At the Miracle Service this evening. Pastor Rony preached a powerful message **Believers' Delegated Authority.** It is a message we should take to heart.

There is potential power when we read God's Word. The Bible says, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." When you believe and receive God's Word into your heart, His supernatural faith will be activated. Faith can unlock answers to prayers, and even unlock a miracle that you need. Faith can also unlock the power of God to come upon you so that you can be healed of your sickness. As you read God's Word, you need to receive it, believe it and also experience God's faith in your heart.

In the book of Matthew, there was a centurion who came to Jesus. He was not a Jew. Two thousand years ago, salvation was only for the Jews. It was only later on that the salvation of God had come to the Gentiles as well. This story happened at a time when salvation was only for the Jews. The centurion was a Gentile like us. He and his whole household were not supposed to receive any healing from God. But when he came to see Jesus with such great faith. Jesus could not denv him. The centurion had only one request.

He wanted Jesus to heal his servant who was totally paralyzed. For some strange reason, he loved his servant. That must have impressed Jesus' heart because He had love for everyone. When the centurion pleaded for his servant, Jesus offered to come to his house to heal his servant. Realizing his sinfulness and unworthy state, he told Jesus he was not worthy to receive Him under his roof. Besides, he knew how authority works. Citing his own experience in the army as an example, he said that a man of authority could order any soldier to do anything for him and they would obey. His words were not to be guestioned, but to be obeyed. He drew a parallel between himself and Jesus. Both of them had power and authority. But he knew that Jesus had greater authority and power. He told Jesus, "Right now, right here, just speak the word, and my servant will be healed." Jesus had authority over demonic powers. The centurion's servant was bound by a spirit of paralysis. Once Jesus spoke the word, the demonic spirit of paralysis would leave the servant and he would be healed.

Jesus was surprised. He turned to His disciples and told them that He had never found such great faith amongst God's people. The Jews should have more faith, but this Roman centurion, a non-Jew, had more faith than all the Jews put together. Jesus said that many would come from the east and the west and would sit down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven. Thousands of years ago when people were wicked, God called Abraham to come out of a pagan city and told him that He would show him the Promised Land. Abraham did not know where he was going, except that God was leading him. Because of his faith in obeying God, Abraham was known as the father of faith. Faith and obedience cannot be separated. Faith without obedience is not faith, and faith without works is dead. Faith is cooperating with God. Abraham, the father of faith. learned obedience, Isaac, Abraham's son and Jacob, Isaac's son, were the pillars of the Jewish nation. Yet Jesus said that the sons of the kingdom (referring to the Jews), who do not believe in Jesus, will be cast into outer darkness. On the other hand, those Jews who believe Jesus will be sitting with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Jesus also meant that many Gentiles, like you and I, will believe more than the Jewish people in Israel. Jesus told the centurion to go his way and that his servant was healed. The centurion went home and found his servant healed at the very same hour Jesus spoke the word (Matthew 8:5-13).

When Jesus died on the Cross and rose again, He did something wonderful for us. Not only did He take authority over the devil for us. He also gave us authority over him. He tells us that when we believe, we can open our mouth and take authority. Jesus gives us the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, referring to the devil and all the power of the enemy. and nothing shall any means hurt us (Luke 10:19).

Do you believe that you have authority over the devil? If you suspect that there are some demons in your home, do you believe you can rise up and speak to them to leave in Jesus' name? Do you know the demons will have to leave at your command? They have no choice. If we Christians keep praying much in the Holy Ghost and attend the Thursday Upperlight at Woodlands, we will have such a powerful anointing of God upon us. As a result, when we speak to the evil forces, they will have no choice but to obey.

