MIRACLE SERVICE REPORT

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REPORTED BY SARAH KOH

In Times Of Distress was an encouraging message by Pastor Rony tonight. In this fallen world, many people are in distress due to sickness or a crisis in life. Like it or not, life is all about struggles and nobody in this lifetime is spared. However, we must know that God is still on His throne and He will remember us when we are related and connected to Him.

Though you may be walking through the valley of the shadow of death, when God is guiding you all the way, hope will spring like a light at the end of the tunnel and you will emerge victorious. This was the experience of King David of old when he went through times of distress. In the account in 1 Samuel 30:1-6, we are told that when David and his men came back to Ziklag, they found that the Amalekites had invaded the city. All their houses were burnt and loved ones, both young and old, were taken captives by the enemies. Then David and the people that were with him wept until their tears ran out and had no more strength to cry. Hence, David was greatly distressed.

The people grieved and became bitter that their loved ones were taken away. They wanted to make David accountable for what happened and thought of stoning him. Thus, his very comrades, who had stood by him against King Saul, were now contemplating to seek his death. With the people against him and his loved ones gone, David had no one he could turn to. Verse 6 tells us that David looked to God and encouraged himself in the Lord.

In the Book of Psalms, we read that David was always praising the magnificence, ability, infinity and grandeur of the Almighty God. In times of distress, he chose to meditate on the goodness and mercy of God. He cried to Him, "Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness (uprightness, justice, and right standing with You)! You have freed me when I was hemmed in and enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me and hear my prayer" (Psalm 4:1). In the above account, David was hemmed in the situation and there was no escape. But he claimed that God enlarged him when he was in distress and delivered him. This simply means that when we look to God and hold fast to His Word, our hope and vision is not limited but enlarged beyond our natural horizon. Hence, our scope and view will not be confined to the struggles and problems in life. The Bible says that this earthly life is just a vapor compared to eternity. Life on earth is only for a brief moment compared with eternity that never ends. This is how God enlarges us even in times of distress by lifting our horizon beyond our limited capacity to trust in His unlimited power.

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Many people view life naturally as a span from cradle to grave and troubles seem to be larger than life. But that is not so when you consider God's perspective. Your life on earth is only a small introduction to life because that is not the end. When you are catapulted into eternity, it is forever, with no more sicknesses and distresses to contend with. However, while on earth, when you factor Christ in all your struggles, the capacity to handle problems and distresses is not limited but enlarged. This is when you are assured that God is a very present help, greater and stronger than all your struggles.

It is good to know that God allows struggles in our lives. Tough times will make tough people with strength of character. Through struggles in life, one's resolve is strengthened in the process by trusting in God. When you are in distress, God does not remove the problem immediately. But He will walk you through while you are in the deepest valley. So do not linger in your distress and be overwhelmed by it. Let God lead and guide you step by step. Every step with God will be a miracle. You will soar like an eagle and be above your struggles. No wonder King David declared that many are the afflictions of the righteous but God delivers him out of them all. Just like David, we are supposed to encourage ourselves in the Lord in times of distress. Be sure that He has the unwavering willingness to help us through it all.

Cheer up! In God, there is tremendous hope in times of distress. This earthly life is packaged with troubles and distresses. That is why we need Jesus! When you receive Jesus Christ into your heart, goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life. Truly, there is a Heaven to gain at the end and nothing to lose when you are connected to Jesus.

Many precious ones were uplifted by the spoken and living Word of God. The unlimited healing power of God swept through the Sanctuary with a deluge of miracles. People were wonderfully saved and healed in our midst. Here are some testimonies for the glory of God:

Two months ago, Raymond Choo felt severe pain around his loins, was in cold sweat and turned pale. He went for a scan which showed there were ***eight stones in his kidney***. He did a blood and urine test. He also attended and prayed at the Thursday prayer meetings. Recently, after a CT scan, it was discovered that all the stones disappeared from the kidney and he was restored in Jesus' name.

Michael Tong, who previously shared that he was miraculously delivered from his smoking addiction of 70 years, testified again. For a month, he suffered ***knee pain***. Due to this, he was unable to walk up and down the stairs. But tonight, he was totally healed of his condition. Hallelujah!

Many years ago, Lily Khoo was healed of a ***growth in the left eye***. In July this year, the growth surfaced again. She has been attending and praying at the Miracle Service regularly. Praise God, the growth was completely gone for good!

