

Miracle Service Report

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>> Reported by Rita Lim

Many people, who undergo inner turmoil, suffer hurt and pain in silence. With time, depression would set in and the victim's emotion would become topsy-turvy. Serene Ho could identify with this. She has been a Christian for many years but one traumatic experience almost ruined her life. Three years ago, her marriage broke down and brought great pain and she became severely depressed. Her husband was also a Christian and Serene felt deeply betrayed by him. Initially she kept her predicament to herself and no one had a clue about what she was going through. Even as a Christian, she realised that there was no such thing as instant or automatic victory over her condition. Emotionally, her situation went from bad to worse and she sank deeper into depression.

She felt a whole gamut of emotions, being angry with her ex-husband as well as with God. What made matters worse was the fact that she was a counsellor with an independent church, helping people with different issues, mainly bad marriages. So angry was Serene with God that she questioned Him, asking, "Why didn't You watch over my marriage?" She blamed

her ex-husband and God for betraying her. Looking back, Serene felt that she should have been more watchful and not so overly committed. Now, she felt all alone and abandoned by God. Deep sorrow soon engulfed her and she felt lost, empty and confused to a point that her self-esteem was affected. In that valley experience, she wondered if she could come out of it triumphantly. With her mood swings and her marital breakdown, she became really unstable and her business was affected. To isolate from others, Serene stopped attending cell group.

As time progressed, her turmoil caused her to lose interest in everything and she was unable to function in simple daily tasks. Her emotion was on a roller-coaster ride and everything was topsy-turvy. She even became so disconnected with her young son. Thankfully, she had a good assistant to lend a hand in her business. Serene's interest in everything had almost diminished and she had totally no interest in attending social functions, especially weddings.

Nights were difficult for her as she felt its quietness. As reality sank in, she even nursed deep regrets. Guilt, shame and anger soon overpowered her. There were many nights that she wept profusely and condemned herself for not being a good mother for she felt that she had failed to attend to her son's emotional needs. Sleep eluded her. During her short spans of intermittent sleep, she would be jostled awake with flashing negative memories. Her heart ached so much that she felt as if a knife was piercing through it. Soon she would hyperventilate and feel breathless.

Serene's depression affected her health as she suffered high blood pressure and her hyperthyroidism had a relapse. More than ten times, she entertained thoughts of suicide as she saw no reason to go on in life. As a counsellor, she could not even counsel herself. She knew the tools that were available but she had neither the energy nor the inclination to do it. She still attended church even though internally she was still

angry with God. In retrospect, she knew God loves her and His Presence was with her all the time. Many times God had to allow her to go through what she had gone through so that she could mature in her faith.

Soon Serene decided to seek God again. She started attending the Miracle Service. She went to the first service like a zombie with a broken heart and an empty mind. Many a time she would feel so overwhelmed by her grief that she would cry profusely. Meanwhile, the Holy Spirit was ministering to her. She kept coming back to the Miracle Service for God to touch her as deep down she knew could not forsake her faith, though her heart was still far away. She knew that unless God healed her heart, she could not connect with Him. For anything to happen, Serene felt that God would have to put a correct perspective in her life.

One night there was a change. After the service, she found that she could sleep without crying. She did not feel any pain or hurt and the heart palpitations were gone. The situation did not change but she felt an inner shifting. God healed her of her vertigo, hyperthyroidism and high blood pressure. Not only that, her heavy menstrual flow returned to normal. Hallelujah! And best of all, God healed her unforgiveness. Delivered from depression, Serene is now wiser, stronger and winning souls for Christ. She is also active in her cell group. Praise the Lord!

