

MIRACLE SERVICE REPORT

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Tonight's sermon by Pastor Pacer is entitled **Forgiveness and Healing**. The book of Matthew tells the story about the friends of a man who was sick and paralyzed. They wanted him to be healed, so they brought him on a mat to Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, the first thing that came out of His mouth was: "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."

Forgiveness and healing go hand in hand. In the story, the first thing that Jesus dealt with was not to heal the paralytic but to forgive him of his sins. It is important to realize that the forgiveness of God is intertwined with healing. If you have a right standing with God, what follows and ensues is health in your entire being – emotions, mind and body.

Some may find what Jesus said to the man offensive. When you see someone paralyzed, the last thing you want to say to him is that he is a sinful person and he has to deal with the areas of forgiveness, God and sin. Instead, you may want to help him to get better in his physical ailment. But the difference between Jesus and us is that He focuses on what is more pressing. Jesus sees what is more vital to us than we do. When we see a paralyzed man, our first instinct is to see him healed. We see the paralyzed

man in his physical condition but not his paralyzed heart. Yet to God, it is more important that his heart is cleansed. It is pointless if he does not know God even though he was healed. For what profits a man if he gains the whole world but loses his own soul? So God dealt with the spirit and heart of the paralyzed man first.

The Pharisees and scribes began thinking to themselves. They saw Jesus as a man, a mere mortal. How could He proclaim to the paralytic that his sins were forgiven? Only one person can proclaim forgiveness of sin, and that is God. The scribes were right that only God can forgive sins. But they were wrong because they did not see that behind the veil of human flesh, this person Jesus of Nazareth is actually the Creator of the universe. So when Jesus told the paralytic that his sins were forgiven, no wonder the scribes and Pharisees were stunned and alarmed. They felt He was blaspheming because only God can forgive sins.

Forgiveness precedes healing. It is phenomenal that when a person is ill, he can be very bitter against God and against life or he can be much mellowed. The difference lies in one word: repentance. The sick look at life differently. As soon as your heart turns to God and you choose to become a better person, you become mellowed. When a person turns to God and asks Him to have His way in his life, there is repentance in his heart.

This evening, many came forward to be healed in their soul. And many were prayed for and healed in Jesus' name. Here are some of their testimonies.



Sixteen years ago, Nancy Wong **suffered from insomnia**, sleeping only three hours a night. Besides, she also **suffered from dry and itchy throat and runny nose**. She was healed of both conditions at the Miracle Service. Triggered by her healings, she decided to pray for **her neighbor who had a loss of appetite and was confined to bed for a month**. Praise God, her neighbor received complete healing the following day. How wonderful it is to know that God healed Nancy so that she can be an instrument of healing to others!

For over a year, Jonathan Dinesh suffered from **uncontrollable shaking in both his hands**. This nerve condition impeded him from writing. Tonight he came with this condition and after prayer, 95% of the shaking had lifted. Praise the Lord!

Two weeks ago, Correy Goh went for health screening and the doctor told her that the **tumor marker went up to an unhealthy level**. She came to the Miracle Service for prayer. The following week, she went for further screening tests and scans; and the doctor told her there was no tumor and the marker had gone down.

In November 2014, Betty Shan suffered pain in the back of her ear. It was so painful that it affected her sleep and appetite. Her doctor found a **20-cent lump in her throat** and diagnosed it as **hyperthyroidism**. She was referred to a specialist and prescribed medication, but she believed God would heal her. So she came to the Miracle Service for prayer. An ultra sound on last Wednesday showed that the lump had disappeared. Her doctor's first exclamation was: "Where's the lump?" Praise the Lord, the lump just vanished! All glory to Jesus!

For 14 years, Jelin Tan Geok Khim **suffered pain because of a womb condition**. She underwent four operations from 1999 to 2009, but the pain persisted. She had to live on painkillers. Her doctor put her on hormone medication. But last year, God impressed upon her heart to stop taking it. In July last year, the pain left her and the doctor told her she was healed.

Great is our God and
worthy to be praised!



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IDENTITY
SERIES

WHAT IS THE
CHURCH?
PART 2

BY PASTOR PACER TAN

The church is the people of God and not the place of worship.
This means all believers must be participants and not mere spectators.

Today, we will examine the incredible statement of Jesus when He said,
"Upon this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it."

May we be drawn deeper into His magnificent plan for His people. Amen.

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

Next Sunday
THE CHRISTIAN
PRIORITIES
By Pastor Rony Tan

TODAY'S PRE-SERVICE UPPERLIGHT

1. Miracle Service

- Strong presence of Christ to be felt
- Healing of Gastrointestinal Disorders

2. Lighters Getting Married

- To benefit from the Marriage Preparation Seminar
- Be prepared for lifelong partnership
- God to bless and watch over their marriage

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

The secret of a happy life is giving God the first part of your day, the first priority in all your decisions and the first place in your heart.



More important than starting well in our walk with God is to finish well.
Victor Manuel Rivera

AN EXTRACT FROM THE BOOK YOUR HOUR OF DESTINY WRITTEN BY PASTOR RONY

A SOLD-OUT LIFE

We have looked at the life of a committed Communist. Let's look at the life of a committed Christian.