For a few months, Enna Seah suffered ***severe menstrual cramps***. It was so severe that she would faint due to the excruciating pain. She did not have such cramps before, so she went for two scans and also consulted a Chinese physician. However, nothing amiss was discovered. So she came to pray against her condition and received much improvement. Now she is totally healed of menstrual cramps. Praise God!

Naw Eh Ka Pa suffered ***pain in both her wrists for six months***. Tonight, she came with the pain. After the healing prayer, she was relieved of the pain.

ABSOLUTELY, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD!

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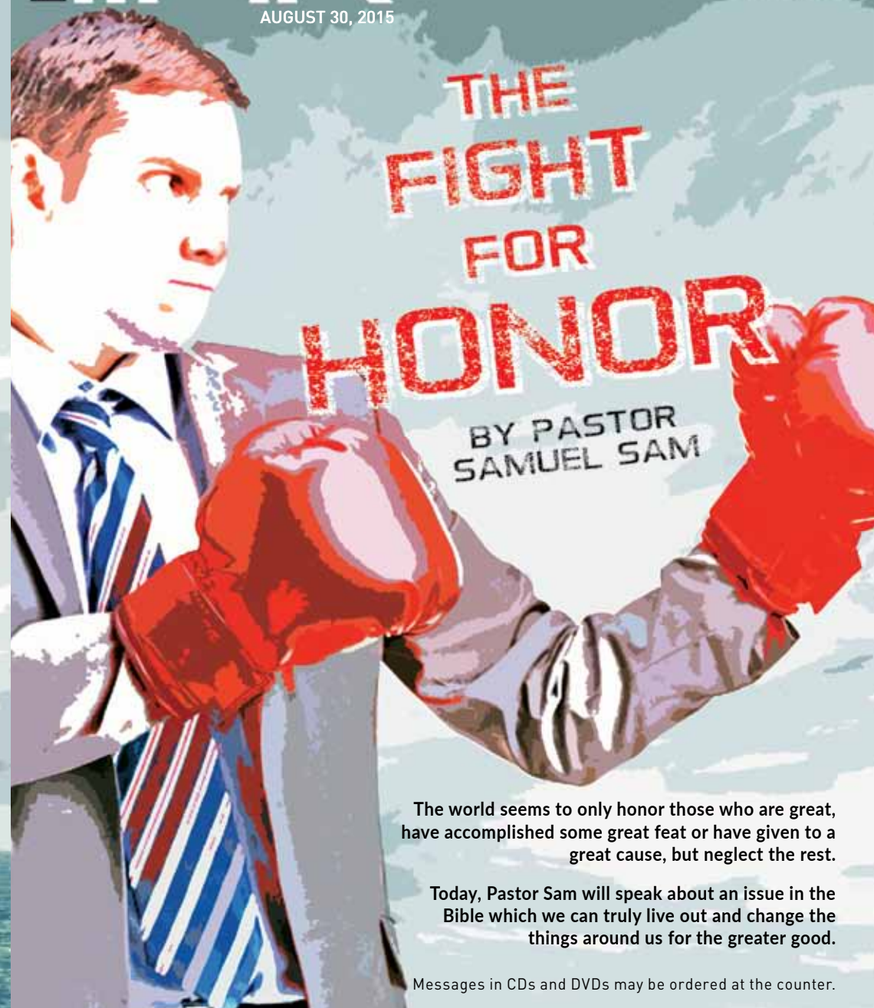
Next Sunday

WHAT'S YOUR UNDERSTANDING ON EVOLUTION?

By Pastor Rony Tan

THE FIGHT FOR HONOR

BY PASTOR SAMUEL SAM



The world seems to only honor those who are great, have accomplished some great feat or have given to a great cause, but neglect the rest.

Today, Pastor Sam will speak about an issue in the Bible which we can truly live out and change the things around us for the greater good.

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

TODAY'S PRE-SERVICE UPPERLIGHT PRAYER ITEMS

1. **Miracle Service**
   - God's blessings and joy upon all servers and attendees
   - Active participation from Lighters to bring in the lost, afflicted and needy
2. **Lighters' Devotional Life**
   - Desire to go deeper into God's Word and grow spiritually
   - To invite the Holy Spirit to reveal, teach and guide us as we do our quiet time

SEPTEMBER 3 THURSDAY UPPERLIGHT PRAYER ITEMS

- Miracle Service
- Healing of Bone Degeneration
- Sunday Services and Weekdays' Activities
- General Elections
- Victims of Recent Disasters
- Teachers' Day on September 4

50% DISCOUNT ON PASTOR RONY'S BOOK

Today is the last day for you to enjoy the offer of 50% discount on selected Pastor Rony's books. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to bless your friends and loved ones with a book or two. Visit the Faithlight counter after the service.

