his ministry changed. He did not care about how many people would listen. He realized that he was there to do what God wanted him to do.

I have been in UECM for twenty four years. On my tenth year, somebody told me to leave UECM and go to a bigger church for a better future. I understood that he wanted me to become a "big-time" pastor. What is a big-time pastor? Someone who is literally and physically big? We often think that it is better to be big-time pastors in big-time churches. Yet if that is the case, then many small churches would not have pastors. In Isaiah chapter six, the prophet

saw something that changed the entire direction of his life. What exactly did Isaiah see? There are several things we can observe.

Death of a King


Verse one in chapter six states, "in the year of King Uzziah's death..." Historical background showed that King Uzziah was a good king working in good terms with the prophet Isaiah. They were actually related. It's always great to see a king and a prophet working together in unity. If pastors do not get along with their co-workers, then it's hard to get anything done. But if they work together harmoniously, it would be a wonderful thing. Such was the case with King Uzziah and Isaiah. But something happened - King Uzziah died. What did his death imply?

Good and Lasting

There are two qualities in life that define people's security. Firstly, something good, then secondly, something lasting. If something is both good and lasting, then we feel very secure. A very good husband would be nice but if the marriage does not last long due to infidelity or death, would it still be good? When this happens, we would lose our security because the goodness in our circumstances is lost. A pair of lovers in the midst of a sweet conversation would want that wonderful moment to last forever. Why? Because they realize that nobody knows what is to come. Nobody knows when or how circumstances might change. Though we often have our security founded in things that are good and lasting, nevertheless, nothing on earth remains the same forever.

Life Is Changing

Life is constantly changing. Sometimes, there is much change, sometimes little. Sometimes



there are large changes, sometimes small. Life is a constant change and there is nothing we can truly grasp. Beautiful brides also change. They may not have the same figure after fifty years but they would still be beautiful in the context of size and age. Problems and confusion result if we make absolute something that changes, and make eternal anything that is temporal. Likewise, stock markets are volatile. A 9% drop in Chinese stock market affected the whole world last February. Philippine stock market also crashed 25% in August. Nothing is permanent.

Isaiah experienced his big share of change when King Uzziah, his companion and beloved king, died. The same thing can happen to a family, to a church or to a country. When this happens, what do we do? Do we get discouraged? Do we get depressed? Do we forsake God or blame Him? What do we do? This is something worth thinking about. It is impossible for people not to change. It is impossible for the church not to change. Everything is changing because people change. So what do we do?

We thank God that when Isaiah saw King Uzziah died, he saw something else as well.

Lofty and Exalted

Verse one of chapter six continues, "In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted." This is a very important vision. If Isaiah had not seen this but continued to live in the shadow of the first thing he saw and tried to view the world through the eyes of change and suffering, he would have despaired and become discouraged. What did he see? He saw the Lord sitting on His throne, lofty and exalted!! The world changes, but we must always remember one thing: The Lord is on His throne, lofty and exalted. No matter how a church changes, always remember, the Lord is

on His throne, lofty and exalted!!

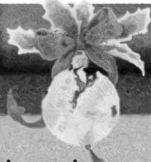
The throne reveals the presence of God. When we realize that God is in charge, then many things would be different for us. We may face a lot of problems and may think that God has deserted us or given up on us. But..... God is still on His throne! We must not view this changing world through the eyes of change or suffering. We ought to separate ourselves from these things and allow God to help us see something higher as Isaiah had seen, i.e., God on His throne, lofty and exalted.

God's Hand in History

God does not change. His promises do not change. God's promise about Noah's son Shem was fulfilled as seen in the genealogy in Genesis chapter 11. God was guiding all along through those several hundred years from Shem to Abraham. The genealogy of Jesus in Matthew chapter 1 continued the fulfilment of the promise from Abraham to David to Jesus. In the entire process, we see one thing - God's hand. His sovereign hand is present and is in charge. This is the greatest security we can have. This is the greatest comfort we can have. This is what maintains the direction of our entire life. The world may change, but God never changes.

So what is the problem? Problem exists when we make man our God. We reckon man to be unchanging. We think that the longer a person stays in our life, the better. That's true, but one day these people will have to leave as well. Only God will not go away. Therefore, problems will arise when we let men take God's place.

When communists took over China, many missionaries were evicted from China and spiritual leaders like Wang Ming Dao who had established Christian morality in China and John Sung, the great evangelist, were



imprisoned. Watchman Nee who advocated spiritual pursuit and Jia Yu Ming, the theologian who wrote five books named "Perfect Salvation" that addressed systematic theology, were among the significant figures in the Chinese church. Yet despite all these, we see one thing: God was there. The church in China grew and many ministers arose. Why? Because God was there and God is sovereign!!

We must not allow man to take God's place. We only need to see one important thing, i.e. God is there and He holds the authority. If we understand this, things would be different. And that is what Isaiah saw. When we see that God is sovereign, then in modern terms...God is our boss.

A Holy God

The Bible did not stop there. Isaiah saw the world change but God did not change and He was in charge. When Isaiah saw the throne, the seraphs and how the glory of the Lord filled the place, Isaiah saw that God was holy, that God was glorious! After Isaiah heard the seraphs cried, "Holy, Holy, Holy," he looked at himself and said, "Woe is me!" He saw how filthy and unworthy he was, living among unclean people.

To see our own unworthiness and sin is a very important perception. Often times, problems result not only when man takes God's place, but also when we think we are indispensable to a certain ministry. In this passage, Isaiah saw his own sin and lamented, "Woe is me!" Isaiah did not see any worthiness in himself. He did not think that the prophetic work needed him. He knew he was a ruined man. Realizing how unworthy and filthy he was, Isaiah needed the seraphim to fly to him with a burning coal to cleanse him. If he still had any ability and opportunity to serve God, it was because of God's cleansing.

A person once said that God gave us responsibility in the same way people played basketball. *"When five of you are on the court and the ball is with you, there's nothing the others could do if you do not shoot it. Everything is in your hands."* He went on to say that, *"if you refuse to shoot the ball, handle the ball, or pass the ball, then the game would be a sure loss."* It sounded right initially but when I thought about it and if I were the coach, I would remove the selfish player. Does God have authority to do that? Absolutely yes. We are not indispensable because everything is changing. Our life is not in our hands. Nothing is in our hands. We are unworthy. You and I can serve God today only because of one word - *grace*. God's grace. because God has called and cleansed us. If it weren't for God's grace, we would not have what we have today.

Responding to His Call

When we understand our own unworthiness, we would treasure the opportunity to be used by God so that when God asks whom He should send, we can only -in grace- respond one way, i.e., "Lord, here am I, send me."

"Lord, You want me to be in this church. Therefore, no matter what changes come, I will see that You are the God of this church. You are sovereign, not man; I am unworthy."

When God asks, "Whom shall I send?" What is your direction? Are you walking in discouragement? Or will you say, "Here am I, Lord, send me"? Be it a calling to be like Billy Graham, or a calling to be like Rev. Stephen Tong, or a calling to a place where people would not listen to you preach, it's okay...because the fact that you could serve is grace. May we strive together to obey God. Whether it be within our family, in our church, or in this country, we must remember that God is seated upon the throne on high.

守望者的明哲儆戒

白鴿

讀經：「你該知道，末世必有危險的日子來到。因為那時人要專顧自己、貪愛錢財、自誇、狂傲、謗讟、違背父母、忘恩負義、心不聖潔、無親情、不解怨、好說謊言、不能自約、心情兇暴、不愛良善、賣主賣友、任意妄為、自高自大、愛宴樂不愛神、有敬虔的外貌、卻背了敬虔的實意。這等人你要躲開。」(提後三:1-5)

這些經文雖是使徒保羅對末世聖徒極透徹的警告告白；也是對現今聖徒極明顯的寫照。因而，大凡身在教會中各團契領導者、長老、執事們必須裝備為教師作教會中-守望者。

教會中的守望者應該遵守主耶穌的警惕；要防備法利賽人及撒都該人的酵。祂不但要我們聽道，更要我們行道，為神的教會作個-守望者。要時時刻刻省察並操練，使我們免致沾上法利賽人及撒都該人的酵。

因而順此講述一則故事：在明朝時代，有位才子名叫薛瑄，他賦有天生資質，且有文學天才。但他覺得文學祇是腐儒的作品。未能作自己立身行事的根本，更不能對大眾有所貢獻。於是便悉心探討研究辨別是非，對人對事正直無私的基礎。他更待以師禮，跟從當時理學大師魏希文和范如丹。

當他參加河南鄉試，取得第一名。次年就考取進士。後來他做山東提學使，便親訂白鹿洞書院的校規。一般有才學的人仕，都感到他的寬宏大量；無才學的人仕，都畏服他的威嚴。學風因而大大地振興。人們都稱呼他「薛夫子」，任何人聽到這三個字都肅然起敬。

他的河南同鄉，有位名叫王振。在朝廷中獨霸政權、氣炎極威。王振很想籠絡薛瑄，想要推薦他做「大理少卿」。並且使人向他示意，料想薛瑄會去見他。薛瑄卻沉下臉說：「他與我同受朝廷的官爵，要我向他私人謝恩，不是我能做得到的事。」

當時有位指揮官，因患病死了。遺有妻妾。王振的侄子王山想要娶指揮官的妻。因沒得到指揮官妻子的准允，便編造指揮官的妻子，毒死丈夫。可憐這個貞節的賢婦，竟被誣告判處死刑。這事被薛瑄察知後，他被正義感所激動說：「難道執法都沒有分別是非嗎？我絕義不容辭，要為她申雪這件案子。」於是便聯同僚力伸冤屈，才得