Acts 26 : 13-19

13 *At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.*

14 *And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*

15 *And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.*

16 *But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;*

17 *Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,*

18 *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

19 *Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:*

When God confronted Paul on the road to Damascus, He asked for nothing less than Paul's very life. And Paul gave it up freely; he gave it all.

With that one surrendered and committed life, God used Paul to turn his then known world upside down. Suffering and hardship, hunger and thirst, stoning and beating, false accusation and persecution didn't hinder him. Paul stayed committed.

Toward the end of his life, Paul looked King Agrippa right into his eyes and summarized his case and life with this statement, "The only reason why I am in these bonds, O king, is because I haven't been disobedient to the heavenly vision. I am committed forever!"

I believe that poor king couldn't sleep for many nights to come. There is something about a dedicated man that not only demands deep respect but also stirs and convicts the hearts of man to live a better life.

A philosopher once wrote, "There are only three great things in life: a mountain, an ocean and a dedicated man."

To that I must add: a dedicated man is still superior and above all earthly things because he has conquered both the mountain and the ocean. He has scaled the height of the highest mountain and sounded the depth of the deepest ocean.

What are you doing with your life? If Haman could be enthusiastically committed to an evil cause, if Jim could be 100% committed to a big lie, then why can't you be just as committed to a great, noble cause for which you'll be eternally rewarded?



HOLD FAST TO WHAT BELONGS TO YOU! BY KENNETH E. HAGIN

Revelation 3:11

Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

I remember a man who was marvelously healed in one of my meetings in Oklahoma. He couldn't walk by himself, but he was instantly healed and could walk just as good as anyone.

Also, he couldn't hear without a hearing aid. He couldn't even hear it thunder. He hadn't heard for seven years without his hearing aid. Instantly, his ears were opened and he could hear.

About ten days later, the same man was back in my meeting. He couldn't walk by himself, and he couldn't hear without his hearing aid. He'd lost it all. Now he had maintained it for ten days and was perfectly all right. But, you see, without good teaching about what belonged to him and how to hold fast to it, he lost his healing.

Matthew chapter 12 gives us an example of a man who was delivered but then became worse than he was to begin with.

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first... (Matthew 12:43-45)

It is necessary that we study the Word and get the Word of God in us. We must be filled up with the Word and give no place to the devil. It is important that we know who we are in Christ, what we have in Him, including healing, and how to hold fast to it.

Confession

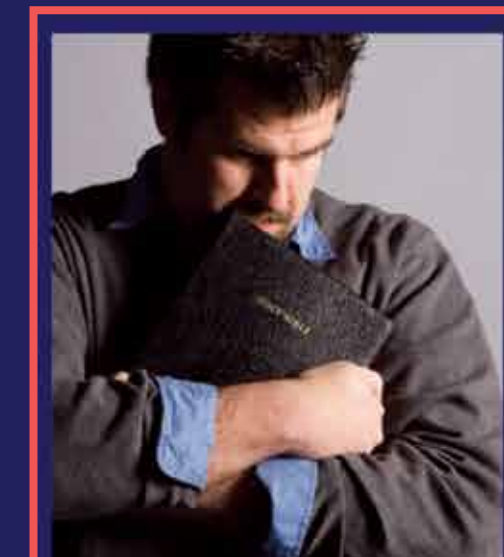
I study the Word. I get the Word of God in me. I learn who I am and what I have in Christ Jesus. Then I hold fast to it!

Prayer

Father, to know You is to know the way to eternal life. Help us to hold fast to the directions we receive through Your Word. We want to be diligent in our study of the Word of God, not only to receive Your approval, but to more fully understand Your plan for our lives.

Thank You for Your Word that's like a road map showing us where to go and how to get there. And the greatest blessing is that Your Spirit illumines the path before us so that we do not walk in the dark, but we walk in the power of the Holy Spirit Who shows us the way to life everlasting.

We want to remain steadfast and faint not as we seek to be people of deep conviction with growing faith and sterling character, knowing who we are in Christ and making a positive difference in our sphere of influence. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen and Amen.



LIGHTHOUSE DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM THINGS CHINESE

Date : March 3, 10, 17 & 24 (Tuesdays)
Time : 8.00 to 10.00 pm
Venue : LE Tampines
Fee : \$10 per person

Pastor Colin will be dealing with burning issues like:

- What to do at a wake or a funeral service
- What to do at a graveyard or columbarium
- Traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture
- Feng shui
- Food offered to idols
- What to do with Chinese traditions and culture

At the end of the course, he will also impart to students how to use Chinese characters to share the Gospel.

In Lighthouse Tampines

Obtain the course coupon at the counter in basement 1 church office after the 9.00 am and 11.15 am services and the counter in the Sanctuary foyer after the 3.15 pm and 7.00 pm services.

In Lighthouse Woodlands

Obtain the course coupon at the counter in the lobby after the service.

Don't give this interesting course that will be starting soon a miss! All are welcome to sign up for the course.

