

Miracle Service Report

November 7, 2015
Reported by Rita Lim

This evening, Pastor Pacer preached on the subject **God Is Great**. In the Miracle Service, you will discover this to be true. This great and powerful God is able to help and encourage you.

Christopher Hitchens wrote a book entitled *God Is Not Great*. He said many things against the God of the Bible. However, in the Scriptures, the Psalmist speaks of God's beauty and awesomeness.

Most Christians know that we need to extol the Lord daily. What will we be doing in Heaven? One thing we will do in Heaven is to praise the Lord forever and ever. Does that sound dull, boring and absurd to you? Some non-believers cannot imagine praising God forever. The idea of praising Him forever sounds strange to them because they do not understand that we are all created in the image of God and only God Himself can fill and satisfy our hearts. For believers, worshipping God is not mundane or boring but blissful and pure enjoyment.

The Psalmist says that he will extol the name of the Lord forever. He finds God all great and powerful. There is this insatiable desire to be with Him because He is great. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

We tend to use the word *great* perfunctorily and superfluously. Rightfully, it should only be reserved to describe God. Great men and women in the Bible were actually ordinary folks who had a glimpse of His greatness and, thereafter, greatness followed them. When you follow extraordinary people, they will invariably change your lives. When you follow God, people may say that you possess a great character. However, it is not you who is great but the One that you follow is great. If you follow the Lord, His greatness will follow you.

One generation shall declare His mighty acts. When we say that something is good, we cannot keep silent about it. When we have an encounter with God, we have to share with people that He is so amazing and so great and be counted among the generation that will tell of His mighty deeds. Like the Psalmist, we have to declare the greatness of God. If you want to find any form of great answer or help in this world, it is found in a great God. When you have an encounter with Him, He is all that you need for this life and beyond.

David speaks candidly that God is majestic and splendid. He reiterates that the Lord is great and does mighty deeds. Then he declares that God is gracious. Normally, we do not associate graciousness with a great person. The greater the person, the less likely he will be humble or gracious. Yet the Bible includes graciousness as one of God's attributes. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love. He is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made. David also tells us that as we call on this great God, He will make Himself available to us. (Psalm 145:1-9, 18)

God designed a simple yet painful plan for us to gain access to Him. We did not pay for the cost because we did not bear the brunt or take the punishment. Instead, Jesus came down from Heaven to earth in the form of a Man and lived for 33 years. Then He went to

the Cross and died the death that you and I deserved. In order for God to be merciful to you, it came at a great cost – the cost of His Son paying the price. It is only through His Son that you and I can approach this great God. That is why the Church is so in love with Jesus.

If we talk about a God that is not made available to us, we will be talking and praying to Him but will not be sure if He is kind, merciful, gracious or loving. We will not have the confidence in Him if He did not send His Son to die on our behalf. We worship a great yet gracious God Who came down in the form of a Man and paid the price. That should be enough for you to surrender your life to a God so great and gracious that He made Himself available to you.

Before the healing prayer, Pastor Pacer reminded us to keep an attitude of gratitude. We should not be grumblers but be contented with our lot in life. When the Lord led the people out of captivity and slavery in Egypt, there was a small setback because there was no water. After three days, the people no longer looked to the Lord. They were thirsty, angry and malcontent. They were upset and grumbled against God and Moses. They saw that there was water at a place called Marah, but the water was bitter.

Some of us may be feeling bitter and discontented. The Lord can turn the bitter waters in your life and make it sweet. Moses cried to the Lord, and He showed him a log. When Moses threw it into the water, the water became sweet. If we are bitter right now, we should taste the goodness of the Lord and our lives will be brimming with joy, love and life. Let our lives represent the goodness of God. We need to come out of the waters of Marah and realize that the Lord can turn

it around. Let us be better, not bitter, to receive His healing. When we are tempted to feel bitter, we should think of an attribute of God. The people sampling the bitter water remembered how the Lord opened the Red Sea. Now that they had an obstacle, they realized that the Lord could do something about it. (Exodus 15:22-25)

Tonight, Iris Li Xiang Ning testified that God healed her of **epilepsy**. Five years ago, Iris was diagnosed to be suffering this condition. She started coming to the Miracle Service to be prayed for. For four years, she was completely healed. But last year, she suffered an epileptic attack and a bad headache. Some church members prayed for her. Now her headache is completely gone, and she believes by faith that she is completely healed of the condition.

Three weeks ago, Wong Hon Mun had an **attack of vertigo**. He saw a doctor and rested. However, he was still feeling wobbly. One week later, he went to see the doctor again. Despite the treatment, he still suffered from vertigo. Last Saturday, he came to the Miracle Service and asked his team leader to pray for him. Praise the Lord, he is now totally restored.



