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Trans Formation

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I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

ROMANS 12:1-2



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Directors' Message

Congratulations to you graduating students of Batch 21, School of Ministry, Spring Term 2026.



I am certain the past 3 months have had many defining moments for many of you and as you graduate, my encouragement to you is to keep pressing upward, onward, and toward the goal of the high call of God in Christ Jesus.

You have chosen for your graduation the Theme, "TRANSFORMATION" and the key to transformation, according to the Apostle Paul, is the renewed mind.

In the 12th chapter of the Book of Romans, verses 1-2, we find the most well-known verse about the renewal of the mind. Paul says, **"And do not be conformed to this world, but be TRANSFORMED" by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."**

Then in **1 Cor 2:16**, he says, **"But we (plural) have the mind of Christ."**



Are you aware the average person thinks approximately 6,000 to about 60,000 thoughts daily, and almost 80% are negative?

Shockingly, we have been pre-programmed to think, feel, and speak difficulty, hardship, and failure into our destinies. This often becomes self-fulfilling prophecies.

We can change our future by changing the way we think. What we think, we often speak out and negative confession often becomes reality in our lives.

I came across a remarkable story of the late Rev Kenneth E Hagin who, when he was in his eighties, was still healthy and strong. Those who heard him preach would say that he had an amazing memory - he could recall specific details such as the day of the week a particular date fell on, and even the exact time. Even at that age, the man's memory was sharp and lucid. He once shared how he had started to forget things when he was in his 50s.



You have the mind of Christ

Use your tongue for life

Renew your mind

He had read a medical journal which said that everyday millions of cells in our brains die. He didn't realize it then, but those words got into his spirit, and it was then that he started to forget things. He then asked the Lord, "What is happening to me?" And the Lord said, "You read that article and you believed it."

Now hear me please - I believe in medicine and I believe doctors are a gift of God to the world but there is something greater than a doctor's advice and it is the Word of God.

He repented and asked the Lord what he should do. The Lord said, "Confess My Word. My Word says, 'I have the mind of Christ', and the mind of Christ never forgets." He started to confess he had the mind of Christ and that was how his memory remained sharp for the rest of his life.

The Word of God says you have the mind of Christ. The mind of Christ is not old, slow or forgetful. I don't care how old you get; you don't have to become forgetful. Medical science is important, but don't just believe and confess everything that medical science or your friends say. Believe and confess the Word of God, which brings life.

The power of life and death is in your tongue (Proverbs 18:21) **so use your tongue for life.** Don't sit around saying, "I am getting old and forgetful." Instead, say "I have the mind of Christ - my mind is sharp and quick because it is the mind of Christ!" Believe it, confess it, and see your thinking and memory live up to it!

When someone gets cancer, we immediately start to think "it is only a matter of time". Stop thinking or confessing that for Jesus is stronger than any cancer. Yes, people do die of cancer but don't go out without a fight.

One of our pastors in Singapore had a very aggressive form of lymphoma called B-Cell lymphoma. In 2017, he had T-Cell lymphoma and in 1995, he had Hodgkin's lymphoma - 3 different types of lymphatic cancers. I saw him stand on the word of God and today he

is totally free from cancer and serving God vigorously. He overcame what seemed to be an impossible situation.

Paul also says the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ...

If the thoughts in your mind are contrary to the Word of God, and if you don't deal with those thoughts and cast them down, they can eventually become a stronghold of the enemy in your life. In other words, they will control how you think. If they can control how you think, they will control how you talk, how you act, and how you behave.

You might be thinking, "How in the world am I going to pay all my bills? Why am I always getting sick? I am going to be broke. My marriage is going to fall apart." If you keep thinking negatively, these thoughts are going to become strongholds in your mind. Don't allow them to control your thinking, you must learn to cast them down.

How do you do that? By casting them down. You cannot cast down your thoughts by "Will Power" or by "thinking". You can only cast them down by confession, or by speaking.



Confess & Decree

"I cast down that negative thought about my marriage. I cast down those negative thoughts on poverty. I refuse to think thoughts that come from the adversary, and I cast down every high thing and negative confession that exalts itself against the Word of God".

If you begin to say what the Word of God says, you will come into agreement with the Word and you are going to have the victory.

Bill Johnson said, "I can't afford to have a thought about myself that God doesn't have toward me".

A friend of mine was under severe attack from the enemy and he went to see a respected pastor who told him that he had demons and that those demons had to be cast out, one at a time. When he heard that, he came under great oppression. Those thoughts tormented him for a very long time, and he had sleepless nights in cold sweat. He was going through so much fear, and he didn't know what to do. One night, as he was lying awake with

these dark terrible thoughts and voices in his head, suddenly he saw a large sign in neon lights appear on the ceiling. It read 1 Cor 4:6. He sat up on the bed, switched on his bedside lamp, and “the sign” was still there. He grabbed his bible, opened it to 1 Cor 4:6 and the part of the verse that jumped out to him was this- **“Do not go beyond what is written.”** Suddenly, a miracle happened. In a flash, all the dark clouds lifted off, the dark thoughts and voices left. He said it was as if somebody had switched on a bright light inside the dark recesses of his soul and he began to rejoice. Those voices and thoughts have never ever come back again.

Then the Lord began to speak to him. He told him he had “gone beyond what was written” in the Scriptures and had believed things that were not in the Bible. He believed he had demons just because somebody whom he trusted said so. He had not resisted those thoughts the Biblical way but submitted to them in fear.

The Lord said to him “to always stay with His Word, to always read the Word, believe it, speak it and act upon it and never to go outside of it”.

No matter how wonderful or tantalizing these “extra-biblical” revelations may look or sound, don’t go beyond what is written.



Never build a doctrine on one single obscure scripture reference. Never bend, stretch, or twist a scripture to prove a doctrine. Never base your beliefs upon just spiritual experiences that cannot be found in Scripture.

One of the reasons why the angel of the Lord struck Zacharias and made him dumb was, the Lord didn’t want his unbelief or negative confession to affect the baby in Elizabeth’s womb. Do you know that we can physically abort a baby by negative confession? When you say out loud, I pray it is not a baby girl or I pray it is not a baby boy, you can abort or curse your unborn child to death. Stop cursing your family with your confession.

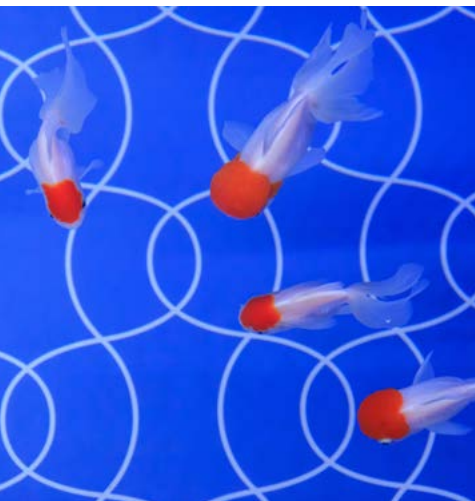
We’ve an enemy who’s fighting us on all fronts. The battle’s not just spiritual, it’s also physical, emotional, mental and psychological in every other way. The devil comes only to steal, to kill and to destroy. He attacks our bodies through the food we eat, the water we drink, and the air we breathe. He attacks our minds through the television, our culture and entertainment. He attacks our families and our marriages. He attacks us when we sleep and when we’re awake. He attacks us through people and through unjust laws. He attacks us through negative thoughts and words. There’s not a single moment where we are out of reach. The devil does not fight fair, and the enemy is going to come at us from every angle - body, soul and spirit, and he doesn’t stop. When you have finally fallen, and you think there would be some respite, he’ll keep on kicking you until he kills you. So, FIGHT back.