到昭雪冤枉！卻因這事惹起王振懷恨。便暗中疏通同僚孽逆告事端，誣陷他「無故招惹人家的罪」。又使人彈劾他受賄。

因而薛瑄竟無緣無故地蒙受冤屈而入獄，並被處死刑。然而他卻無憂無慮，坦然自若地仍照日常規律，在獄中自由自在地研究勤習。他的三個兒子知道了，自願以一個代父受死，其他二人願被充軍。然王振卻不肯照辦。在將要行刑那日，王振見他的僕役在悲哭。王振很驚奇地問他何故哀傷？僕役很沉痛地說：「聽說薛大人這樣大好人竟被判刑處死，所以我情不自禁地為他哀哭。」王振也被感觸而內疚。幸有兵部侍郎王偉挺出伸救，薛瑄才得免一死。但他的知友們都勸阻他，日後應該多加戒心。薛瑄卻不屈不撓地說：「我為人道伸真理，行正義；為朝廷明是非、辨曲直，雖死也不推辭。」薛瑄一生執法無私的事，不勝枚舉。他後來告老返鄉，乃把全副精神、才智集中於修己教人的工作。

冥想薛瑄，在當時雖然沒有屬靈的生命，但他持身自守的志行，而我們身為基督麾下的聖徒們，豈不激起衷心的感悟！在提摩太後書，有使徒保羅警告白鴿的書信。繼之也有使徒彼得說：「親愛的弟兄阿，有火煉的試驗臨到你們，不要以為奇怪...倒要歡喜。因為你們是與基督一同受苦，使你們在榮耀顯現的時候，也可以歡喜快樂。你們若為基督的名受辱罵，便是有福的。因為榮耀的靈，常住在你們身上。」(彼前四:12-14)

這是警告聖徒們的話語：「務要謹守、儆醒。因為你們的仇敵魔鬼，如同吼叫的獅子，遍地游行，尋找可吞噬的人。」(彼前五:8)我們的仇敵魔鬼，遍及滲透各教會中間，伺隙靈性傲慢與靈性脆弱的聖徒，擄獲做它破壞教會的工具。所以，作為教會守望者，無論作甚麼事以前，應該拋棄自己所有的意見，以謙虛的心尋求神的旨意，並誠心遵守。同時無論作甚麼事，應該專心仰賴神，求祂指示及保守。其次，切不可固執自己的意見，性情強硬傲慢，卻要虛心容納別人忠言。同時也不可毫無一定的主見，聽別人說的話，就輕易隨從。若是自己認清是出於神的旨意，當作的事，決不怕別人毀謗、批評、反對、論斷、攻擊。無論作甚麼應該認定為主而作的。同時要知道神是站在旁邊鑑察我們所作的聖工。願我們彼此共勉之，阿們！

集腋成裘

小星光

創世記一章廿六至廿八節：神創造人，又要他管理地上、空中、海裡的活物牲畜、禽獸及昆蟲。理論上，人應該比禽獸牲畜有智慧和靈活。然而，有時在某些領域表現得比不及牠們。單就孝道方面，中國人飽受禮教澆灌，聖經又強調孝敬父母，但好多人都不懂回饋，甚至遠遜醜鴉的反哺老鴉，那發自先天性的美德與孝心。

在群體生活，人與人之間的幫助、救急、解困，許多時候會和聲望、名譽與個人利益有掛鉤，或且出於無奈。幾年前，高雄市發生鴿兒腳上一縷細線，不知因何纏住高空的電線而無法脫身，看情形必吊死在半空中。吸引許多觀眾，有的看熱鬧，也有為鳥兒擔心及同情，但均是袖手旁觀的。起初有兩三隻鴿伴，飛下用喙啄嗑綁線，接著再增援十幾隻高壯的幫手，不停接續將線噬咬至粹斷，救回了患難的夥伴。

一個炎熱夏天的下午，一陣的驟雨，惠及大地的花草樹木昆蟲，受到難得涼爽的滋潤。華宅園裡的一個大型養魚池；許多的熱帶魚，也都浮游在水面「沖涼」，盡情戲水蕩滌。或許是粗心大意，過於興奮，一條較大的魚，誤闖進淺水區，半身受擱淺，進退兩不能，當時園丁不在，無人可予援手，情形是非常危殆。幸虧絕境逢生，奇蹟出現了。魚兒不知利用甚麼媒體宣佈其族民受困的消息。在短短的幾秒鐘中就召集一大群魚隊，環繞在闖禍的略大魚「兄」，蜂擁地竭力前推後擠，齊心合力要匡救牠們的「兄弟」回深水區。也許是魚兒超凡的表現，愛同類兄弟如己的意志感動上帝，給牠們能眾志成城，完成偉大的作為。世界上一切的事物，如非上帝容許，是不能辦到。就算是一根毛髮，如無造物者的首肯，也是不會掉下來的。

滄海桑田，人生的旅程經常有諸多不如意的插曲與波瀾。一對日本中年夫妻有一個天真可愛的三歲掌上明珠，他們有適當工作職業，在郊外也擁有自己理想的房子，對生活沒有特別的奢願侈求。不幸的是，愛女罹患先天性肝臟壞死病。惟一能救這個小女孩是在她肝臟徹底壞死以前，有善良的人願意為她捐獻自己的肝臟。這對夫婦在醫院和其他地方登記，希望在僅剩的半年裡能找到志願者，但一直沒有任何消息，只有來自整個村子的安慰和問候。據有經驗的醫生說，在短短的時間裡，志願者的出現率幾乎是零。但是後來有了消息，一位志願者說她樂意將自己的肝臟捐獻給女孩，再幾個星期小女孩就有救了。

雪季開始，大地變成白茫茫一片。積雪一天比一天厚，女孩子移植手術的日子也一天天近了。醫院來電話通知手術日期，正是雪下得最大時候。不但是汽車，連人步行也很困難。束手無策的這對夫婦打電話給醫院，又打電話給急救公司。公司說唯一的辦法是使用直升機，但是沒有一個可以降落的地點。離手術時間只有三個小時，看看窗外紛飛大雪，再看熟睡的女兒，夫婦兩相擁而泣。兩顆心都急得要撕粹。

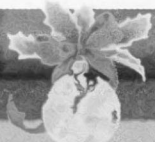
「鄰居小女孩今天要手術，可是直升機不能降落。」

「可憐的孩子，這麼大的雪，汽車也用不了。」

「咱們不能做點甚麼嗎？」

「除非能有一塊較大的空地！教堂前的空地已滿是積雪……」

這是鄰居夫婦的一段對話 聽到丈夫的自



語，妻子立刻打電話給急救公司，確認教堂前的空地作為降落點是否夠大。對方告訴她沒有問題，但是積雪太厚，時間也來不及，無能為力。她穿好厚厚的衣服，戴上一頂防雪帽拿起除雪的鏟沖向教堂。

冒著大雪，她開始除起雪來。但是，無論如何，她也不可能在兩個時辰中將降落場清理出來。突然，她聽到丈夫叫她的聲音，看到他揮動鐵鏟魁梧身影，她的希望開始漸漸濃起來。一會兒，不遠處又走來一群人，他們是居住在附近的人，大家都是全副武裝過來幫忙。他們說再大的雪也埋沒不了善良的心。

原來，村裡的廣播器播放了求救號召，大家聽了消息後都趕來了。人越來越多，幾乎所有村裡的人都無聲無息聚集在教堂前。一個小時之後，水泥地面露出來。再三十分鐘過去了，直升機的噪聲從遠處傳來..... 女孩被抬上直升機，孩子的父母也上

直升機，他們從舷窗裡看著地面上的人們不停地揮手..... 三年後，這個女孩子在雪地奔跑，而且長得更美麗伶俐。如果問起她的名子，她總會先說，她的生命屬於所有的人。

一個脆弱且患有危疾的小生命，就因大眾的呵愛，眾村民積極幫助及支援，戰勝嚴寒風雪的氣候，從死亡谷中救回來了。更難得與可貴的是一位鄰居主婦憐恤的心，以堅持的信心與恆心要盡一切拯救這個女孩子。她首先獨自一個，主動揮動鐵鏟去除厚厚的霜雪，感動全村的人熱烈的響應，才能集腋成裘，扭轉乾坤，將無可能的變成可能。如經上說，做事如果有信心與恆心，就是要遷移一座山也是可能。

在以上三類動物(飛鴿，熱帶魚，人類)迫切急救同伴的掌故中，你認為那一類最令人感動？如果要評估，那一類是翹楚之選？



Is Eternal Life Free?

by Helen Tian

My beloved mom and I always love a bargain. I can recall my mom and I used to look for something among crowded store tags that say "Sale" or "Buy One Take One". It is common to see people flock around merchandise with a 20% discount tag. But there is always a catch; you have to purchase their product first.

I can say that nothing is really free nowadays. There is always a price tag attached to something or a catch in return for something free.

Praise God, this is not the case with eternal life! There is an assurance of going to heaven when this life is over. The Bible says,

"...the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus." (Romans 6:23) Eternal life is free, there is no catch. The death of Christ in the cross was the one-and-for-all payment of our sins. Anyone who wants to have eternal life must receive it by faith and by trusting in Jesus. Am I right? If my beloved mom were still around, there would be so many things that I wanted to tell her and ask her. How I miss Mom. My mom and I had no secrets from each other.

There are some things too good to be true, but eternal life in Christ is good and true. Would you like to receive God's gift of eternal life? Just trust in Jesus and I bet you will have the best thing in this world - eternal life for free! Amen.

Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) Anniversary

by Dr. Jeanne Caramoan

Time really went so fast and Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) had just celebrated its 59th anniversary. This shows the fellowship has been within the Cebu Gospel Church for many years.

The fellowship celebrated its anniversary on the 23rd and 24th of November, 2007. Activities consisted of a simple "Praise Rally", a short message of about 15 minutes by Reverend Yu Bon Kim, games and a bountiful feast since the fellowship had invited guests like the elders, deacons, deaconesses and the past counselors.

