

Miracle Service Report

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Christians read the Bible because it is the Word of God. Through it, God reveals His promises to us. God's promises are ever true and His words are alive. When we are down, we can read His Word and be greatly encouraged. It never fails to give us the assurance we need to face the circumstances of life.

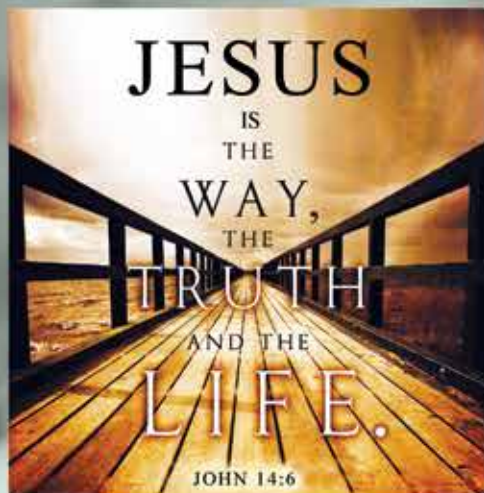
The night before Jesus was betrayed, He comforted His disciples with promises that we can also benefit from in this day and age. That night, Jesus knew that His end was coming and that His disciples needed the extra encouragement and push to carry on their ministry without Him physically being with them.

In tonight's sermon **A Farewell Assurance**, Pastor Rony reminds us of these promises found in John 14:1-14 that still have the power to comfort us today.

In the first two verses, Jesus says that as long as we believe in God and in Him, we should not let our hearts be troubled. Christians have the promise of a mansion prepared for them in Heaven. As if that was not enough, Jesus assures His disciples that He will personally return and bring them to where He is. What a joy it is to know that when a Christian dies, Jesus will be there to lead him home!

When Jesus died and rose again, He went to Heaven to prepare the place for us. Now, what is the way to Heaven? Fret not because verse 6 tells us that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. There is no other way to Heaven except through Jesus. He is the **ONLY WAY** to Heaven.

When you know Jesus, you will know God, for they are one. Jesus Himself



mentioned in verse nine that whoever "has seen me (Jesus) has seen the Father." How can that be possible? "I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves." Jesus performed many miracles when He was on earth and these are the evidence of the Father (God) living in Him Who is doing the work.

Jesus and the Father share the same spirit and Jesus' earthly body contains the Spirit of God. They are one for they share one purpose, one heart, one thought and one spirit. We see the wreath of God in the Old Testament, but we see the love of God coming in the form of Jesus Who died on the Cross for our sins in the New Testament.

In verses 12-13, His promise impacts believers at another level. Get this: Jesus emphasizes that when we believe in Him, we will do what He did on earth and even greater things than that. All we have to do is ask in His name the things that will glorify God and He will do it. Verse 14 even specifies that "You may ask me (Jesus) for anything in my name, and I will do it." Wow, what a privilege we have as Christians!

The greatest honor for all of us is to have God residing in our hearts. When that happens, we will become one with God's Spirit and His Spirit will transform us.

Our prayers will be more powerful than we can ever imagine. As believers, we should take this reminder to heart and fix our eyes on Him and go forth to do great things. For all of you who have yet to believe in Jesus, you should accept Him into your hearts. Only then will you understand the purpose of life and have access to all of God's promises in the Bible to His people.

Tonight, many asked God for their healing and indeed His name was glorified through their testimonies. Here are some of them.

When we are healed at the Miracle Service, we would like our friends and loved ones to experience the wonderful touch of Jesus as well, but what if they are unable to come? We can still pray in proxy for them at the service. Sixty years old Adeline Teo prayed for herself to be relieved of **pain in her heel**, her sister for **pain in her knee** and her niece for her **impending loss of hearing** in one of her ears. God answered ALL three of her prayer requests and they are all healed of their conditions! Praise the Lord!

