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Where God is touching lives...

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MEDITATION

✞ REV DR CHARLES TAN ☸

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Text: Acts 21:1-14

“I AM READY TO DIE FOR THE LORD”

DEEP HUMAN CONCERN

The Apostle Paul had many friends and disciples who loved him dearly. They were deeply concerned that he was planning to go to Jerusalem.

1. The prophet Agabus gave a word of prophecy concerning Paul
 - a) The Jews at Jerusalem would bind Paul

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b) He would then be delivered to the Gentiles Acts 21:11

2. Well-meaning friends

- a) They pleaded with Paul
- b) They asked him to avoid going to Jerusalem Acts 21:12

A STRONG RESPONSE

The Apostle Paul's reply is truly worth noting.

"What do you mean by weeping
And breaking my heart?
For I am ready not only to be bound,
But also to die at Jerusalem
For the name of the Lord Jesus." Act 21:13

1. Breaking my heart

- a) Paul was deeply moved
- b) The tears of his friends broke his heart
- c) He felt their love profoundly

2. I am ready

- a) Paul had readied himself all his life
- b) He would serve the Lord no matter the cost
- c) He had already suffered much for Christ
- d) He had been beaten and had been jailed

3. Ready to be bound

- a) He had counted the cost
- b) He knew that his enemies would do anything in their power to oppose him
- c) He was prepared to be bound and sent to jail

4. Ready to die for the name of the Lord Jesus

- a) Paul loved his Master
- b) He was prepared to walk in the steps of the Lord fully
- c) He was prepared to die for the Lord Jesus Christ

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What a wonderful example we have in the Apostle Paul. Let us seek to emulate his example! †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

NEXT SUNDAY: HOLY COMMUNION

We will be observing Holy Communion next Sunday. Let us come with prepared hearts and minds to partake of The Lord's Supper meaningfully. †

LAST MULTIPLE WORSHIP TODAY

We will be having the last Multiple Worship today. †

COMBINED WORSHIP

We will be having Combined Worship for the months of November and December 2019. We will need the Sunday afternoons for Choir Rehearsal. †

CATECHISM CLASS TODAY

Time: 1.00pm

Venue: Auditorium 4.07 †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLEAN-UP ON MONDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2019

We will be doing a special Clean-up on Monday, 28 October 2019. Please sign up. Cleaning up commences at 8.00am. Lunch will be provided! †

WEEK-DAY MEETINGS

The week-day programs for 2019 have concluded. The Prayer Meeting and Bible Study programs will be in recess till January 2020. †

SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

They will also be in recess for the months of November and December 2019. †

JURONG BIRD PARK OUTING

Date: 9 November 2019
Please plan to sign up as soon as possible. †

WEDDING BELLS

Dominic and Rachel would be joined in holy matrimony on Saturday, 2 November 2019. The Wedding Service commences at 11.00am. Reception follows. All in Bethany are invited! †

“O” AND “A” LEVEL EXAMS

Let us remember all who are sitting for their “O” and “A” level exams. †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

Saturday, 7 December 2019

Time: 4.00pm

Please plan to indicate your age:

1. Children under twelve
2. Seniors who are 65 and above

CHRISTMAS BAPTISM

Dates: 8 and 15 December 2019

1. We will have both Paedo and Adult Baptism
on both Sundays
2. Please plan to sign up as soon as possible!

CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

25 December 2019

Plan to book your table as soon as possible!

THEME FOR CHRISTMAS

The pulpit theme for November-December 2019:

"The Glory of the Lord" ✠

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 103:17-18

*But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting
On those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to children's children,
To such as keep His covenant,
And to those who remember His commandments to do them.*

1. Two wonderful attributes of God

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WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

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- a) The mercy of the Lord
It is from everlasting to everlasting
- b) The righteousness of the Lord
It endures from one generation to another
- 2. The recipients of God's mercy and righteousness
 - a) Those who fear Him
 - b) Those who remember His covenant to do them †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 27 OCTOBER 2019

TEXT: PHILIPPIANS 4:9

THE THINGS WHICH YOU HAVE LEARNED

The things which you have learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

- 1. Wonderful lessons of faith and life
 - a) They are to be learned
 - b) They are to be applied to life
- 2. God's blessings
 - a) God will bless
 - b) God Himself would be with us as we keep His word

NEXT SUNDAY: 3 NOVEMBER 2019

TEXT: PSALM 8:1

WHO HAVE SET YOUR GLORY ABOVE THE HEAVENS

*O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth,
who have set Your glory above the heavens! †*

READY TO BE BOUND, READY TO DIE

Good and solid friends are difficult to find;
They won't desert you when you are in a bind.
How wonderful to be blessed with true friends;
These are special gifts from God's loving hands.

Friends are those who sincerely care;
They will uphold you in ceaseless prayer.
They will warn when there is danger;
They will weep, for they are not strangers!