Listen, he wouldn’t be attacking you if you didn’t have something valuable within you. Thieves don’t break into empty houses.

One of the ways into a renewed mind is learning to see the unseen.

We must have a growing awareness of the unseen realm. Paul says, **“SET your mind on things above”**. A pastor once said, you know your mind is being renewed when the impossible seems logical.

Can we agree that visions, tongues, fire, miracles, healings are supposed to be a normal part of the Kingdom? So, if we want to see an increase in the anointing when we minister to people, the key is a renewed mind. Oftentimes we think God cannot use me, I am so imperfect. Think about this - if I laid my hands on a blind person and his eyes open, it is not a sign of God's approval of me. His approval of me is that I was obedient to Him when He speaks. If the Lord only worked through us when we are perfect, then nothing will happen.



I close with the illustration of the Japanese Oranda fish. If you put the fish in a fishbowl, it will grow to the size of the bowl or the tank it swims in. That fish grows depending on the size of the tank it's being placed in. If you place it in its natural habitat, it can grow to a foot long. You are the fish and you grow to the size of the revelation that you swim in.

If you have a revelation of Jesus who saves, that's what your experience will be - you will be saved and that is it.

If you have a revelation of Jesus who saves and endues you with power from on high, you will start stepping into the supernatural. You will be saved and have the supernatural. If you believe that Jesus is releasing you to influence and have wealth for His glory and Kingdom, you can be saved, move in the supernatural and have wealth and increase for the glory of His Kingdom. You get to manifest what matches the revelation you are swimming in.

So, in the Name of Jesus, we take authority over every evil plot and declare that no weapon formed against us shall prosper. We declare the plots of the enemy NULL and VOID. Jezebel is overthrown and JESUS is LORD.

Pastors Tuck Yoong and Daphne Yang
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Editor's Note

This term, “Transformation” wasn’t just a theme—it quietly became a journey many of us found ourselves walking through.

Romans 12:1-2 calls us not just to change, but to surrender—to lay our lives down as a living sacrifice. And somewhere along the way this term, that word became real. Not in big, dramatic moments, but in the hidden ones—when hearts softened, when thoughts were realigned, when God gently reshaped what we thought we knew. As shared in the student devotion, transformation is not something we strive to achieve on our own—it is the work of the Spirit within us.

The picture of the Hebrew letter **Shin (ש)** stayed with me. It carries the sound found in “Shalom” and “Yeshua”, and is described as a Father’s hand stretched out in blessing. There is something deeply tender in that—because before transformation comes surrender, and before surrender, we must trust the hand we are yielding to.

Perhaps that is the essence of this season:

not striving to become. but
choosing to yield — and in
that place. being transformed.

Embracing the *Beauty* of Transformation



Congratulations Batch 21 on your graduation

It has been a profound privilege to walk alongside you these past 12 weeks. Witnessing the deep work of God as He has shaped, challenged and transformed each of you.

Transformation is a process, it can be costly and will require of us the willingness to change. If we look at the process of a butterfly emerging out of chrysalis, it has to be able to go through this process on its own. If the butterfly is being helped out of the chrysalis, the vital process is being disrupted. The wings may not expand fully, leaving the butterfly unable to fly. In the believer's life there are no shortcuts to greater glory. We must be willing to go through the process, knowing that the very pressure we wish to avoid is what prepares us for the heights God has called us to.

Romans 12:2 tells us:
And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

There are vital distinctions between these two states found in Romans. Conformity happens because of pressure from the outside, but transformation happens because of the inner working of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

As we allow the Spirit to work within us, there will be less of the influence of the world on our lives. We find there becomes a shift in our focus, where we want less of what this world has to offer and more of the Kingdom of God in our lives.

A powerful example of transformation is found in the Israelites crossing the River Jordan and the circumcision that took place at Gilgal. Before these events took place, the Israelites kept looking back to Egypt, wanting to return to Egypt. However, something changed after the crossing of Jordan and the circumcision at Gilgal. The love of Egypt was removed from their hearts.

Transformation requires separation.

To live a life fully surrendered, we must embrace the circumcision of the heart. Allowing the Lord to remove the mindsets and habits of the flesh. It is through this pruning that we find the capacity to bear greater fruit.





Over these 12 weeks I have seen how the Lord has challenged each of us to a greater intimacy and sanctification. There have been times of rejoicing, times of weeping and times of simply sitting at the feet of Jesus. In every instance, the Lord was at work. Where He has cut away certain mindsets and certain habits, so that we become more and transformed to the image of His Son.

It is my prayer, that as you leave this place and step into new adventures with the Lord that you never stop pursuing the depth of His presence. May you move constantly from glory to glory, with hearts aligned perfectly with His.

2 Corinthians 3:18 tells us:
But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.



I encourage you to keep your gaze fixed on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. As you behold Him, may you begin to love as He loves, speak as He speaks and carry His glory to the nations. Your lives will never be the same.

Pastor Sandra Westerdahl
Dean of Students

Student Testimonies



Jonathan Josue Perez

UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

God gave me the Word “Healing” for my time at The BCW. At first, I thought it meant fixing pain quickly but I’ve learned here that healing is a process of surrender and a step of faith. Through prayer, the Word, and community, God has been restoring areas of grief, hurt, and brokenness in my life. I’ve seen the Lord use my experiences to help others, turning pain into purpose. Moving forward, I believe this Word will continue to shape my life as I walk with God, helping others see the Love that God has for us.

LA MISIÓN CORNERSTONE



Cherine Cheong

SINGAPORE

God has given me the word “perspective” at the start. During my time at The BCW, I have been challenged to several tasks that are uncomfortable to me. The Lord helped me to step up and embrace the tasks by faith. This is a safe space where we can learn and grow in maturity, with room for errors and still be accepted by grace. Every moment here is very precious. I’ve learnt to appreciate that God has created each of us uniquely. Jesus is also shaping my eternal perspective. One day, when we all go to heaven — what a wonderful time of rejoicing that will be!

SINGAPORE CHRISTIAN CANAAN CHURCH



Daniel Tang

SINGAPORE

I came to The BCW wanting to rediscover God and encounter Him in a fresh way, and He has faithfully met me here. This season has renewed my hunger for His presence, deepened my love for His Word, and made me more aware of His voice. As I step into this new season, I want to carry this fresh encounter with me by staying close to Him, listening for His leading, and being quick to obey. I want to keep walking closely with Him in trust and dependence, knowing that He has gone before me and will guide me in all that lies ahead.

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH



Marilyn Chew

SINGAPORE

Before coming to The BCW, the word on my heart was “courage”—to pursue God more deeply and wholeheartedly, and to step into all that He has for me in this season. During my time at The BCW, I have experienced real transformation in both my spiritual and natural life, through countless invitations from God to draw closer to Him in intimacy and surrender. The witness and personal revelations I’ve received through these moments and teachings have left a lasting impact on me, and I believe they will carry on beyond this season as well.

