

Miracle SERVICE REPORT

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The title of Pastor Pacer's message for the night is **Forgiven**. All of us need to be forgiven by God because we are sinners. The Bible declares that we are dead in our sins and trespasses, and we need a Savior. Forgiveness is provided for at the Cross and is there for us to appropriate. What we need to do is to accept and receive it into our lives. We have to believe that Christ bore our sins and shame on His bare back so that we can have eternal life.

There is a great Bible story in Luke 7:36-50. It not only gives us deep insight into the character of God, but also the sinful plight of man. The three key characters in the account are Jesus, Simon the Pharisee and the sinful woman.

Jesus was invited to dinner by a Pharisee. He was a popular, powerful and influential man not only in the religious world, but also in society at large. On learning that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's home, a sinful woman or a prostitute brought an alabaster jar of perfume into the house to express her love for Jesus. When the woman anointed Jesus' feet with the fragrant oil, she was overcome with emotion. With tears flowing from her eyes, she washed His feet with her tears, wiped them dry with her hair and kissed His feet repeatedly. Her action might be considered bizarre, but Jesus thought otherwise and praised her instead. Jesus was about to honor her because she first honored

Him with an act that seems so ridiculous in the natural. However, it has amazing connotation in the spiritual.

Simon the Pharisee spoke to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." The Pharisee doubted that Jesus was a prophet because if He were one, He would never have allowed the sinful woman to touch His feet. Jesus could read the heart of Simon and answered him with a parable. There was a creditor who had two debtors. One owed 500 denarii, and the other 50. And when they could not repay, he freely forgave both of them. Jesus asked Simon, "Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have judged rightly."

Simon did not love Jesus enough to render Him the kind of homage and hospitality the sinful woman showed Him. This woman had come to a place of utter humility. She cried at Jesus' feet, wiped them with her hair, kissed His feet and anointed them with fragrant oil. Though her sins were great, they were forgiven because she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.

What is the difference between Simon and the woman? Simon was a religious zealot who did not really love Jesus. In that day, Jesus was becoming popular and Simon wanted to rub shoulders with Him so that he could improve his profile and become famous. On top of this, Simon was prim and proper, scholarly and theologically trained, yet he completely missed the true Person of religion, Jesus Christ. But the lady was completely different from the Pharisee. She came into Simon's house uninvited and lavished such great love on Jesus. On hearing Jesus' parable, she understood the grace and love of God and responded in the right manner. She understood that Jesus is the Savior of the world and He came to earth to pay the price for our sins so that whoever believes in Him will have eternal life. And she also understood that in the near future, Jesus would die for her so she came to worship and adore Him in response to His amazing grace for her life.

He who is forgiven much will love much. How do we love much? We have to perceive that we owe God an incalculable debt. Our sins are so dark that it takes nothing less than Jesus Christ, the perfect Son of God, to die on our behalf so that we can be given life. When we understand the depth of our sin in comparison with the immeasurable grace of God, we can see ourselves more like the sinful woman. When we understand that Jesus has rescued us from certain death, judgment and hell, we will leap for joy and declare that God is indeed good to us.

In this story, Jesus was teaching everyone that He was going to forgive the sinful woman. He explained the nature of forgiveness and God's grace through Simon, who needed it more than the woman. She understood it and came to the altar of the Lord receiving His mercy and forgiveness.

Jesus said to the woman, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at the table with Him asked among themselves, "How can Jesus do that? How can He arbitrarily forgive sins? What presumptuousness is this?" The truth is Jesus is God. Therefore, He had authority to speak words of acquittal to the woman.

Finally, Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." The key to her forgiveness was faith. It was her faith that saved her. Faith enabled her to appropriate the grace God gave her.

If we do not have peace in our lives, we need Jesus. The question is, do we realize it? All of us need nothing less than the forgiveness of God so that He can call us His children. The woman left the house of Simon with God's love, joy and peace and with faith that she had met her Savior.

If you are a believer, you are a son or daughter of the Most High God. That means God loves you more than you love yourself and will provide for all your needs. Some of us may not know exactly what is wrong with us physically. But God

not only knows the root cause of your problem, He is also on the way to heal you as you believe in Him. Your faith has made you well.