Paul's example of serving faithfully was clear to all;
He had indeed heard the Lord's divine call.
He was not afraid to be bound and sent to jail;
His faith in the Lord would help him to prevail.

Paul was willing even to die for the Lord's name;
Concerning his faith in Jesus, he was not ashamed!
What a wonderful example of faith the apostle Paul had;
To live for Jesus and to die for Him made his heart glad!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Acts 21:13 †

BUT YOU HAVE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED

In the gospels, there were great multitudes who followed the Lord,
But many did not understand Him and never became true sons of God.
When Paul commended Timothy as one who had followed carefully,
He spoke of an outstanding spiritual son who loved the Lord truly.

Timothy regarded Paul as an example and a spiritual father,
There were seven things which he modeled his life after.
These things were exemplary, specific and evident in the life of Paul,
These things became Timothy's pattern to live for the Lord above all.

We are challenged to consider how Timothy followed Paul so wonderfully,
He was like-minded as Paul, and such closeness did not come by easily.
Timothy did not seek his own and like Paul, his focus was solely the Lord,
He was a proven faithful son, who served with Paul in the gospel of God.

Lovingly, Paul gave a further word of instruction and reminder to Timothy,
He had learnt the Scriptures since young and he must press on faithfully.
Timothy would keep this word close to his heart for he was a true son,
He would persevere to the end, just as his spiritual father had done.

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: 2 Timothy 3:10 and 14 ✚

SEEK THE GOD OF PEACE

When anxieties attack, they can be relentless;
Occupying all our senses, waking and sleeping.
Hearts sink, stomachs churn, overwhelmed and defenceless;
Unwanted companions whose effects are debilitating.

In utter despair we turn to seek the Lord;
Pleading for our life disturbances to stop.
What we desperately need, is the peace of God;
His special gift providing relief, is urgently sought.

But we must also conscientiously do our part;
Let us dwell upon His Word and fill ourselves up.
To nourish and strengthen our mind and heart;
Get equipped to confront and conquer anxieties when struck.

However, search not only for the peace of God;
Go further and seek much more... The God of Peace.
A wonderful privilege to feel the presence of the Lord;
His blessings and lovingkindness that never seem to cease!

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Philippians 4:6-9 †

TRUST IN THE LIGHT

An empty room, lost love and affection,
The heart aches though thankful, in deep reflection.
Feelings within not understood, sense of isolation,
Words offered, wisdom given offer only some consolation.

How do I get past this seemingly gloomy night?
How do I once again feel the gentle morning light?
In prayer, I supplicate, knees bent on uneven sand,
In anticipation of peace; for the Lord is at hand!

A peace that will surpass my humble understanding,
A peace that is centred on faith and believing.
An ounce of light peeking through in the distance,
A pound of hope, sense of joy sans resistance!

Looking up I feel the warmth of the morning light,
Savouring the fresh smell as a lark takes flight!
Rejoicing unguardedly with a deep sense of calm,
Rooted in trust, rejoicing with no more qualms!

Dr. Tan Kok Yang †

THEME : THESE THINGS BECAME OUR EXAMPLES

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 🕊️
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
"Leaving us an example"
1 Peter 2

Chairman
Mr Lai Chung Han

Organist
Mrs Elsie Poey

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Interpreter
Mr Alex Tan

Pianist
Dr Daniel Chia

Chairman
Mr Eugene Tan

Speaker
Rev Mitchell Tan

Pianist
Ms Ho Lianya

Usher
Mr Ryan Quek
Ms Amanda Lai

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —
10.30 AM. 3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM 3-8
"You must continue in the things
which you have learnt..." 2 Tim. 3:14

CHILDREN'S CHURCH 🕊️
10.30 AM
Jesus teaches mercy and compassion
Matthew 20:29-34

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Rev Benjamin Quah

Speaker
Student-Pastor
Moses Kwek

Chairman
Mr Jonas Tan

Pianist
Ms Tay Soo Leng

Speaker
Rev Mitchell Tan

Interpreter
Ms Tan Hwee Cheng
Mr Kevin Low

**EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE** 🕊️
4.00PM. 4TH FLOOR AUDITORIUM 4-7, 8
"You have carefully followed my...
perseverance" 2 Timothy 3:10-11

Breakfast: Jovan, Ilias & Gavriel
Fellowship Lunch: Alvin, Melody & Isabel Foo; Alvin & Shirley Lim
Alicia; Jane Tan; Kevin Kwok
Evening Tea: Andy & Lydia

