

Miracle Service Report

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• Reported by Rita Lim

Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

In tonight's message **Peace In The Midst Of Trouble**, Pastor Rony shared that Jesus has promised to give us His kind of peace when we face troubles and problems. There is a difference between the peace that is offered by the world and the peace that is promised to us by Jesus. The world's kind of peace happens only when our outward circumstances are orderly. However, when external factors turn topsy-turvy, we become troubled and are no longer at peace. But the peace which Jesus gives endures through every situation. There is peace in your heart despite turbulence. However, at times, you may have to pray till there is a ring of victory. Jesus gives a peace that surpasses all human understanding.

When you read a verse like this, you can easily arrive at a wrong assumption that as long as you receive Jesus, you are trouble-free. You must know that Jesus did talk about both the good and the bad in another verse. He told His disciples that in this world, there will be troubles. As long as you live in this world, you will experience troubles. But Jesus will use them to train and strengthen you. The Lord encourages you to take heart because He has overcome the world. Whatever the circumstance, the final outcome will be good if you stick with Him. Although it may be difficult for you to go through the trouble, you will become a better person.

We should never let fear rule in an adverse situation because Jesus is beside us. By faith, we need to believe in Him because He will never lie. While we may feel abandoned by man or by God, Jesus will never abandon us. He has overcome the world and has conquered the devil, the world and the flesh. And He has also given us the authority to go through all the circumstances we have to

face. We should never allow fear to rule in our hearts because fear can rob us of faith, peace, joy, sleep, health and our total well-being. Make a resolution not to let fear rule you. Instead, let faith rule in your hearts and trust Christ more and more.

There is a story in the Gospel of Mark. In an evening, Jesus and His disciples were supposed to cross over to the other side by boat. When they left the multitude, they took a boat and there were other boats as well. Suddenly, there was this windstorm and the boat was tossing and turning. The waves rose and water begin to fill up the boat. The disciples were trying to manage the boat and empty the water out of it. Jesus was asleep on a pillow at the stern. The disciples were very afraid and woke Jesus up. They said to Jesus, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" Jesus, roused from his sleep, rebuked the wind and waves.



There are more things that meet the eye. There are demonic spirits and we should remind ourselves that we may not see them, but they are there. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but are fighting against unseen enemies. So a storm may have a personality behind it for Jesus to arise and speak to it, "Peace, be still!" and it was quiet. Jesus then asked them why they were so fearful. Christians, who do not follow the teachings of Jesus, will always be fearful. Jesus says, "Let not your hearts be troubled." And if your heart is always troubled, you must be missing something. How is it that the disciples have no faith in this situation? You need to make up your mind to trust Jesus more and more and receive your miracle. Now, the disciples had another fear and it was about Jesus. They asked themselves, "How is it that the sea and wind obey Him?" (Mark 4:35-41)

There are four practical lessons of faith in this story:

- 1. In life there will be storms.** The Bible tells us that when you receive Jesus, some troubles may go away and some may come your way. You may have to walk through dark valleys often. But His promise is that He will never leave you. His rod and his staff will comfort you.
- 2. In Christ there is safety.** At the end of it all, you will be safe. Jesus told them to cross over to the other side, and they did. The end result will always be good. Dangers may abound, but we are assured of safety and ultimate victory.
- 3. Jesus is on board.** When you are traveling on this life's journey, Jesus is on board. Jesus was sleeping in the midst of the storm while the disciples were trying to manage the boat on their own without Him. God wants to work with us in every situation. Don't treat Him as a last resort; approach Him at the first instance of trouble. It is a great tragedy for us if we do not come to Christ, for He is the only answer.
- 4. We can rebuke fear to leave.** When there is fear in your heart, you have the power to rebuke it. Fear is crippling. People are defeated by fear rather than the things they fear. The devil worked better with fear. Be reminded that God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind! (2 Timothy 1:7). When you have fear in your heart, you can literally rebuke it. You can address the fear in your heart by praying, "Fear, I rebuke you out of my life! You have no part in my life!" We can rebuke the devil himself. Because if Christ is in you, you have the God-given authority. When you see negative things happening in your home, you can rise up and bind the evil forces in the mighty name of Jesus.