God's healing anointing is present in our Sanctuary because we have taken the time to pray on every Thursday for the Holy Spirit to move mightily on our behalf. We believe that God loves us and He wants to pour down His exquisite healing grace upon us. Therefore, stretch your wings of faith to receive His marvelous touch.

Here are some healing testimonies to inspire you to trust Jesus for His healing grace:

Nicole Choong had **stage four lung cancer**. She was recommended certain medication by the oncologist, but it did not prove to be effective. So she changed her medication. All this while, she had been attending the Miracle Service to pray for God to miraculously touch her. After taking the medicine for three months, the oncologist confirmed that all her cancer cells were gone. Praise God for delivering Nicole from her terminal condition!

Desmond Cheng suffered from **osteoarthritis** since March 2015. It caused him great pain and he had to take leave on certain days. He had tried various methods of treatment, but to no avail. Finally, as a last resort, he attended the Miracle Service in January 2016 to pray for his healing. From January to March 2016, his condition improved tremendously and he was completely healed in April 2016. Now he can walk up and down stairs without experiencing any pain. When he first attended the Miracle Service, he was a non-believer. But since then, he had accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. Glory to Jesus!

Lee Kiah Ngoh suffered from **back problem** for more than three years. She had been coming to our Miracle Service for more than two months for prayer. She can now bend forward without any pain.

Glory to God for He is both our
Savior and Healer!



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Next Sunday
He Is In Full Control
By Pastor Samuel Sam

ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD SERIES - PART 14

HERE AM I,
Send Me

BY PASTOR PACER TAN

Ministry is a vital part of the church. We exist to serve God,
each other and the world.

Isaiah had an encounter with God and it literally changed his life. And in the 6th chapter of his book, he says the famous words "Here am I, send me." May this message propel a great zeal for the call of God upon our lives!

中文聚会 Chinese Service

华语崇拜会
天国八福 - 怜恤人的人有福
黄耀基牧师 Pastor Colin Wong

福建崇拜会
日光上的新天地
高启发 Alan Koh

下个主日 Next Sunday

华语崇拜会: 门徒之路 (一) 肢体的爱 田乘田牧师 Pastor Desmond Tian
福建崇拜会: 耶稣所看到 许美玉牧师 Pastor Rachel Koh

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

2016 “破茧而飞” 中文聚会青少年团契活力营

今年6月15-17日, 我们中文聚会将举办以“破茧而飞”为主题的青少年团契活力营, 欢迎所有年龄在12-22岁的青少年会友参加。为期三天两夜的活力营将在圣约翰岛St. John Island举行, 田牧师和来自吉隆坡的陈振亿传道将做为营会讲员。营会中我们设计了许多丰富多彩的节目和游戏, 如: 经历圣灵充满、圣经教导、团队建造、寻宝游戏; 我们的后勤团队也预备了丰富的餐食和夜宵! 报名费用(补贴后)每人40元。鼓励所有适龄青少年参加, 也请家长鼓励孩子们参加我们营会, 在教导和游戏中被圣灵充满, 追寻神的道路。有意者请在聚会后于柜台报名, 具体事宜也可询问青少团契总负责蔡美凤姐妹(Chris Chye)、兀兰会所协调员张敬坤弟兄(Teoh Kean Koon)、淡滨尼会所协调员纪瀛姐妹(Kee Ying)、谭翔燕姐妹(Sephrenia Tham)。



儿童祷告会(以英语进行)

好消息! 各位家长。教会在来临六月的学校假期, 为孩子们举办儿童祷告会。

日期: 6月9日和16日(星期四)
时间: 晚上八点
地点: 兀兰会所B2和平室

这是一个好机会让您的孩子学习如何祷告和培育他们的灵敏度。不要错过这个有史以来的属灵操练儿童祷告会。请带您的孩子一起来参与。

“中文聚会施心慧特别崇拜会”

