

MIRACLE SERVICE REPORT

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REPORTED BY RITA LIM

Tonight's message by Pastor Rony is entitled **Trial of Your Faith**. Everyone is a sinner. There are skeletons in the secret compartments of a person's heart, no matter how good he thinks he is. In God's sight, all have sinned and come short of His glorious standard. For us humans, we are far from His perfect standard of righteousness. And the punishment of sin is eternal death or the second death.

The first death is the physical death of the body. Many atheists believe that one will become nothingness at death. Nothing is further from the truth. The real you is the spirit. This real you, the spirit, will leave the body or house when it collapses. It is then released into the unseen world. It has a materiality of its own which is even more real. This time round, the real person does not use the brain to think or the senses to feel because he has become a perfect spirit. His hearing, seeing and feeling have become very intense.

A departed soul is taken to a transitory place called paradise or Hades. In His great mercy, God has given us a new life in Christ Whom He had raised from death. We only need to believe that Christ died on the Cross to save us from sin and receive the pardon from Him. Regardless of our background, all that we need to do is to say, "I believe in You, Jesus, and I receive Your pardon." This fills us with a living hope – a hope that is alive.

God can reward you on earth. There is a law called the Law of Sowing and Reaping or the Law of the Harvest. Whatever you do in terms of sowing good seeds or bad seeds, you are going to reap a harvest of the same kind of seeds you have sown. While it is true that you will receive rewards on earth, you will also receive your complete rewards in Heaven. The heavenly rewards God keeps for you cannot decay or fade away. All your



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earthly rewards will become rusty and moldy and need upkeep and polishing. They will never last. Even money as a store of value fades and devalues. Today you can hardly buy anything with a dollar. New houses will become dilapidated in a few years. On earth, everything will decay, spoil or fade away. The Word of God encourages us to look forward to possessing the rich blessing that God keeps for His people in Heaven. When we get our new, translated body in the Rapture, this body will never die and grow old again. Heaven operates by another set of laws. Nothing will fade and spoil in Heaven. This is the living hope that we have. Once you know the right perspective of eternity, you will hold on to your money with a lighter grip and you will have a certain kind of balance to practice temperance in your behavior.

The word *salvation* is not only the saving of your soul, but also total healing for the total man. Salvation not only encompasses being saved to go to Heaven, but also embraces being well in your whole person – your mind, emotions, body, relationships, finance and everything that God has provided for you.

Why does the Bible talk about sadness? Why does God's Word talk about Christians having to suffer? While you suffer, you will see what God can do for you. Here is a realistic picture of a Christian experience. Not all your problems will disappear magically. The purpose of your trials is to prove that your faith is genuine – to test your faith and make you strong. Just like gold, in order for it to

shine, it needs to be put under fire to purge all the impurities. You are created not just for time but also eternity. Therefore, you are more valuable than gold. If gold, a temporary valuable thing, has been tested, what about us? We are more precious than gold. Hence, we must also be tested so that we may endure and receive praise, honor and glory on that day when Jesus Christ is revealed.

The end goal is to be saved. Only Christ can ensure that when we breathe our last, we don't go down but up. However, while we are on earth after receiving Christ, we still have to live on. We still have to face the boss we don't like or deal with difficult relationships. God wants your behavior to be changed so that you become a better person. Trials have a role to play in our lives because we are precious to God. God cannot let you be in all your imperfections. He wants you to have character. Therefore, trials, tests and problems will be part and parcel of the Christian experience. So it is untrue that when you come to Jesus, every problem will disappear magically. You will experience trouble, but God will be with you. The purpose is that He is polishing you to make you shine. Jesus is the author and completer of our faith. We have to factor God into every situation we are in. (1 Peter 1:3-9)

In an incident 2,000 years ago, Jesus Himself was with His disciples in a boat. They were traveling to a certain town to preach. Exhausted, Jesus was sleeping at the hind part of the boat when a storm arose. Bewildered and frantic, the disciples woke Him up and said, "Teacher, don't you care that we're drowning?" They probably wondered why there was trouble when Jesus was in the same boat with them. In today's context, we would be wondering too and asking the same question. If Jesus is really God, how is it that a storm would arise? Would it not be smooth sailing? But Jesus was in the same boat as the disciples and trouble came. When Jesus woke up, He stood up, stretched His hands over the air and said,

"Peace, be still!" The storm calmed down, the waves subsided and the wind ceased. Jesus had demonstrated to them that believers have the authority to use words and speak by faith to every situation in our lives using His name. Jesus will be with us in every storm of life and lead us Home safely. Faith, like muscles, must be exercised to grow and develop.

