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A scenic mountain landscape. In the foreground, a river flows through a valley with yellowing autumn foliage. A small wooden cabin with a green roof sits on a grassy slope. In the background, a large, rugged mountain peak rises above a dense forest of evergreen trees. The sky is blue with light clouds.

And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

JEREMIAH 29:13



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From the Directors

Congratulations to you, the graduating students of Batch 17, School of Ministry, Spring Term 2024.

I am sure the past three months have had many defining moments for many of you. As you graduate, we encourage you 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, **Seekers** from Jeremiah 29:13, "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart."

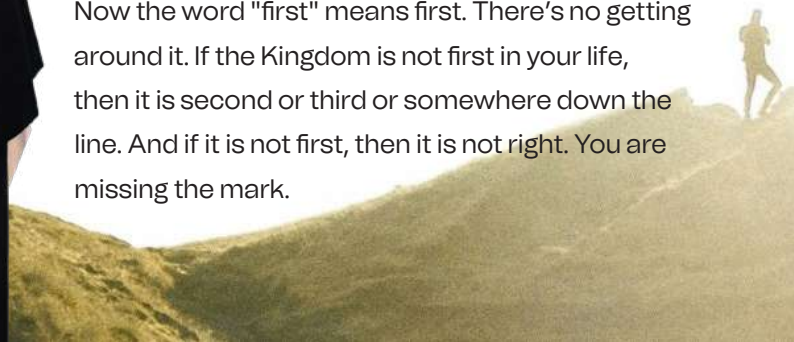
The word "seek" is a verb but the word "seeker" is an adjective that describes a person who is in search of something. Martin Luther once said, "The heart of religion is in its personal pronoun," and in this case, a seeker.



So, we start with the most basic question – what are we called to seek for? Well, for a start, we are not called to be "attention" seekers. Neither are we called to seek for wealth, power, fame, or a name for ourselves, or what the "unregenerate" normally seek after. The Bible gives us clear parameters on what "seekers" are to seek.

Let's begin with the most well-known scripture which is Matthew 6:33, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Now the word "first" means first. There's no getting around it. If the Kingdom is not first in your life, then it is second or third or somewhere down the line. And if it is not first, then it is not right. You are missing the mark.





Your seeking mind will determine how much you progress. Paul says to seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

But does seeking the Kingdom first mean we can't do anything else? The answer to that is obviously "no." But seeking first the Kingdom means nothing else comes first. Not your family, spouse, career. Not even your feelings. God doesn't say "Seek first the kingdom as long as you are not tired. If you are tired, then do whatever feels right." When the Kingdom really comes first in your life, it doesn't matter if you don't feel like it. First is first.

And the promise of seeking first the Kingdom is that those "things" we normally would seek for would come to us. That doesn't mean people who don't seek the Kingdom won't have things. People who don't seek the kingdom also have things. So, this is not a scripture about what you have. It is a scripture about *where you live*. You live in this Kingdom and you have the things. They don't live in the Kingdom and they have those things. But where do you want to be? It is not a question of having. It is a question of where you live, and how you get these things!

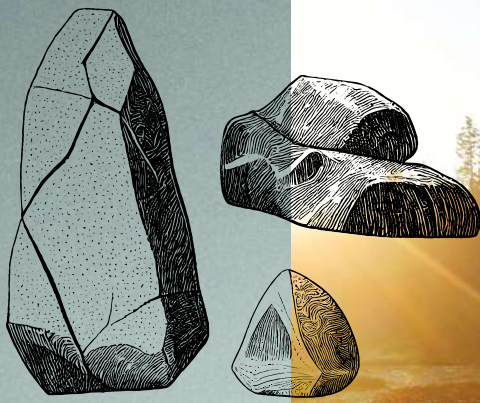
I would like to introduce you to a **seeker** in the Bible and he is found in the parable of the merchant seeking for goodly pearls. This is in Matthew 13:45-46, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

In this parable, we are introduced to a merchant seeking for the pearl of great price. Obviously, he had an eye for such things. He knew the value of pearls but he also knew when he saw one that was priceless. And when he finally found a pearl that he had been seeking all his life, he went and sold all he had to buy the pearl.

Now, the Kingdom of God is not the pearl of great price. It is likened to the merchant who was seeking the pearl of great price.

One of the most important things as Christians is to have a seeking mind and a seeking heart. If you don't develop a seeking mind, then you will lose the thrill of adventure and knowledge. And it is true that your seeking mind will determine how much you progress. Paul says to seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Now, this parable is different from the parable of the hidden treasure. In this other parable, a man stumbles across hidden treasure in a field. He wasn't seeking for the treasure. We are not told how he discovers it, but what we are told is that when he discovers it, he immediately goes off to sell all he has, liquidates all his earthly assets, forgoes all earthly pursuits in order that he may purchase that field. This, by the way, is called total abandonment.



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see as trash, He sees
as treasure.



Allow me to emphasise that the man in this parable wasn't looking for the treasure. He wasn't a treasure hunter. He just stumbled upon this treasure. I say that to say the "God dreams" for your life is not often something you go out to find – it is something that finds you. I didn't choose this life. It chose me.

The truth is, many of us are here not because we were seeking and trying to discover what God was calling us to do in our lives. Many of us are here because the call of God found us. It was like a heat-seeking missile that locked in on us. Joseph wasn't looking for the dream. The dream was looking for him. David wasn't looking for the throne; the throne searched for him. Jeremiah wasn't looking to be a prophet – the call of the prophet came looking for him. Moses wasn't looking for burning bush. It found him. And it is the same with us. You did not choose Him. He chose you. You did not find Him. He found you.

But we also know that the call of God is not something arbitrary or random. God does not do random. Every visitation comes about because one man or a group of people have realised that the same old is no longer working. They set themselves to seek the Lord and obey what He tells them to do. And God responds by initiating a revival. Revival is spontaneously "deliberate." God comes because there was something of a seeking disposition in man for more but often does not know what he or she is seeking for.

The second thing about the Parable is **until** you buy the field, the treasure will always belong to someone else. I don't know what the condition of the field is in the parable. We are not told. The field might not have been a very nice field, or it might have been full of thorn bushes and briars. What we do know was that it contained hidden treasure. But if we don't buy the field, the treasure will never be ours.

The field belonged to someone else. Whoever that someone else was, it was someone who did not know the value of what he had in the first place. I think the greatest gifts and calls of God often come in very unattractive fields or packages, which is why people often disregard them.

The field here could be a ministry that was originally given to someone else who did not "see" the treasure in it and completely disregards and neglects the field. God is in the recycling business. What others sometimes see as trash, He sees as treasure.

Could it be that many of us inherit promises and callings that originally belonged to someone else but who did not regard what they had? They just couldn't see past the field. They probably thought it was such an ordinary field in the first place.

"Buying the field" means you are willing to do whatever is necessary and pay whatever the price might be, even if it means to embrace the controversies, persecutions and difficulties that come along with it.

An intriguing story was told of a farmer in North Carolina who lived on a beautiful farm that his family owned for many decades. They had cultivated that same land for several generations, sowing and reaping in the fields year after year. Finally, the farmer died, and the property, after being in the family for more than two hundred years, was sold to one of the neighbours.

The new owner of the farm took possession of the field, and one day, as he was walking in the field, he saw a large, unusual looking rock just barely sticking out of the dirt. He dug it out, examined it and he instinctively knew this was no ordinary rock. So he took it home, washed it, and took it to a jewellery store in the town where he lived. The jeweller confirmed what the owner already suspected; the old stone that had been in that field for thousands of years was a large, uncut emerald that has since proved to be worth several million dollars.

Nothing comes for free if you want to be a vessel of use.

This gemstone was in that field all along just waiting for someone to come along and “discover” it.

For generations, farmer after farmer had worked in that field. Undoubtedly that “decrepit” emerald had been seen hundreds of times, and by many before, but it was overlooked because to the casual observer, it appeared to be nothing more than an ordinary rock.

Whilst many people are desperately seeking God’s will for their lives, the reality is that what they are looking for is often right under their noses, but they continue to look for it because they don’t recognise the value of what they have.

Is there a price to pay? You bet. When you realise what you actually have, you will be willing to do whatever is necessary to “buy” the field.