Lillian Teo went for scans due to **numbness in her feet**, and many **cysts** were **found in her liver, pancreas and ovary**. Despite doctors from two hospitals suspecting her of having cancer, Lillian decided to come for

prayer at the Miracle Service. After just two weeks of prayer, her medical report gave her a clean bill of health!

God is indeed omnipresent. It does not matter if the person needing the healing was at the Miracle Service or not, he can also be healed. Michael Teng testified of this as he stood in proxy at the service for his neighbor and friend's mother. His neighbor suffered **stroke in the brain** and his friend's mother had **heart complications**. Both were in critical condition at the hospital. Michael even went to the hospital to pray for his neighbor. Today, both of them are resting and doing well in the comfort of their own home. What a miraculous God!

Li Cai Xia who attends the Chinese service heard about the Miracle Service two years ago when she came to Singapore from China. She was suffering from a **womb infection and her uterus was out of position**. This caused her tremendous pain. This had gone on for the past eight years. She decided to come for prayer and after five visits to the Miracle Service, she knew that God had healed her. She prayed that if her next scan showed that all was well, she would testify of God's goodness to her. True enough, the pain left her and the medical reports showed that all was normal. God is truly a miracle working God!



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IDENTITY SERIES

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

PART 1

BY PASTOR PACER TAN

In this new series, we will speak on issues that are central to our identity in Christ. Today, we will begin by discussing what the Church is all about.

Many attend a local church but have never quite understood what a church is supposed to be biblically. Ultimately, the church is the **PEOPLE** of God and not the **PLACE** itself.

May we grow to be a church that pleases and glorifies God alone!

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

Next Sunday
Understanding The Misunderstood Christ
By Pastor Rony Tan

January 2015
37 Salvations
* 20 Rededications
Glory to our Redeemer King!

Today's Pre-Service Upperglight

1. Miracle Service

- The evil schemes of the devil to be exposed
- Healing of mental disorders

2. Valentine's Day Celebration - Let Love Prevail

- Allowing God's love to bring healing to broken relationships
- Taking the time to affirm and express love to your loved ones

Miracle Service

On February 14

This coming Saturday, Pastor Rony's message will be interpreted on stage from English to Hokkien. Remember to invite your English and Hokkien-speaking loved ones and friends to join you in the Sanctuary for the service. See you this Saturday!



Inspirational Quote

Could a mariner sit idle if he heard the drowning cry? Could a doctor sit in comfort and just let his patients die? Could a fireman sit idle, let men burn and give no hand? Can you sit at ease in Zion with the world around you damned?

Leonard Ravenhill



SFC 1

The Scriptural Foundation Course 1 is commencing soon in March.

	Scriptural Foundation Course 1
Duration	7 Lessons of 2 hours each
Who Should Attend?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ New believers who want to establish a basic spiritual foundation ◆ Pre-believers who wish to learn more about God ◆ Believers who want to learn how to hear from God, understand the Bible and pray in tongues ◆ Believers who want a refresher course
Teaching Materials (Books written by Pastor Rony)	Rock Foundation Firm Foundation
Course Commencement	<p>March 8 (Sunday) - 9.00 am (LE Tampines) and 11.15 am (LE Woodlands)</p> <p>March 14 (Saturday) - 2.30 pm (Both centers)</p>

Registration forms are available at the counter.

Restoration Matters to God

by Max Lucado

Jacob said to his sons... "Indeed I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down to that place and buy for us there, that we may live and not die." So Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. Now Joseph was governor over the land; and it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed down before him with their faces to the earth.

Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he acted as a stranger to them and spoke roughly to them. — Genesis 42:1-3; Genesis 42:6-7

Initially, Joseph chose not to face his past. By the time he saw his brothers again, Joseph had been prime minister for nearly a decade... He could travel anywhere he wanted, yet he chose not to return to Canaan. Assemble an army and settle the score with his brothers? He had the resources. Send for his father? Or at least send a message? He'd had perhaps eight years to set the record straight. He knew where to find his family, but he chose not



to contact them. He kept family secrets a secret. Untouched and untreated. Joseph was content to leave his past in the past.

