

MIRACLE SERVICE REPORT

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HEAVEN IS A
BEAUTIFUL PLACE,
FULL OF GLORY
AND GRACE!

The Beauty God Sees In You was the encouraging message by Pastor Rony for the night. Generally, many people would refer beauty to the outward appearance only. So there are people who feel inferior, thinking that they are not good-looking. But the truth is beauty is not all about outward beauty, but the inner beauty of the heart that really matters.

Obviously we should take care of our physical being, but then many people focus too much on the exterior, thus neglecting their inner being. It is inevitable that we are born with a certain look, height and facial features because everybody is created an individual. But when we allow God to mold us from within, the inner person will shine through the exterior being despite our looks. So the beautiful part of inner beauty that a person can have is God within his heart and it radiates through, no matter how old his outward appearance may be. As such, the most ordinary person can look attractive when beauty is reflected in his good character. Whereas, we may not think much of the most gorgeous and good-looking people when we eventually get to know their character.

However, the important question is, "How does God look at you as a person?" In Psalm 139:14, the psalmist thanked God, saying, "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." Here the psalmist was not just referring to himself only but to everybody created by God. The Bible tells us that we are created in the image of God. So of all God's wondrous creation, mankind ranks the highest. When we refer to the image of God, it is not about our physical appearance, but

rather the qualities and attributes of God stamped within us and reflected in the exterior when we are connected to Him.

Moreover, God has marvelously created us not similar. No two persons are alike as we are all individuals. In fact, not even two finger prints are alike. Definitely, God sees a unique beauty in every man, unlike the world's definition of beauty. The world's assessment of beauty is restricted and confined to time, and not eternity. In other words, it is all about the outward beauty, and not the inward person. We all know for sure that outward beauty does not last very long. In a fallen world, no matter how we try to stay youthful, the law of gravity will eventually kick in, with signs of aging that cause physical beauty to fade away. Beauty aside, if we were to think deeper, this very life itself will soon pass away. Then the question to ask is, "Where would you spend eternity when this life is over?"

Therefore, reference to beauty must be made in the context of eternity. This is because the real you is the person inside, the spirit man. There will come a day when believers of Christ will be restored beautifully. In Heaven, everyone radiates beauty and health, looks young and awesome forever. So there will not be a single blemish, wrinkle or defect from the crown of your head to your toes. Besides, there will be internal beauty as well. Nobody says a hurtful word in Heaven, so misunderstandings and arguments are unheard of when we are over there. Truly, Heaven is a beautiful place, full of glory and grace!

Pastor shared the true story of a top runway model for Armani, Jennifer Strickland. This is a classic account of a person chasing after the wind, vanities which are fading by the day. When Jennifer was eight years old, her parents registered her in a modeling school. At a tender age, she was introduced to artificial and temporal exterior, totally ignoring the inner values and beauty. Thus she believed that approval, affirmation and validation can only be attained by looking good. Trusting that her worth and value was based on looking good, at an early age, she worked hard to keep up her outward appearance. She was obsessed to have perfect skin, size and weight. Her value system became only skin deep, and nothing beyond it. At the age of 17, she made it big time

in her modeling career when she was chosen by Armani. She was on top of the world enjoying all the glitz and glamour of a runway model.

Sadly, at the age of 23, her world caved in and tumbled down. In those days, the very thin and slender look was in. One day, just before she was about to go on the runway to parade her beauty, Armani checked her out and discovered she had gained four pounds in weight. She was dismissed on the spot as she was warned to keep her weight within a certain range, but she had exceeded it. Though she was not plump and still looked slim and gorgeous, Jennifer was disqualified as a model and told to pack her bag and go home. In just a moment of time, the very thing that validated her most was gone with the wind! She felt stripped of everything and it dawned on her that at a young age of 23, her self-worth ended and she was completely disposable.

In despair, she turned to heavy smoking and drinking. She took revenge on herself and wanted to make it again by starving herself. Then she developed anorexia, an eating disorder, and became suicidal. At that point in time, two significant things happened. Firstly, she was given the New Testament to read. She read and discovered Jesus spoke about two ways: the narrow way that leads to life but few will find it; the broad way that leads to destruction and many will take that way. She realized all her life was spent on the broad way and she did not know how to get off it to the narrow way where she could find true life. Secondly, this was not until one day when a stranger approached her while she was on her way for a job interview. She advised Jennifer not to sell her face and beauty because nobody can put a price on beauty. These words shook Jennifer up. She repented for trading her outward beauty which was fast fading. She was assured

that ultimate approval comes from God because He looks deep into her heart, beyond skin deep. Jennifer gave her heart and the broken pieces of her life to Christ. Today, she is happily married with three children. Now she lives a purposeful and secure life and conducts seminars for girls with identity crisis, always pointing them to Jesus Christ. Indeed, God turned her ashes to priceless and everlasting beauty!