Bethany Church Activities

| | Day | Time | Venue | Location |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| WORSHIP SERVICES | | | | |
| Morning Worship Service | Sun | 10.30 am | Church Sanctuary | 2 nd floor |
| Children's Worship I (P1 – P3) | | | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| Children's Worship II (P4 – P6) | | | Auditorium 4-1 | 4 th floor |
| Teens' Worship Service | | | Auditorium 3-8 | 3 rd floor |
| Evening-Bilingual Worship Service | | 4.00pm | Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8 | 4 th floor |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL | | | | |
| Crèche | Sun | 8.30am 10.30am | Green Turf | 1 st floor |
| Beginners' Sunday School | | 8.30am | Auditorium 2-1 | 2 nd floor |
| Junior Sunday School I | | | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| Junior Sunday School II | | | Auditorium 4-1 | 4 th floor |
| Intermediate Sunday School | | | Auditorium 3-8 | 3 rd floor |
| Senior Sunday School I | | | Fellowship Hall | 1 st floor |
| Senior Sunday School II | | | Main Sanctuary | 2 nd floor |
| Senior Sunday School III | | | Prayer Room 4-3 | 4 th floor |
| Senior Sunday School IV | | | Fellowship Hall | 1 st floor |
| Special Needs Ministry | | | Auditorium 4-7 | 4 th floor |
| CHOIRS | | | | |
| Singing Kakis | Thurs | 8.00 pm | Auditorium 3-2 | 3 rd floor |
| One Voice | Sat | 5.00 pm | Auditorium 4-8 | 4 th floor |
| Youth Choir | | 5.00 pm | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| Evergreens | Sun | 1.00 pm | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| BIBLE STUDY | | | | |
| Church Bible Study | Tue | 8.00 pm | Church Sanctuary | 2 nd floor |
| Home Bible Study | 2 nd and 4 th Thurs | 3.00 pm | - | - |
| Mandarin Bible Study | 1 st and 3 rd Fri | 7.30 pm | 4 th Floor Auditorium | 4 th floor |
| CATECHISM CLASS | | | | |
| | Sun | 1.00 pm | Auditorium 4-8 | 4 th floor |
| PRAYER MEETING | | | | |
| | Mon | 8.00 pm | Church Sanctuary | 2 nd floor |
| FELLOWSHIP GROUPS | | | | |
| Young People's Group I | Sat | 3.00 pm | Auditorium 2-1 | 2 nd floor |
| Young People's Group II | | | Auditorium 3-8 | 3 rd floor |
| Young People's Group III | | | Auditorium 3-1 | 3 rd floor |
| Young Adults' Group | | | Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8 | 4 th floor |
| Young Married Group | | | Auditorium 4-1 | 4 th floor |
| Adults' Ministry | | 4.00 pm | Auditorium 4-1 | 4 th floor |

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MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
26 October 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Dr Daniel Chia
Organist : Mrs Elsie Poey

Century Praise 377

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Prelude

Call to Worship

Mr Lai Chung Han

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 114

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Century Praise 323

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Century Praise 328

Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Leaving us an example”

Text : 1 Peter 2

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 512

My Saviour's Love

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE
27 October 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION 预备

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Ms Tay Soo Leng

HWC No. 466

Jesus, Lover Of My Soul 耶稣我灵好朋友

Prelude 前奏

Call to Worship 齐来称颂

Mr Jonas Tan

Interpreter : Mr Kevin Low

Invocation 祈祷

PRAISE 赞美诗

Hymns

Century Praise 341

Knowing You 认识祢

Songs of Fellowship 120 The Servant King 君尊义仆

Century Praise 339

Higher Ground 向高处行

PRAYER 牧祷

“PREACH THE WORD” 证道

Message: “You have carefully followed my...perseverance”
“你已经服从了我的 ... 忍耐”

Text : 2 Timothy 3:10-11 提摩太后书 3:10-11

Speaker: Rev Mitchell Tan
Interpreter : Ms Tan Hwee Cheng

RESPONSE

Offering 奉献

Hymn

HWC No. 410

My Faith Looks Up To Thee 我以信心仰望

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

27 OCTOBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

CONCLUSION OF WEEKDAY MEETINGS

We have concluded our Weekday Meetings for 2019.

1. Prayer Meeting
Monday night at 8.00pm

2. Bible Study
Tuesday night at 8.00pm

CONCLUSION OF FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

We have also concluded our Saturday Fellowship Group Meetings. The Fellowship Groups play an important role in the overall ministry of the Church.

MANY THINGS TO THANK GOD FOR

There are many things to thank God for as we review this year.

1. Vital spiritual lessons learned
 - a) Of faith in God
 - b) Of answers to our prayers
2. Precious inter-personal lessons learned
 - a) Of fellowship with the Lord
 - b) Of fellowship with each other
 - c) Of strengthening of good friendship
3. The blessings the Lord had given
 - a) His wonderful provision
 - b) Souls being led to faith
 - c) Strengthening of the soul
 - d) Wisdom gained

Thank God for another good year! There is every reason to rejoice in the Lord! Let us reflect and give sacrifices of joy to the Lord!

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*