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH



Edenia M. Hernandez

CUBA / SPAIN

My commitment to the Lord, succumbed to changes in my church, work and child-rearing; life consumed me. In 2021, God stirred my heart; desiring my first love, faithfully revealing His love & hopes for me. Attending The BCW became a needed step of faith: God manifested Himself! He transformed my prayer, worship, and surrender. God changed my identity, giving me His worth. Trusting Christ in me, to transform and lead my next steps and heal my family. It taught me to anchor myself in God’s Word; bringing trust in Him to restore what was lost. The BCW restored me emotionally & my service vision.

CORNERSTONE ALMERIA



Edward Hernandez

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

It would be growing “deeper in Him”. The Lord is directing me to enter deeper in that relationship with Him. He wants me to be deliberate in my relationship with Him and cultivate that intimacy with Him, not only by consistent prayer, reading or studying the word, periodically fasting, but a pressing walk with Him. He is guiding me to trust Him more, to surrender more, to invite His presence more in my daily activities and to let go of the control, even when it becomes difficult at times to recognize how and which direction to go in. For me, it means getting into the habit of praising Jesus and the Father more when difficulties come in my life and living a life that mirrors more of Jesus, with less of me. I desire to grow more naturally in the spiritual flow of God’s will so He can lead me to love others with a love that comes from Him.

CORNERSTONE ALMERIA



Sarah Mariah Kaplan

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The phrase God has given me for my time at BCW is “behold”. One definition of behold is “to earnestly contemplate and intentionally perceive in order to recognize God’s presence.” Since arriving, God is teaching me to see Him in everything. He is showing me how to behold Him in moments of obedience, discouragement, and surrender. As I allow myself to be held by Him, I am experiencing deep healing in my soul and a renewed identity as Jesus’ beloved bride. I believe God will grow this practice into a daily lifestyle as I leave and continue to serve Him.

ISLA VISTA CHURCH



Peter Mak Wai Lek

SINGAPORE

These three months in The BCW have been a gentle yet continuous call into a deeper encounter with God. I sense that He is preparing me for the next season through a process of unlearning and learning again. Here I learn again who He is, how great He is, and how to hear His voice. Here I have also fallen in love again with His Word, with worship, and with prayer.

“Being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform” (Romans 4:21). God is leading me to trust Him again with my dreams, my future, and the promises He has given me.

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH



Savuth Pheng

CAMBODIA

While praying on March 6, I received the words, “It is time.” I believe this confirms what God spoke to me seven years ago when I asked Him who should lead the church. He answered, “lead, lead, and wait.” At that time, I did not understand why “wait” was included when I was also called to lead. I served as a part-time leader while continuing to pray about it. Later, I left my job and came to The BCW. Now I understand “It is time” as a call to fully step into leadership and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit completely.

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH CAMBODIA



Anna Jeslyn Yong

SINGAPORE

I am His beloved. From this experience of coming to The BCW, I have learnt that as a child of God, I could hear His still small voice and it requires me to step out in faith with boldness, following the leading of the Holy Spirit, even if it requires taking a risk. The Lord is showing me that He is the solid rock that I can lean on (Matthew 7:24-25). Because of the finished work of Christ on the cross, there is nothing more I need or can do to make God love me more, His love is complete, perfect and beyond measure.

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH



Sarah Selvachandra D/O Kandiah

SINGAPORE

The BCW was a unique, special moment and incomparable to anything to what I have experienced. It will impact the rest of my life! “Behold, I make all things new.” and “This is your inheritance!” are the rhema words that brought me to The BCW. The Lord has affirmed my identity of “Whose am I” and that I am loved by my Heavenly Father for who I am and I don’t need to have all things right to be loved by Him! Rivers of Living Waters will be going forth from me; it will not be the same as before. There’ll be new life and new rivers going forth from me!

CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH



Benjamin Tong

UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

Before coming to The BCW, God spoke the word “Beloved” over me. Not the word I would have chosen, but the one I needed most. I had always known God loved me, but that truth had lost its power in how I lived. I wasn’t walking in the freedom and authority of being His child, filled with His Spirit. Here, I’ve watched Him dismantle strongholds in ways I never imagined. The pruning has been painful, yet the reward is sweet. The surrender I now live in and the deeper knowing of Him have been the greatest rewards of my time here.

CENTER CHURCH



Mary Connell

UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

Philippians 1:6 “He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ...” This scripture has really come to life in me, that God has a plan for me and that He is continuing a good work in me. As I submit and consecrate myself to the Holy Spirit, He meets me, never leaves me, but guides me. It has been an honour to be at The BCW for a time such as this and pray through world events, just like Mr. Rees Howells and his intercessor team all those years ago.

RIVER CHURCH AT TAMPA BAY



Ernest Poh Keong Ng

SINGAPORE

Staying at The BCW has been a great learning experience with students, staff and lecturers. It allows me to be transformed by God’s word and presence. The most radical change in me is in the way I perceive God and myself; I started from focusing and working on my weaknesses and strengths, to the position of knowing that everything revolves around God and not myself. The word “Transformation” will shift my focus by repositioning God at the center, the self as a participant in God’s will. My identity with Christ is no longer “achieved” through personal effort but “received” through a relationship with Him.

TRINITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE



Christoffer Westerdahl

PERU / SWEDEN

Intercession, through prayers, both individual and in groups, and to continue in it. Keep on exploring and growing in it. It is a privilege to be at a place where people have been operating in intercession and ride on their shoulders, to birth forth in the spirit what God has for our time!

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William Bryan Hubbell

UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

Prior to my arrival at The BCW, Holy Spirit had been speaking two words to me. The words which He spoke were “WAR COLLEGE”. I came here expecting the Lord to teach me about WAR COLLEGE and also to experience this further while in Wales. The lectures have contributed to my knowledge of what God has been saying on this subject. Time spent here engaging in prayer and intercession have also enlightened me further. Being present at The BCW, Moriah Chapel, Pisgah Chapel, etc. has given me further revelation, which is important in my future quest to satisfy a WAR COLLEGE mandate from the Lord.

GRACE HOUSE OF FLORENCE, AL



Carla Maria Zavala

UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

The word God gave me for my time at The BCW is “Milestone”. It marks a turning point where I moved from control, confusion, and pain into surrender, healing, and purpose. I’ve seen this through encountering God at my lowest. I found peace through learning to trust Him daily instead of my emotions. The BCW has been a defining moment of transformation in my identity and faith. This milestone is not the end but a beginning...it will carry me forward with confidence in my calling and a testimony that will shape how I live, serve, and share His love beyond this season.

LA MISIÓN CORNERSTONE



Ilias Nasralla

GREECE

My word for this season at The BCW is “Transformed & Equipped.” God has not only been changing but also preparing me. Through this time, I have experienced real transformation of my mindset, my character, and my relationship with Him have grown. As it says in Romans 12:1-2, I am learning to surrender my life daily and allow Him to renew my mind. But this change is not just for me. God is equipping me with faith, discipline, and spiritual understanding so I can walk in His purpose. Moving forward, I carry both transformation and preparation, ready to step into what God has called me to do beyond The BCW.

HELLENIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Hannah Hui Siew Oh

MALAYSIA /
UNITED KINGDOM

The verse God gave me was Luke 1:35, “the power of the Highest will overshadow you.” When I prayed this verse, I felt the glory of God come upon me and I knew I must attend The BCW. Through greater revelations of who He is and how much I am loved, and through surrender and yielding, this has been a deeply transformative time of forming Christ in me, the hope of glory. New life has been imparted to barren areas. Beyond The BCW, I long simply to pursue Jesus with greater passion and to fall in love more with Him.