Surely, the beauty of God's presence was felt in our midst tonight. Many hearts turned to God and received Christ as Lord and Savior. Numerous were healed and boldly testified for God's glory. Here are some testimonies:

In January this year, Peggy Lim was diagnosed with **cervical cancer**. Whilst she underwent surgical procedures and radiotherapy, she kept faith with God and believed for total healing. She also prayed at the Miracle Service regularly. Two days ago, after a final MRI, the results showed that she was cleared of cancer. She has since gained weight and is in good health. Praise Jesus!

For six months, John Liew suffered **numbness in his left ankle and toes**. During last Saturday's healing prayer, he placed his hand on his forehead as instructed and prayed. Then he was instantly healed and the numbness was gone in Jesus' name!

Two years ago, Cynthia Kong had a **cyst in her liver**. She had been consistently attending the Miracle Service and praying for healing since a year ago. She was not on any treatment or medication. In June this year, she went for a medical review and the doctor indicated that the cyst was gone for good. Hallelujah!

Mariana **suffered severe headaches for one month**. Tonight, her headache was instantly healed after prayer. She also received Christ into her heart. Glory to God!



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Peggy Lim

John Liew

Cynthia Kong

Mariana

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THE WEB OF
CIRCUMSTANCES
BY PASTOR RONY TAN



A common story that has been portrayed in legends and real life is about a person who has been caught in a web of circumstances, not of his own choosing. Life has dealt that person a bad hand as he finds himself in the midst of a crossfire, perhaps from the day he was born. It's the making of a broken life in a fallen world.

Today, we're examining the plight of Ishmael, the son of the bondwoman, from which we'll be drawing valuable, spiritual lessons, especially for those who have been caught in a web of circumstances.

Next Sunday
National Day Message:
Freedom
By Pastor Pacer Tan

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

**TODAY'S
PRE-SERVICE UPPERLIGHT
PRAYER ITEMS**

- Miracle Service**
 - Holy Spirit to draw all those who are ordained to be saved, healed and delivered
 - God's divine love to flow and set people free from anger, hatred, bitterness and unforgiveness
- Ministry of Manpower**
 - Good health, strength and God's blessings upon the leaders and their teams
 - Wisdom to develop a productive workforce and progressive workplaces for Singaporeans to have better jobs and secure retirement

**AUGUST 6
SG50 SPECIAL PRAYER AND WORSHIP
PRAYER ITEMS**

- The Next Generation of Leaders
- Our Government and Economy
- SG50 National Day Celebration
- Spiritual Revival in Our Churches

On that night, the pastors will be anointing our PSLE students.

HOLY COMMUNION

We partake of the Holy Communion today to remember the Lord Jesus Christ and His death for us. As we do, we partake of the life He gives to us - Christ lives in us and we in Him. With the life of Christ in us, we look forward to the glorious hope of resurrection and eternal life.



MIRACLE SERVICE ON AUGUST 8, 2015

This coming Saturday, the message by Pastor Rony will be directly interpreted on stage from English to Cantonese. Invite your English and Cantonese-speaking friends to join you in the Sanctuary for the service at 7.00 pm.

If for some reason your friends are not able to make it to the Miracle Service, they can still watch it online via www.lighthouse.org.sg/tv.html



AN EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

WRITTEN BY PASTOR RONY TAN



\$12
per copy

2 SIDES OF THE COIN

Philippians 1:6

It is true that the Lord Jesus has already begun a good work in your life, and He will complete that work in you. But that is only one side of the coin. Let's look at the other side in the following verse.

Philippians 2:12

Take note that Paul doesn't say, "Work for your own salvation with fear and trembling." Rather it is "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

You cannot work for your salvation because the Lord Jesus has purchased that on the Cross of Calvary for you. But you have to work it out by taking the appropriate actions so that you will conform more and more to the image of Christ. While the Lord is doing His part, you have to do yours.

As you read this book, let's take a spiritual journey of discovery together. I pray that you will go further and deeper into God, such as you have never experienced before. It is going to be an exciting journey of amazing discovery and adventure.

