

Miracle Service Report

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REPORTED BY RITA LIM

Before the first phase testimony, Pastor Rony encouraged the congregation with God's Word which is spirit and life. Every word in the Bible is a seed, and seeds can do wonders. You can count a number of seeds in one apple, but you cannot count the number of apples in one seed. It is impossible to know how many apples are locked in one seed because one seed planted on fertile soil can multiply endlessly. The Word of God is such a seed. When you take the healing words from the Bible, they become healing seeds; and when you plant them in your heart, they will germinate. As you listen to the healing words, the results may not be forthcoming yet, but as the seeds are planted, they will multiply.

Tonight's testimony was aptly titled **Over 50 Years of Suffering**. When Robert Tan was 18 years old, he began to have rashes on his face and neck. At first, he took it lightly, thinking that they were just rashes. But to his horror, the rashes started to spread to every part of his body and became uncontrollable. For 20 years, Robert had to visit the National Skin Centre, first at Middle Road and then at Mandalay Road, to receive treatment. His body would itch so badly that he was compelled to scratch his skin. This resulted in open wounds and blisters.

Every morning when he woke up, his bed sheet would be filled with dead skin flakes and blood stains. It became so bad that he could not even take a shower because every part of his body would hurt when water and soap got into his inflamed wounds. So Robert would take a wet towel to gently rub his body. Whenever he went to the National Skin Centre for treatment, there would be some improvement, but it did not last. A relapse, worse than the previous one, would occur. He could not wash his hands because his palms cracked. And he could not wash the dishes because the strong irritant in the detergent would hurt his hands.

For years, he was prescribed five different creams and one moisturizer. All the creams applied were steroid based and in full strength. This resulted in the thinning of his skin. Robert became very conscious of his appearance as his face would peel, crack and become scaly. Crusty and swollen blisters would be all over his face and body, and his skin would also darken because of constant cream application. All these affected his confidence level. As a result, he had low self-esteem.

When he was much younger and before he was married, he refused to look at the mirror because his face would be puffy and peeling. He avoided to be photographed. When he started to work, he sought help from the Alexandra Hospital. The doctor told him that he had chronic eczema and there was nothing they could do for him, except to prescribe cream for his condition. According to the doctor, this was the best they could do for him.

When Robert applied for a job in a manufacturing company, the human resources department told him that he met all the requirements, but they had to reject him because of his appearance. They told him that he had to interact with the production operators who might be frightened by his appearance. Robert himself had to agree with their decision because when he looked at himself in the mirror, he was also afraid of his own appearance. However, the human resources department contacted him again because the Head decided to give him a chance. They made an exception for him to wear long-sleeve shirt

although all the other supervisors wore short-sleeve. Robert worked in this company for 33 years.

Robert had a neighbor who lived opposite his house and brought comfort to him. After interacting with and confiding in her, he courted her. Amazingly, she responded and he eventually proposed to her. Robert had no confidence that she would accept his proposal because of his appearance. However, she accepted his proposal, but he had to accede to his future mother-in-law's demand for a doctor's certificate to certify that his skin condition was just chronic eczema and did not affect his internal organs. Robert and his wife have been happily married for 44 years, with two daughters and four granddaughters.

One day at a relative's wake, Robert's nephew, Matthew, invited another uncle to the Miracle Service, but it was Robert who showed interest to attend the service. Initially his nephew was targeting another uncle because he felt that Robert was formidable and difficult to convince. When Robert showed interest in the Miracle Service, Matthew invited him to attend the service at Woodlands. The moment Robert walked into the Sanctuary, he felt something special. It was a feeling he found it difficult to express. He felt that God had touched him. After the service, he told his nephew he wanted to get baptized and assured Matthew that he would keep coming back to the Miracle Service. The first week after he attended the service, he went home but nothing happened to him. He kept coming back week after week to listen to the messages. The second week, his skin started to feel better. It did not itch that much and he stopped scratching. Every week he came to the Miracle Service, his skin condition became better. After five weeks, all his open wounds and sores dried up and every wound and rash cleared totally. Praise the Lord! His last words to the audience before he stepped down from the stage were "Trust in the Lord."

Robert's skin has become smoother and his complexion has lightened. His behavior has also changed for the better. God not only heals externally, but also internally.

Before the healing segment, Pastor Rony encouraged us with the following words. Two thousand years ago, Jesus took the form of flesh and blood, became a Man and carried the penalty for us. He died on our behalf so that we do not have to be punished for our sins and suffer the power of sinful behavior. God can break the power of sin over our lives. If a person is in union with Christ, he is a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17). The verse speaks eloquently of Robert, for he is a new creature both externally and internally.

Life is brief. All of us have to die one day. When a person is born again, he knows clearly that this world is not his home and all his decisions should be made on the basis that he is just passing through. If that is the case, what kind of decisions would you make in contrast to those you would make on the basis that you will be here forever?

When you have a "Christ in you" experience, your whole perspective will change. The Bible talks about healing as well. When Jesus died on the Cross, He not only died for our sins but also took away our sicknesses. Jesus said, "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." If you can bring yourself to believe, all things are possible. In Robert's case, doctors told him it was impossible for him to be healed and his loved ones looking at his condition agree with them. But thank God, Robert believed. As a result, things became possible for him – he was healed externally and changed internally. Hallelujah!

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AUGUST 09, 2015

Next Sunday
SEEKING GOD
By Pastor Rony Tan

Trust
in the Lord

NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE:

Freedom

By Pastor Pacer Tan

We are thankful for 50 years of our nation's independence. As we celebrate our Jubilee year, let us consider what the Bible has to say about freedom.