Build your faith during peaceful times so

that when a big storm comes, you will be able to handle it. Be full of faith so that when a big storm comes, you will be ready. Determine in your heart to build faith by reading the Word of God like a love letter and meditating on it.

Fione Tan, from Queensland, Australia, testified that she became pregnant although it was not possible for her to conceive. Around the ninth week into her pregnancy, it was discovered that the **fetus had no heartbeat**. And during her pregnancy, she had complications in her womb. So Fione's mother, who was in Singapore, took the initiative to attend the Miracle Service to pray in proxy for the baby. Subsequently, Fione gave birth to a healthy baby and the gynecologist described it as a miracle as he had never experienced a case like this before. Hallelujah!

Philip Joseph **suffered from migraine** for many years. Three weeks ago, he and his sister attended the Miracle Service. On the second week after prayers, he felt the migraine left him and was able to sleep well. Tonight, Joseph praised God for healing his condition.

Five to six years ago, Lim Choon Theng discovered she had **pain in her breast** and her doctor confirmed that she had **a hardening of tissues**. The growth seemed to be there and the pain persisted. She has been going for medical reviews for a few years. Subsequently, she stopped going for further reviews and started to trust the Lord instead. A month ago, she went for another medical examination and the doctor gave her a clean bill of health. She is no longer in pain and the hardening of tissues has cleared. To God be the glory!

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IS LIFE FAIR?

By Pastor Rony Tan

Many people are unhappy because life 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 joyous "yes" and you should give yourself a chance to be happy.

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

Next Sunday
ALPHA AND OMEGA
Part 1
By Pastor Pacer Tan



Today's Pre-Service Uppertight

1. Miracle Service

- Spiritual Groundwork
- Spreading God's contagious love through this special service

2. Cellslight Ministry

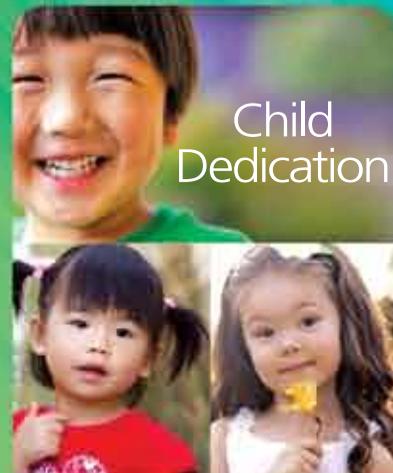
- Pastor Henry, zonal pastors and leaders will be empowered to grow this ministry
- To raise more leaders and recruit more members



Thursday Uppertight on January 15

At the coming Thursday Uppertight, we will be praying for those who are suffering bone degeneration. This is in preparation for the Miracle Service. We will also be commissioning new ministry leaders. Finally, we will dedicate all ministry leaders and pray for all ministry servers.

Let's come together to pray for the empowerment of God to rain down mightily on all who serve Him. See you in the Sanctuary of LEW on January 15 at 8.00 pm! You have an appointment with destiny.



Child Dedication

- January 18 (Sunday)
- 6.00 pm
- Lighthouse Woodlands

Parents, child dedication is a public commitment you make before God and your family. By dedicating your child, you express publicly your desire to lead and spiritually nurture your child so that he or she will develop a desire to love God and to love others.

If you want to dedicate your child to God, fill out the form available at the counter and submit it via the form-collection box. Registration closes this Sunday.

December 2014 Church Accounts

Please note that it is a standard procedure in Lighthouse for the monthly church receipts and payments statement to be posted on the notice board on the third Saturday and Sunday for your perusal. So, for December 2014 church accounts, you can read the statement on January 17 and 18.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE BOOK THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

WRITTEN BY PASTOR RONY TAN

2 Scriptural Verses For Christians

Ephesians 2:2 (NKJV)

in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

We once belonged to Satan. Our destiny was to be deceived and tortured by him, but not anymore because we now belong to Jesus. As God's children, we still have certain obligations and responsibilities to ourselves and others. We must live like true Christians because we have switched our allegiance from Satan to Jesus. Now the Lord Jesus is our Master and we must follow His way of righteousness and life.