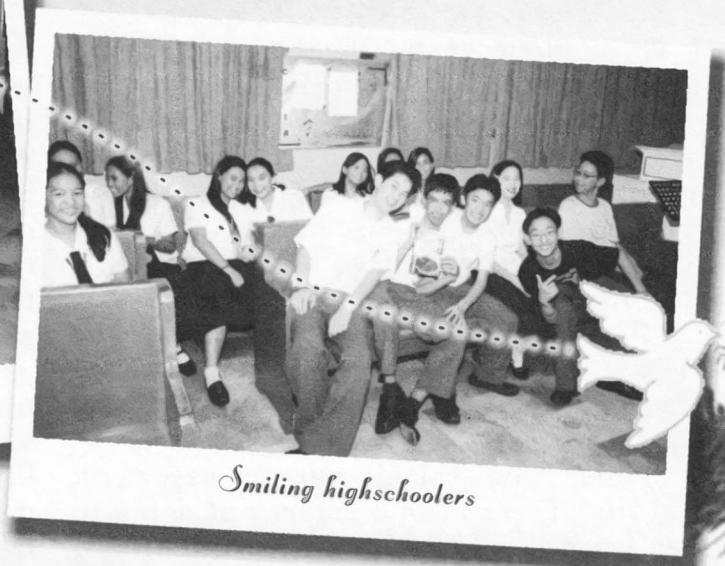
This was indeed a special celebration because it was not just for one day. The celebration continued on the following day, November 24, in Mandaue Gospel Church from 2pm to 4pm. Aside from another short message given by Reverend Ricky Recodo, the fellowship had an outreach program for the

street children. The number of children invited was sixty; their names provided by Operation Mobilization (O.M.), an organization under the "Doulos". There were games for the children to enjoy with prizes and fun fare-like activities through booth making with the help of the members of the Young Professional Fellowship. This anniversary celebration was a combined fellowship of high school-college and elementary CYF.

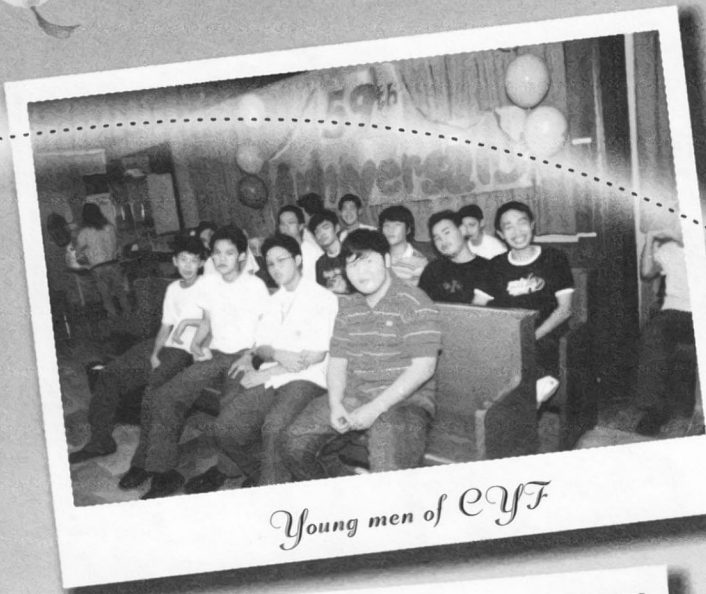
This celebration served as a way of thanking God since the church also celebrated Thanksgiving Day the following week. CYF has so many things to thank God for - His abiding faithfulness to the fellowship despite the ups and downs it went through from its inception to the present time. God is good. May the Lord's grace and mercy continue to be in the midst of the Christian Youth fellowship for the generations to come for His name's sake and His glory.



Pretty junior college students



Smiling highschoolers



Young men of EYF



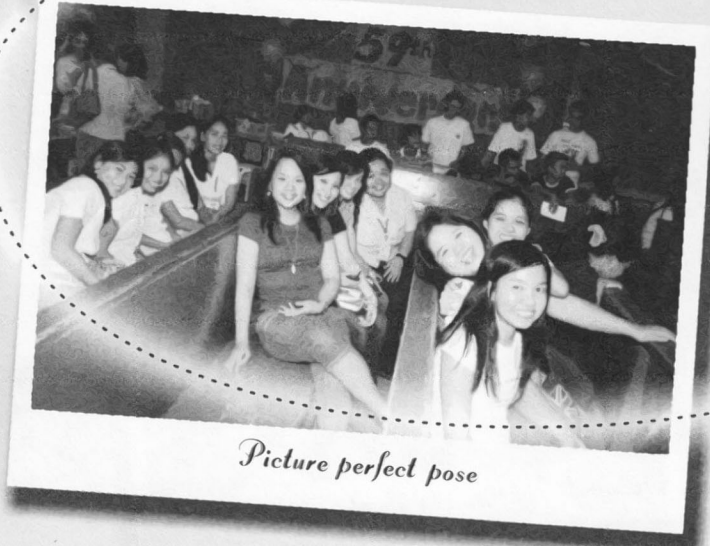
Charlie's angels??? Ay! Our guardian angels diay!



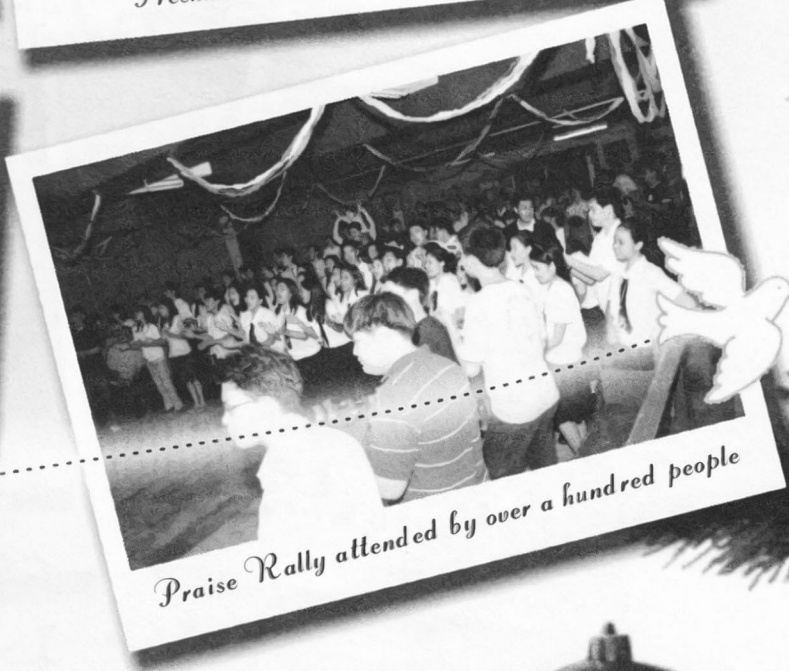
EYFers from Ozamis, Korea and Cagayan



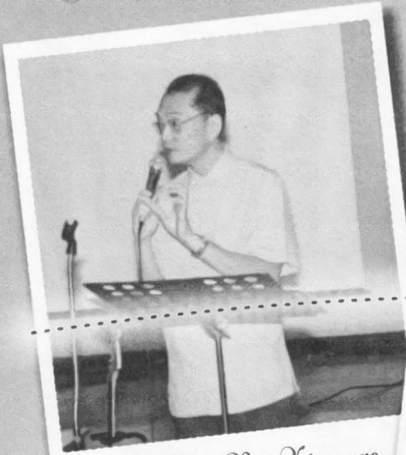
Freshmen college with Achi Aileen



Picture perfect pose



Praise Rally attended by over a hundred people



Pastor Yu Bon Kim gave a short message entitled - "The Young and The Restless".



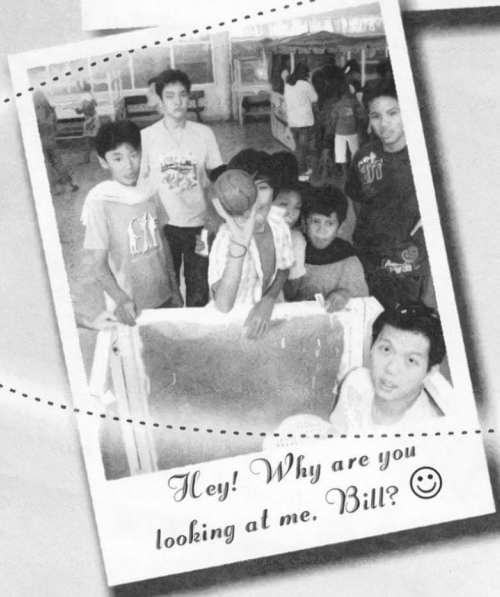
Jan and Honghong just can't wait for their turn. Deacon Alex waiting patiently in line.



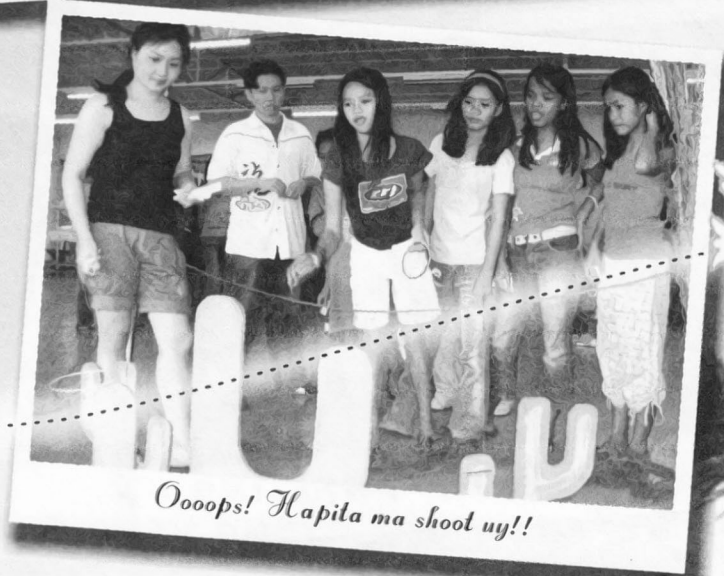
Whew! Maygani nabinlan pa gyud ko ug gamay nga lechon!