ARTICLE 1

Journey of Israel, Onward to Zion



The Journey of Israel illustrates different stages of spiritual growth—from bondage in Egypt to maturity at Mount Zion.



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Reflect on your own walk with God. Which stage best represents where you are right now and what lessons might God be teaching you in this season?

Daniel Tang

I believe I am in a season of growth, progressively moving toward maturity. In this season, I sense God is teaching me to walk consistently and more intimately with Him daily; not just in moments, but in a steady, abiding relationship.

I am learning to depend on Him in all things rather than relying on my own experiences or abilities. He is shaping in me a deeper understanding of obedience over convenience, choosing to trust Him even when I do not see the full picture. At the same time, He is refining my character, motives, and responses, teaching me patience and sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

There is also a stronger call to consistency in prayer and in His Word, and a continual surrender of control to His timing and direction. While there are still moments of testing and wrestling, I am learning to press on with faith.

I recognize that true growth often comes through stretching and discomfort, as God continues His work in me. I need God to enlarge my heart. To know Him more intimately, to love Him more fully, and to walk more closely with Him in every area of my life.

Edenia M. Hernandez

Wow! I feel that I am growing towards maturity. I may be somewhat mature in some areas, but I still need deliverance at times, especially from myself. God has been faithful to me in stretching me and teaching me the patience I so need and how to love others well.

I am currently being tested in areas relating to work and decisions on how to serve the Lord. I have been in a rollercoaster of emotions from thinking I am too old to change, to serve, to be of use to the Lord or to the community. Yet the Lord has given me a desire to serve and not just vegetate in retirement. A desire to serve the community if the Lord desires for me to keep working. A desire to see His promises in my family.

I believe the Lord is working on me and my husband. As we, like the spies prove ourselves faithful, He will be able to trust us with more. I also believe that in my trust and focus on what He desires, He will transform us. He will work on my family as I focus on Him.

2 Reflect on a challenging season you have experienced. In what ways might God have used that situation to refine your faith, deepen your trust in Him, or prepare you for future ministry?

William Bryan Hubbell

Trials and wilderness seasons shape spiritual maturity by stretching us. They test us to believe in God and they challenge us to obey or not obey Him. They put us in a place to have to trust God or rebel against trusting Him.

Every time we go through a trial, we decide whether we will let the Lord be our Lord in it, or not. When we surrender ourselves to Him, He can mould us into more useful instruments of service to Him. God worked in everything to move my heart and life into places that helped make me different than before. I am able to be more understanding of others in their similar struggles. I am often more aware when God is pushing and prodding for better purposes, kingdom plans.

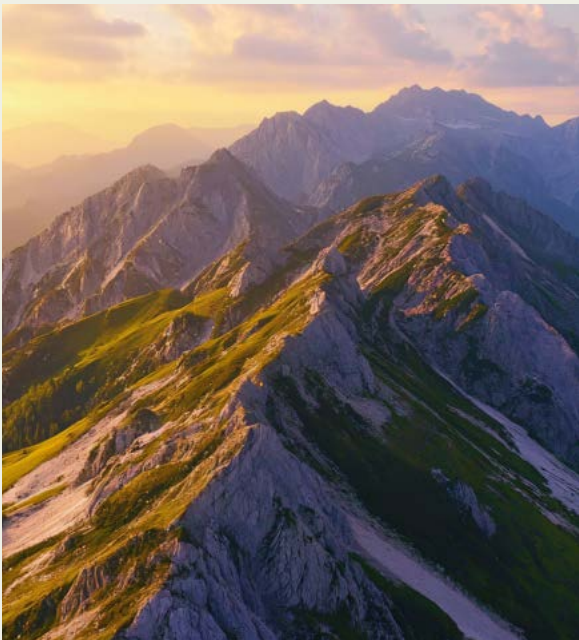
My trials and wilderness experiences of various types have made me hungrier for the better things that the Lord has for my future, both in life as well as in ministry!





Savuth Pheng

During my challenge in the ministry, I went through a very difficult season. There were many times when I felt exhausted and almost gave up. I had so many questions for God and often complained to Him because I could not see a way out. I spent a lot of time trying to find my own solutions and use my own understanding to fix the problems, but I could never find the right answers on my own.



Even when I was frustrated and/or in a difficult time, God never left me. He stayed close and constantly reminded me to remain with Him and stay faithful to the ministry. He showed me that I did not need to have all the answers; I only needed to trust Him. This was a process of learning humility and surrender. Instead of fighting the situation with my own strength, I learned to turn toward Him in prayer and allow the Holy Spirit to lead me.

When I stopped complaining and started listening, I began to hear the Holy Spirit. He provided the comfort and strength I could not find anywhere else. This challenging time refined my faith and taught me that walking with God is more important than finding a quick solution. By letting go of my own plans, I found a peace over my own understanding. I then see that every trial was a hidden blessing, preparing me to lead others with greater compassion and a deeper understanding.



These lessons have given me the confidence to face whatever comes next knowing that He is always walking beside me and guiding my steps.



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How should the truth of the authority of Scripture affect our lives?

Cherine Cheong

No scripture in the bible is irrelevant, they contain truth. The scripture is God-breathed and inspired by the Holy Spirit. We worship the Son of God in Spirit and in truth. The truth of the authority of scripture affects our lives if we apply it consciously as it becomes food and nourishment for our soul.

We must read and meditate God's Word to grow in intimacy with him. Worship is important to shape our character to maturity and become more like Christ. We are commanded to love others and express the love of God through our acts of kindness. We sense the urgency of preaching the gospel to the lost through evangelism. There is revelation by the Holy Spirit - it connects to the scripture.

We know we are reading the Word of God as it records:

- Historical acts and prophecies
- Knowledge of the Holy Spirit
- It elevates our thinking of right and wrong
- We are a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

God's truth in His Word helps us to understand God's saving purpose in Christ. God chooses Israel to be a light - to reveal Himself. The historic people in the Bible - the wrongs that were recorded in the bible and the consequences that follow. We also learn by assessing the good and bad with discernment and applying the truth to our lives.



"for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

2 Peter 1:21 NKJV

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NKJV





Mary Connell

The truth is fact or reality. Our identification, or consciousness of truth in the authority of Scripture should completely transform our lives as we become new creations in Christ. There is no possible way to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior and not be transformed, if you are truly saved and submit to Him. And that salvation and authority only becomes real to you as you renew your mind to the truth written in Scripture. I feel like that was a circular explanation, but it truly is one.

As we put our faith in the Word of God, it gives us a new experience. As we believe in the Word of God, our lives become transformed. We live in the supernatural!

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." — **3 John 1:4**.

When we walk in Truth, we bring Joy to the Lord!
Because we then identify with Him, as His.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." — **John 4:24**.

The only way to worship and honor the Lord is through Truth. He doesn't even mention love here. Love just flows from and is a direct result of knowing the Truth of who He is.

Studying the Word brings us more intimacy with God; we become more Christlike; clarifies the Gospel; and provides meaning for our existence. Through study, Truth becomes real to us because Jesus "is the Way, the Truth, and the Life." With no other way to the Father except through Jesus (Who is Truth), we must know the Truth intimately. These are transformative effects of on our lives.