1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV)

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

The devil is not rejoicing with us now that we are Christians. On the contrary, he is always looking for opportunities to deceive and trap us again. So we shouldn't be taking any chances but to keep close to Jesus.

2 Scriptural Verses For Pre-Believers

Matthew 13:19 (NKJV)

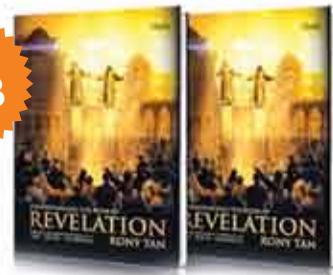
When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

If the contents of the Bible seem foolish to you and you find yourself rejecting it time and again, there is a deeper reason for your apathy. Read on and you will discover why.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (NKJV)

*3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,
4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded,*

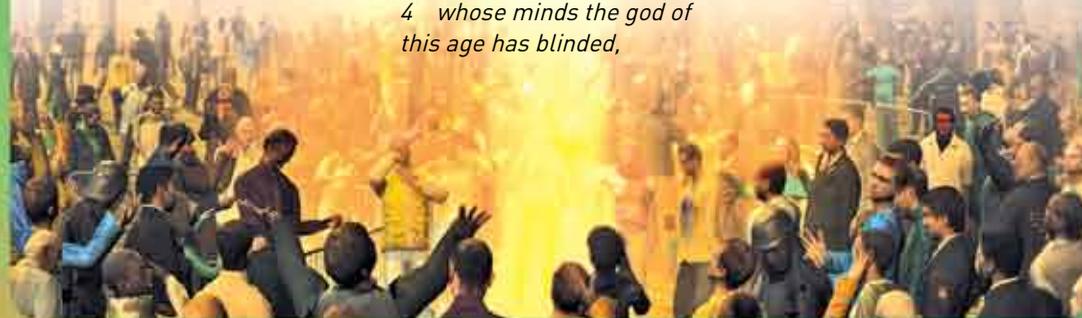
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who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

If you are hostile to the Gospel, you must know that you are not reacting on your own. There is a spiritual force behind your aggressive behavior. Every time the name of Christ is being mentioned and you fume, the real reason for your reaction is not intellectual but spiritual. The god of this world has blinded your spiritual eyes so that the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ cannot shine through.

All you need to do is call on that powerful name of Jesus Christ and He will set you free. Then God's Word will make sense to you, and your life will take on a new meaning and purpose.



A Prayer About Things We Cannot Change

By Rubel Shelly

So what kind of attitude are you going to carry into the New Year? Be honest with yourself: many things about your life boil down to the hand you have been dealt. You can't change the fact that you were born in that place and with certain givens for your appearance, IQ, or physical skills. Education and training can open some doors for you, but they cannot change your past, make you taller and more athletic, or alter the fact that some people are unfair in the way they treat you.

In spite of the fact that most of our life circumstances are beyond our control, we are all still tempted to fret and complain about things that cannot be changed. Of course they cause distress. They certainly put us at a disadvantage in certain contexts. They mustn't be allowed to define or defeat us.

The people who do best with life move beyond the temptation to whine and feel sorry for themselves. They face their disappointments and move beyond them. They acknowledge life's bad breaks and look for ways to turn them into growth moments. They work from a half-full rather than half-empty glass mindset.

These people have a different attitude than the defeatist and whiner. They have found a way to make lemonade from their lemons.



There is a section in John Baillie's

A Diary of Private Prayer that reads ...

Teach me, O God, so to use all the circumstances of my life today that they may bring forth in me the fruits of holiness rather than the fruits of sin.

Let me use disappointment as material for patience;

Let me use success as material for thankfulness;

Let me use suspense as material for perseverance;

Let me use danger as material for courage;

Let me use reproach as material for long-suffering;

Let me use praise as material for humility;

Let me use pleasures as material for temperance;

Let me use pains as material for endurance.

When a given day begins, countless things are headed your way over which you have no control. It may be bad weather or someone's bad temper, a deadline that won't budge or a client equally resistant to change. The one factor you can control through it all is your attitude toward them.

Your attitude today will make all the difference in everything that matters.

Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. (Philippians 2:12-13)