If you are a man or a woman of your word and a person of prayer and full of the Holy Spirit, then what you say will have great power. Whatever you disallow on earth, God in Heaven will disallow also. Whatever you permit on earth, God in Heaven will do the same for you. If there are some things in your home you don't permit, like a spirit of gambling, speak to it. Tonight, you can go home and begin to speak in your own room, "This evil thing, you cannot stay in my home. In Jesus' name. I pray." If a certain sickness

is permeating your family line, it is high time you rise up and rebuke this sickness, and it has to stop (Mark 11:23).

If you really mean business with God, stand on God's Word and reject all thoughts from the devil in the mighty name of Jesus. You can be sure God will keep His Word. Christians must be committed to Jesus. Begin to open your mouth and take authority. When you have Jesus in your heart, speak the word and demons will have to flee.

Here are the some of the following testimonies. In September last year, Andy Chew was diagnosed with Hepatitis B. a condition he would have to bear for the whole of his life. Since that day, he has been coming to the Miracle Service to pray. Two weeks ago, he saw the doctor. To both his amazement and the doctor's, his condition was totally cleared!

One Saturday when Pastor Sam prayed specifically for those with high blood pressure, diabetic condition and blood disorder. Serene Ho felt an anointing that touched her. Two weeks later, she went for her regular appointment. The doctor told her that her diabetic condition has improved tremendously. She is very happy with her results.

Li Yue Hao is 86 years old. Last month, she had a fall that affected her lower back and head. She was in acute pain. She had been praying. Tonight, she gave God the glory that her pain had subsided tremendously.

Kwek Mei Fang Mavis developed pain in her left leg a few days ago. After prayer, the pain lifted.

Jonathan Pang was struck with a condition for more than ten years. His knees would just give way, and he would not have any strength to even stand on his feet, let alone walk. Tonight, there was a breakthrough. He was able to walk more stably. Hallelujah!

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Next Sunday BATTLE OF THE MIND By Pastor Rony Tan

Identity Series WHAT IS A CHURCH MEMBER?

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Today's sermon will speak about the privilege and duties we have as a member of a church.

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TODAY'S PRE-SERVICE UPPERLIGHT PRAYER ITEMS

- HONOR YOUR PARENTS LUNCH ON MAY 1
 - God's presence to saturate the entire event
 - Pre-believers to be convicted to accept Christ as Lord and Savior
- 2 LABOR DAY ON MAY 1
 - God's blessings and favor upon all working Lighters
 - Singapore's employment ratio to stay healthy

APRIL 30 THURSDAY UPPERLIGHT PRAYER ITEMS

- Miracle Service
- Healing of obesity and anorexia
- Those who are in bereavement
- Against greed, envy, pride and boastfulness
- Mending broken relationship

If God is Good...

If God is Just...

If God is Holy...

Lighthouse Discipleship Program

Understanding the Attributes of **GOO**

Dates : May 5, 12, 19 & 26 (Tuesdays)

Time : 8.00 - 10.00 pm Venue : LE Woodlands Instructor : Pastor Henry Lee Fee : \$10 per pax

This course provides you the opportunity to gain a deeper insight into God's attributes as revealed through His Holy Word. When we speak of God's attributes, we are talking about those characteristics that will help us understand Who He truly is.

Pastor Henry will be sharing on God's Eternality, Mercy, Grace, Goodness, Omnipotence, Omnipresence, Omniscience, Holiness, Immanence, Righteousness, Immutability, Self-Existence, Justice, Sovereignty and Love.

Topics to be covered in this course include:

- If God is Good, why is there so much suffering?
- If God is Just, why is there so much unfairness in life?
- If God is Holy, why is there wickedness and evil all around us?
- The balanced view between hyper-grace and legalistic laws.
- The balanced view between God's love and God's wrath.

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 in the lobby after the service.

All are welcome to attend the course.

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Clearing Cobwebs

WRITTEN BY PASTOR RONY TAN

3 SYMPTOMS OF A PERSON WHO IS BEYOND REDEMPTION

1. An unrepentant and rebellious spirit

This person has lost all faith in God and has come to a point in his life where he despises the things of God. He not only hates God, but he has also set his heart against God and His purposes.