But God was not.

Restoration matters to God. The healing of the heart involves the healing of the past. So God shakes things up.

All countries came to Joseph in Egypt to buy grain, because the famine was severe in all lands. — Genesis 41:57

And in the long line of folks appealing for an Egyptian handout, look what the cat dragged in. So Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. — Genesis 42:3

Joseph heard them before he saw them. He was fielding a question from a servant when he detected the Hebrew chatter. Not just the language of his heart but the dialect of his home. The prince motioned for the servant to stop speaking. He turned and looked. There they stood.

The brothers were balder, grayer, rough skinned. They were pale and gaunt with hunger. Sweaty robes clung to their shins, and road dust chalked their cheeks. These Hebrews stuck out in sophisticated Egypt like hillbillies at Times Square. When their time came to ask Joseph for grain, they didn't recognize him. His beard was shaved, his robe was royal, and the language he spoke was Egyptian. Black makeup extended from the sides of his eyes. He wore a black wig that sat on his head like a helmet.

It never occurred to them that they were standing before their baby brother. Thinking the prince couldn't understand Hebrew, the brothers spoke to him with their eyes and gestures. They pointed at the stalks of grain and then at their mouths. They motioned to the brother who carried the money, and he stumbled forward and spilled the coins on the table.

When Joseph saw the silver, his lips curled

and his stomach turned. He had named his son God Made Me Forget, but the money made him remember. The last time he saw coins in the hands of Jacob's older boys, they were laughing, and he was whimpering. That day at the pit he searched these faces for a friend, but he found none. And now they dared bring silver to him?

Joseph called for a Hebrew-speaking servant to translate. Then Joseph scowled at his brothers. He acted as a stranger to them and spoke roughly to them. — Genesis 42:7

I'm imagining the tone of a night watchman aroused from his midnight nap. "Who are ya? Where do ya' come from?" The brothers fell face-first in the dirt, which brought to Joseph's mind a childhood dream.

"Uh, well, we're from up the road in Canaan. Maybe you've heard of it?"

Joseph glared at them. "Nah, I don't believe you. Guards, put these spies under arrest. They are here to infiltrate our country."

All ten brothers spoke at once. "You got it all wrong, Your High, Holy, and Esteemed Honor. We're salt of the earth. We belong to the same family. That's Simeon over there, that's Judah... Well, there are twelve of us in all. At least there used to be. The youngest is now with our father, and one is no longer living." — Genesis 42:13

Joseph gulped at the words. This was the first report on his family he had heard in twenty years. Jacob was alive. Benjamin was alive. And they thought he was dead.

"Tell you what," he snapped. "I'll let one of you go back and get your brother and bring him here. The rest of you I'll throw in jail."

With that, Joseph had their hands bound. A nod of his head, and they were marched off to jail. Perhaps the same jail where he had spent at least two years of his life.

What a curious series of events. The gruff

voice, harsh treatment. The jail sentence. The abrupt dismissal. We've seen this sequence before with Joseph and his brothers, only the roles were reversed. On the first occasion they conspired against him. This time he conspired against them. They spoke angrily. *He turned the tables.* They threw him in the hole and ignored his cries for help. Now it was his turn to give them the cold shoulder.

What was going on?

I think he was trying to get his bearings. This was the toughest challenge of his life. The famine, by comparison, was easy. Mrs. Potiphar he could resist. Pharaoh's assignments he could manage. But this mixture of hurt and hate that surged when he saw his flesh and blood? Joseph didn't know what to do.

Maybe you don't either.

Your family failed you. Your early years were hard ones. The people who should have cared for you didn't. But, like Joseph, you made the best of it. You've made a life for yourself. Even started your own family. You are happy to leave Canaan in the rearview mirror. But God isn't.

He gives us more than we request by going deeper than we ask. He wants not only your whole heart; he wants your heart whole.

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