A friend of mine, Robert Henderson, shared a story with me of a father who walked into his son’s room. He saw his young son standing at the corner with his head lifted up, talking to an “invisible” person. The father asked his son, “Who are you talking to?” He said to

his dad, “Can’t you see the angel, dad?” The father was obviously concerned that it might be an illusion or even a demonic apparition. The next time he walked into the room, his son was again talking to this entity. He said to his son, “Ask the angel why you can see him and why I can’t.” So the boy asked the angel, and the angel spoke to the boy who acknowledged what the angel was saying and then turns to his dad and said the angel said “You cannot see him because your eyes have beheld too much evil.” The dad immediately knew it was an angel of the Lord.

I say all that to say there’s a price to pay for spiritual things. If you want to begin to see, you have to lay down a few things. You might have to stop watching a few things. You can’t be watching horror and gore every day and expect God to open your eyes to spiritual realities, can you? If you want to hear, then your ears need to be circumcised. If you want to be a mouthpiece, then you have to be circumcised in your lips. Nothing comes for free if you want to be a vessel of use.

My spiritual father Dr. Brian Bailey was a man who had his eyes wide opened. He saw constantly into the realm of the spirit. He was the purest man I knew, never watched TV or movies. There are trade-offs. We have to decide what we want.

In closing, understand it is the Father’s good pleasure to reveal and to bestow on us His Kingdom and the key is to have a seeking disposition. We seek through waiting because the Kingdom is only revealed by revelation. Seeking is necessary or we might just miss the pearl of great price or the hidden treasure. Why would God even want to reveal His Kingdom to you if you are not interested in it?

So seek first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness, which is the chief attribute of His Kingdom and everything else we seek after in life will be bestowed on us by a loving Heavenly Father.

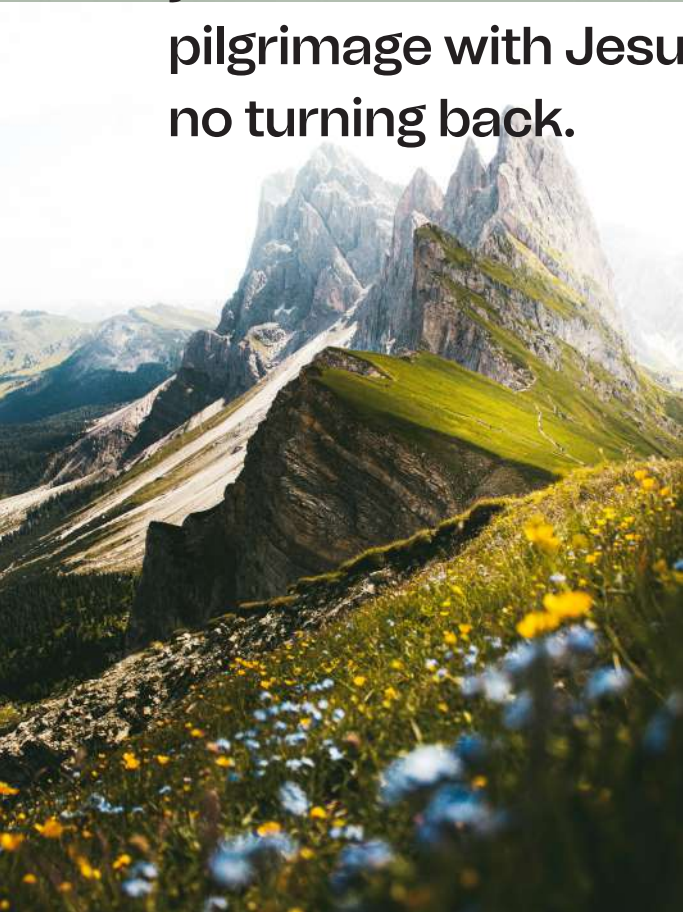
Congratulations once again on your graduation. May you never lose your seeking mind and seeking heart.

**Reverend Yang Tuck Yoong
& Reverend Daphne Yang**

Directors, The Bible College of Wales

From the Dean

BATCH 17 – congratulations on your graduation. We are so proud of the way you have endeavored to walk this 12-week pilgrimage with Jesus, eyes on the prize, no turning back.



Jesus Christ was the King of all kings, but He never demanded the red carpet treatment (He was more about riding donkeys on palm leaves). Jesus, with His inversion of power created the upside-down Kingdom where the King would come not to be served, but to serve.

In Matthew 26, we see a deep display of affection, honour, and a seeking of Jesus – the woman with the alabaster jar. What could prompt such an outpouring of great honour? Whatever the reason, it was remarkable – filling the house with a fragrance and offering fit for a King!

This woman's actions took the disciples by surprise. They knew Jesus Christ was God's anointed Ruler, but He didn't demand luxuries? Instead, He talked about the golden rule. To paraphrase – 'You care for this King, by caring for His people.'

Maybe the disciples were thinking, "clearly, this woman is way off with this perfume stunt."

But Jesus immediately comes to her defense.

He honoured her for her lavish generosity. A whole year's worth of wages poured over Him! In just two days, the body she anointed would be dead, shamefully dishonoured with a public execution only fit for slaves and criminals.



Seeking His face is a posture of ongoing pursuit, intentionality, and costly surrender. A life of seeking doesn't come automatically.

She chose Him FIRST.

I wonder if some of this regal aroma lingered when Jesus hung between heaven and earth as the 'rejected' King of the Jews.

Anointing Jesus, seeking Him first turns out to be the most important moment this woman will ever have engaged with. She honoured the King with a heart of **true** honour, while His friends slated her, and His enemies schemed His ending.

There are thousands of people who met Jesus, we know nothing about them. But this woman is remembered even today whenever the good news of the King is heard. Why? She **sought** the Lord the very moment the world was dividing over Him.

Within two months, the King she sought after had ascended to the throne, seated at the right hand of God.

She chose to pour out her affections for the King of Kings. May we do the same.

This woman is a woman who I see as a true **seeker**. A woman who sought after her God, even when no one else understood, when the odds stacked against her, giving her **all**, giving her **best**, giving her **first** love.

This woman's life has radically influenced my heart. A woman who decided to **wholeheartedly** seek the Lord. I can honestly say the most exciting part of my life is coming before God in intimate "seeking." Seeking His "face" over His shadow.

Living under the shadow of His wings is our secured salvation, but seeking **His** face is a posture of ongoing pursuit, intentionality,

and costly surrender. A life of seeking doesn't come automatically. It's not something that can be achieved in an inspirational weekend conference, or even a 12-week Bible school in the best nation on the planet (all jokes aside). Seeking God is a lifetime pursuit. Too many are satisfied with a shallow relationship with our Abba.

We seek answers to prayer or relief in times of suffering but are unwilling to diligently **SEEK HIM**.

Seeking the Lord cannot be hurried. It will cost in time, energy, and much more. **But** the rewards of knowing Him intimately are worth any sacrifice.

Are you willing, Batch 17?

To leave the shallows for the deep. To pursue His face over His shadow. To diligently dwell over being distracted.

May we be a people who truly live out "Show me your face Lord, I can make it to the end, if I can just see your face."

As you are shot out like 20 arrows across the globe, may you continue to seek HIM as your ultimate call. For "those who seek Him with **ALL** their heart, will find Him."

Praying for you always, cheering you on as you press on to win the prize for which God has called you in Christ Jesus.

Catherine Woolridge

Dean of Students, School of Ministry



Editor's Note

Every term, the School of Ministry puts together a class magazine to capture the essence of this 12-week learning journey through the students' voices. In this publication, hear from the hearts of Batch 17 by reading their reflections and revelations. May these pages come alive and our readers be inspired to join us in pursuing the Kingdom of God in its fullness. The following chapters are selected to represent our heart at the Bible College of Wales. Be blessed.

Student Testimonies

The following testimonies include theme words that the students were asked to come up with. These words, specific and personal to every individual, characterises what God was doing in them during their time at the college.



Cheong Jun Liang

SINGAPORE

Finding Him in discipline and rest. It has been an intentional effort to set aside time to be connected via worship, prayer, and tarry with Him. The teachings here have given me more confidence in who I am in Him. The time being away from the busyness of life not only allows for physical rest, but to learn to find rest while still abiding in His purposes for me. This builds my trust in Him and to know that faithfulness in the little things here will continue to propel me wherever I am at.

CSCC Scholarship Award



Chin Rong Kai Simon

SINGAPORE

The Word I got before coming to BCW was "**new season.**" The old season is over, and the new one begins. I came to Batch 17 because 17 is a symbolic number to me. I am seeing God's work, and it is showing me what this new season is about and what He wants me to do and achieve. At the end of this course, I hope to seek God's face in a deeper and more intimate way as I head into this new season of life and God's plans for the future.