2. A switch of allegiance to Satan

He now turns from good to evil and stubbornly holds on to his ungodly position as he serves the purposes of the devil. He is also influencing others for the kingdom of darkness.

3. A seared conscience

This person has reached a point where his conscience no longer speaks to him. It has been seared with a hot iron. He doesn't feel bad about his sins and he is no longer convicted by the Holy Spirit. So hardened is he that he doesn't even bother to ask, "Am I beyond redemption?" He simply doesn't care.

A few times I was asked by anxious enquirers whether or not they had passed the point of no return. Usually, they are worried and nervous to the point of being fearful.

My answer is always the same, "If you had, you would neither ask that question nor would you feel anxious or troubled. The reason why you are so concerned about this issue proves that the Spirit

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EMBER? HEAT IS A CHURCH HE IS A CHURCH HEMBER? WHAT of God is still striving in your heart and trying to woo you back. So you are not beyond redemption. Why don't you repent and return to the Lord now?"

In stark contrast, a person who is beyond redemption has no such conviction. In his heart, he begins to take on the attitude of the devil. He is totally irresponsible toward his own spiritual welfare and that of others.

Some people ask, "What if such a person repents? Will God forgive him?"

The question is not whether or not God will forgive him if he repents. The issue is that he will not repent because he has crossed the line and passed the point of no return, and is now beyond redemption. He has, in a spiritual sense, crucified Jesus Christ again and put Him to public shame.

Sometimes the devil wants to harass and obsess a Christian with the fear that he might have crossed the line. Remember: to the one who has, he doesn't even care. So don't give place to the devil.

Just move closer to the Lord.



Miracle Service On May 9, 2015

On Saturday, May 9, Pastor Rony's message at the Miracle Service will be interpreted on stage from English to Mandarin. Extend an invitation to your English and Mandarin-speaking friends and loved ones to join you at the service.

In this way, you are giving them the opportunity to know God as their Savior; and if they are suffering from a sickness or disease, the opportunity to be healed by God. Let's do our part to extend the Kingdom of God.



God's sharp sword stabbed me deeply recently as I was on a scriptural hunt in the Ephesian letter. I was searching for a verse totally unrelated to the one that sliced its way into me. It was another of those verses I feel sorry for (like John 3:17 and 1 John 1:10). This was Ephesians 5:19: "speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord."

Everybody knows 5:18, where we are told "be filled with the Spirit." But have you ever noticed that verse 18 ends with a comma, not a period? The next verse describes the very first result of being under the Spirit's control: WE SING!

Now let's go further. Ephesians 5 never once refers to a church building. I mention that because we Christians have so centralized our singing that we seldom engage in it once we walk away from a service. Stop and think. Did you sing on the way home last Sunday night? How about Monday, when you drove to work . . . or around the supper table . . . or Tuesday as you dressed for the day?

Chances are, you didn't even sing before or after you had your time with the Lord any day of the week. Why?

The Spirit-filled saint is a song-filled saint! Animals can't sing. Neither can pews or pulpits or Bibles or buildings – only you. And your melody is broadcasted right into heaven, where God's antenna is always receptive . . . where the soothing strains of your song are always appreciated.

Let me offer five suggestions:

- Whenever and whatever you sing, concentrate on the words.
- Make a definite effort to add one or two songs to your day.
- Sing often with a friend or members of your family. It helps break down all sorts of invisible barriers.
- Blow the dust off your tape or CD player and put on some beautiful music around the house. And don't forget to sing along and add your own harmony and "special" effects.
- Never mind how beautiful or pitiful you may sound. You are not auditioning for the choir; you're making melody with your heart. SING OUT!



If you listen closely when you're through, you may hear the hosts of heaven shouting for joy. Then again, it might be your neighbor . . . screaming for relief.

Sing loud enough to drown out those defeating thoughts that clamor for attention.

SING OUT!