

MIRACLE

SERVICE REPORT

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Pastor Rony's inspiring message was on **God's Ways And Timing**. The Bible tells us that God's ways and thoughts are much higher than ours. For that matter, His timing is not according to our timing.

Many people have their expectations on how, when and where God should heal. Some may even find it hard to believe that healing comes progressively as well. Thus, there is a propensity for people to think that divine healing must only come instantly and completely. But that is not so with God Who is in sovereign control all the time and will do it in His perfect way.

In the light of this, Pastor shared an account of Tony Low's remarkable and awesome healing that took place in Malaysia. He was diagnosed with nose cancer when he was not a Christian. His mother-in-law sought the help of a medium master who advised Tony not to seek medical help or else he would die. Then he was made to drink water mixed with ashes of burnt paper talisman, which he did faithfully. When nothing happened, he drank scorpion-soaked wine. Healing did not happen despite all these. The medium master's one last advice, which was supposed to be the ultimate healing, was most frightening. It was to get Tony to be struck by lightning.

Of course, any sensible person will know that if he is struck by lightning, it would cause serious injury or kill him. However, Tony was desperate and went for it. So when there was a heavy rain, he would go to his mother-in-law's home where there was a roof garden. He stood on the roof garden and hoped to be struck by lightning. When that did not happen, he held on to a television aerial so that lightning could easily strike him. But nothing happened. Disappointed, he gave up the idea.

Meanwhile, Tony was suffering tremendous

pain and had sleepless nights. Every morning, he awoke with his pillow soaked with blood. Finally, he decided to consult an oncologist in Singapore. Upon examining him, the doctor told Tony that cancer was spreading all over his body and he was a walking cancer. Since his condition was beyond medical help, the oncologist advised him against any treatment as it would be of no use. And since Tony had only three months to live, it was suggested that he took a vacation to enjoy his remaining life. But thirty-nine-year-old Tony did not; he went for a healthier diet and became a vegetarian instead. He also practiced fasting and meditation. He became religious and went to Tibet and India to indulge in meditation. Hence, Tony slipped deeper into spiritual darkness and superstition.

At that point in time, there was a tumor, the size of an avocado, growing rapidly in his brain. By now, his wife was very discouraged. She became a Christian and received peace in her heart and kept praying for him. She also had a pastor visit and pray for him. But Tony was not receptive as he was steeped in religious beliefs of all kinds. Then he decided to have the tumor removed from his brain. In the surgical process that took 14 hours, complications set in and he suffered spasms. So the surgeon required another 11 hours to complete the operation. Thus the whole operation took 25 long hours in total. By then, Tony slipped into a coma and all his vital organs were shutting down. He was then put on life-support machines. The four specialists who attended to him claimed that he was as good as dead. And even if he woke up from the coma, he would be in a vegetable state. When asked for her consent to pull the plug and end it all for Tony, his wife somehow would not give up.

As a Christian, she prayed and found solace in God's Word. Two promises in the Bible, John 11:11 and Ezekiel 37:12, spoke to her directly. Her confidence in God grew. She prayed fervently and even garnered prayers from her church members. Next, something happened to Tony. He felt his spirit left his body. He was shocked that his spirit was being detached and he could see his own body lying there. Then he heard a voice say, "Look up!" When he looked up, he saw the clouds parted and there was a very bright light. He sensed a presence ▶

◀ standing on his right and spoke to him in a voice that sounded like thunder. Calling him by name, the voice said, "Tony, Tony, do not be afraid. I will walk in front of you for the rest of your life." God visited Tony in a supernatural way. He was literally dead, but woke up from coma and came back to life. When the doctors examined him, they discovered that his lungs and kidneys, which had collapsed earlier, were functioning perfectly. Other parts of his body were also restored with no sign of cancer. It was good news and anyone would have thought that Tony was perfectly healed.

However, the brain surgeon came with bad news that despite the fact that his organs were cancer-free and working well, Tony was paralyzed from his neck down. He was unable to move or feel. This was because one quarter of his brain, which controlled the functions of his hands and legs, was removed earlier during brain surgery. Being in a vegetable state, his family brought him home. He had to wear diapers, could only take liquid food and was bedbound.

Now, the glaring question is, "Why was Tony not completely healed? Did not God promise to go before him for the rest of his life? Well, we must understand that whilst God is in the process of answering our prayers, He wants to mould our character to accomplish His plan and purpose in our lives. So unless we are yielded and surrendered to God, His perfect way could be thwarted.

Since Tony could do nothing else, he decided to read the Bible. Amazingly the last finger of his right hand began to move to enable him to turn the pages. So in almost all his waking hours, he would be reading the Bible. At the end of four months when he read the last page, suddenly a supernatural heat came over his legs. Unconsciously he stood on his feet and realized that he was not paralyzed anymore. He started to walk, but it was wobbly initially. But gradually he walked steadily and his mobility was restored. He could now function like a normal person.

After this, Tony had an MRI done. And the

surgeon was surprised that the one quarter of his brain, which was removed, regrew. That was medically unusual because the human brain cannot regrow by itself. It was so amazingly miraculous that the surgeon eventually received Christ as Lord. Today, Tony shares his testimony everywhere he goes, attesting to the truth that we serve a true and living God Who performs miracles!

God is glorified time and again at the Miracle Service. Tonight, many were wonderfully saved and healed by the unlimited power of Christ. Here are some testimonies:

For a month, Paul Quay Choon Peng suffered **gastric influx**. It caused him much pain and he consulted a doctor. He was prescribed medication but did not take it. He decided to trust God and pray for healing instead. Praise God, he was progressively healed of his condition.