Iris Li Xiang Ning

Wong Hon Mun

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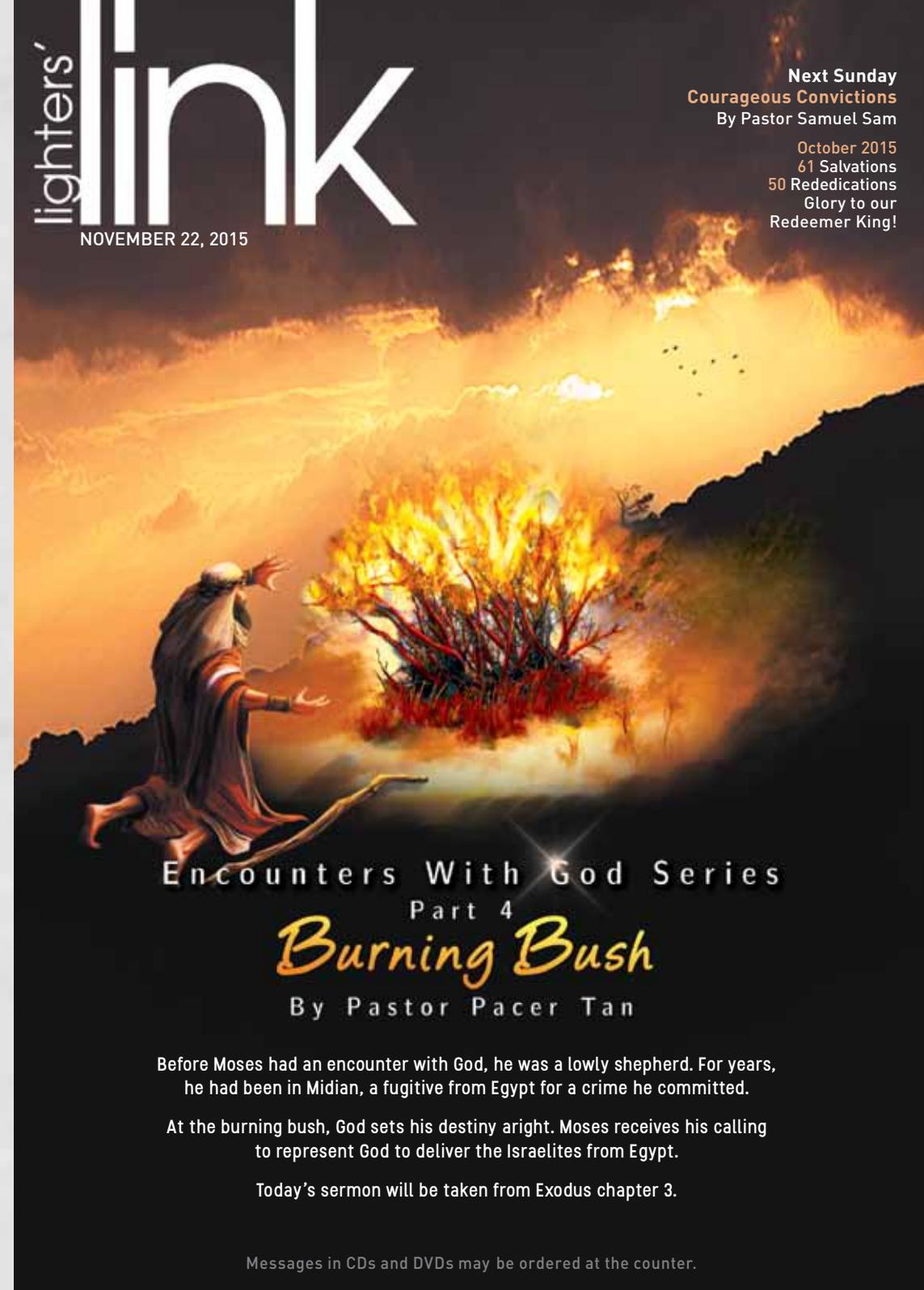
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Next Sunday
Courageous Convictions
By Pastor Samuel Sam

October 2015
61 Salvations
50 Rededications
Glory to our Redeemer King!



Encounters With God Series Part 4 Burning Bush By Pastor Pacer Tan

Before Moses had an encounter with God, he was a lowly shepherd. For years, he had been in Midian, a fugitive from Egypt for a crime he committed.

At the burning bush, God sets his destiny aright. Moses receives his calling to represent God to deliver the Israelites from Egypt.

Today's sermon will be taken from Exodus chapter 3.

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



Today's Pre-Service Upperlight Prayer Items

1) MIRACLE SERVICE

- Special angelic leadings in our spiritual groundwork
- Effective follow-up to enable all new converts to grow and be victorious in Christ

2) FOREIGNERS WHO WORSHIP WITH US

- God shall meet their spiritual and physical needs as they work or study in Singapore
- They will be active in Lighthouse programs and also in soul-winning

November 26 Thursday Upperlight Prayer Items

- Miracle Service
- Healing Of Bitterness And Unforgiveness
- Sunday Services And Weekdays' Activities
- Thanksgiving
- Overcome Ill-discipline And Procrastination
- Holiday Season

■ Buses From Various Estates To Our Miracle Service In LEW



Every Saturday, we provide buses to ferry residents from various estates to our Miracle Service in LEW. After the Miracle Service, the buses will ferry the residents back to their estates. For more details, read our Miracle Service tract or log on to our website.