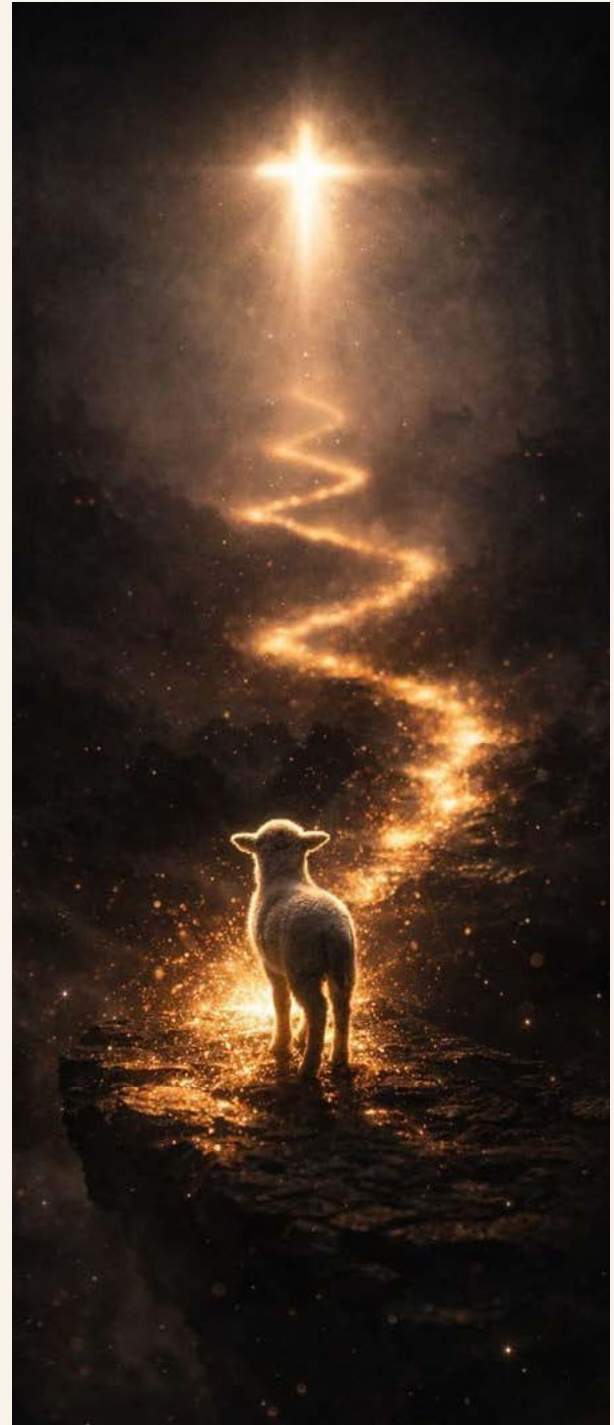
*When we walk in Truth,
we bring Joy to the Lord!*

2 Compare your thoughts about God before you knew Christ with your thoughts of God since coming to Christ?

Hannah Hui Siew Oh

My thoughts of God did not change overnight since coming to Christ. My view, especially of Father God, was very distorted due to childhood experiences of a very strict father. I saw God as very strict and harsh. I had to perform well to please (and appease) Him. This was before Christ and even long after coming to Christ. It was very hard to reconcile my head knowledge from the Bible that tells me that God is loving, kind and good; with my heart. It always felt like it did not resonate in me deeply, like there was a barrier stopping the truth from landing deep into my spirit man.

It was only when I started attending courses and received prayer ministry and healing into my heart at Ellel Ministries from 2012 that I truly started experiencing the heart of God for me. I experienced what it meant to have Him bind up my broken heart from many hurts in my life. The more I experienced healing in the hurts and the more I experienced being set free from issues of fear, control and the demonic; the more I received deep into my heart the truth of God's love for me, and that changed how I saw Him. This has taken years and layers at a time.

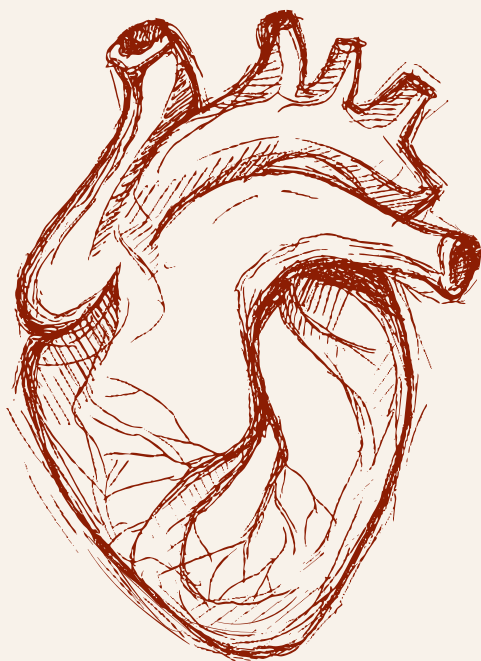


My view of God has certainly changed so much over the years. I am able to trust Him more now. Yet truthfully, there are still pockets of my heart that need healing. But from experience, He has been so faithful, gentle and kind; and blown me away with His goodness in so many ways that I want to joyfully give my life to serve Him. My thoughts of God are still changing as my relationship with Him deepens.

Carla Maria Zavala

Before knowing Christ, I viewed God as judgmental, distant, and overall scary. They always told me to fear the Lord and I would ask myself “why do I have to fear Him? Is He just that scary? Will He just shoot me down?” Throughout the years, I’ve learned that He is loving, caring, gracious, and patient.

By not having a relationship with Him, our understanding becomes limited and instead we are shaped by fear, confusion, or cultural ideas. Sin separates us from Him, making it difficult to truly know His character. In Isaiah 59:2 and Romans 6:23 they explain that sin is death (spiritually) but the key is God because He is love and no sin can satisfy us how God can. This separation can lead to feelings of distance or indifference toward Him. He desires to have a personal relationship with us because we are his children. This shifted my entire perspective from fear to intimacy and belonging. Instead of striving to earn our own approval or control our lives I understood that salvation is a gift. God is no longer distant but present, guiding and comforting me/us.



Even when I was frustrated and/or in a difficult time, God never left me. He stayed close and constantly reminded me to remain with Him and stay faithful to the ministry. He showed me that I did not need to have all the answers; I only needed to trust Him. This was a process of learning humility and surrender. Instead of fighting the situation with my own strength, I learned to turn toward Him in prayer and allow the Holy Spirit to lead me.

When I stopped complaining and started listening, I began to hear the Holy Spirit. He provided the comfort and strength I could not find anywhere else.

This challenging time refined my faith and taught me that walking with God is more important than finding a quick solution. By letting go of my own plans, I found a peace that came over my own understanding. I then see that every trial was a hidden blessing, preparing me to lead others with greater compassion and a deeper understanding.

These lessons have given me the confidence to face whatever comes next knowing that He is always walking beside me and guiding my steps.

Intercessor, Rees Howells

- 1 List one principle of intercession you have learned from your reading and how you would apply that during times of intercession.