Clarice Zhang Ying

SINGAPORE

Before I came, God gave me the phrase "**re-dig the wells**" for my time here at the BCW which I did not understand initially. As I learnt more about the history of the Welsh revivals and visited these sites, He revealed more of His purposes to me – I am to remain faithful in re-digging the old and ancient wells for a fresh outpouring of His living waters to spring forth into all the earth. As I move on in my season from the BCW, I will be bringing these seeds of revival with me and plant them wherever God chooses to place me in.

The Wilfred C Philip (WCP) Legacy Award was initiated by the son-in-law of Mr Philip, who desires to remain anonymous. This award is in honour of his father-in-law for his passion to invest in men and women who have received the call to ministry, and to sow into the lives of devoted followers of Christ to see the Great Commission actualised in the nations.



Corey Adams

UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

Before I came to the BCW, I felt God telling me to **fully surrender**. Since I have been at the BCW, I have surrendered my past, learning to no longer live in shame or guilt. Freeing me from the heaviness of the burdens I have carried. I know as I grow, He will continue showing me areas that need surrendering. I see surrender as not just a 12-week journey but a way to live for God. To live in full surrender, fully trusting God with every aspect of life. Truly allowing God to be the centre of everything in life.



David Colin Ng Lisheng

MALAYSIA

My time at the BCW has been absolutely amazing. It took a leap of faith to come, and it was truly a leap into the deep end of God's immeasurably more for our lives. Immersed daily in the river of God, I have seen a deeper surrender to the Holy Spirit, healing of past pains, used as a vessel to minister His love, stirred by powerful messages, the gospel going forth, intercessions released and seeds of revival sown. With clarity of God's purposes for the future, truly I say, as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!



Esther Lee

SINGAPORE

I came to the BCW with a lot of weight on my shoulders. Since coming here, the Lord has called me to surrender every part of my life to Him. It was not easy and it was not painless. But I have found in this place, the sweetness of His closeness. He has held the broken pieces of my life and breathed in it a new life. He has caused springs to flow from once dry and cracked places. In all this, I have tasted of His goodness and proven His grace is sufficient for me.

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Grace Sng Chin Fen

MALAYSIA

Being at the BCW, soaking in the rich legacy of Mr. Rees Howells, in the land of revival, has been life-changing and destiny-shaping! I'm so grateful to have been immersed in God's presence and His Word, while journeying with my beloved batchmates and the amazing staff. Week after week, the Lord reveals Himself more & more, layer by layer – taking us deeper into His heart. I've also grown in faith, trust, and obedience. It's truly been an invitation to go **all in** and to dive deep into the river of God. May we faithfully & wholeheartedly serve the purposes of God in our generation.

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Hadassah Joann Ramachandran SINGAPORE

Before coming to the BCW, I sought rest and restoration, but found far more – my **voice** in my relationship with the Lord, His Word, and His people. My time here has built a highway between my mind and heart in how I wield my voice for His glory. I've also re-discovered the joys of community, importance of corporate growth, and the power of unity as a body of Christ. The BCW has been a sanctuary where I've experienced rejuvenation, fostered friendships, and had my journey with God forever transformed. I dare say, I'm excited to yield my voice for His Kingdom purpose and for such a time as this!



Kerrilyn Ng Soong Kheng SINGAPORE

The Lord has called me to a place of rest and refreshing, away from the hustle and bustle of life that I may find myself deeper in Him. Time lost in His wonders and worshipping Him so freely with no distraction. He has filled me with His presence, fed me with His words so rich and surrounded me with wonderful sisters and brothers that so inspired me. Most importantly, the Lord Jesus Christ has called me to acquaint myself with Him. This is indeed a special season of my life that I will always be thankful that He has brought me deeper and desiring Him even more.



Liz Windridge ENGLAND

At the beginning of the course, God gave me the word '**abide**.' I can easily be a Martha and have found being a Mary and sitting at the feet of Jesus more difficult. Jesus said to Martha, 'Mary has chosen what is better.' God has taken me on a journey of deeper intimacy and surrender to Him. I am learning to abide, not rushing away from the feet of Jesus. It has been a privilege to be at the BCW, and to be part of Batch 17 'Seekers'. I am expectant for what God is going to do, but I am choosing what is best, to abide with Him.



Maclina Pacheco INDIA

It has always been my desire to learn the Word in depth to understand the Father's heart. I know I was led to the BCW, a place that was touched by His presence so I can partake in what He plans to do in the now. I constantly felt the word **abide** stand out to me throughout my course here, led by the Holy Spirit to pray for specific objectives and be persistent till I received a definite answer, which is victory. The BCW has helped me see a world beyond my selfish world, to care for and love.



Moriah Grace Bownik

UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

God has been so faithful to me at the BCW. The word I desired for my time at the college was "**growth**." God has graciously answered my request for growth. This growth has not occurred in an astoundingly visible way, but the Lord has clearly pinpointed weak areas of my relationship with Him and is preparing me for future ministry opportunities. I have grown in my biblical faith foundation and hope to use it. I want to take courage and utilise what I have learned at the BCW in my family, church, job, and possible missionary opportunities to come.



Ruth Tan Xiao Qing

SINGAPORE

Before attending the BCW, I asked God for a word and He gave me the word "**refresh**." Coming over, God renewed my vision, thoughts, and perspective regarding my relationship with Him. Each day, I developed a stronger desire for God and continually sought more from Him. It is a daily commitment of myself to Him, relying on His provision each day. With God, it is never distressing when He asks me to surrender something to Him. When I lose something, I gain more in His Kingdom.



Ruvindi Jayakody

SINGAPORE

Through my time at the BCW, God has drawn me close to Him and revealed His heart, shown me what was broken and needs mending in my life and given me new dreams to pursue for His kingdom. He has also given me a new love for the church and community. With the many beautiful friendships and extended time with my batchmates, I learnt what it means to love your neighbour as yourself, to care for those who may not be your family and to look out for each other. It has truly been a privilege to journey alongside everyone here and I have grown to appreciate the differences that make us unique and seen firsthand how wonderful it is to serve and learn together. I truly believe that I caught a glimpse of heaven during my time here!

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Sandra Payn

WALES

My husband returned home to the Lord two and a half years ago, so I have entered a new season in my life. Last year at the Bless Wales Conference, I learned about the School of Ministry Course at the BCW, and I had a desire to apply, even though I am well advanced in years. I have been a Christian for more than 50 years, but I still have a desire to know Father God more intimately. The teaching here has been amazing, focusing on transformation not information. Here I've learned to gaze not glance, and seek His Face not His Shadow.



Sarah

UNITED KINGDOM

Psalms 27:4. It has been a time of confirmation, encounters with the Lord Jesus Christ, in a myriad of paradoxical ways. A deeper surrender and consecration unto Him. Deeper intimacy with Him through worship, lectures, and study of His Word, fellowship with batchmates. I have definitely been extremely blessed especially with our Dean being a mighty prophetic worship warrior, our lecturers dishing out fresh bread of the Word, and all who have a love for Israel. It has been a time and space to grow and to be continually carried by His Spirit in His river of restful intercession, who Himself is our High Priest and Chief Intercessor.



Vera Achsah Koh

SINGAPORE

Attending the BCW has been transformative in deepening my walk with God. Through the past few weeks, I've found that He reveals Himself in the most unexpected but undeniable ways in my life. There have been such tangible encounters and revelations of the Father, that have left an indelible mark on my life. I've come to understand that there truly isn't anything better than being aligned with God, especially when it is most difficult to do so. He has been so good to me, and I'm finding how sweet it is to place my hope and trust in Him.

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Virginia Cabbigat

PHILIPPINES

In his biography, Mr. Rees Howells was asked by the Holy Spirit, "Are you willing to be made willing?" and he finally responded, "Lord, I am willing." A simple question, a simple answer and yet it carries a profound agreement of his total surrender not only of his time but his will to the will of the Father. More often than not, this has required a very high cost. To me, willingness is the primary and the most crucial requirement in one's heart who professes to follow the Lord Jesus Christ and He has best modelled it for us. This has brought me an awakening in a profoundly deep way and welcomed me to continually seek His face through the unfolding of all the brilliant lectures from all our outstanding lecturers and staff. What a privilege to join the BCW!



Yang Xianming Joshua

SINGAPORE

My time at the BCW has taught me how to be confident in my identity in Christ. I am loved, I am chosen, I am redeemed, and I hold this in my heart. I've come to understand that the most important ministry that I could ever have, is the one between the Lord and I. There is a river that flows inside of me, and it is one that springs forth life and joy. My time here allowed God to show me that I have an anointing and gifting, and that I should stand with it boldly.