This evening, Pastor Rony, in his message **Conquering Hurts and Depression**, shared that even a great man of God could be depressed. He cited Elijah who was so depressed that he wished for death even after a mighty victory over 400 false prophets of Baal. Elijah challenged them to offer an offering and that if God answered by fire, He must be the true and living God. Elijah then demanded water to be poured on the sacrifice that he was about to offer to

God. Despite the excessively wet sacrifice, fire literally came down from God and consumed the sacrifice. When Jezebel, the wicked queen, went after Elijah for killing her false prophets, Elijah became depressed. And we see how this mighty prophet had to be fed by ravens sent by God and had to ask a widow for her last oil and flour to bake a cake for him. Elijah was so depressed when Jezebel threatened to kill him that he ran away. But God pursued him. God will pursue you too like He pursued Serene and Elijah. The prophet was zealous for God, but he felt that he was the only one left who was zealous for Him. The Almighty was surely dealing with this man of God, assuring him that he was not the only one left. He was reminded by God that there were 7,000 other faithful prophets who had never bowed their knees to Baal (1 Kings 19). For Elijah's next phase of ministry, God specifically instructed him to mentor Elisha, his protégé. In the end, Elijah went out of this world in fiery chariots. Like Enoch, he was raptured.

Many of us could be depressed at some point in life, mild or full-blown. Depression could be devastating at times. Life is a series of setbacks. You can fall a hundred times; but every time you fall, decide to pick yourself up and move along with God again and you will never be defeated. Look at life from the perspective of God. And like Serene's advice to those in a hopeless predicament, don't run away from God but draw nigh to Him because He is your only hope and solution.



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Starting Afresh

By Pastor Rony Tan

As we face a brand-new year, it's quite natural to long for a change from the old rut of seeming meaningless routine, usual problems and the feeling of being a failure. We long for a new beginning of victory and blessings.

There is a biblical way toward a better and more meaningful future. However, a fresh start doesn't mean an absence of difficulties, but a radical change of attitude toward life's problems and a determination to trust God in a fresh, dynamic way.

Come and find out how as you start afresh in 2015.

Messages in CDs and DVDs may be ordered at the counter.

Next Sunday
IS LIFE FAIR?
By Pastor Rony Tan



Today's Pre-Service Uppelight

1. God's Greater Anointing On Lighthouse For 2015

- To save more souls through miracles, signs and wonders
- To make a greater impact on the lives of attendees

2. Swordlight 2015

- God's wisdom upon Pastor Clarence in preparing the lessons
- Swordlighters will benefit and grow in the Lord as they study together

Miracle Service

ON JANUARY 10, 2015

Let's work hand in hand to reach our loved ones and friends for the Lord. Bring them to our **Miracle Service** every Saturday at 7.00 pm.

On every second Saturday of the month, the message at our Miracle Service will be interpreted on stage from English into Mandarin or dialect. For the first month of 2015, on January 10, the message will be interpreted into Mandarin.

Gracelight Recruitment

The Gracelight Ministry is recruiting dancers. If you have a passion for dance, a good sense of rhythm and a desire to serve God in this ministry, call the M&D office at 67449848 to arrange for an audition. Training will be provided.

Entry Criteria

- Age** : 14 years old – early twenties
- Gender** : Female
- Physique** : Slim built

Holy Communion

Christ sacrificed Himself because of His immeasurable love for us.

Let us draw near to Him at the Lord's Table today with thanksgiving and gratitude in our hearts.



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IS LIFE FAIR?
By Pastor Rocky Tan

Many people are unhappy because the seems so unfair. Unhappy people make this world miserable because unhappiness begets more unhappiness.

Is there a solution to this unhappy tendency? How then can we stop being unhappy? Can we be truly happy if the answer is found in God's Word?

The answer is a joyful "yes" and you should give yourself a chance to be happy.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015
8:00 am, 11:00 am, 2:15 pm & 7:30 pm

LIGHTHOUSE EVANGELISM www.lighthouse.org.sg

In January 2015, we have a feature in our Lighthouse App for you to invite your friends and loved ones to our Sunday service. It provides a crisp synopsis of the coming Sunday's message.

To use this feature, you need to:

1. Download "lighthouse" app on Google Play or App Store.
2. Access "Share with WhatsApp".
3. Click on Share.
4. Select the name of your contact on your smartphone.
5. The link will appear on the screen.
6. Click "Send".