Benjamin Tong

The importance of abiding and surrender. When we ask God to move, we have to make sure we are walking in His ways. As we do that, our hearts become in line with His will. Our affections are affected by the way we live. If we fill ourselves with the things of Him, we will be transformed into people who desire only what is best for the Kingdom. From that place we can gain a place of intercession and have faith that is full, that He will do according to His will. Seek first the Kingdom and His righteousness. The surrender comes with the abiding. You can't truly abide if you're not giving yourself to Him. As painful as it is, the truth is surrender is freedom and diving into the divine love and mercy of God. His loving arms hold us.



Christoffer Westerdahl

Again and again, the book points to the Holy Spirit in us to the work with Spirit of God and men and, not in our power but it is in power of the Holy Spirit. Setting ourselves apart to be a house for the Spirit of God to live in.

*Follow the leadings
of the Spirit in both
prayer and action!*



What is one significant chapter of the book and elaborate how it has impacted you in your reading.

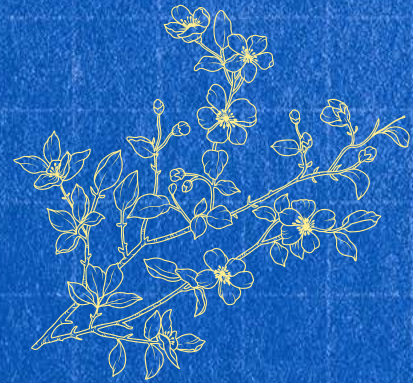
Benjamin Tong

I love this chapter because it speaks to the truth of faith in what God can accomplish through true abiding and intercession. It also shows that we can be certain a prayer will be answered when we pray in line with the will of God. The concept of deep abiding for the sake of intercession is convicting for me. That a life fully submitted to the will of God will create a soul that longs for the kingdom work to be accomplished and bring forth prayer that is in line with His will. One of the main quotes that wrecked me was: "In other words, it meant being willing for the Holy Spirit to live through him the life the Savior would have lived if He had been in his place." This was super convicting for me. I keep thinking I've surrendered to the will of God, then I read quotes like this that are gleaned from scripture like John 15:7 and 1 John 2:6 and I realize there's still so much that I want to control. I've learned through this chapter and the current season of life that it's better to stay in the moment with Him. I can make plans, but my plans are not my security. I can pray into things, but my hope is not in the outcome of my prayers but the one to whom I pray. However, when we truly abide, we can have full faith that God will move as His Spirit guides as He did with the women that came to faith on Christmas.

Chapter 9: Binding the Strong man.

Christoffer Westerdahl

"I did it by choice!" We are the branches and Jesus is the vine, we can't produce anything if we are not connected with the vine. The Holy Spirit are the one grafting us into the vine. This grafting of the Holy Spirit made Mr. Rees Howells able to be a channel for the Father's outpouring on the world. Because he did this by choice, Mr. Rees Howells was no longer a servant but a friend of God!



BOOK REVIEW 2

the Practice *of the* Presence of God

What is one quote/paragraph from the book that inspires transformation in your daily devotion to Christ?

By Sarah Selvachandra D/O Kandiah

In the Seventh Letter (pg44), Brother Lawrence writes to a 'Dear Friend', starting the paragraph "We have a God who is infinitely good and who knows what He is doing. He will come and deliver you..."

I felt very encouraged by this writing as I found the earlier writings a bit on the boring side with nothing happening. But here, he affirms who God is; that the Lord is good and He knows what He is doing. His timing is perfect and He comes through when we least expect it.

Brother Lawrence's admonishment encourages me to trust in the Lord's goodness. As I am turning 65 years old in 2026, I asked myself what is going to happen to me; where am I heading? How are my finances going to come through? The Lord has always provided a job for me and He has helped me stand on my own two feet. But now at this age, I am finding it difficult to get a job and I

get very frightened about the future. So now I will practice His Presence by declaring that the Lord IS GOOD, He is infinitely very GOOD! And this God will not fail me at this stage of my life.

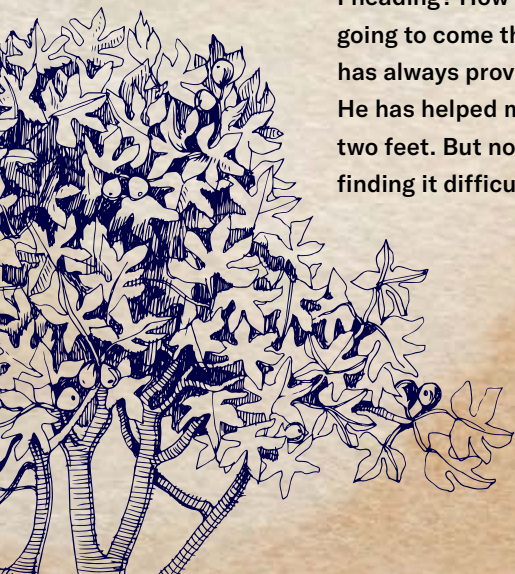
I want to live in financial freedom and be able to bless Israel on a monthly basis, bless the poor and be a benefactor to those in need. I will choose to Hope in Him. I will start to give thanks to Him for what He has in store for me and my family.

This I will proclaim:

¹⁷ 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,

¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.

¹⁹ The Sovereign Lord is my strength;
He makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
He enables me to tread on the heights.



Did this book make you think differently about anything? Did it introduce you to a new point of view or new concepts?

Some of the ways this book helped think differently or rather strengthened me are:

A

Spending time in God's presence doesn't weaken us. That indeed, God will never abandon us when we seek Him intentionally and sincerely. Yes, spending time in the Lord's Presence is a sacrifice but it is worth the while.

B

More of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in me that will lead me to love God in a diversity of ways.

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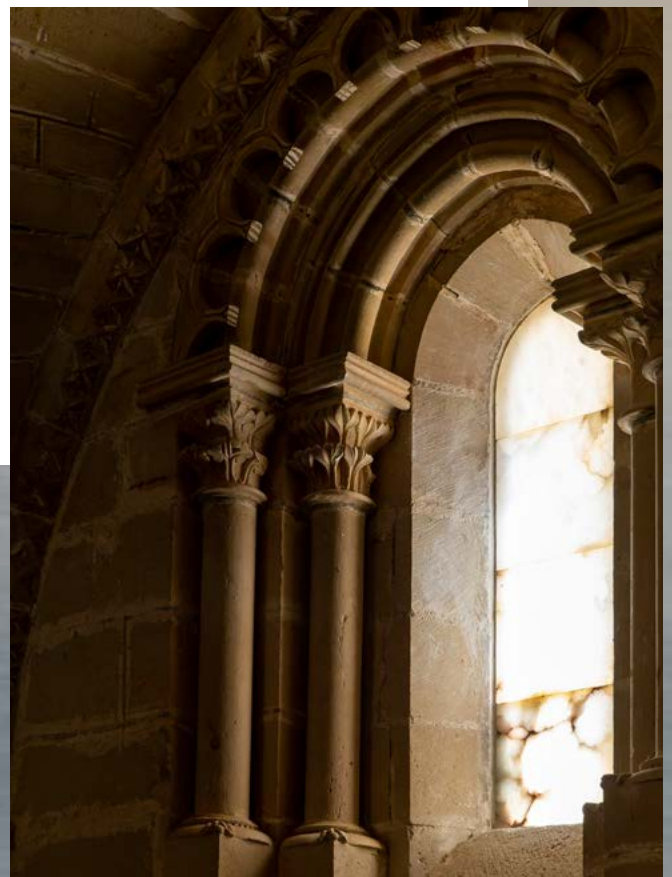
Making our hearts as private chapels is something I would like to be able to learn how to do so, more in depth. I do talk to the Lord very often and I am not sure if that is what we can say is like a chapel?