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TOP ROW Fabian Tang ^(SOM STAFF), Moriah Grace Bownik, Vera Achsah Koh, Joana Küllner, Liz Windridge, Chin Rong Kai Simon, Yang Xianming Joshua, Corey Adams, David Colin Ng Lisheng, Cheong Jun Liang, Ruth Tan Xiao Qing, Hadassah Joann Ramachandran, Maclina Pacheco, Huang Xin Yi ^(SOM STAFF)



BOTTOM ROW

Esther Lee, Clarice Zhang Ying, Kerrilyn Ng Soong Kheng, Sarah, Cath Woolridge (DEAN OF STUDENTS), Rev Daphne Yang (DIRECTOR), Rev Yang Tuck Yoong (DIRECTOR), Virginia Cabbigat, Sandra Payn, Ruvindi Jayakody, Grace Sng Chin Fen

Intercession & the Holy Spirit

Words by Corey Adams¹, Clarice Zhang², Elizabeth Windridge³, Esther Lee⁴, David Ng⁵, Sandra Payn⁶, Simon Chin⁷, Joshua Yang⁸, Ruth Tan⁹, Vera Koh¹⁰

Reflection on Lesson: A Life of Intercession

Taught by Sam Matthews

- 2 The first principle of intercession is a completely surrendered self – a willingness to yield and offer yourself up wholly and completely as a vessel that God may have full control of.

God "sought for a man... who would make a wall... but found no one" (Ezekiel 22:30). God was not searching for someone who could be an intercessor but who would. This implies that the call of intercession is open to all who are willing to. In order for God to make His intercessions through us (Romans 8:26-28), we must allow God to inhabit us, relinquishing all control of ourselves over to Him.

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The second principle of intercession is that intercession must be directed by God – interceding in the direction God reveals, and not based on our own understanding and desires.

As our intercessor, Jesus Christ speaks only as the Father speaks – the authority He holds in His words and deeds were accorded to Him only because He followed solely the direction of the Father (John 14:10-14). For our intercession to hold authority that we may bind the strongman (Matthew 12:29) and fight against principalities and powers (Ephesians 6:12), we need to follow the directive given by God.

By His grace, God has called us to live from a heavenly realm and not from an earthly perspective.

- 3 Hebrews 10:19 says that we can enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, drawing near to God to worship and to have fellowship with Him. We have been raised and seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 2:6).

By His grace, God has called us to live from a heavenly realm and not from an earthly perspective. In John 17:14-16, Jesus prayed for his disciples, stating that they are not of this world.

Even though we live physically in the world, our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20).

A.W. Tozer explains, "When God infuses eternal life into the spirit of a man, the man becomes a member of a new and higher order of being." Developing a "throne life" is the union that we have with Christ. He in us, and we in Christ (1 John 4:13-15). Colossians 3:1-3 says that we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God.

Throughout the gospels, Jesus only did what he saw and heard the Father doing (John 5:19). He had constant communion with the Father. We have access to the throne room, to hear what the Father and Holy Spirit is saying and do what He asks us to do.

When we have the revelation that we are seated with Christ, we understand the authority and responsibility we have been given for intercession and spiritual warfare, and to bring the Kingdom of God to earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).



Reflecting on the Book: Intercessor, Rees Howells

Norman Grubb

The deeper he (Mr. Rees)
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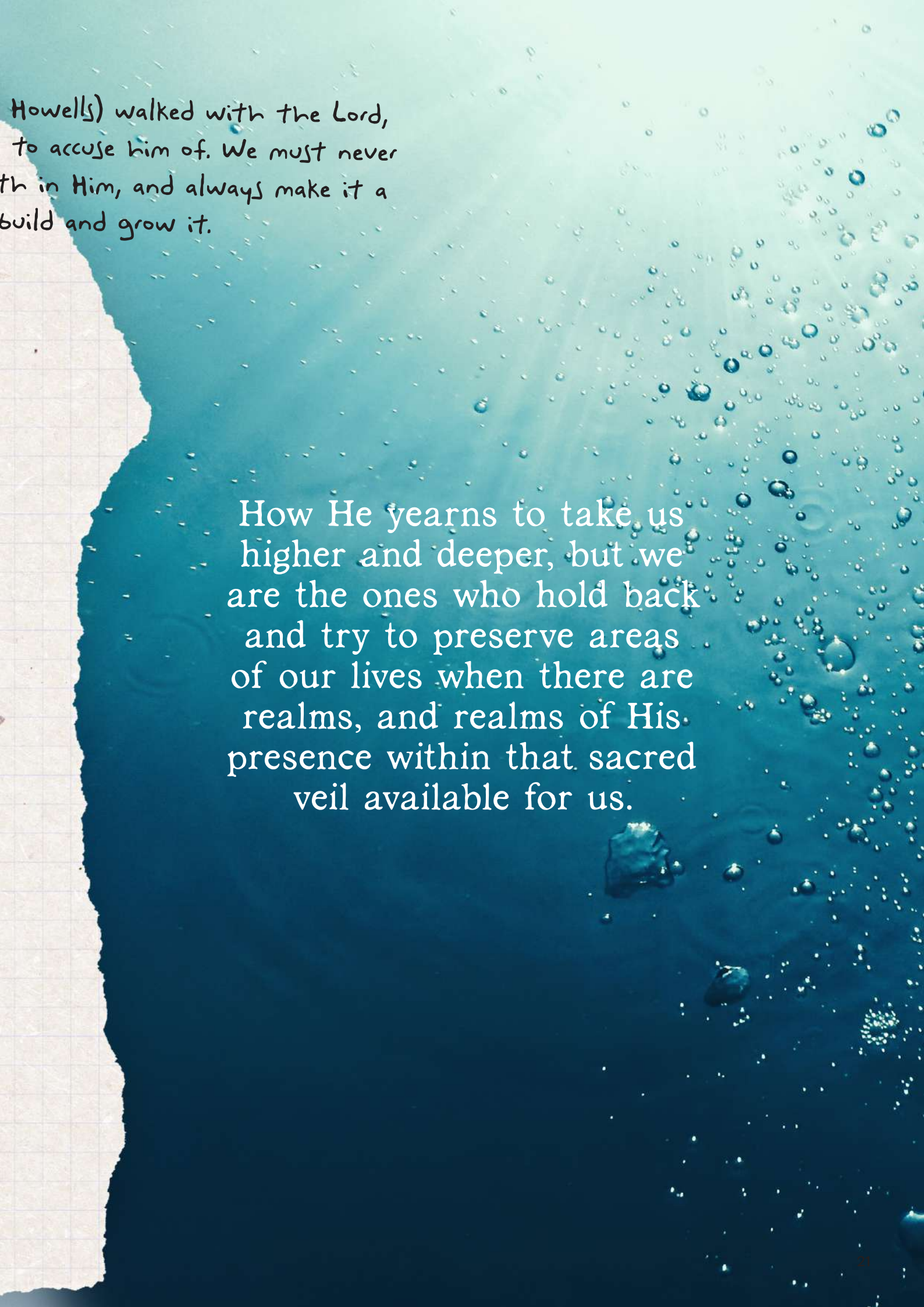
10 I was so gripped by how real the Spirit is, how all consuming and transformative an encounter with His presence is. That we can't help but be renewed and made aware of our iniquities as we enter into His presence. I was also impacted by the level of humility the people in the College had demonstrated before God during the visitation. From being prostrate at His feet as He moved, to thinking about the impact it would have to the world and having such reverence for Him that they dare not raise their voices. I understood the significance of corporate prayer and anointing – how it allows for God to move through us for His appointed purpose and is much less about us than abiding to His will as one body.



5 **The Holy Ghost Takes Possession** is a significant chapter that details out the desire of the Holy Spirit to inhabit the believer to such an extent where He lives His life in us. I believe that the same Spirit of God is speaking this invitation to us today. I love that moment when the life of the Spirit takes over and the moment where self goes out, and everything selfish and self-centred goes with it. This is true Christianity! How He yearns to take us into something so much higher and deeper, but we are the ones who hold back and try to preserve areas of our lives when there are realms and realms of His presence within that sacred veil available for us. With great surrender comes great power to change, and I am asking for the Holy Spirit to possess me more and more this day. I'm holding nothing back, Lord!