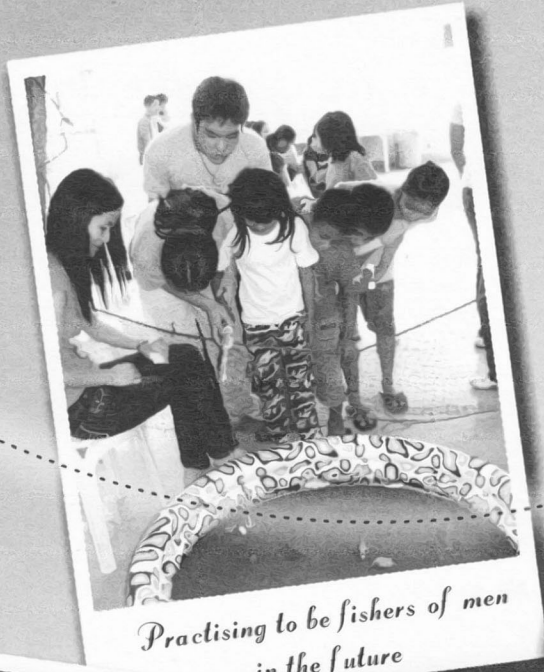
Pstr. Ricky Recodo sharing the story of Elijah to the attentive CYF staff, students and street children



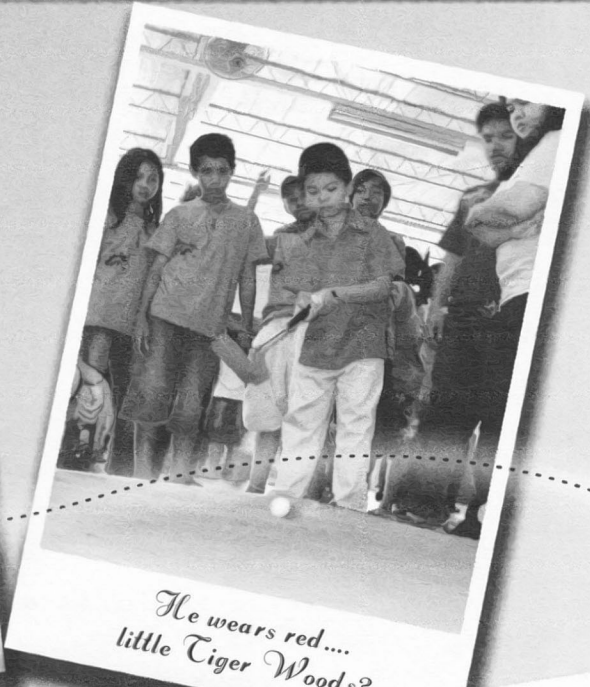
Hey! Why are you looking at me. Bill? 😊



Ooops! Hapita ma shoot uy!!



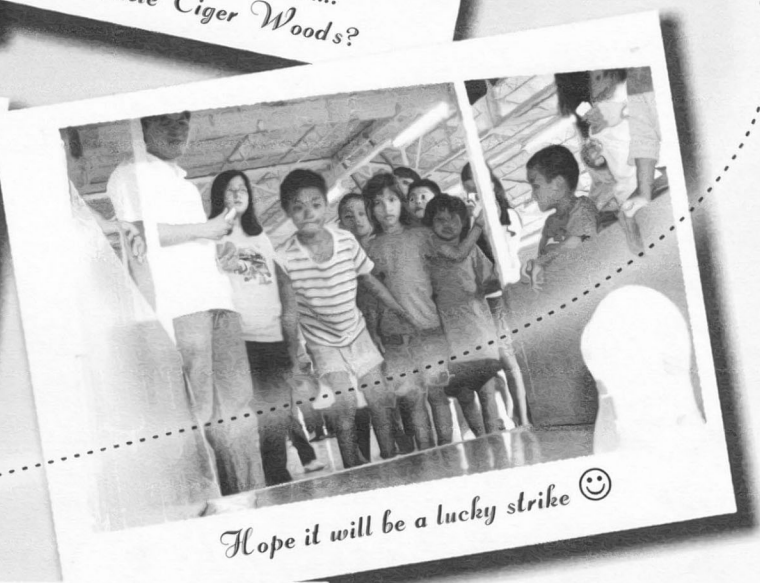
*Practising to be fishers of men
in the future*



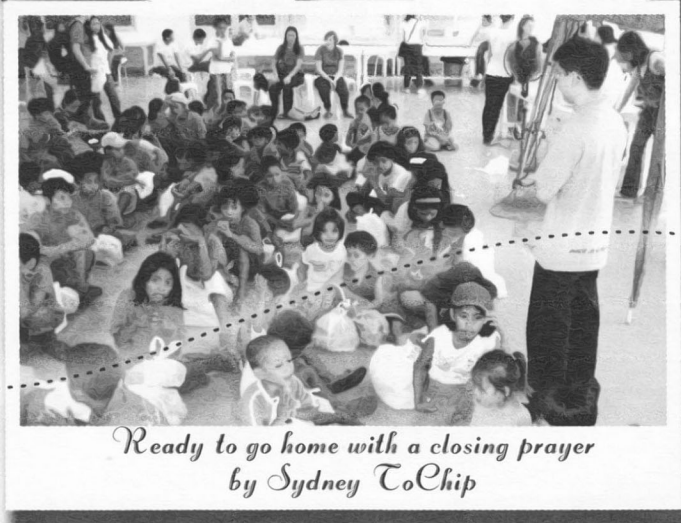
*He wears red....
little Tiger Woods?*



A stick-up??? Nah! Gunfiring at small animal toys



Hope it will be a lucky strike 😊



*Ready to go home with a closing prayer
by Sydney ToChip*

Preschool's Great Adventures

by Teacher Aiza Lepon

Mission:

Preparing for living in the world, for the world, in the name of Christ.

Good day to you readers!

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations" (Psalm 100:4-5).

We would like to present to you our G.R.E.A.T. kids with their adventures! It is amazing how they are building their confidences, making new friends, showing their talents, learning new things and having fun at the same time. Even more wonderful is when all these kids really learn how to praise God! They know how to dance and sing before Him! Doesn't the Bible remind us how we need to become like them? (Matt. 18:2-6) Isn't it nice too to discover new things that come from the kids? We all are learners and let us learn from them. So why not take a glance at our PRESCHOOL'S GREAT ADVENTURES!

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KASIYAHAN SA PRESKUL

God is so wonderful! The celebration last August 31 was a joint celebration of the Philippine Independence Day, Nutrition month and Linggo ng Wika rolled into one. The celebration started with the kids' parade. They all looked so lovely wearing Filipiniana costumes. Worship time was a phenomenal success! Presentations from the kids were also amazing. Nursery 1 & 2 pupils did the Butterfly Song; all Kinder 1 kids recited a nice poem entitled, "A time to know" while the Kinder 2 pupils sang and danced "Bahay Kubo" and "Leron-Leron Sinta". Parents really enjoyed watching their children danced, sang and played some "Pinoy" games. The teachers surprised everyone with their "Sayaw sa Bangko". Great food and great company! Everybody got a full stomach. It was indeed a spectacular event!



CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES AND PARENT-TEACHER FELLOWSHIP

Learning is fun! classroom activities can be fun while learning at the same time. One morning, the Chinese teachers gathered all the kids with their fruits for salad-making! All the kids were so eager to eat their school-made fruitsalads. Mmmm, Yummy! Chapel on Fridays is every kid's favorite because that's when they get to dance, sing to



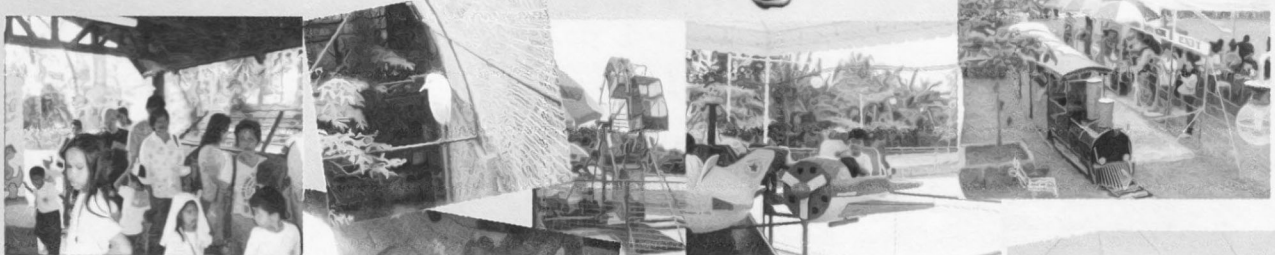
the Lord in worship, and listen to stories about God! Oh, how they want to be "superhero" kids. But they know that there's only one Superhero...it's JESUS!

All these are possible because of HIM. He said, "all things work for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). Fellowship time with parents was also a time to learn more about their kids. Teachers received affirmations and were greatly encouraged. But we certainly can't do it without you parents. Thank you!

FIELD TRIPS



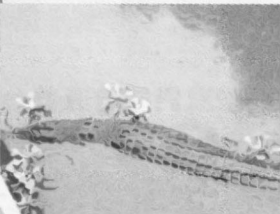
Butterfly Sanctuary



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Why I Am A Christian

by Pstr. Alice Huang

The word Christian carries the name of Christ. Without Christ, only 'ian' remains. Some people say these three alphabets mean 'i am nothing'. Without Christ, life is nothing or meaningless. I was born in a Christian home but I was not born a Christian. I often go to Sunday School but I was not a Christian. Not only did I not know what life is all about, but I also had a problem.

Among my playmates during my primary days was a four year old girl. She was run over by a truck and died instantly. So death can nip away a young age, I thought. This accident shocked me so that the fear of death haunted me in the ensuing years. Another matter was that my parents were concerned about my disposition. As a person, I was not very bad nor very good. Having participated in telling lies, cheated once inside a classroom, prolonging hatred for one and half years, etc., I knew I was a sinner.

But God reached out to me through some friends. They brought me to an evangelistic meeting.

The sermon was not new to me but the Holy Spirit convicted me of sins. I cried hard over my sins though my mom trained me not to cry easily. I confessed my sins to the Lord because if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness¹. Based on this promise, I believed God has forgiven me of my sins. Then I asked the Lord Jesus to come into my heart as Lord and Savior. Based on His Word², He came into my life and my life started to change.