The Bible tells us that freedom is about being free from sin. May we always enjoy the wonderful freedom God gives us!

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The Homegoing Of MDM LEE PUAY GEOK, PASTOR RONY'S MOTHER ON 28TH JULY 2015

Pastor Rony, Sister Hong, Pastor Pacer and Sister Tracy together with their families gratefully convey their heartfelt thanks to Lighters, relatives and friends for their loving comfort, assistance and gifts during this time of bereavement.

TODAY'S PRE-SERVICE UPPERLIGHT PRAYER ITEMS

- Majulah Singapura**
 - God to bless us with a strong succession team
 - Effective and upright civil service
- Well-being of Singaporeans**
 - Continue to live in harmony and strive for peace and prosperity
 - God's protection and provision for all Singaporeans

AUGUST 13 THURSDAY UPPERLIGHT PRAYER ITEMS

- Miracle Service
- Healing of Nerve Disorders
- Sunday Services And Weekdays' Activities
- Serving God And Nation
- Special Prayer Request 2015
- Against The Demons Behind The 7th Month Festival

Membership & Ministry Class

When : September 19 (Saturday) @ 2.00 pm
Where : Lighthouse Tampines

This class will help you to gain a good, broad understanding of our church's historical events and milestones, independent status, ministry philosophy and core beliefs. You will also learn how to serve God well, the responsibilities that are required of you, the pitfalls to avoid and the benefits in serving the Lord.

Attending the class is a prerequisite for church membership.

To register for the class, kindly fill out the Membership Application form and complete an assessment based on the book *Sure Foundation*. Also read the book *Effective Leadership* before the class.

Inspiring Quote

The pages of yesterday cannot be revised,
but the pages of tomorrow are blank
and you hold the pen.
Make it an inspiring story.

Holy Ghost Encounter

ON JULY 16, 2015
REPORTED BY EDWARD LAM

The trumpet sounded and the flags were waved on the stage after a brief intro. These marked the start of the Holy Ghost Encounter.

The presence of God was strongly felt in the Sanctuary. The worship anointing came powerfully upon Sisters Girlie and Nova as they led us in a time of exhilarating worship. Our souls and all that is within us were stirred to praise and magnify His holy name.

Pastor Rony gave us a befitting and edifying exhortation, titled **Expect A Good Ending**, for the night. His scriptural references were taken from Jeremiah 29:11-13, Psalm 91:15-16 and 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

Pastor stressed that it is important for us to turn to the Lord in the course of the day. When we are baffled by a situation surrounding us, we should seek Him for guidance. The Spirit of God will speak to us.

We have no choice over how we were born, but we certainly have control over our ending. Make it our goal to go home in style as our expected ending. Pray that He will preserve our total man blameless until His Coming.

After Pastor's exhortation, Pastors Colin, Rachel and Henry began ministering to us. Next, Pastor Sam, Pastor Desmond and Brother Rico came on for the session **Waiting on the Holy Spirit**. We were encouraged to yield to the Holy Spirit and let all hurts and bitterness go. Many were baptized in the Spirit.

In closing, we sang the songs **Spirit Touch Your Church** and **Great Awakening** with great conviction. And all of us went home with a lift in our spirits.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE BOOK

A WAY OF ESCAPE

WRITTEN BY PASTOR RONY TAN

5 DEFINITIONS OF SIN

- Yielding to temptation
- Breaking God's laws and severing our allegiance to Him
- Disobeying and rebelling against God
- Hurting God, ourselves and others
- Missing the mark of God's purpose for our lives.

When we are being tempted and an evil thought first attacks us, let us realize that it is not yet a sin, although we don't feel right because God's warning light is being triggered off. A preacher once said, "You can't help birds flying over your head but you don't have to allow them to build a nest over it."

We have to go against the grain of our conscience to focus, think and dwell upon that evil thought. If we keep dwelling upon it, instead of rejecting it, it will soon give birth to sin.

Let me ask you a vital question. What is your focus most of the time? In other words, what are your dominant thoughts?

The Bible says, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." If God's Word and principles are flooding your mind and heart most of the time, you are, undoubtedly, a godly person. However, if you allow your mind to be filled with the devil's temptations to do evil, eventually you

will give birth to those things that you think about most of the time.

ROOT CAUSES

The root cause of sin is unbelief. What is unbelief? It is turning away from God's Word and focusing on words and ideas contrary to it. It is doubting God's Word and believing the words of evil.

The root cause of righteousness is faith. In Romans 10:17, we are told that faith comes by hearing God's Word. Abraham, who was not a perfect man at all, believed God's Word and God declared him righteous. His righteousness is the result of his faith in God and His Word.

Let's look at the first sin committed by Adam and Eve in this world. They turned away from God's Word and began focusing on the devil's words. As a result, they fell.

Before restoration could take place, Adam and Eve had to change their focus. God provided a way out. They needed the Law of Substitution to cleanse them of their sin. An innocent animal had to take their guilty place. A lamb had to be slaughtered on their behalf. Of course, this sacrificial lamb was pointing toward Calvary where Jesus would take our guilty place.

Now Adam and Eve had to turn their focus away from the devil's words to God's Word. They began to go back to basics. They also began to believe and trust in God's Word. As a result, they were restored.

I am sure that the devil tried his uttermost best to hold their minds in disobedience and rebellion. But both Adam and Eve, by an act of will, fought that temptation and focused on the Blood sacrifice provided by God. As they did so, they obeyed and returned to God and were restored to Him again.