The Visitation of the Spirit is another significant chapter in my reading and it has stirred me to believe God for more. Reading this chapter has produced a fresh awe of the very presence and person of the Holy Spirit. For He had come to a company who had lived a life of faith and yet when they saw him, they cried out 'woe is me for I am undone.' Surely, He is more amazing than we know, for even the Apostle Paul for all his knowledge of Christ wrote that now we see dimly as in a mirror. That the Holy Spirit would come in such a tangible way that even meetings held outside, people spoke in whispers – showing the influence He had on the entire geographical area.

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It was one thing to have a man fully consecrated to the life of the Spirit, but to have an entire collective of people with one heart and one purpose as a living integrated organism brings to mind the prayer of Jesus in John 17, "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me."

To have known that such a company existed with such oneness (one with God and one another) stirs me to believe for it. Jesus, may You have a company on earth who will be one as You are with the Father!

- 6 One chapter that was significant for me was Chapter 6, titled "**Loving an Outcast.**" What I found significant was the instructions he received from the Holy Spirit about his prayer life. In the preceding chapter, we read of the Holy Spirit coming into Mr. Rees Howells' life, making it clear that He wanted sole ownership. And here in this chapter, we read of how this started to become a reality. Not only did the Holy Spirit began to deal with Mr. Rees Howells' self, that part of us that wants its own way, wants a comfortable life, wants to make all the choices, but He started to deal with his prayer life. Mr. Rees Howells was no longer to pray for all kinds of things. He was now to pray only as guided. And he was to pray until he received an answer. He was also, never again, to ask God to answer a prayer through others if God could answer it through him, and this was to include his finances.

- 8 I have heard so many stories of the Welsh Revival, and it's amazing to be able to read it while in the land where it took place. Every revival ordained by God is unique, this one focused on two things, "Disobedience" and "Unforgiving Hearts." Norman Grubb writes that these were "Two sins that were constantly dealt with, that there was a need to pray out the hindrances to allow blessings to come in." This was significant for me as it allowed me to understand God's heart for Mr. Rees Howells and His people, He wants us to live in obedience to Him. His heart for His people is to know Him and live according to His way. God dealt with the hearts of people through the revival. It says in this chapter that the "Enduement of the Holy Spirit was needed" to usher in the Welsh Revival and sustain it. It gave me a lens to see how the life of Mr. Rees Howells was very much Spirit-led, such that he would not make a single decision without the guidance of His Spirit. Every decision he made was in tandem with His will.

Even in the midst of a revival, there will still be people who are unreached, and that is why those touched by the Holy Spirit in the revival are thrust forth to continue the sharing of the Gospel.

What strikes me most in Chapter 7 was that despite walking with the Lord closely and having such a strong foundation and zeal for God, Mr. Rees Howells was taunted by the devil, which really goes to show that none of us are immune to the works of the devil. This was further seen in later chapters of his life, that while the Glory of God was always seen through his personal journey, there was also constant accusation and taunting as well.

The higher Mr. Rees Howells went with God, the more was required of him. 1 John 4:20 talks of how "The closer a person is to God, the more terrible is the least sin seen to be." The deeper he walked with the Lord, the more the enemy had to accuse him of. We must never take for granted our faith in Him, and always make it a point to build and grow it.



Reflecting on the Book: Practice of the Presence of God

Brother Lawrence

- 1 "Neither skill nor knowledge is needed to go to God, Brother Lawrence added. All that is necessary is a heart dedicated entirely and solely to Him out of love for Him above all others." God is not looking for the most intelligent people, most creative or most skilled people. He just wants you to love Him above everyone and everything. God wants to be the centre of our lives. He does not expect us to be theologians to spend time with him. He just wants intimacy with us. His presence is there for us to receive as a gift. We just need to seek it and become more aware and more sensitive to His presence.

Another aspect of the story of Brother Lawrence that changed the way I viewed my Christian walk, was the way he aspired to be the best at everything he did. Not because he wanted to be the best but because he wanted his best to be a way to please the Lord, in a form of worshipping God. I have always wanted to do the best I could do at my work, but I have never invited God into that space. Praying and asking God to be with me as I work, and to allow me to do my very best, and thanking Him for His assistance. As well as praying and speaking to God even while we are working. Allowing ourselves to draw nearer to the Lord, and to remain in His presence as long as we can.

- 7 This book has shown the concept of getting God involved in everything I do. Brother Lawrence asked God what he should do and how to live his life. Getting God involved in the decision making is something I aspire to inculcate in my life on this earth.

Being here in the BCW has taught me about surrendering my all to God and how I can revolve my life around him on a daily and regular basis. This had a profound impact on my life. I now think that we live to have a relationship with God and that we should get him involved in our daily lives. It is especially inspiring when one of my classmates, Sandra, asks God in everything she does. From looking for parking spaces, to having good weather, to even what to eat for lunch today, she gives thanks to God in all things, in its greatness or its simplicity.

For me, I started doing this by fasting for breakfast, and using that to give thanks and talk to God. Now, I have started getting God involved in my thoughts, decisions, and even simple things like how I pray and even what my choices are for the day. This small act has taught me to live in His presence and that my life is all for him. I am a vessel used for the glory of God. Amen.

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- 9 The perspective I gained aligned with the book's title, "The Practice of the Presence of God." I used to believe that practicing God's presence involved reading the Bible, meditating on His Word, worshipping Him, and having quiet times. I thought that these practices alone could draw me near to God's presence. However, after reading this book, I realised that practicing God's presence is also simply having a conversation with Him. Sometimes my mind gets caught up in trivial thoughts and I can complicate things unnecessarily, but God's presence is always within reach regardless. I can talk to Father God about anything, anytime, and anywhere. Before I start on any task, I should commit it into His hands and invite the Holy Spirit's guidance. It's about doing everything purely out of love for God, whether it's church duties or secular work. This involves opening up my heart and inviting God to be involved in every area of my life. As the Bible states in Colossians 3:23, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

In the third conversation, Brother Lawrence mentioned that neither skill nor knowledge is required to approach God. What matters most is a heart dedicated entirely and solely to Him out of love above all else. Like many Christians, I've been too preoccupied with wanting to discern my next season, next step, and God's purpose and calling in my life. In pursuit of all these, I have lost the main focus! Whereas the Bible states what I should do is "seek first His Kingdom". Brother Lawrence also highlighted in the book that if we do the smallest chores out of pure love of God, it is living a life with purpose. So why am I so fixated on chasing after a specific purpose and calling? The key practice should be to constantly communicate with God.

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- 4 The quote that inspired transformation in my daily devotion to Christ is from page 23 where Brother Lawrence says, "our actions should unite us with God when we are involved in our daily activities, just as our prayers unite us with Him in our quiet devotions." Upon reading this, Acts 17:28 immediately came to mind, "for in Him we live and move and have our being." It struck me then, the reality of the fact that we are created to be one with Him. I've always known this but it sunk into me just exactly how intrinsic worship and unity with God is to us. As natural and inescapable as the atmosphere of the earth. God is not just a part of our lives. What a disservice it would be to God to say that! He is our life! In all of our thoughts, words and actions, no matter how small and mundane, if they are done with God in mind, become like worshipful prayer to Him. And I believe this is one way to fulfill what Apostle Paul talked about in 1 Thessalonians 5:17, to "pray without ceasing." Which is not to say we lock ourselves up in a tower and do nothing except pray but rather that everything we do becomes prayer, a sweet-smelling aroma forever before our God. We were made to worship him so why wouldn't every faculty of our being, our thoughts, words, actions, and emotions, be for this purpose? It's so simple and yet so profound. Knowing this inspires me to invite God into my everyday activities and to be mindfully aware of His presence and preference in everything.

OUR DIVINE EXCHANGE AT BLAENANNERCH CHAPEL



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The pulpit is not a stage or a platform but rather a place of service, where the Word of God would be delivered in humility, purity, and authority.

3 GOING DEEP AND CONSECRATING MYSELF TO HIM.

I see both my hands lifted high to reach Him and then I see my heart desiring to go deep with Him. Then I felt I was being stretched with my hands going upwards and my feet going down. The Bible verse that came to me was Jeremiah 17:7-8 (similarly Psalms 1:1-3), "Blessed is the man that trust in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreads out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat comes, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

Then I penned in my journal, "At the Chapel here and now, Lord I don't know how to pray, you teach me. I don't know how to love, you teach me. I don't know what to say, you put words in this mouth. I don't know and don't have the right perspectives; You give me Your vision and open my eyes to see. I give You my everything. Teach me not to withhold any good or bad. I am coming and here I am here for You. I consecrate my life to You. Consecrate my heart, my eyes, my mind, my lip, my hands, my feet, my ears, my thoughts and I give everything to You. Teach me not to withhold from You. Teach me, O Lord. I belong to You."