Sunny Yap Beng Seng suffered **spasms for over two years**. His face would always turn toward the right and face upward involuntarily. He had seen two neurologists who said that medically there is no cure for this condition. Tonight, after prayer, he was healed instantly and could turn this face to the left which he could not do before!

Chan Kam Fai was diagnosed with **pancreatic cancer** in August 2012. He went through surgery and chemotherapy. God preserved him throughout the whole ordeal. A recent MRI showed that he was completely delivered from his condition.

Rebecca Tan **fractured the last finger on her left hand** one month ago. The doctor said that it would take some time to heal. Her hand was wrapped in a cast for two weeks. After that, she found it difficult to clench her fist. Tonight, after prayer, she could clench her fist easily and gladly gave the thumbs up for her healing!

GOD Will Make A Way When There Seems To Be No Way!

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WORSHIP SERIES

HIS NAME

BY PASTOR PACER TAN

The Name of God is magnificent and splendid! His Name alone is powerful. Without His own disclosure of His personhood to us, we would not have known how to address Him.

Today's sermon covers why the Name of God is central to our praise of Him.



Next Sunday
GOD'S KEEPING POWER
By Pastor Rony Tan

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

TODAY'S
PRE-SERVICE UPPERLIGHT
PRAYER ITEMS

1 **FREE BUS SERVICE TO THURSDAY UPPERLIGHT**

- Divine protection, smooth execution and fine weather
- More Lighters to join the bus ride to the Upperlight

2 **AGAINST GAMING ADDICTION**

- God to grant them the desire to break the habit
- Determination and self-control to follow through

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties.

—Oswald Chambers

MIRACLE SERVICE ON JUNE 13

Pastor Rony's sermon at our June 13 Miracle Service will be interpreted from English to Hokkien. Seize this evangelistic opportunity to invite your Hokkien-speaking parents, relatives and friends to hear Pastor's inspiring message and see God work in their lives.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION SEMINAR

All couples who are planning to get married, sign up for the Marriage Preparation Seminar scheduled for Friday, June 19. This one-day seminar will be conducted by our pastors at Lighthouse Tampines from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm.

The fee is \$40 for non-registered member and \$20 for registered member.

Attendance at the seminar is a prerequisite for your wedding to be solemnized by one of our pastors. To register for this seminar, please email to lightev@singnet.com.sg or call the church office at **67881323**.



SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION COURSE 2

The **Scriptural Foundation Course 2** new classes are commencing soon at both Lighthouse Tampines and Woodlands.

The teachings are based on Pastor Rony's books **Breakthrough** and **The Art of Living** and comprised of six lessons of two hours each.

We aim to help believers who are going through challenging times to rediscover God's purpose and direction for their lives.

Our Maker has created us for victory not defeat, success not failure, breakthrough not stagnation. Let's learn how to operate from our status in Christ and become a special breed for God's glory.

Make time to grow in the Lord and you will sense His undergirding guidance and strength to walk through life victoriously.

Sign up for this course after the service. Forms are available at the counter.

Commencement Date	Time	Venue	Length of Course
June 6 (Sat.)	3.00 pm – 5.00 pm	LE Tampines	6 Saturdays
July 26 (Sun.)	9.00 am – 11.00 am	LE Tampines	6 Sundays
June 6 (Sat.)	3.00 pm – 5.00 pm	LE Woodlands	6 Saturdays
August 30 (Sun.)	11.15 am – 1.15 pm	LE Woodlands	6 Sundays

KEEP FIT WITH FLEXILIGHT POWER WALK

Day	Time	Venue
Tuesday	7.00 pm	Bedok Stadium
Saturday	7.00 am	Bedok Reservoir Floating Deck (behind Sheng Siong Market)
Saturday	7.00 am	Pasir Ris Park (meeting at the shelter near the carpark opposite Pasir Ris Sports & Recreation Centre)
Saturday	7.00 am	Woodlands Stadium
Saturday	7.00 am	Yishun Stadium

The Power Walk at the Bedok Stadium will only be conducted on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays.

Come and join us. Let's exercise, praise the Lord and fellowship together. For more information, call the church office at **67881323**.



DRESSING DOWN FOR GOD BY TIM ARCHER

So what do you think of when someone says his clothes are designed for "glory and beauty"? A high-end fashion designer? An exclusive clothes boutique? A Jewish high priest?

You probably wouldn't have chosen the last one, but the Bible says that was the idea behind the garments worn by the High Priest. He had an ornate robe. He wore a special tunic. He had a breastplate encrusted with precious stones. Like the other priests, he wore a turban, but his had a gold plate on the front with words proclaiming the holiness of his office.

There was only one High Priest at a time, according to the Law. And these special clothes were meant to impress others, reflecting his special standing among the people.

But there was one time a year when he dressed differently. One day a year he put on simple clothes, like a servant. That was when he was going into God's presence, the place known as the Most Holy Place.

It was the Day of Atonement when the High Priest offered sacrifices for his sins and those of his people. On that day, he would humble himself. He would get rid of the "glory and beauty." He would dress



himself with simple linen clothing, more in line with a servant than the High Priest. These were special clothes, used only for this occasion, but they were very plain.

Christians no longer have to have someone go into God's presence for us. The New Testament tells us:

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water (Hebrews 10:19-22).

What the High Priest used to do once a year, Christians can now do on a regular basis: enter the Most Holy Place. We can go into God's presence.

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But one thing hasn't changed. Coming before God still requires that we take off our aspirations of "glory and beauty." We don't show off for God. We don't try to impress Him with who we are or what we've done. The Bible says, *"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up"* (James 4:10). It also tells us: *"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble"* (1 Peter 5:5).

You may be rich or powerful or beautiful or famous or extremely talented. But when you come to God, you take all that off. You humble yourself and say to Him, "Have mercy on me, a sinner."