I am no longer afraid to die. Christ knows everyone who belongs to Him³ and none of those who believe in Him will be lost for He saves them right through to the end⁴. I need humility and courage. With the help of our Lord Jesus Christ, I was able to visit the one I hated and we reconciled. Over time, I met my close friend, a cousin who knows me very well, and she said to me, "Your face has not changed, but your person is no longer the same." I have become a Christian.

Scripture references: (1) I John 1:9 (2) Rev 3:20 (3) John 10:14 (4) Heb 7:25



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因為他有愛, 而且他的愛不只是在心裡面, 乃在行為上表現出來。

(二) 樂於幫助

那撒馬利亞人動了慈心之後, 他就做甚麼呢? 請注意四個動詞: (1) 倒油和酒在遭難者的傷處, (2) 包裹好了, (3) 扶他騎上自己的牲口, (4) 帶到店裡去照應他。

幫助人需要付出代價, 需要付出我們的時間, 我們的力量, 我們的財物, 我們的精神。

(三) 甘願施捨

第二天, 撒馬利亞人拿出二錢銀子來交給店主, 而

且告訴店主, 他會回來還其他的費用。由此可見, 撒馬利亞人不但付出他的時間, 他還付出他的金錢。

一個有仁慈的人, 他甘願施捨錢財幫助人。聖經說: 「施比受更為有福」(徒20:35)。「少種少收, 多種的多收」這話是真的。各人要隨本心所酌定的, 不要作難, 不要勉強, 因為捐得樂意的人是神所喜愛的。神能將各樣的恩惠多多的加給你們, 使你們凡事常常充足, 能多行各樣善事。他施捨錢財, 賙濟貧窮, 他的仁義存到永遠。」(林後9:6-11)

所以, 盼我們能夠過著一個「敬虔於神, 仁慈於人」的生活. 好讓我們的生命能夠榮神益人!



My Youth Ministry

by Rosaline Lim

Youth ministry is one of the most important departments a church should have. It helps our young people build good and strong relationship with others and most importantly, their spiritual growth and their daily walk with God. Youth ministry helps them boost their godly and moral values in their everyday lives so they may become qualified church leaders someday. As good and fruitful spiritual leaders by heart, they will continue the work for God and they will be the ones whom God will use to accomplish His work.

I started serving in the youth ministry in my high school days and became an assistant counselor to the elementary CYF in my college years. After I graduated from college, I became one of the counselors in high school CYF and one of the planners in elementary CYF. I thank God for the experiences He gave, the ups and downs in which I learned and got to know not just myself but also others.

Serving in our youth ministry is both challenging and fulfilling. It is a challenge to assess young people's wants and needs. We need to understand each youth's wishes or requests both in practical and in spiritual terms. Practical terms involve helping them face their daily living (i.e., peer pressure, influences & etc...). Spirituality refers to their everyday walk with God, including their faith (i.e., dealing with temptations and sin, understanding God's plan and will for them & etc...) Fulfillment in youth ministry lies in being given the chance to reach out and be a blessing to them, planting and imprinting the word of God in their hearts so that they may not depart from God and His word, know and strengthen their foundation as young Christians. Getting the trust of the youth nowadays is a little bit hard. They would observe you and test you if you could be trusted or not. Being in this ministry helps me to

be more cautious with my words, actions and even facial expressions. Sometimes I fail but lessons are learned. Young people observe our every movement and are sensitive to it. As a leader, I should be careful. Setting a good example to the youth is one of the most challenging things easier said than done!

During my ministry in Philippine Christian Gospel School, I thought teaching would be very hard. But the harder task is how you deal with these children. You'll meet and see different kinds of personality, talent, gift and character. Spending time with them by just listening to what they are saying helps us see that these children have good and big hearts. Though we may see some of them as naughty or disrespectful, once we get to know them personally, our perspectives change. Honestly, it's not easy to deal with some of the children today. Some think they are better or know better than you. Most of them are very independent and some are just different - special.

Being given the chance to know some of the youth and children in church and school is worthwhile. It's not easy to be a teacher or a pastor. It takes every inch of you (physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually) to get through to the teens and children. The children and youth give me strength and put a smile on my face especially when I feel tired. They are the salt and pepper or the sugar and spice in my life now.

Warren Wiersbe talks about ministry. He said, "The nature of ministry is service." You may be surprised to know that the word "minister" or "ministry" has in its root form the Greek term for "service" or "to serve". Remember our Lord Himself "did not come to be served, but to serve" (Mark 10:45). We serve others in order to please God, not the people we are serving. Commitment, dedication and communication are one of the most important parts in this ministry. May you continue to pray for and support this significant ministry.

福音

小山

一. 福音是上帝奇妙的愛

傳福音救靈魂是每一個基督徒的本份。馬太福音28:18-20這段經文是主耶穌升天前吩咐門徒的大使命。

William Cowper在32歲時經歷他一生最大的危機。他試服Laudamen毒藥來結束他的生命，但沒有成功。他僱了一輛馬車，叫車夫到Thames橋，想要跳河自殺；那時倫敦下大霧，他們在夜中行了一個小時還沒有到達目的地。他厭煩地下車，豈知走到自己房屋的門口。次早，他用刀割喉自盡，可是那刀竟拆斷了。他要用索自縊，也沒有成功，只昏迷一時，仍舊生存。

有一天早晨，他感覺一種奇異的喜樂心情。他拿起聖經讀羅馬書。一剎那，他領受到上帝赦罪之恩。不久，他寫了一首很有名的聖詩叫“有一活泉”來見證上帝奇妙的愛。

上帝奇妙的愛記載在約翰福音3:16「上帝愛世人，甚至將祂的獨生子賜給他們，叫一切信祂的，不至滅亡，反得永生。」馬丁路德說這經文是聖經的中心，是小型的福音。這經文很簡單，就是小孩也能明白。然而卻有深奧的救贖真理。這經文描述上帝的愛是長、闊、高、深。闊度：上帝愛世人；長度：甚至將祂的獨生子賜給他們；深度：叫一切信祂的人不至滅亡；高度：反得永生。Dr. Raph M. Smith講到他的一位牧師朋友用這節經文作了600篇講章。有一位傳道人從16歲就開始講道，每次都是講約3:16。

二. 福音是上帝的大能

使徒保羅在羅1:16-17說「我不以福音為恥，這福音本是上帝的大能，要救一切相信的，先是猶太人，後是希利尼人。因為上帝的義正在這福音上顯明出來；這義是本於信，以至於信。如經上所記，“義人必因信得生”。」

保羅不以上帝救人的好消息為可恥的；因此他將福音傳到當時世界政治、經濟、文化中心的羅馬城。雖則福音的信息對猶太人來說是絆腳石；對希利尼人來說是愚拙。但他知道這福音是上帝的大能。上帝拯救每

一個相信祂兒子的人，先是猶太人，後是希利尼人。在使徒行傳裡面證明了這次序。這經文提到上帝的義，有三個意義：


- 1.是在形容上帝的品德；就是祂所做的都是正確、公平、適當的，而且與其他的屬性一致。當我們說上帝是公義的，意思是祂永無錯誤、欺騙或不公。
- 2.上帝的公義也可以說是祂拯救那些不敬虔的罪人，使他們稱義。祂可以這樣做仍舊公義；因為完全無罪的耶穌作了他們的代替者；滿足了上帝公義的要求。
- 3.上帝的公義也是指那些相信祂的兒子的人。上帝給他們完全稱義的地位。那些罪人被看作公義，因為上帝看到自己的兒子耶穌基督的寶血遮蓋了這些人；基督完全的公義被算作他們的公義。

上帝的公義是本於信以致於信，意思是從相信開始到最終還是相信。這種信心與哈巴谷2:4所說的“義人必因信得生”的真理完全吻合。

David Livingston在非洲作宣教士16年中，曾遇到以下的危險。在非洲的心臟地，他被恨怒而且敵視的土人包圍著；有喪失生命的危險。因此他計劃當晚逃跑。但有一件事改變了他的意念，而且使他在這危險的情境下得到平安。在主後1856年正月十四日的日記這樣記載著：「我感覺到心中很紛亂；因為這偉大的地區福音計劃，被野蠻的民族攻擊。但讀到主耶穌的話說：『天上地下所有的權柄都賜給我了，所以你們要去，使萬民作我的門徒；我就常與你們同在，直到世界末了。』這些話是一位最尊貴，而且守約的君子所說的。因此今晚我決定不逃跑了。像我這個人應逃跑嗎？絕對不，雖然可能這是最後活命的機會。感謝上帝使我心中覺得很平安。」這見證上帝話語的大能；這位偉大的宣教士信靠救主耶穌基督的話。

三. 福音是耶穌基督和祂受釘十字架

Dr. Alexander Maclaren講到有一位有大智識的人，他很想引導這人信耶穌。這聞名的牧師講了一連串的道理關於有智力的人難於接受主，那人來到名牧的面前告訴他，自己已成為一位基督徒了，而要進教會的會



友。這名牧喜出望外地說：「是我那一篇道理除去你的疑問呢？」那人回答道：「不是你的道理，而是我看到一位窮苦婦人從你的教會走出來，在我旁邊跌倒在階梯。當我伸手幫助她時，她微笑說道謝。她問我：『你有愛耶穌基督我的救主麼？祂是我的一切。』我沒有回答甚麼，但細思後，我發現我走錯了路，我用我的智力得到很多學識來攔阻我信耶穌；但現在祂是我的一切了。」

在林前2:1-2使徒保羅對哥林多教會的弟兄們說：「弟兄們，從前我到你們那裡去，並沒有用高言大智對你們宣傳上帝的奧秘。因為我曾定了主意，在你們中間不知道別的，只知耶穌基督祂釘十字架。」