Genesis 28:10-22

At this point in Jacob's life, he was on the run. He was running away from his own twin brother who was so determined to kill him.

SPIRITUAL CREDENTIALS

Both of these twins were from a very impressive spiritual family. I want you to consider their spiritual pedigree. Abraham was their grandfather and Isaac their father. These

two names are connected to the identity of God.

This was how God revealed Himself to certain individuals whom He had called in the Old Testament times, "I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac." Of all the many names, He chose to manifest Himself in specific identification with these two persons.

Often when these two brothers were in the company of others, I'm sure they were being asked who they were. People who knew them would say, "Don't you know that they are the grandchildren of Abraham and sons of Isaac?" What an impressive introduction!

However, that didn't count with God. Jacob and his brother Esau still had to build their own relationships with the Lord. They simply could not rely on the spiritual experiences of their famous grandfather and father.

Often I have heard people say, "My great grandfather was a pastor of a very large church." Or "My father has been an elder of this certain church for the last 30 years." Or "There are four pastors and missionaries among my relatives."

Now, that may be so, but you still can't hitch a piggyback ride on your spiritual relatives. No matter how close they are to you, you still have to experience God personally on your own. Spiritual credits are strictly non-transferable.

Later, Jacob had a personal encounter with God, but Esau did not. Doesn't that strike you as strange because both of them came from the same family? The fact remains that you have to take your own spiritual journey because nobody else can take it for you.



SPECIAL PRAYER & WORSHIP

The Word of God calls us to humble ourselves, pray and seek the face of God. What better way to watch over our nation than to pray for her!

Join us on **Thursday, August 6 at 8.00 pm** in the **Sanctuary of LEW** for a time of intimate worship and fervent intercession for our Nation. This will be a historical moment for us, for we are three days away from celebrating our Nation's 50th Birthday. Let's assemble and unite our hearts to pray for Singapore so that we will continue to enjoy good governance, stability, peace, economic progress and spiritual revival.

On that night, we will also be anointing all our PSLE students with oil in the lead up to their examinations. Bring your children along with you.

To facilitate your attendance at the Thursday Upperlight, use the free bus service the church is providing to ferry you to and fro Lighthouse Woodlands. You may register online at <http://www.lighthouse.org.sg/upperlightbusing.asp> or call the church office at 67881323.

For the going journey, assemble at the open space in front of Western Union at Tampines MRT station by 6.30 pm. For the return journey, we will alight you at the following drop-off points:

- SENGKANG - COMPASS POINT**
- PASIR RIS - WHITE SANDS**
- TAMPINES - MRT STATION**



WHEN PRAYER COMES OUT OF THE CLOSET

BY DAVID MATHIS

Prayer is at the very heart of the Christian life. Not only is it obedience to God's command, but it is a vital means of our receiving his ongoing grace for our spiritual survival and thriving. And the joy of prayer - communing with God - is essential to what it means to be Christian. Without prayer, there is no true relationship with Him, and no deep delight in Who He is, but only glimpses from afar.

As Jesus teaches, private prayer (or "closet prayer") has an important role to play in the life of the believer. We develop our various patterns and practices for secret prayer in the rhythms of our unique lives. We find our place and time to "go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret" (Matthew 6:6). Amen to private prayer. It is crucial. But there is more.

PRAY WITH CONSTANCY

Prayer begins in secret, but God doesn't mean for it to stay in the closet. Prayer is for all of life, and especially for our life together

in community. When we follow the lead of the Scriptures, we not only practice prayer in private, but take its spirit of dependence and trust into the rest of the day, and into times of prayer together with fellow believers.

Likely you know the verses that lead us to whisper prayers long after we've left the closet. "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17), "be constant in prayer" (Romans 12:12), "continue steadfastly in prayer" (Colossians 4:2), "pray at all times" (Ephesians 6:18). Jesus said that we "ought always to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). These texts charge us not to stay all day in the closet, but to carry a posture of prayer in the soul as we give ourselves fully to our daily tasks and engagements - and that in a moment, we be ready to go consciously Godward in the car, waiting in line, before a meal, in the midst of a difficult conversation, and in anything else.

"Everywhere God is, prayer is," Tim Keller writes. "Since God is everywhere and infinitely great, prayer must be all-pervasive in our lives."



WE WILL ALSO BE ANOINTING ALL OUR PSLE STUDENTS WITH OIL.