Then the song that came to me was "Purify my heart."



1 יִנְנִי HINENI, HERE AM I

The line from the Welsh hymn that was sung when Mr. Evan Roberts encountered God significantly, "I am coming Lord, coming now to Thee" truly moved my heart. I was wearing my cap that said "Hineni" (Here am I) as I felt God was inviting us to come before Him, wholly and available, consecrated unto Him.

"Purify My Heart" has been on my heart throughout my time at BCW as I've been desiring for Him to purify my heart and all my ways – to be set apart, holy and pure, ready to do His will. I knelt at the pulpit, asking God to purify my heart. It came so strongly to me that the pulpit is not a stage or a platform but rather a place of service, where the Word of God would be delivered in humility, purity, and authority. I'm believing that God would raise up the "Seth Joshuas," "Evan Roberts," the revivalists, and prophetic voices in our generation that would speak forth His Word under the unction of the Holy Spirit in such power and authority, for His glory.

6 Surrender is the one thing God spoke to me about at Blaenannarch Chapel. It linked up with other things He has been saying to me. But it all hinges on a surrendered, consecrated life. Surrendered to doing His will, according to His Word, in whatever way He wants.

The word about the blacksmith released to the class was about God wanting people who will work skilfully and accurately with God's Word, those who know how to work with the coal and the fire resonated deeply with me. I felt it is a confirmation of how God wants to use me – as long as I lived a surrendered life. The coal also reminded me of a vision a previous minister had when praying for me. He saw me as a pit pony pulling coal from deep underground up to the surface into the light. Though I think I am still on the journey, I believe that at Blaenannarch Chapel, God confirmed that as I live a life surrendered to Him, He will make a way for the teaching calling He has placed on me to be fulfilled.

2 Throughout the whole journey to Blaenannarch Chapel and while on the grounds itself, I felt the Lord leading me into a place of "Remembrance." I found myself in a place of looking back at my previous seasons and remembering the struggles that I faced in private, the issues that I faced, and how God led me out of those valleys. As I look back on all of that, I remembered how it was not by my own strength that I overcame, but only by the grace of God.

Corporately, that sense of "Remembrance" came in the form of remembering who God was and is in the nation of Wales. There is much talk of the Welsh Revival, Mr. Evan Roberts, Mr. Rees Howells and so on, but as we were praying I felt that cry from heaven that was saying "Will my people remember me?" I am reminded of a line in the song "Here is Love" that says, "He will never be forgotten." I believe this was a cry that came from God's heart, because His heart breaks for His people.

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4 "Will you not come?"

I intentionally chose to sit at the same seat where Mr. Evan Roberts had his encounter and postured myself to hear from the Lord. "Will you not come?" was the cry of my heart. I felt my spirit ask this repeatedly. I had two visions at that moment, first I saw a pair of lungs breathing over each of us present there signifying it is no more my life but it is to be surrendered and dedicated to the will of the Holy Spirit. Secondly, I saw a pair of footsteps, leading us out of the chapel and slowly I saw these footsteps leaving a trail all over the globe, which I believe is my commission, just like the word was given to Abraham and Noah to "multiply and subdue the earth" and to the apostles "to go and make disciples of all nations." It is now given to me. I felt there was an exchange, His vision is now my mission.

5 The Lord was laying something on my heart about the temple of God in Isaiah. I imagined the hem of the Lord's robe touching the students in the chapel. I mainly imagined this due to this passage in Isaiah 6:1, "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple." I was praying for my classmates that they would have pure speech correlating to the next part of Isaiah 6. Little did I know that our Dean would give everyone a piece of coal and a match. God has plans for us as a class to be lights in the world. This also reflected another desire that came on me that my neighbours in America would not miss out on revival when it comes. Mark 16:15 writes, "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.'" I did not want them to be the ones standing against the gospel when it comes, I wanted God to save them.

Chapter 02

OUR SEDER & FEAST OF TABERNACLES *journey*

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Gentile Believers on Celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles

- 1 The Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) being one of the major Jewish feasts is a reminder of how God brought His people out of Egypt and made them live in temporary tents and miraculously provided for their needs. The Jews celebrate this feast for seven days by building temporary tents/booths with palms and leafy branches. These booths are very frail, which serves as a reminder of God's provision and deliverance.

According to the scriptures, as a Gentile, I too am a chosen one.

Romans 11:11 "Again I ask: Did they (Jews) stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression (unbelief), salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious."

Romans 9:8 "...it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants."

The Feast of Tabernacles helps me align with God's redemptive plan for me. Just like God set His people free from Egypt (slavery); Jesus delivers us from sin. I am no more a bonded slave, but I am invited to recline at the table with Him as a free person. Secondly, these temporary tents

clearly point out that life on Earth is temporary, and with God dwelling in our midst we can rely on Him for our every need/provision and not on our own ability. Overall, it's a prophetic view that God will finally tabernacle and dwell with His people, establishing His Messianic Kingdom of righteousness.



- 2 The Feast of Tabernacles was to celebrate the ingathering of the harvest (Leviticus 23:39-40). It is also prophetically pointing towards the final harvest before the return of Christ. There have been many prophecies about the "billion soul harvest" which the end time generation will see before the coming of the Lord. As Gentile believers we can partner and pray to the Lord of the harvest to send forth (ekballo) His labourers as we prepare for the ingathering of the final harvest of souls that will come to Christ. We are also to go and bring the gospel of the Kingdom to every creature, from the ends of the earth and back to Jerusalem.

It is likely that the Wedding Feast, the marriage supper of the Lamb will happen during the Feast of Tabernacles. The Lamb will marry His Bride. He will tabernacle with us and we will dwell with Him forever. As Gentile believers, we are to make ourselves ready and live preparing for His return.

As it is the Feast of Booths (Leviticus 23:42-43), as in the days when Israel lived in tents, we too are to live on this earth as sojourners on this earth, living not for the things of this world but rather we are to live for His Kingdom.





PART 2

Our Messiah in the Seder

1 In a Seder meal, receiving the hand-fed “Korech” is an expression of giving honour. Capturing the upper room moment where Jesus fed Judas, He is communicating to Judas, “Judas, you do me honour,” “Judas, I love you,” “Judas, I forgive you, don’t do it.” Knowing how the night ended that day, I was left undone. Jesus knew very well from the beginning that Judas was about to betray Him, but He did not treat him indifferently. Seeing how He welcomed Judas to sit on His left-hand side at the Seder meal, shows the love that He has for sinners – inviting them, giving them the best place with His love embracing them without partiality. Sadly Judas, having spent three years walking with Jesus; healing, casting out demons, seeing the dead raised to life and so many creative miracles failed to recognise the ways of this wonderful Saviour. I can’t even imagine how Jesus must have felt when He saw that Judas had hardened his heart, yet, that didn’t stop Him; He went ahead and fed Judas the morsel saying those words. With humility, Jesus has set a perfect example of loving, forgiving, and embracing our enemies. When we accept Him as our Lord, God, and Savior; He expects us to do the same. The act of feeding shows that we are to go beyond forgiving, it is liken to starting anew, giving a second chance, and believing for their redemption.

2 It absolutely baffled me that so many elements in the Seder meal points to the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ. For example, the Matzah clearly points to the body of Jesus, broken, and then hidden as the Tzafoon (which also means hidden, buried or locked away), pointing to Jesus’ broken body, wrapped in cloth and being buried (for three days). The hidden piece, Tzafoon, is half of the broken middle Matzah from the Yachatz, wrapped in cloth and hidden away for the children to find just before the cup of the redemption, Barech. This hidden piece is “redeemed” by the head of the house from the children with some sweets or coins called “The Promise of the Father,” which is what Jesus said to the disciples to wait for before He ascended to the Father. What is most amazing about this “Tzafoon” is its Greek translation “Afikomen,” which means “I came!” The Tzafoon/ Afikomen poignantly points to Jesus’ resurrection before the “promise of the Father” is released. The “Afikomen” is such a prophetic message to all the Jews who partake of the Seder meal. Each time they eat the Afikomen, it is as if Yeshua is speaking to each one of them saying, “I CAME;” “I have already come;” “This is me, Jesus, Yeshua HaMaschiah, the Messiah that you have been waiting for, I can be found!”