保羅告訴哥林多教會的弟兄們，他起初(主後51年)來到哥林多，並沒有用高言大智對他們講道，傳福音。意思是好像一個受訓練的演說家，使用猶太人拉比教導的方法去說服人。保羅決定傳主耶穌基督和祂釘十字架，這是他傳福音的主題。

四. 福音是本乎恩也因著信

在主後1700年John Newton跟父親在一艘商輪航海。不久他父親退休，Newton被迫在一艘戰船服役。他面對不能忍受的情況而逃走，離開這工作以後，他請求在一隻販奴的船上做工，這船要開往非洲去。

Newton變成冷酷的人口販賣者，且作了奴隸船的船長。在主後1748年五月初十，他的生命得到永遠改變；他的船遇到可怕的大颱風。當那船快要沉下時，Newton呼叫“主阿，憐憫我們！”

那晚在他的房裡，他開始想到上帝的憐憫。藉著相信基督為他犧牲；John Newton經歷上帝奇妙的恩典，他接受了主耶穌做他個人的救主和生命的主。不久，他離開販賣奴隸的船，進入基督教會事奉主。雖他成為福音的傳道者；但他也為很受人歡迎的聖詩作者。其中，他作了有名的“Amazing Grace 奇異恩典”聖詩。這詩描述他自己得救的見證。

在1972年，“Amazing Grace”成為英國和加拿大最暢銷和流行的歌曲。這詩為蘇格蘭皇家管樂隊奏出，在當時的45 r.p.m. 曲片中售了100,000片。

以弗所書2:8-10說：「你們得救是本乎恩也因著信，這並不是出於自己，乃是上帝所賜的；也不是出於行為。免得有人自誇。我們原是祂的工作。在基督耶穌裡造

成的，為要叫我們行善，就是上帝叫我們行的。」

第八節所說的恩，是指上帝的恩典，就是祂的恩慈，是我們不配得的好處，也是祂赦罪之愛，藉著這些我們得救了。得救有多方面的意義，包括救我們脫離上帝的憤怒；因我們犯罪的本性得救。這個動詞在原文是注重現今的效果，而且是一種已完成的行動。但必須因著信，就是必須信主耶穌來建立。這是唯一可以與上帝和好的方法。注意這不是出於自己的任何行為，免得有人自誇。而是上帝所賜的禮物。

自己的行為，好像守律法，受洗，作教會的會友，參加教會的聚會，作慈善的工作，做好的鄰舍，修橋，造路，過一個有道德的生活等等都不會得救。得救的條件是因著上帝揀選的恩典和相信主耶穌所成就的救恩。

得救的結果是使我們成為上帝的工作，一個重生得救的信徒是上帝的傑作。這個傑作是藉著與主耶穌基督的聯合成為新造的人。林後5:17說：「若有人在基督裡，他就是新造的人；舊事已過，都變成新的了。」這新造的人之目的是為著行善。這善事是上帝預備叫我們去行的。應記得是上帝所預備的，不是我們自己預備的。因此上帝救恩的次序如下：

恩召→相信→得救→行善→得賞

五. 福音是三位一體真神的作為

福音是因天父上帝奇妙的愛，祂的大能和祂揀選的恩典；藉著聖子主耶穌基督的捨命。祂釘在十字架死，流出寶血完成救贖的大功，使凡相信祂的，不至滅亡，反得永生。

大佈道家Moody說有一天在紐約，遇到難以形容的經歷：「我只能說上帝將自己顯示給我！我經歷到祂奇妙的愛，使我只得求祂停手！我再一次講道，那講章仍是一樣，我沒有講新的真理，但數百人悔改信主。」這是聖靈在Moody心裡的感動。

同樣，聖靈上帝感動蒙召的人之心，使他們悔改相信主耶穌得救，得永生之福。沒有疑問地，福音是三位一體真神的作為。

治好瞎子的神蹟

許郭錦繡

耶穌在世時行了很多的神蹟。其中多數的神蹟就是醫治人的疾病。如被鬼附著，大熱病，癩瘋，瞎眼，癱腿，手枯乾，血氣枯乾，癱瘓，血漏，耳聾，舌結，癩癩，聾啞，水皴，腰彎，死亡，斷耳朵。這些，祂都治好了。

耶穌曾經醫治了許多的瞎子，但在馬可福音8:22-26所記載的是特殊的。因為這神蹟是經過了許多的過程，那瞎子才得醫治。

這神蹟的地點是在伯賽大。它為加利利海東北部。也是腓力、安得烈和彼得的故鄉。耶穌曾經在這地方行了許多神蹟及異能。但那城的人總不悔改。所以耶穌就責備他們說：「哥拉汛哪，你有禍了。伯賽大啊，你有禍了，因為在你們中間所行的異能，若行在推羅西頓，他們早已披麻蒙灰悔改了。」(太11:21)

讓我們來共同思考這神蹟中三個人物所做之事。藉此使我們學習到屬靈的功課。

(一). 人：

- 他們帶瞎子見耶穌 (可8:22)
- 他們求耶穌摸瞎子 (可8:22)

「摸」這動詞代表啟示，同情，與關懷。聖經中有很多地方記載到主以「摸」來醫治人。

- ◆ 但以理與上帝說話時，面伏在地沉睡，上帝就摸他，扶他站起來，並要指示他關乎末後臨完必有的事。(但8:18)
- ◆ 耶穌摸彼得的岳母，熱病就退了。(太8:15)
- ◆ 耶穌摸兩個瞎子的眼睛，他們的眼睛就開了。(太9:29)
- ◆ 彼得、雅各、約翰同耶穌在山上，看見摩

西、以利亞向他們顯現同耶穌說話，忽然有聲音從雲彩裡出來說：「這是我的愛子，我所喜悅的。你們要聽他。」門徒聽見就俯伏在地，極其害怕，耶穌進前來，摸他們說：「起來，不要害怕。」(太17:1-7)

- ◆ 在耶利哥城的路旁耶穌看見了兩個瞎子，就動了慈心，把他們的眼睛一摸，他們立刻看見，就跟從了耶穌。(太20:29-34)
- ◆ 當耶穌被捉拿那黑夜，彼得用刀砍斷了大祭司僕人的右耳，耶穌就摸那人的耳朵，把他治好了。(路22:51)

(二). 瞎子

- 讓耶穌拉他的手(可8:23)

這瞎子不認識耶穌。這是他第一次與耶穌相逢。對一個陌生人，他既然肯抱著很單純的信心和希望讓耶穌牽著。這並非平常之事。

- 跟隨耶穌到村外(可8:23)

這瞎子不僅讓耶穌拉他的手，更進一步就是跟隨耶穌到村外去。他並沒有向耶穌發問為什麼要帶我去？要去那裡？要去多久？要去那裡做甚麼？他只以順服與交託跟隨著耶穌。

- 抬頭看，回答耶穌(8:24)

當耶穌問他說：「你看見了甚麼？」他就立刻抬頭看，並說：「我看見了人，他們好像樹木，並且行走。」

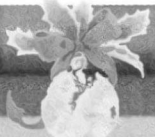
- 定睛看就復了原(8:25)

起初他所看見的不大清楚，因為這是他首次見到行動的東西。後來再仔細一看，就看得很清楚了。

(三). 耶穌

- 拉著瞎子的手(可8:23)

耶穌使用接觸的知覺-「摸」-使人經歷了安全感。祂一視同仁，不分貧賤。尤其是那些有病的人，祂特別的關懷，以慈愛的手牽著他們，以憐憫的心眷顧他們。



●領他到村外去(可8:23)

通常耶穌施行神蹟都是當眾使人看見的。然而，下列三次，他卻是帶著病人離開群眾。

1. 叫睚魯的女兒復活(可5:35-43)

耶穌帶彼得雅各和約翰和孩子的父母進入孩子房去，就拉著孩子的手對他說：「閨女，我吩咐你起來。」那閨女立時起來走。

2. 醫治耳聾舌結的人(可7:31-37)

在加利利海，有人帶著一個耳聾舌結的人來見耶穌，求祂按手在他身上。耶穌領他離開群聚到一邊去，就用指頭探他的耳朵，吐唾沫抹他的舌頭，望天歎息就對他說：「以法大」就是說開了罷。他的耳朵就開了。舌結也解了。說話也清楚了。

3. 治瞎子的神蹟(可8:22-26)

耶穌領著瞎子到村外就吐唾沫在他眼睛上，按手在他身上，隨後又按手在他眼睛上，就復了原。

●吐唾沫在他眼睛上(可8:23)

耶穌知道這瞎子信心的程度，所以祂就運用實際的東西，以一種沒有價值的東西-就是唾沫-來醫好他的眼睛，以彰顯祂的大能大力。

●按手在他身上(可8:23)

「按手」有三種的用意

1. 賜權柄

當上帝選召耶利米為先知時，耶和華就伸手按他的口，對他說，我已將當說的話傳給你。(耶1:9)

2. 蒙祝福

耶穌也曾經抱著小孩子，給他按手，為他們祝福。(可10:16)

3. 得醫治

有一位十八年久腰彎得一點直不起來的女人，耶穌用兩雙手按著他，他立刻直起腰來，就歸榮耀與神。(路13:13)

耶穌醫治這瞎子也是按手在他的身上。

●按手在他眼睛上(可8:25)

當耶穌「按手」在病人身上時，往往就立刻醫好。現在這神蹟是耶穌第二次的按手。因為這瞎子的信心淺薄，需要經過時間的考驗而漸漸培養起來的。

●叫瞎子別進村子(可8:26)

耶穌做了善事不喜愛誇耀，所以祂願意保守秘密不讓人知道。當祂治好大痲瘋就對他說：「你切不可告訴人」(馬8:4)。祂叫睚魯女兒復活後，就切切的囑咐他們不要叫人知道這事(可5:43)。祂治好手枯乾的人又囑咐他們不要給祂傳名(太12:16)。

從這三個人物所做之事，我們可以學習了甚麼功課呢？

(一). 人

●帶人到神面前

世上還有許多失喪的靈魂需要拯救。我們要像這些人將瞎子帶到耶穌面前。我們應該付上代價，犧牲我們的時間、精神、金錢，用愛來感化，以關懷來吸引，以行動來證實，把福音介紹給他們，讓他們認識真神。