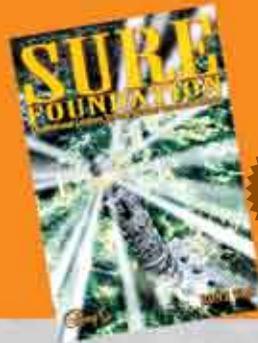
■ Cellslight Ministry



Joining a cell group will immediately connect you with fellow Lighters on a weekly basis. You will have a group of believers to support you in prayer and a mature spiritual leader to guide you in your faith and Christian growth.

Weekly, we gather for worship, fellowship and prayer and to study biblical truths for practical daily living.

Call us at **67881323** to arrange for you to join a cell group near your home. This call could be the best decision you can make for your Christian growth.



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3 Stages Toward Spiritual Maturity

a. 1st Stage – Babyhood

These are the characteristics of a baby Christian.

Firstly, a babe in Christ is innocent. No one has heard of a little baby having a past. So also is a baby Christian because his past sins are all forgiven. He is a brand new creature in Christ. As he is totally innocent, he is therefore gullible. It is our responsibility to nurture such a young believer.

Secondly, he is ignorant. Consequently, it is dangerous to expose a very young convert to erroneous teachings. Don't lead him to exciting but dangerous meetings.

Thirdly, he is also dependent. We have to guide a baby Christian. He is helpless when it comes to the rudiments of Christian living.

Fourthly, he is curious. Everything a baby touches will automatically land up in his mouth. Likewise, a

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baby Christian tends to swallow everything that is being taught. Sometimes it's so frightening to see an overgrown baby Christian who is not only stuffing poisonous spiritual food into his own mouth, but he is trying to feed other baby Christians with the same stuff as well.

Fifthly, a baby is irritable. So also is a spiritual baby. He is so easily irritated. The whole world seems to revolve around him. He cries when he wants attention, and he is easily hurt. It is most disturbing if overgrown spiritual babies also join them in their childish demands. That often happens too.

1 Peter 2:2
As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

b. 2nd Stage – Childhood

There are three obvious characteristics of a child, physically and spiritually speaking.

Firstly, a child is easily distracted. They have such a short attention span and they want new

things all the time. So are childish Christians.

Sound policies and doctrines may become boring to a baby Christian. He wants to hear something new and exciting, and it doesn't matter whether it is scriptural or not. Often he argues that whatever he accepts is scriptural. Many face shipwreck with that attitude.

Secondly, he is unreliable. A sense of responsibility must be inculcated in him or else the child will grow up wrecking other lives, including his own. He is committed to a duty only when he feels good. We have to drill into him tangible commitment which is independent of feelings.

Thirdly, a child is unstable. He dislikes consistency. He needs to be trained to stick to sound doctrines, policies and routines. It will make a man out of him.

Ephesians 4:14
That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight

of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

c. 3rd Stage – Adulthood

Psalm 131:2
Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul is even as a weaned child.

This is where we should all be – off the bottle. We should be in the habit of exercising discipline and objectivity based on God's Word. Sadly, many Christians are operating by emotional outbursts and hearsay. A church will swim or sink, depending on the level of her maturity in Christ.

One of the sure signs of maturity is proper behavior – how to conduct himself in the company of others and what to do with himself when alone. A mature Christian values silence and knows what to do with himself, especially when he is alone. He knows that he is alone with God and he doesn't have to seek frantically for some human fellowship all the time. He is weaned from milk and childish stuff. He has grown up.

Swordlight Celebration Night

On November 9, 2015

Reported by Edward Lam



It was a night of celebration and jubilation. After a year of studying the Word of God diligently, it was time for some light-hearted, bubbly moments.

The scene at the Tabernacle was a treat to watch. Swordlight facilitators and students were busily snapping selfies, heartily tucking into light refreshments and joyfully sharing their class experiences with one another. What a jubilant mood! All these happened after the program in the Sanctuary was over.

The program began with a welcome address by Pastor Clarence. He aptly pointed out that the night was not a night of graduation but celebration. This is because learning the Word of God is a lifelong process for us, believers in Christ.

Next, Rico, Alma and Nova led us in a time of Spirit-filled praise and worship. How we wished that the time for worship could be extended.

In his short exhortation, Pastor Colin encouraged us to yearn for the Word of God like craving for

milk, and solidify our faith so that it will be well-anchored. In this way, we will stand strong and not be tossed about like the waves on the ocean. This can be achieved by studying the Word of God through the Swordlight discipleship program.

Two students, Samuel Tan and Candy Ng, shared their testimonies with us. Samuel shared how Swordlight has helped him to change for the better. He is now less prone to express anger and say hurtful words to others. He has also started to serve in Sparklight. Candy shared that she enjoys reading Swordlight notes, participating in class discussions and listening to lectures.

Finally, Pastor Henry presented the certificates to students who had completed the 8-year Bible Study program.

Indeed, it was a night we will remember. Many of us will take trips down memory lane and recall precious moments by looking at the selfies taken on that night.