D

Giving myself to the Lord in my prayers continually; like what Brother Lawrence has said in pg 41; "like being a piece of stone, waiting for the sculptor." Or allowing my whole mind and heart being raised up into God's Presence effortlessly as though it always belonged there! This is something I would want to do and learn.

E

Allowing the Lord to handle the daily situations and not to be troubled by them. This is a MUST thing.





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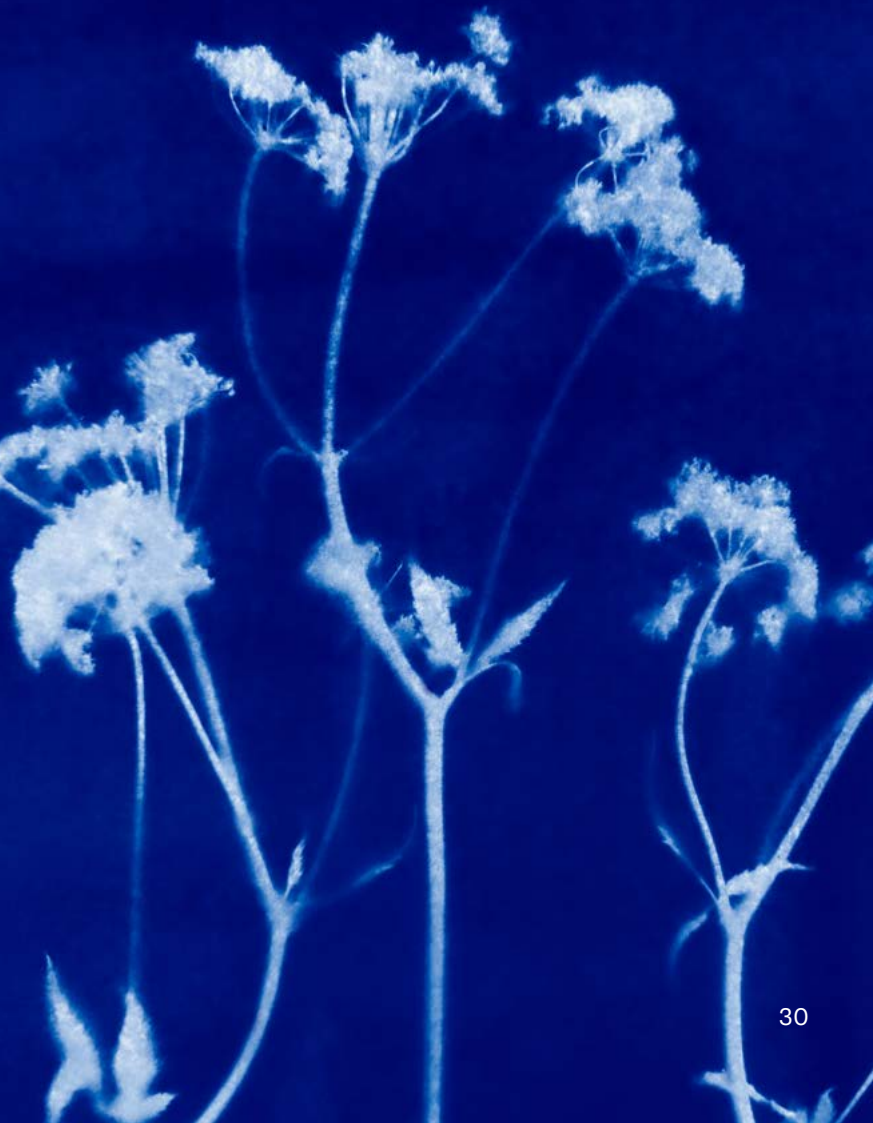
ARTICLE 3

Prayer & Intercession

MATTHEW 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

How does this verse relate to the principle of sowing and reaping?



Ilias Nasralla

This verse relates to the principle of sowing and reaping because it shows that what we choose to “sow” first in life will determine what we “reap” later. If we sow our focus, time, and energy into God’s kingdom and His righteousness, then the promise is that God will take care of our needs (all these things will be added).

In other words, the principle is that spiritual priorities produce spiritual and practical outcomes. When we sow into God first, we reap His provision, guidance, and care. But if we sow mainly into earthly worries and desires, we may not experience the same peace or trust in His provision.

This verse also shows that sowing is not only about actions, but about priority and direction of the heart. Seeking God first is the seed, and His provision is the harvest.



Peter Mak Wai Lek

In Matthew 6:33, we are told to “seek first His kingdom,” which reflects the principle of sowing. We must sow first before we can expect a harvest. As we sow into the Kingdom, all that we need will be provided for us.

This Scripture reminds us that sowing is not about ourselves or our personal needs. We are not sowing into what we want in life, but into the Kingdom of God. Our focus shifts from our own needs to the needs of the Kingdom. It also teaches us that we are to prioritize the Kingdom and His righteousness above everything else. Our responsibility is to faithfully plant the seed.

Whatever we sow will return to us. We can never outgive God. The more we sow into His Kingdom, the more we will reap in return. From this Scripture, we also see that what we reap may not always look the same as what we sow. God is faithful, and He knows exactly what we need. As we sow into His Kingdom, we can trust that He will take care of all our needs.

What personal spiritual insight or revelation have you received from Numbers 25:11-13?

¹¹ “Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in My zeal. ¹² Therefore say, ‘Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace; ¹³ and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.’”

Anna Jeslyn Yong

It is important to seek God’s heart in everything & not merely:

- **Leave things as it is**
(conflict avoidance may feel easier in the moment but God calls His people make a difference and to be a light in this dying world),
- **Follow the crowd**
(following the world without taking a stance), compromise can lead to decay and weakness in living out God’s truth can forfeit us from God’s full blessings for us),
- **Reacting based on our opinions or emotions and allowing pride to lead us rather than follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.**

He can do what is impossible with men and we are in turn blessed beyond measure.

God graciously through the Holy Spirit invites us to partner with Him in the heavenly realm and through doing so, we are transformed to be more like Him - compassionate towards the people or the land we are praying for, stronger by taking authority for the matter/breach at hand and merciful to forgive and intervene.