2015 TRAINING & SEMINAR CALENDAR

LDC: Things Chinese

March 3, 10, 17 & 24 (Tuesdays)
8.00 – 10.00 pm
LE Tampines
Pastor Colin Wong

LDC: Scriptural Foundation Course 1

* March 14 & 21, April 11, 18 & 25 and May 9 & 16 (Saturdays)

2.30 – 4.30 pm
LE Tampines
Brother Kiew Kuay Seow

2.30 – 4.30 pm
LE Woodlands
Sister Joyce Chow

LDC: Scriptural Foundation Course 1

* March 8, 15, 22 & 29 and April 12, 19 & 26 (Sundays)

9.00 – 11.00 am
LE Tampines
Sister Rosalind Wong

11.15 am – 1.15 pm
LE Woodlands
Sister Rosalyn Tan

Flexilight Workshop: Tips on Backcare

April 14 (Tuesday)
7.30 – 9.30 pm
LE Woodlands
Brother Joseph Wong

LDC: Understanding the Attributes of God

May 5, 12, 19 & 26 (Tuesdays)
8.00 – 10.00 pm
LE Woodlands
Pastor Henry Lee

Seminar: Dating and Courting

June 13 & 20 (Saturdays)
2.00 – 4.00 pm
LE Tampines
Pastor Samuel Sam and Brother Ventura Rico

LDC: Scriptural Foundation Course 2

* June 6, 13, 20 & 27 and July 4 & 11 (Saturdays)
2.30 – 4.30 pm
LE Tampines
Brother Kiew Kuay Seow

LDC: Scriptural Foundation Course 2

* May 10, 17, 24 & 31 and June 7 & 14 (Sundays)
11.15 am – 1.15 pm
LE Woodlands
Sister Rosalyn Tan

* July 5, 12, 19 & 26 and August 2 & 16 (Sundays)
9.00 – 11.00 am
LE Tampines
Sister Rosalind Wong

Flexilight Workshop: Common Sports Injuries and Management

July 7 (Tuesday)
7.30 – 9.30 pm
LE Tampines
Brother Joseph Wong

LDC: Training the Inner Man

August 4, 11, 18 & 25 (Tuesdays)
8.00 – 10.00 pm
LE Woodlands
Sister Cynthia Quek

Seminar – Sex: Godly Perspective

September 5 & 12 (Saturdays)
2.00 – 4.00 pm
LE Tampines
Pastor Clarence Goh and Pastor Henry Lee

LDC: Understanding Christianity in the Light of Other Religions

October 6, 13, 20 & 27 (Tuesdays)
8.00 – 10.00 pm
LE Tampines
Pastor Clarence Goh

Legend:

LDC – Lighthouse Discipleship Center
* Tentative

2015 EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY

18 (Sun) Child Dedication 1 (LEW @ 6.00 pm)

FEBRUARY

27 (Fri) Marriage Preparation Seminar 1 (LET)

MARCH

6 (Fri) Early Childhood Seminar (MDR)
7 (Sat) Baptism Class 1 (LEW @ 2.00 pm)
28 (Sat) Baptism Service 1 (LET @ 2.00 pm)

APRIL

3 (Fri) Good Friday Service (ENG)
3 (Fri) Good Friday Service (MDR)
25 (Sat) Membership & Ministry Class 1 (LEW @ 2.00 pm)

MAY

1 (Fri) Honor Your Parents Lunch
28-29 (Thu-Fri) Revival Prayer Retreat (MDR)

JUNE

19 (Fri) Marriage Preparation Seminar 2 (LET)
23 (Tue) Flexilight Night Workshop (LEW)
25 (Thu) Combined Ministry Appreciation Cum Uppelight

JULY

16 (Thu) Extended Uppelight (Word Feast cum Holy Ghost Meeting)
26 (Sun) Child Dedication 2 (LET @ 6.00 pm)

AUGUST

1 (Sat) Baptism Class 2 (LET @ 2.00 pm)
29 (Sat) Baptism Service 2 (LET @ 2.00 pm)

SEPTEMBER

8 (Tue) 2-in-1 Flexilight Night (LEW)
15 (Tue) Staff Day
19 (Sat) Membership & Ministry Class 2 (LET @ 2.00 pm)

OCTOBER

16 (Fri) Marriage Preparation Seminar 3 (LET)

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

10-12 (Thu-Sat) Speedlight Camp Unify (Primary Sixers)
14-17 (Mon-Thu) Church Camp
25 (Fri) Christmas Service (ENG)
25 (Fri) Christmas Service (MDR)
31 (Thu) Watch Night Service