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Where God is touching lives...

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MEDITATION

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Text: Luke 18

"WILL HE REALLY FIND FAITH?"

A CHALLENGE TO FIND GREAT FAITH

In the years the Lord Jesus ministered on earth, He did many things to help people cultivate their faith.

1. The Word of God and Faith

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- a) The Lord knew how important it was to know the Word of God
- b) The Word will develop faith
- c) Thus, He taught the Word of God
 - i) Extensively
 - ii) Intensively

2. Boosts to Faith

He knew that people needed to have their faith boosted from time to time. Thus, He did the following things:

- a) He performed many mighty miracles
- b) He encouraged the people he healed
- c) He did everything He could to boost faith

THE DIFFICULTY OF BUILDING FAITH

There were many things that hindered the development of faith.

- 1. A barren and dark environment
- 2. Hostile opponents
- 3. The sinful human heart
- 4. The stubbornness of the individual

These factors hindered the development of faith very much! Only

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on two occasions, did the Lord commend the faith found in the heart. There was the Roman centurion and there was the Syrophoenician woman.

WILL THE LORD FIND FAITH IN US WHEN HE RETURNS?

This was a cryptic comment the Lord Jesus made one day.

*Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes
Will He really find faith on the earth? Luke 18:8b*

1. This was an open-ended question
 - a) He did not provide an answer
 - b) The answer is to be provided by the believer
2. Who is responsible for the growth of Faith?
 - a) We are responsible for the growth of our faith
 - b) We have to apply ourselves if we want to see our faith grow significantly

STEPS WE CAN TAKE

The following steps may be taken to cultivate our faith!

1. Motivation
 - a) We need to find motivation
 - b) What would move us to cultivate Faith?

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2. Meditation

- a) Meditate on the Lord and His Word
- b) Let our Meditation be our prayers
 - i) To possess a significant faith
 - ii) To exercise our faith to the blessing of many hearts

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today, either physically or virtually.
May your heart be uplifted through worship!



MID~AUTUMN CAKES

1. These cakes are for our Seniors
(65 and above)
2. They are given out of affection and goodwill

These are available for collection today in Church
(12.00nn to 4.00pm)
These are available at the Fellowship Hall!



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 117:1-2

*¹ Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles!
Laud Him, all you peoples!
² For His merciful kindness is great toward us,
And the truth of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!*

1. Praise of the LORD

- a) All are encouraged to praise the Lord
- b) Gentiles were not excluded in this Call

2. Two great truths were highlighted as worthy of praise

- a) God's merciful kindness manifested
- b) His enduring truth that stands forever

3. Appropriate Response

- a) To offer praise in worship
- b) To praise God always in our daily life

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 27 September 2020

Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:3 Your work of faith

Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father.

1. Three features that stand out
 - a) Work of faith
 - b) Labour of love
 - c) Patience of hope
2. In the sight of God
 - a) God takes note of these things
 - b) These will win approval from Him
 - c) These features are closely related to our salvation in Christ
3. To be remembered
 - a) In prayer
 - b) With thanksgiving

NEXT SUNDAY: 4 October 2020

Text: 2 Thessalonians 1:3 Your faith grows exceedingly

We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other.

POETRY CORNER

1

WILL HE FIND FAITH?

The Lord Jesus had done all that may be expected;
He taught, He healed, He graciously befriended.
Mighty miracles were performed for people to see;
This was the Messiah, the Saviour full of glory!

But though there were thousands who came;
There was hardly any faith seen, to their shame.
His miracles were taken too much for granted;
Some even went away unhappy and agitated!

The number of people with great faith was few;
Only two were praised for a Faith that was true.
Even the Disciples of the Lord were not commended;
They found it hard to grow a Faith that may be regarded.

The Lord Jesus posed a startling question;
Will He find true Faith when He Returns?
How would this question be answered?
The answer lies within us, as expected!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Luke 18:1-8

POETRY CORNER

2

Unshakeable Faith

Faith may begin as a mustard seed;
But a far greater faith is what we seek.
God's Word is the provision for our faith to grow;
Diligence in its study, let us show.

The obstacles to faith are ubiquitous;
Afflictions in life being the most obvious.
Temptations of the world can prove irresistible;
Presenting as stumbling blocks to building faith that is unshakeable.

Faith that is genuine and true;
Can lead to encouragement and joy for others to ensue.
Our prayers and thanksgiving to God must continue;
For our faith to be constantly renewed.

May we strive for faith that is deep and unshakeable;
So that we may emulate and inspire one another.
Faith comes from God when we first choose to believe;
Now, let us persevere for a steadfast faith to achieve.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: I Thessalonians 3:1-9

POETRY CORNER

3

Gain Through Knowledge

Count it all joy for the steadfastness in a commitment,
To a faith centred on Christ with constant enrichment.

A faith where one rejoices in the work of correction,
Calling out the inequities of those heading the wrong direction.

Indeed, there is folly where confidence is in the flesh,
To worship God in the spirit we must thus focus afresh!
Recognise that a misguided emphasis is loss for Christ,
Determination for knowledge of Christ must not be sacrificed.

For the excellence of the knowledge of Christ is truly gain,
Only in Him, not through laws does one righteousness obtain.
And with this righteousness imputed from God by faith,
A conviction to know Him and fellowship in sufferings we embrace!

Dr. Tan Kok Yang
Inspiration Philippians 3: 1-10

POETRY CORNER

4

THE EXAMPLE OF PAUL

The Apostle Paul was an inspiring servant,
His stay in Thessalonica was brief but significant.
Although Paul had been spitefully treated,
He spoke the Gospel of God, undaunted.

God had entrusted Paul with the Gospel,
He sought no one but God's approval.
There was no deceit nor covetousness,
Before God, his conduct was blameless.

The Thessalonians were dear to Paul's heart,
The Gospel, he endeavored to fully impart.
He cherished them like a gentle mother,
And exhorted them like a godly father.

Paul loved God and the Gospel so deeply,
He gave his all and served outstandingly.
May we learn to imitate his devotion!
May his example be an inspiration!

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: 1 Thessalonians 2

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An Unshakeable Faith

An Unshakeable Faith is like the roots of a tree,
That penetrate deep into the earth;
Holding it up calmly and steadily,
In the face of raging storms that come forth.

Faith is a gift from God through grace;
Growing it must be our earnest act of pursuit;
Seeds for sturdy trees need be sown on fertile base;
Studying the scriptures will indeed bear fruit.

What joy to experience when believers surround,
Each other with love, standing firmly in their faith';
Their commitment to the Lord so sound;
A source of encouragement for all to embrace.

Let's continue our labour of love;
Excel in our work on faith to venerate.
And give pleasure to the Almighty above;
Exercising patience, His Son's return we await.

Jessie Quek
(Inspiration: 1 Thessalonians)

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		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 4-8	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 4-1	4 th floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School IV. II			Auditorium 2M	2 nd 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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