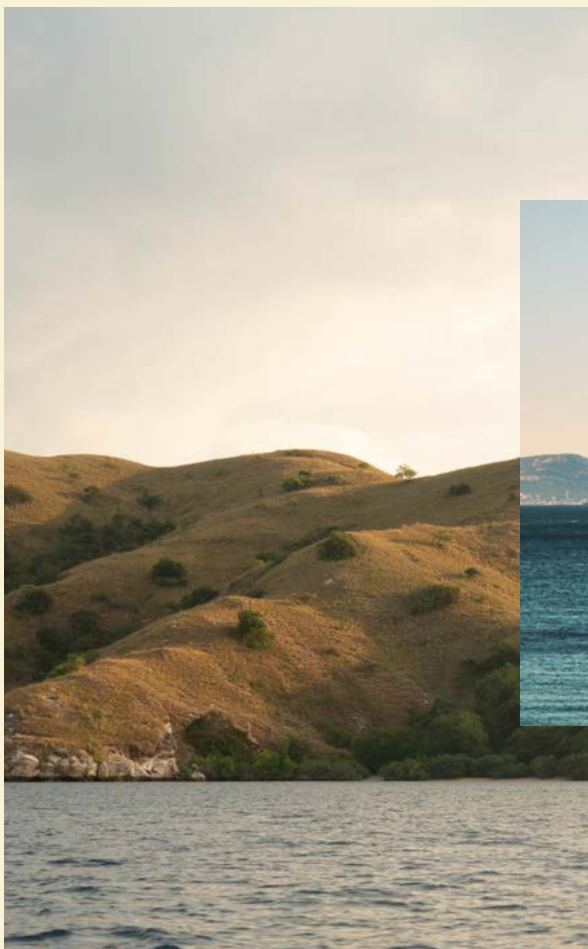
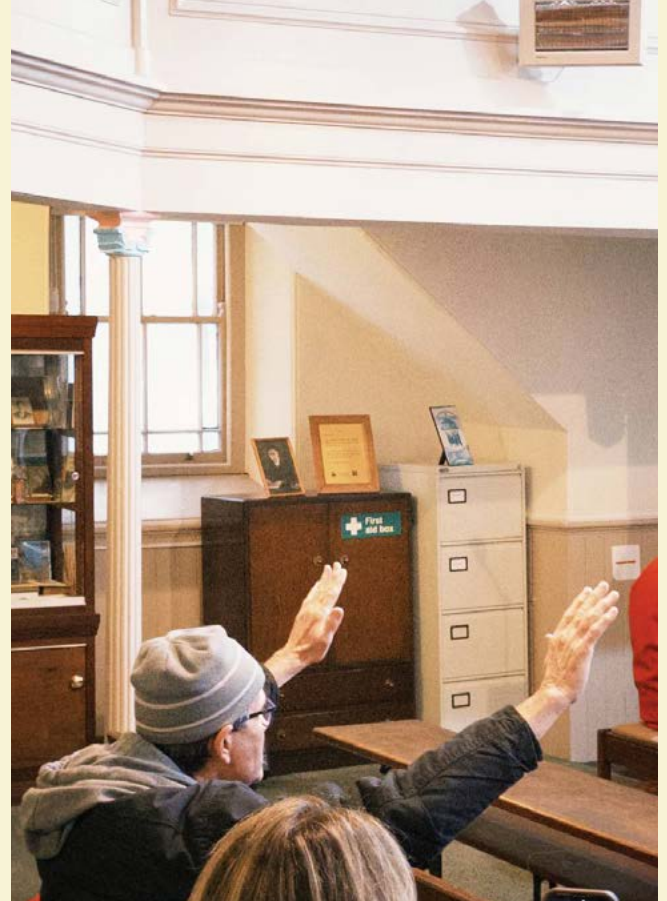
As we take a stance to intercede God’s heart for the people or the land and faithfully stand for God even when it is costly, God will move to turn things around and create the miracle needed. He can do what is impossible with men and we are in turn blessed beyond measure. The blessing is not just for us but also impacts the generations beyond. Very often, we live for the moment and miss out on the spiritual inheritance for our children, families, church and generations to come.



Marilyn Chew

From this scripture, I have learnt that it is possible for God to use the righteousness of just one person to turn things around. Phinehas knew the heart of the Father and stood for righteousness when the nation of Israel was falling into idolatry and sin.

Another point of learning is that intercession is not just standing in prayer, but it can be an action as well. When Phinehas saw the Israelite man and Midianite woman entering the camp, he did not intercede with prayer but immediately followed and drove the spear into both. The immediate action without hesitation to bring honour to God, was simple enough for God to put a stop to the plague and turn away His wrath from the Israelites.



2:52

Self-Leadership

1 How can an understanding that growth is a decision transform our attitude to growing?

Ernest Poh Keong Ng

I have learned that our attitude to growing should emulate Jesus' growing up intentionally and continuously before being launched into His ministry.

There are four areas by which Jesus grew - in wisdom, stature, favour of God and favour of men - that I can work on.

I need to know that growth is a process and it is about my posture:
Although I am open to the Holy Spirit's sudden miraculous act, the majority of time I will be investing in the ordinary through the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, He embraced His responsibilities and excelled in His ordinary so that when the time arrived, He was ready for His ministry.

Growth is more about who I am than where I am. Location does not define my growth in the Lord, however, it is my posture toward Father God, Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit that matters. This can look like intentionally creating time and space in the morning to read the bible, preparing my heart even before reading the Word and turning off the noise and distractions that destroy the intimacy with God.

Jonathan Josue Perez

Understanding that consistency and intentionality can transform our attitude and lead to growth in many ways. In Jesus's life, we see how He grew with purpose into His ministry. Every ordinary moment in our lives could point towards growth when we do not despise seemingly meaningless tasks and allow ourselves to work at it, to see that take effect in our lives.

Seeing how Jesus grew continuously should make us also want to keep growing. Growth is more about who rather than what you become. This means we need to grow in our heart and not for the sake of others. In a sense this allows us to not feel pressured and to allow trust to take over, knowing that while we choose to show up, God is the one who produces lasting fruit in us. This understanding empowers us to take responsibility while remaining rooted in God's strength.



2 Why is growth in the area of emotional intelligence so important for someone called to leadership or ministry within the Church?

Edward Hernandez

Fostering growth in emotional intelligence is critical for church leadership and ministry because it directly impacts a leader's ability to build trust, manage inevitable conflict, and shepherd congregations with empathy, reflecting Christ-like character.

While theological foundational knowledge in the word of God is essential, developing a proficient emotional intelligence enables any church leader or leaders to manage themselves under the various times where pressure, avoiding defensive reactions, and fostering a nurturing, healthy relationship matter most.

First of all, it is to foster an empathetic tone of a shepherd and true concern for that person due to heavy burdens, anxiety, grief, and various personal traumas they are carrying. To truly connect, come to understand authentically, to explore the issue so that the person can be supported, and not be simply dismissing their concern. It is realizing that these people are human equity that God has brought an opportunity to invest in their lives for the good.

Lifelong relationships and trust are built through consistency and intentionality, and hence to value these interactions. These spirit-led principles will create the community of the body of Christ for those believers that I will get the opportunity to learn of them, admonish, and protect. These Bible-based and wise counsel elements of other mature men of God will develop that "EQ" framework that in turn, will foster that positive and spiritual health that the body of Christ needs in shepherding each life.

Sarah Mariah Kaplan

It is really important that someone knows themselves to truly be able to understand others and guide them with wisdom and discernment. I love the quote "you can't give what you don't have".

In leadership it's important to know your own personal "wiring", because others will push buttons and press on triggers. In those moments, it's important to be armed with information about oneself so they can observe what is going on, rather than just react. This awareness also allows for leaders to properly and more intuitively discern conflict resolution strategies among people in the congregation (or people they are leading). Of course - all done with the Holy Spirit's leading and genius partnership! I think pairing awareness of oneself with relying heavily on the Holy Spirit reflects the person of Jesus Christ really accurately.



Student *Life*





Congratulatory Note

*Congratulations
Peter!*

May the Lord continue to strengthen the work of your hands and crown you with His favour! Onward to new adventures!



From: Liuqing, Mickey, Joanne,
Elijah, Joycelyn, Xiao Li, Wai Leng

Philippians 3:13b, "forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead"



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