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Chapter 03

Every Creature THE Gospel



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The "Every Creature" Mandate

- 7 As an individual, the "Every Creature" mandate resonates deeply within me, shaping my worldview and guiding my actions. This mandate underscores the universal entitlement of every person on earth to hear about Jesus and the gospel, affording them the opportunity to receive the gift of salvation. It instills a profound sense of compassion and love towards all individuals, irrespective of their backgrounds or beliefs.

At its core, this mandate reflects the fundamental truth that we are all sinners who have fallen short of the glory of God and are in need of a Saviour to reconcile us with the Father. It emphasises the significance of conveying the message of Christ's sacrifice and love to others, recognising our shared humanity and our collective need for redemption.

Embracing the "Every Creature" mandate entails a willingness to make sacrifices and a passionate commitment to sharing the love of Christ with others. It compels me to approach people with empathy and understanding, viewing them through the lens of the Father's love. It motivates me to engage in meaningful conversations about faith, to extend acts of kindness and generosity, and to embody the teachings of Jesus Christ in my daily interactions.

Through this mandate, I am inspired to live a life characterised by compassion, humility, and service, striving to be a vessel through which others may encounter the transformative power of God's love. It is a calling that transcends boundaries and cultures, uniting believers around the world in a shared mission to spread the message of hope and salvation to every corner of the earth.

- 4 The "Every Creature" mandate is a call to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15). To "go into all the world... to all creation" is to preach the gospel to all nations, all people, all generations, and all cultures or tongues. To "preach the gospel" means to proclaim the "good news" of Jesus Christ and His finished work (His person, death, burial,

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and resurrection) and to offer an urgent open invitation into a relationship with Him (through repentance from sin, turning to Christ in faith and believing that He is the Son of God). Thus, the "Every Creature" mandate is both a transmission of information and a transformative response; it is a dynamic spiritual process of evangelism, leading to reconciliation with God and the beginning of a new life in Christ – A NEW CREATION.

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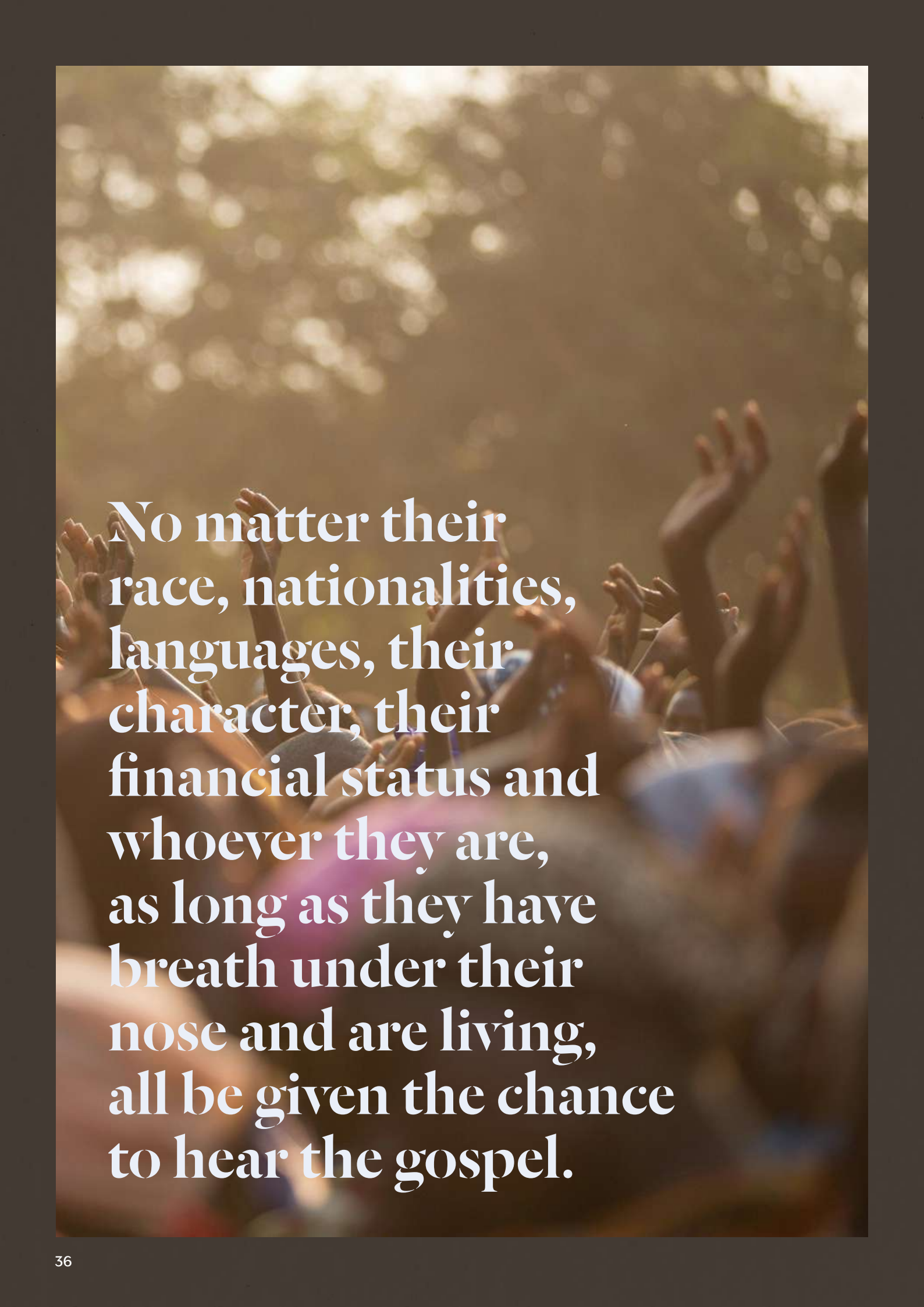
A PERSONAL/CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY:

We have a responsibility before God to be living letters of Christ for our generation (2 Corinthians 3:3; Acts 13:36) and are commanded to go and preach the gospel in power (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Luke 24:46-47; John 20:21; Acts 4:31; Acts 5:32)! However, when I really think about it, it's not just a "responsibility", it's a **PRIVILEGE** – being a second-generation Christian is a blessing that is not afforded to many, and I must steward it well, so that "Every Creature" will one day have this privilege too!

STANDING IN THE GAP:

This is through my support in finances (Philippians 4:15-16), encouragement (Philemon 1:6), provisions (3 John 1:5-8) and intercession (Romans 10:1). Just as Jesus sits at the right hand of God and intercedes for us (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25), we too should intercede for those who are perishing and have been blinded by the gods of this age to unveil the gospel (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).





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- 2 The "Every Creature" mandate given to Mr. Rees Howells was a direct word from the Lord to see Jesus Christ's final command before He went to the Father as per Mark 16:15 fulfilled. What was strikingly different in this account was how deeply personal the Lord was asking Mr. Rees Howells and his company of people to obey this mandate, and to be personally responsible for its fulfilment. The words from the LORD, "I am dwelling in you, can I be responsible for this through you?" meant that they now were His vessels and were to give their all to see it fulfilled.

This call is doubtless for every disciple of Christ, and the more I read Mr. Rees Howells' account and let the Lord speak to me through it, it is a wonder how some can see it as optional. I believe in the "Every Creature" mandate and the more I pray into it, the more I feel that call is as personal as Mr. Rees Howells had felt.

If the Holy Spirit's desire is to make Christ's atonement real in every creature, I say "yes!" I say "yes" to pray for salvations, to intercede for the removal of every hindrance to the gospel, to ask for labourers to be sent, and to be numbered among those who are sent. The Father desires that none should perish and that all should be saved. To embrace His desire and to live it out is our high calling and God will give all the grace and provision needed to see this vision come to pass. The Father that sent the Son is now sending us and He will give the Spirit without measure (John 3:34). What an honour to bear His name, be His vessel and to speak His words! May we all be willing vessels for Him today.

- 5 Mark 16:15-16, "And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.'"



My understanding of "Every Creature" mandate is that the gospel is to be proclaimed to every creature. No matter their race, nationalities, languages, their character, their financial status and whoever they are, as long as they have breath under their nose and are living, all be given the chance to hear the gospel. Rather, we need to go out into the world to share with them that we have a Heavenly Father who loves us, and He has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins so that none shall perish (John 3:16).