●求耶穌施行拯救

那些人求耶穌摸那瞎子，而我們呢？我們要為在病痛的親朋戚友來代求。我們要為尚未接受耶穌為他們的救主的人代禱。我們要藉著禱告及代求使人歸向上帝。

(二). 瞎子

●信心倚靠及交託

屬世的人是先看見後而相信。但是屬主的人是先相信，然後看見。那個瞎子先相信耶穌有醫治的權柄，然後才可以看見。同樣的，當我們遭遇到試煉，病痛，憂傷，灰心，失志，打擊或消沉時，我們要有信心知道我們所倚靠的上帝是全能的父，在祂沒有難成的事。只要全然的交託在祂的手中，讓祂替我們擔當。祂總必為我們開一條出路，叫我們忍受得住。



●跟隨上帝的引導

我們要像那瞎子跟隨耶穌，因為創造萬物的主宰是無所不知的上帝。祂看透人一生的道路，祂也最了解人的一切，所以祂的引導也是最美好最穩當的。

●遵從主旨及時回應

我們見到那瞎子及時回應耶穌。同樣的，聖經的話語我們要聽從，而且實踐在我們日常的生活上。我們不單要聽道，最重要的是要行道。藉著美好的見證使人認出我們是基督的兒女。

●忍耐等候神的時間

神的時間和人的時間不一樣的。耶穌曾經說：「我的時候還沒有到。」祂也曾經說：「時候到了。」耶穌到迦拿去赴席，酒用盡了，馬利亞對耶穌說：「他們沒有酒了。」耶穌說：「母親，我與你有甚麼相干？我的時候還沒有到。」（約2:4）

當耶穌在客西馬尼園禱告完，見彼得，雅各，約翰都睡覺，對他們說：「現在你們仍然睡覺，安歇罷了。時候到了。看哪人子被賣在罪人手裡了。」（可14:41，太26:45）

現在科學進步一切都是「頃刻」就可得到。如咖啡飲料，麵條食品，綠茶飲料，早餐麥穀，攝影照片等，頃刻就可獲得，所以形成了我們不習慣耐心等待。但總要記住，神看一日如千年，千年如一日（彼後3:8）。因此，我們要學習等候神的時間。

(三). 耶穌

●以仁慈關懷愛人

人是感情的動物，要以誠待人。使人得溫暖被接納。愛人不只是在舌頭上，乃是要在行為上，因為愛是感化人最大的原動力。

●與主有密切關係

耶穌帶瞎子到村外去，要和他有直接的交談，我們也需要每日有一個安靜的時間靈修，藉著讀經禱告與主建立密切的關係。

●讓主使用的器皿

耶穌使用一項很普通的自然物 - 唾沫 - 成為使用

的器皿來醫治瞎子。今天，主也願意使用每一個人，成為祂福音的出口，無論我們的恩賜有多少，只要我們肯讓祂使用，祂將會藉著我們，成為別人的祝福。

●蒙主步步的帶領

神的帶領是步步，慢慢漸漸的。

◆亞伯拉罕蒙上帝呼召要他離開本地本族父家往上帝要指示他的地方去。（創12:1）

◆摩西帶領以色列人出埃及之前，經過了十次災難，最後法老王才肯讓他們走。（出7-12）

◆約瑟在未成埃及宰相前，也經過了許多的苦難。（創37-41）

所以當我們在神的帶領下，有時候不明白現在的處境，但是我們若堅心決意步步的跟隨祂，我們終必達到美好的境界。

●得主醫治的恩典

如果我們繼續持守主的道，就必定領受到神豐富的恩典，主所應許我們，沒有一項會落空，因為祂是信實的上帝。

●謙卑不喜愛誇耀

我們應該學習主耶穌柔和謙卑的樣式，要看別人比自己強，凡所做的事，要盡力去做，如是為神做。不求名譽，不想得人的稱讚，不誇耀自己，不求自己的益處，乃是要高舉基督，使主名得榮耀。

諸位讀者，你是否像這些人把人帶到神面前，求耶穌醫好拯救你所認識的人？你是否像這瞎子讓耶穌拉著你的手用信心倚靠和交託來跟隨祂？你是否有遵從上帝的命令，把祂的話實踐在生活？你是否有忍耐來等候神所為你安排的時間？你是否像耶穌以仁慈關懷與愛心牽著人的手？你是否與主建立了密切的關係？你是否願意成為神的器皿讓祂使用？你是否願意蒙祂步步的帶領？最後，你是否願意凡事謙卑，不求己益，不貪誇獎。凡所做的事都是遵主旨意為祂來做？求主幫助我們，使我們靈性日日追求長進，做一個蒙主喜悅的信徒。

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A Good Servant of the Lord

by Francis L. Young

On September 29 after the morning prayer meeting, our Sunday School principal, Judge Po, invited me to share a short message to the Sunday School teachers the following night at a dinner meeting. At first I hesitated, but she told me that this God given opportunity is a blessing from God. So I accepted her invitation.

2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." Therefore, to be a good servant of the Lord, one must have the following qualities:

1. We must do our best to please God

God loves each one of us but not everyone is approved by God. Just as parents love each one of their children but not every child is pleasing to them. Therefore, dear co-workers in the Sunday School ministry, let us encourage each other to do our best so that we can present ourselves to God as approved by Him.

2. We must be workmen who need not be ashamed

We all know that one day, we have to face Christ before His judgment seat. In giving account of our assigned task, can we be workmen who need not be ashamed? Will the Lord say, "You good and faithful servant," and reward us?

3. We must be one who handle the word of truth correctly

We all understand that when we come to class, we must be well prepared. In teaching the Bible, we must teach only the truth. Yes, nothing but the truth. This means we are to teach what the inspired authors of the Bible mean. It may not be something sensational but what is important is the truth.

2 Timothy 2:3 says, "Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus."

4. We must be good soldiers of Christ

In 1998, I was implanted with an additional kidney in Guang Zhou, Zhujiang Hospital. Sometime in year 2000, I was invited by Brother's Fellowship to share God's Word. I remember we sang "Onward Christian Soldier" to prepare our hearts. I told them I

was not a good soldier but a wounded one. Praise the Lord! After nine years, I am now an old soldier. Can an old soldier still be used by God? Yes, as long as He will use me, I am always available. I was inspired by the concluding sentence of General Douglas MacArthur when he addressed the joint session of the U.S., Congress. He said, "An old soldier never dies, he just fade away."

Rev. Chan Lim Hong was the president of Oversea Seminary of Hong Kong. He was also a teacher of our former pastor, Rev. Michael Tsang. He related a true story about a well known preacher, Rev. Ting Lib Pi. Rev. Ting had a son who was not a believer. Rev. Ting once wrote his son, "Son, you are a combat pilot. You must accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and personal Savior." The son replied, "Pa, my God is my machine gun because I always use it to shoot down the enemy plane." It did not take long before he engaged in another fight. This time, his plane was hit. So, he counted a few seconds and pressed the ejection button and he was ejected from his plane. After few seconds, he tried to open the main parachute but failed. Some seconds later, he tried to open the auxiliary parachute; it failed to open too. Sensing that in a few seconds, he would hit the ground and die, he shouted, "Lord, save me!" The auxiliary parachute suddenly opened and he was saved from certain death. His colleague came to celebrate his safe return but he said, "I will write to my father first." He wrote, "Before, I heard there is God, but now I have seen God." He repented and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and personal Savior. Before long, he studied in a seminary and became a pastor.

Finally,

5. We must read the Bible and pray everyday

A good Sunday School teacher must read the Bible and pray everyday. He/she must pray for himself/herself and his/her students. I'm sure the fighter pilot, Mr. Ting, attended Sunday School when he was a kid. So when he was endangered, he remembered the short prayer, "Lord, save me!" This prayer was also prayed by the apostle Peter when he was about to sink. Therefore, dear co-workers in the Lord, let us teach our students faithfully and truthfully and entrust the results to God.



The Beautiful Years


by Mona Li

Early this year, Deaconess Lily Young graciously invited me to spend a Tuesday afternoon with our church's sisters in their Women's Fellowship Service. My first reaction was to decline the invitation outright, but I thought it would be impolite to do so. Knowing that I was busy with my son's forthcoming wedding at that time, Lily Tsi said that this invitation extends up to the end of the year. Aloud, I said, "I will pray about it." Inwardly I thought, "Great, I will be able to come up with reasons why I can't accept such honorable invitation. I prayed as promised and guess what? Lord willing, D-Day is set on December 4, 2007 and hopefully by then, my Fookien language is honed, and my insecurities in public speaking have been overcome. Pondering on what appropriate 'topic' to share with fellow sisters-in-Christ, I consulted my Achi, the Rev. Anna Wright. In a heartbeat, she suggested that I speak on ageing. Such wisdom, is it any wonder that I look upon her as my mentor?

A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot... (Ecclesiastes 3:2). Birth and death are two phenomena that go hand-in-hand to complete the cycle of human life. As Christians, we know that this world is our temporary home. We are simply passing through. The moment a baby is born into this world, 'visa' is issued by God the Almighty and the length of our stay rests solely upon His loving hands. It could be for just a day, a year, a decade or even up to a century. My mother, Mama Rose as we

fondly called her, passed away 23 years ago on July 18, 1984. She was only 54 years young. I can still remember how painful it was to lose Mama, who had given so much of herself to us and never had the chance to enjoy the fruits of her labor as our youngest sister Lydia had just finished her medical studies. I'll never forget the look of sympathy in people's eyes, as if saying, "Sayang, your mom is gone so soon." In contrast, my father, Papa Awing as we fondly called him, recently passed away on October 31, 2007. He was 87 years old. While it is always sad and painful to lose somebody you love, at least Papa Awing had a long good run. He was able to savor the fruits of his labor. Papa Awing was a simple man and it didn't take much to make him happy. Highlights in his calendar were the regular visits we made to Bais City, especially on his birthday. Thank God for modern technology, it was easy to keep in touch through phone calls. We talked and exchanged news every Sunday morning and he would end each call not with a traditional goodbye but his favorite two words: Okay na. I shall miss doing this routine in years to come. While Mama's death was viewed as tragic because of her young age, Papa's demise was viewed as merciful because of his old age. People would say, "Bonus na if one reaches 75 years old, your Papa sobra pa sa bonus."