SFC 1

The Scriptural Foundation Course 1 is commencing soon in September.

	Scriptural Foundation Course 1
Duration	7 Lessons of 2 hours each
Who Should Attend?	▪ 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	**September 13 (Sunday)** 9.00 am – 11.00 am LE Tampines

Registration forms are available at the counter.

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PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE ON AUGUST 6

REPORTED BY EDWARD LAM

On Thursday, August 6, over 900 Lighters gathered in the Sanctuary of Lighthouse Woodlands for a time of worship and deep intercession for our nation.

The evening began with Brother Rico leading the congregation in praise, declaring that Nothing is Impossible in the Name of Jesus. As the church proclaimed and enthroned Jesus, the Lord of our city, the dance ministers majestically trooped in, waving their banners and flags.

The time of worship set the atmosphere for Pastor Sam to deliver a heartfelt message on how God's sovereign hand has been upon our nation since its independence. He exhorted that Singapore has been blessed with self-sacrificial leaders who operated on righteous principles and built the nation on justice and equality. He encouraged us to continue to be stewards of God's blessings and our nation's moral sounding board. As we build the Kingdom of Heaven, we are building our nation as well.

Pastor Sam then led everyone in a prayer for The Next Generation of Leaders, and what ensued was a time of powerful prayer. Brother Jeffrey prayed for Our Government and Economy, Sister Alina prayed for the SG50 National Day Celebration, and Brother Rico concluded by praying for Spiritual Revival in the Churches of Singapore.

Following that, about 70 PSLE students were anointed with oil in the lead up to their examinations. Whilst this was ongoing, the worship team led everyone in a song of God's faithfulness. The night ended with a tremendous praise party where everyone declared yet again that Nothing is Impossible for Jesus!

Truly God was present in the service, and we are assured that He had heard our prayers and cries for our nation. To Him be all the glory and honor forever!

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BY CHARLES R. SWINDOLL

Overwhelming odds can make cowards of us all.

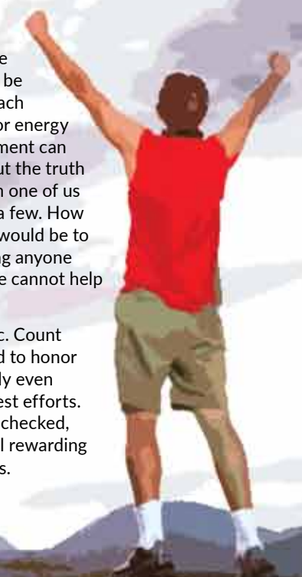
Because there is so much to be done, we can easily lose heart and do nothing. Because there are so many to reach, it is easy to forget that God wants to use us to touch those few within our sphere of responsibility.

I remember the first time I felt overwhelmed regarding ministry in a vast arena. My life had been quiet and manageable. From my birthplace in a south Texas country town I moved with my family to Houston, where we lived through my high school years. Our home was small and secure. After my marriage, a hitch in the Marine Corps, and seminary, Cynthia and I became involved in ministries that were like our past...small, pleasant and fulfilling. Our children were small, our lives were relaxed and rather simple, and our scope of God's work was quite comfortable.

The call to Fullerton, California, in 1971 changed all that. In fact, it was as the plane descended over Los Angeles when we were coming to candidate that I got this overwhelming feeling. I looked out the little window and watched as mile after mile of houses and freeways and buildings passed beneath us. I tried to imagine ministering to this sprawling metropolis of never-ending humanity. I thought, How can I possibly get my arms around this monstrous task? What can I do to reach the multiple millions in Southern California?

Suddenly, God gently reminded me, as He does to this day: *I will never reach them all – that is humanly impossible. But I am responsible for those I come in contact with, and with God's help, I will make a difference in their lives.*

I stopped paying attention to the enormity of the impossible and started pouring my time and energy into the possible – the people and the place to which God had called me and my family. Call my vision limited if you will, but it has made all the difference in my peace of mind. I cannot do it all...I cannot get my arms around the vast boundaries of our region (no one can!), but I am able to touch those who come into the scope of my "radar screen." Peace of mind comes in knowing that in at least their lives, my touch can make a difference, even if it is only one here and another there.

One person cannot beat the odds. There will always be more to reach than time or energy or commitment can provide. But the truth is that each one of us can touch a few. How wrong we would be to stop helping anyone because we cannot help everyone.

Don't panic. Count on the Lord to honor and multiply even your smallest efforts. Last time I checked, He was still rewarding faithfulness.