It is the Father's desire to have His house filled. Luke 14:23, "Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'" We who have tasted and see that the Lord is good would need to share that to the world. Sharing and preaching the gospel is not confined to only one method. We can support the works by giving ourselves in prayers and financially. Thus, supporting those who are going. We can pray for Matthew 9:37-38, "Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers and/or we into His harvest.'"

The mandate has been given and we as the body of Christ are responsible for the mandate to go forward. We were once lost but someone prayed for our salvation and shared the gospel with us. Hence, we ought to be good and faithful labourers to sow seeds (share the gospel, share love of Christ through our walks, feed the poor, etc).

Blessing Swansea

Our testimonies from their evangelistic efforts in Swansea.

Ruvindi Jayakody

During our evangelistic outreach day, I witnessed two powerful testimonies that deeply impacted me. One encounter was with a young college girl whom we initially saw smoking alone on a bench but later encountered in a mall. Despite her initial demeanour, she proved to be open and receptive to the gospel message, asking questions and engaging in meaningful conversation with my teammates. As we shared about God's love and grace, her curiosity and hunger for spiritual truth became evident. To show our appreciation for her openness, we gifted her with a bakery gift card, which visibly touched her. Her face lit up with gratitude, and it was evident that our encounter had left a positive impression on her.

Another impactful moment occurred when one of my teammates struck a conversation with a man in his 30s who was seated nearby. Sensing an opportunity, my teammate boldly asked him if anyone had spoken to him about Jesus before. This simple question led to a profound conversation where the man shared his interest in learning more about faith. Moved by the Holy Spirit, my teammate led him in a prayer of salvation, and the man expressed his intention to visit a church on Sunday. This experience reaffirmed that the harvest is indeed ripe, and people are hungry for the gospel, reminding me of the transformative power of sharing God's love with others.

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David Ng

We started by heading to a shopping area in Swansea.

We bought some coffee from Costa and I blessed a man with a free coffee. Found out that he was a Christian but his ambition was to make money and he had no time for church. I told him that true riches came only from Jesus and sensed that my word had impacted him. I then felt to sit on a bench and a young man came by. We then had such a natural conversation that led to us sharing testimonies of how Jesus changed our lives. He didn't believe in God but after hearing our testimonies his heart started to open. I shared how Jesus loves him and that He wants a relationship with him. I asked if he would like to receive Jesus and he said yes! We led him in the sinner's prayer and the joy was so tangible. His mother came by after that and we started talking to her as well. She had many questions but by the end of that conversation she said she will read the Bible to know more. All glory to Jesus for one soul saved, and one more so close to knowing Him!

Kerrilyn Ng

Before we left, I felt the Lord said: "I am

going to bring you for an excursion."

We left and when we first started, we were just walking around praying and asking God to lead us.

Unknowingly, Sarah and I both saw a lady at the same time when we were at Castle Square. When I first saw her, she was rolling on some stuff to smoke and I did not feel like approaching her at that time. Behold, as we continued our walks and prayers, we bumped into her again later in The Quadrant. Sarah and I just looked at



each other and we knew that she was someone that we should approach. We ran after her. I shared about God's love and wanting to bless her (we got a voucher from Gregs). Also, I shared about how Jesus turned my life around and Sarah's shared with her too. She was pleasantly surprised by the kind gesture, and I gave her a hug before we parted ways. We could all see her face lit up. Some seeds have been sown! Praise God!

One of the other ladies that I felt to approach together with Ruvindi was Elaine, a 92-year-old lady. Wow! God just made everything so easy as she opened up when I started chatting with her. She shared about her life and family with us. She was there to get birthday cards for her only son and granddaughter. She goes to the Salvation Army. She was also pleasantly surprised by our gifts and received our prayers. And before I left, I asked her if she would like a hug. She jumped on it and toppled up with two pecks on my cheek.

All in all, I just felt God's love for the five people we met and talked to today. And I am just so glad that He gave us the opportunities to talk about Him to those that have yet to know Him and also to remind those who have forgotten Him. What an excursion!

Legacy of Our Inheritance

What is one legacy you would build to impart for the next generation?

- 6 I could leave a legacy of biblical foundation. I read the Bible and at my church, we encourage the kids to read it too. We teach that it is the foundation of our belief in Jesus. I understand the power of knowing scriptures. This biblical training is a good way to teach the next generation a legacy that they can pass on. Apostle Paul told Timothy, "Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers" (1 Timothy 4:16). Basically, Timothy did not have to worry so much if he stayed close to the truth he was taught and did not go off teaching his own opinions. This is the same for my home church and the legacy I want to leave there of raising up young leaders who are prepared in the truth. However, the only way to be armed in truth is to know the truth. If you know the truth, then you must choose to obey it. If we train the next generation of leaders and teachers in the truth, then it will be hard for them to depart from it, creating a strong heritage.

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- 3 My husband and I seek to build a legacy of hosting God's presence and seeking Him wholeheartedly. We desire to see God raise up a prophetic and priestly people of His presence who will reign with Christ. We long to fill the earth with the glory, beauty and worth of Jesus through prophetic worship, prayer and intercession; be it through songs, words and creative expressions.

We are passionate about the pursuit of His presence and making room to encounter Him face to face. It is truly in the place of encountering His love, His Word and His presence that hearts and lives are transformed and activated into their prophetic destinies. May we see the next generation disciplined in a place of prophetic worship and prayer.

We seek to impart the DNA of revival and restoration of all things through the fully functioning five-fold ministry in the Body of Christ. Hence the need to grow in the understanding of the outworking of the apostolic and the prophetic in tandem with the pastors, teachers, and evangelists.

We long for the awakening of God's heart for Israel to be imparted in the end-time generation and to see God's promises fulfilled to His Covenant people and ultimately ushering the return of Christ to His Bride. The Lord is raising up watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem that would stand in the gap for our elder brother, Israel until her righteousness goes forth as brightness and her salvation as a lamp that burns (Isaiah 62).





- 4 At the halfway mark of my time here at the Bible College of Wales, it's clear to me that my **voice** is the gift that God has given to me, by measure of His grace, to steward for His Kingdom purpose and the next generation (1 Peter 4:10; Proverbs 13:22).

It is such a confirmation given that different people at different times have prophesied the same things over me about how I will be His mouthpiece, a voice to the voiceless, and a voice that will influence people in high places.

If I am being honest, I did have some slight apprehension because it is such a huge responsibility – to whom much is given, much is required (Luke 12:48).

And in the moment that I have allowed a tinge of fear to enter my spirit, I had a spiritual attack one night where the enemy essentially tried to claim my voice. Albeit scary, that experience made this gift and calling even more critical for me to steward well – I have to continually put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:11-13); guard this good deposit that has been entrusted to me with the help of the Holy Spirit who dwells in me (2 Timothy 1:14); and invest this gift to expand and advance His kingdom (Matthew 25:14-30).

I've learned that there is no reason to fear, for it is not by my might but through His spirit (Zechariah 4:6), His grace (2 Corinthians 12:9-10) and His power alone (1 Corinthians 4:20; James 2:26) that my voice can be **His mouthpiece**.





- 1 The spirit of intercession is one thing I would like to inspire the next generation to capture. Though I would say that I am far from leading a life of an intercessor, I have caught something about carrying intercession in my heart that is enough for me to exercise this skill with others in my community. I would want to rally my cell groups and zone community together to pray, and to show them the importance of prayer not just for the church, but also to widen the view to regional, and even international affairs. To set the culture of prayer and how it is a lost art that we need so much as we navigate through so many complicated battles of the generation. Being part of a culture that wants things immediately amidst all the distractions of the world, there is no patience to wait upon the Lord and hear what he has to say in matters. My one desire is to bring my community into a place where His presence is at the centrality of our pursuit in intercession.



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- 8 The heart of an intercessor is what I desire to impart to the next generation. The intercessor's heart is filled with love, compassion, humility, intimacy with God. It is feeling what the Heavenly Father feels, what the people desperately need, and also allowing the Holy Spirit to birth within us the deep intercessions. God is looking for someone to stand in the gap and intercede (Isaiah 59:16), someone who will intercede for his people and nations, He has appointed us to do so therefore this legacy of intercession should be carried over from generation to generation till God's plan for His kingdom be brought to completion. Without intercession, nations and believers in Christ will be very vulnerable against the evil forces and oppression. The Lord Jesus Christ wants His disciples to intercede with Him and be the watchman and intercessor for people and nations. The legacy of intercession particularly for Israel is important to be imparted to the next generation until we see God's full intervention in this nation He dearly loves.

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serving at chapel service.jpg



praying at the well.jpg



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intercession time.jpg



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