Papa Awing was fiercely independent. He didn't want to burden anyone, not even his children. When papa started to have stomach ailment early last year, he was adamant not to consult any physician. No



amount of gentle persuasion or heated argument could convince him to have a thorough medical check-up. I've often wondered the whys of it. Perhaps, Papa was afraid that indeed he was sick and it would mean becoming a burden to us. Perhaps, he was tired of living and with all of his friends gone before him, he wanted to rest as well. Papa would often say we don't understand him. Whatever his reasons were, somehow he lost his zest in life. In a decade or so, I will reach the mandatory age of retirement. The word mandatory sounds so ominous. It means giving way to the young and vibrant even if we are still willing and able to do our tasks. This is the sad reality of our secular world. Thank goodness this isn't so in the spiritual realm. Over the past months, I've read numerous stories about growing old in Christ. Some call it *the sunset years*, others call it *the senior years* but I like it most when they call it *the beautiful years*.

How can old be beautiful? Let me count the ways: Proverbs 16:31 states that the silver-haired head is a beautiful crown found in a righteous life. Toothless smiles on wrinkled faces are time-honored loveliness of a life well-lived in Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:16 states, "therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is renewed day and day." We may lose our health and wealth, our friends and jobs to old age, but we will never lose the love of God for His love will never grow old. Neither should we lose our love towards God for no feat is more noble than to remain strong in faith when everything else fails. I love Psalm 92:14 when it states that we will still bear fruit in old age, we will stay fresh and green. The beautiful

truth is: ageing and weakness focus our thoughts on God. If we can sing songs of praise to God through pain and tears, surely we will grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior through all our years.

Given the chance, I wonder what kind of an old woman I will be. By God's grace and mercy, hopefully I will be as spiritually vibrant as our esteemed sisters in this fellowship. Record shows that the Sister's Fellowship is one of the most attended fellowships in our church today. Why? Some people might say you have the time, but I would say you have the dedication. Some might say you have the strength and health, but I would say you have the heart to stay in active service while you still can. People say growing old is not for the sissies, I couldn't agree more for it takes a lot of courage to walk the paths that you have trod, to fight the battles you have fought. At this point, I would like to thank you for being a great source of inspiration to me and many other people. When the time comes when we can no longer be in active service, we can stay spiritually vibrant on our bended knees and even on our backs as we lay in our beds. We can become great prayer warriors. The victor's crown is given not by how we start but how we finish. When the time comes for us to go, we can echo Apostle Paul's words in 2 Timothy 4:7 when he states, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race and I have kept the faith." Nothing can sound sweeter to our ears than to hear our God Almighty says, "Well done, my good and faithful servant." To God be the glory. Amen and amen.

分享「詩篇第110篇」

黃約麗傳道

有的人對主耶穌基督的看法保持中立，有些人認為祂只是一位偉大的教師。但聖經卻把祂的身份清楚指示出來，詩篇第110篇用七節經文確定顯示，祂是君王和祭司。

第一至三節 基督是得勝君王

耶和華就是上帝，祂立主耶穌為基督為主宰。基督的意思就是受膏者、那拯救者、君王。使徒彼得在使徒行傳解釋說這位耶穌已經被主上帝立為王了¹。主耶穌降生在世上的一千年以前，大衛王在聖靈感動之下預講耶和華對我主說：「禰坐在我的右邊，等我使禰的仇敵作禰的腳凳。」詩110:1

古代君王勝利時把腳踏在仇敵頸項²。基督要制服所有世上王權。在征戰的日子，基督的人民和基督的兵丁滿心朝氣如少年人，都樂意投身，衣著聖潔。

羅馬書12:1告訴我們「要把身體獻上，作聖潔而蒙上帝悅納的活祭。」所以我們要把身體獻上，委身於基督。這征戰是基督作首，不是普通的戰爭，乃是聖戰。因此投身的你我必須分別為聖，合乎主用。

除罪者主耶穌基督不但是得勝的聖潔之王。我們投身歸屬了祂的人們，宜以聖潔為裝飾，在思想、言語、行為、衣著都要聖潔，討主喜悅，以配合作王親的聖潔身份。想到這裡，就覺得有罪的人怎樣可以接近聖潔有權能的王呢？因此，我們需要一位祭司。

第四至七節 基督是永遠的祭司

詩篇110:4說耶和華起了誓，就決不反悔；祂說：

「禰永遠作祭司，是照著麥基洗德的體系。」在聖經裡找不到麥基洗德的族譜。他沒有父親，沒有母親，沒有族譜，也沒有生死的記錄，而是與上帝的兒子相似，永遠作祭司³。基督是無始無終的上帝。

基督道成肉身，在苦難中學會了順從，聖經又說祂順從到底⁴，就成了所有順從祂的人得到永遠救恩的根源。（就是說今天順從基督的人，會從祂得到永遠的救恩。）基督因此蒙上帝照著麥基洗德的體系，稱祂為大祭司⁵。

這樣，我們應當如何響應我們的主呢？第一，我們只要來到祂的跟前，不再想望別的了。我們應當全心倚靠祂，祂必能拯救到底。另外，我們應當讚美感謝祂，因為祂長遠活著，為我們代求⁶。蒙恩得救的你我真是有福呢！

第二，詩110:7論到「喝路旁的河水」表示征戰是一場艱苦的任務。詩人描寫在猛烈爭戰中的勇士，無暇休息，看見路旁有水，急飲一兩口又上馬去赴戰，直到凱旋！我們的救主耶穌基督就是這樣；祂在地上一生忍受苦難直到十字架上，最後至死順服上帝，在要斷氣以前大聲喊叫「成了！」⁷就是說祂做成了救贖世人的大功勞。祂的死使我們能活著，讓我們今生道路效法我們的主，常持守受苦的心志，學習順服基督。因為我們若能堅持，就必與祂一同作王⁸，完成祂在我們每人身上的聖旨意。

註：①徒2:34-36 ②書10:24 ③來7:3 ④來5:9 ⑤來5:10 ⑥來7:25 ⑦約19:30 ⑧提後2:12

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人物	所做之事	可學習的功課	人物	所做之事	可學習的功課
有人	帶瞎子見耶穌(可 8:23)	帶人到神的面前	耶穌	拉著瞎子的手(可 8:23)	以仁慈關懷愛人
	求耶穌摸了他(可 8:23)	求耶穌施行拯救		領他到村外去(可 8:23)	與主有密切關係
瞎子	讓耶穌拉他的手(可 8:23)	信心倚靠及交託	吐唾沫在眼睛上(可 8:23)	讓主使用的器皿	
	跟隨耶穌到村外(可 8:23)	跟隨上帝的引導	按手在他的身上(可 8:23)	讓主步步的帶領	
	抬頭看，回答耶穌(可 8:24)	遵從主旨及時回應	按手在他眼睛上(可 8:25)	得主醫治的恩典	
	定睛看，就復了原(可 8:25)	忍耐等候神的時間	叫瞎子別進村子(可 8:26)	謙卑不喜愛誇耀	



教會消息 Church News

八月十一日-舉行"領袖訓練、培靈會",特邀請新加坡神學院院長陳世協院長為講員

九月廿至廿三日-舉行第四十二屆宣道週,主題為"熱愛靈魂",講員為林毓麟長老

九月廿五日-萬那威福音中心之薛彩絃姊與葉雪英姊接受聖洗

九月三十日-教會主日學與主日學教師主日,願主使用教師來祝福兒童

十月廿一日-慶祝敬老主日,由職業青年團契贈送紀念品予前輩們

十月廿七日-舉行"菲華青年文化"講座,由林永健牧師主持

十一月十一日-選出2008-2010年度八位執事(恕不稱呼):戴良榮,王善為,葉雙傑,傅子全,吳韻真,陳胡美娜,傅史苗美,許郭錦繡

十一月廿二日-感恩節特會由教會各團契獻節目及兄姊作見證,同頌主恩

十一月廿三至廿四日-青年團契慶祝59週年,且有對街童之關懷佈道事工

十一月廿五日-舉行感恩主日,並為聖洗八十二屆七位兄姊洗禮(恕不稱呼):丁嘉裕,丁嘉倫,王良榮,莊銘泰,王靜美,王靜英,黃嘉音

Aug 11 - Leadership Training & Revival Meeting by Dr. Albert Ting of Singapore Bible College

Sep 20-23 - 42nd Mission Emphasis Week with the theme, "Passion For Souls," and Dr. Allen Lim as special speaker

Sep 25 - baptism of Sisters Jeanne Uy & Diosdada Oscars of Mandaue Gospel Center

Sep 30 - Sunday School and Teachers' Sunday; may God continue to use teachers as channels of blessing to the children

Oct 21 - Respect the Aged Sunday with thoughtful tokens distributed by the Young Professionals Fellowship

Oct 27 - seminar on the Filipino Chinese Youth Culture by Rev. Danny Reyes

Nov 11 elected the following deacons and deaconess for the year 2008-2010: Alexander Te, Emmanuel Ong, Philip Yap, Nixon Po, Jane Jane Ong, Mona Li, Rosemarie Castro, Josephine Yu

Nov 22 - special Thanksgiving Service with various praise numbers and testimonies rendered by different fellowships

Nov 23-24 - Christian Youth Fellowship 59th anniversary celebration including outreach program for street children

Nov 25 - Thanksgiving Worship Service and 82nd Baptismal Ceremony of the following brethren into God's family: Carl Andrew Sy, Clarence Aaron Sy, Aaron Lemuel Ong, Robert Hansford Ching, Michelle Tio, Sarah Tio, Gail Leslie Uy



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