Some years ago, Pastor Rony faced an avalanche of troubles. He was like a drowning man. In his hopeless situation, he penned a poem entitled *Desperation* which he shared with the congregation.

When you have received Jesus into your heart, it does not mean that your problems will disappear magically. But you will have Jesus walking with you through your problems and darkest valley. Trust God. Say no to the devil and yes to God to fulfill the destiny He has planned for you.

Tonight, after the healing prayer, many were touched by the power of God. In February, Priscilla Chew was diagnosed with **third-stage Lymphoma Cancer**. As she went through medical treatment, she also came to the Miracle Service for prayer. In August, the doctor gave her a clean bill of health.

Kenneth Chan suffered from **pain in his left sole** for four months. This affected his walking. A month ago, he attended the Miracle Service for prayer. The pain lifted and he resumed jogging.

Since January, Ethan Tan experienced **dizziness that affected his focus and required him to lie down**. His studies suffered because he was unable to focus. His mother has been praying for him in proxy. He did not want to see a doctor as he was fearful of going through a brain scan. In June, he experienced improvement. The duration of dizziness became shorter and he did not need to lie down anymore. He is now coping well with his studies and the dizziness is subsiding. Hallelujah!



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Next Sunday
Encounters With God Series
Part 1
The Abrahamic Covenant
By Pastor Pacer Tan

THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE OF MIRACLES

BY PASTOR RONY TAN

THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN MIRACLES ARE DEEMED TO BE SUPERSTITIOUS, UNINTELLIGENT AND BACKWARD BY THE MODERN MAN. HENCE, THE MAJORITY OF CHRISTIANS AVOID THIS SUBJECT.

SO EVEN IN CHRISTIAN CIRCLES WE HAVE HEARD THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

- MIRACLES ARE NOT FOR TODAY
- GOD DOESN'T HAVE TO USE MIRACLES TO PROVE HIMSELF
- IMMATURE CHRISTIANS SEEK AFTER MIRACLES
- SEEKING FOR MIRACLES IS DANGEROUS AND DISPLEASES THE LORD

TODAY'S MESSAGE WILL GIVE US A BIBLICAL VIEW OF MIRACLES.

HOLY COMMUNION



DEAR LORD, AS WE PARTAKE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION TODAY, LET US LIVE EACH DAY AS A CELEBRATION OF OUR SALVATION FROM ETERNAL DEATH, REJOICING IN OUR SINS BEING PASSED OVER BY YOUR BLOOD.

TODAY'S PRE-SERVICE UPPERLIGHT PRAYER ITEMS

1. Marriage Preparation Seminar On October 16

- God's anointing upon all instructors to teach with clarity and insight
- To help and benefit couples who are preparing for marriage

2. Special Blessings For Our Children

- They shall have good health, good behavior and good learning skills
- They will learn to be God-fearing and be obedient to parents and all

OCTOBER 8 THURSDAY UPPERLIGHT PRAYER ITEMS

- Miracle Service
- Healing Of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
- Sunday Services And Weekdays' Activities
- Overcoming Abandonment
- Blue-Collar Workers
- Divine Protection Upon Christians In Malaysia

MIRACLE BOOKS

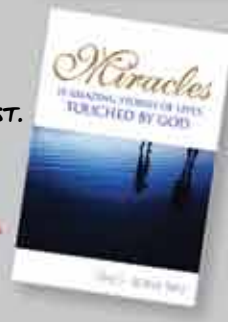
Through our weekly Miracle Service, we have compiled a series of three books *Miracles*, *Miracles at Lighthouse* and *Miracles Still Happen* at \$15 each.

Just for this weekend, we are making these available at a very special price.

BUY THE TWO BOOKS *MIRACLES AT LIGHTHOUSE* AND *MIRACLES STILL HAPPEN*



AND GET A FREE COPY OF *MIRACLES* WHILST STOCKS LAST.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION SEMINAR

All couples who are planning to get married, we encourage you to sign up for the Marriage Preparation Seminar scheduled for **Friday, October 16**. This one-day seminar will be conducted by our pastors at Lighthouse Tampines from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm.

To register for this seminar, please email to lightev@singnet.com.sg or call the church office at **67881323**.

MIRACLE SERVICE

ON OCTOBER 10

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 to Mandarin or dialect. This coming Saturday, the message will be interpreted to Hokkien.



IF FOR SOME REASON, YOUR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES ARE UNABLE TO MAKE IT TO THE MIRACLE SERVICE, THEY CAN STILL WATCH IT ONLINE VIA WWW.LIGHTHOUSE.ORG.SG/TV.HTML

FLEXILIGHT 2-IN-1 NIGHT

REPORTED BY SABRINA GOH



One hundred and forty Lighters and friends were treated to a wide variation of exercises on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at the LEW Multi-Purpose Hall. The exercises ranged from aerobics and hand jive moves to balletic and "conducting-inspired" movements. The team ensured that everyone had a good body and mind workout with all the exercises specially tailored for this session.

The Cardio Praise Aerobics segment was fun and interactive, featuring moves that require quick coordination and partner work. The participants were so sporting and supportive.

They responded enthusiastically to the instructors and were game to try whatever variations that came their way! The almost non-stop, adrenaline-pumping exercises surely gave everyone's heart a great workout! And with 7-year-old Eliezer Seet doing his moves on stage, it surely brings home the message that exercise is for everyone, regardless of age!

The Dynamic Praise Stretch segment brought the hall into an atmosphere of calm and worship as the participants engaged

in praising God in songs and gentler flowing movements. The resistance band was introduced as a stabilising tool which gave an interesting twist to common stretches. The use of "conducting-inspired" movements also brought about another variation to regular exercises. A couple of people commented that the worshipful aura in this segment was awesome. Awesome indeed! ...for we serve a Holy and Risen Lord!



COMFORT VS. CONTENTMENT

BY DAVE STONE

A first-century Roman proverb warns: "Money is like seawater: the more a man drinks, the thirstier he becomes." Now, I don't know if Jesus knew that saying — maybe He did. He certainly understood the principle, if His lifestyle is any indication. He kept it simple, trusted God, had what He needed, and didn't covet more.

Romans 12:2 instructs us, *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*

If that's not clear enough, listen to the way the J. B. Phillips version paraphrases that verse: "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mould."

It's a challenge for us twenty-first century Western Christians, who have so many creature comforts. Our lavish lifestyle chips away at our dependence upon God. The Holy Spirit may be called the Comforter, but we don't have much need to depend on His comfort. We're self-made. We're independent. We can take care of ourselves, thank you very much.

Author Francis Chan asks this question of American Christians: "Why would we need to experience the Comforter if our lives are already comfortable?"

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~ Francis Chan

The problem is, the kind of

comfort we find through a life of luxury doesn't offer the deeper level of contentment and joy found in a relationship with God. What the world gives is temporary and superficial, and it can vanish overnight, leaving us with nothing. But real contentment, as the apostle Paul discovered, isn't contingent on finances, status, or possessions:

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.
Philippians 4:11-12

And what's Paul's secret? *I can do all this through him [Christ] who gives me strength.*
Philippians 4:13

This imperfect servant had matured to the point that his contentment wasn't found in possessions; it was found in Christ.

Years ago, a small Albanian nun took the name Sister Mary Teresa and began working among the poorest of the poor in the slums of Calcutta. She washed the sores of lepers, nursed patients with tuberculosis, and gave hope and dignity to some of the forgotten of the world. For her work she was awarded the Pope John XXIII Peace Prize, the Nehru Prize for her promotion of international

peace and understanding, and eventually the Nobel Peace Prize. She refused the \$192,000 award, giving it instead to the poor people of India.

When Mother Teresa died at the age of eighty-seven, she reportedly left behind an estate that consisted of a prayer book and three saris. And a world that was changed because she followed the call of God.

Now, there's nothing wrong with wealth. The Bible abounds with examples of wealthy and godly individuals – Abraham, David, Job, Nicodemus, Joseph of Arimethea and Lydia, to name a few. But even though they knew prosperity, they still kept God as the priority. They used their position and possessions for the purpose of bringing glory to God.

If you've been blessed financially, then make certain you do the same.

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