中文聚会在5月22日主日很庆幸能够邀请到来自台湾资深艺人, 施心慧在华人聚会和福建聚会分享她的个人见证。从一个不会唱歌到成为歌星; 从不会演戏成为一个巨星的她, 是一个勇敢面对人生的生命战士、生活乐士, 从人人梦寐的艺人生活到失婚, 失业, 一无所有, 变成一无所缺、得胜、喜乐的基督徒。除了见证分享, 她也在现场演唱福建歌《卖菜义仔》, 七十年代的老歌《梦响》, 最后她以《何等恩典》结束聚会。藉着她的见证, 好几位新来的朋友响应讲台的呼召, 接受了耶稣基督成为他们一生的救主! 愿一切颂赞, 尊贵, 荣耀归于主耶稣基督永远的王!
(撰文: 许少华弟兄)



Holy COMMUNION

As we partake of the bread and the cup
And focus our thoughts on Christ,
We dare not forget His death on the cross,
And all that He sacrificed.

Remembering That *Jesus*
Died For Us Reminds Us To Live For Him.



June 9
THURSDAY

Upperlight

Prayer Items

- Miracle Service
- Healing of Cancer
- Sunday Services and Weekday Activities
- Speedlight Servers
- Speedlighters
- Lighters' Unserved Loved Ones



Child DEDICATION

Child dedication is a public commitment to present a child to God and His purposes. Sign up your child for the Child Dedication service on **Saturday, June 25** at **3.00 pm** in **LET Chapel**. Fill out the form available at the counter and submit it via the form-collection box. Registration closes on Sunday, June 19.

INSPIRATIONAL Quote

We have a God
who delights in
impossibilities.

Billy Sunday

THE RIGHT AND WRONG FOCUS

After spying out the land, the 12 spies came back. At reporting time, the 10 spies confirmed before the entire nation that the first promise of God was true. They saw a land of great abundance, luxuriantly rich in natural resources. They even brought back the luscious grapes to prove it.

As they focused on the great stature of the inhabitants, unbelief and fear crept into their hearts. So taken up were they by the intimidating size of their enemies that they forgot all about their Almighty God.

That is how fearful Christians walk by sight and not by faith. They are so engrossed with the outward circumstances of adversity that they fail to see the bigness of their God.

If you focus on your molehill of problems long enough, your Almighty God will appear small in your sight and your molehill of needs will become a mountain. However, if you refuse to focus on the intimidating circumstances of life, but shift your focus on the bigness of Your God instead, the mountain of troubles will become a tiny molehill.

It is a matter of focus. You either focus on the bigness of your God or the bigness of your circumstances.

The 10 spies came to the point whereby they concluded, “We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we. In our own sight, we are like grasshoppers and they are like giants” (Numbers 13:31,33).

The Bible says, “They brought up an evil report.”

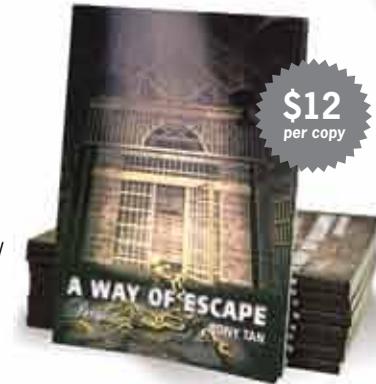
What is an evil report? It is a report that is born out of unbelief and fear. It is a negative report which is awfully contagious.

Although they confirmed that the first great promise of God was true (it was indeed a great land of abundance),

AN EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK

A WAY OF ESCAPE

Written By Pastor Rony Tan



Unfortunately, the entire congregation believed the majority report. They began to be angry and murmured against Moses and Aaron. Out of the abundance of their hearts, they spoke words which sealed the sentence of doom upon their lives.

They lamented, “Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!” (Numbers 14:2).

With that, their fate was sealed. Strangely, they believed their own negative prophecy more than God’s positive promises.

It took 40 years for their own prophecy to come to pass. Everyone who was 20 years old and above perished in the wilderness.

In their awful rebellion, they decided to appoint their own captain to take them back to Egypt. How wayward could they get? They actually wanted to return to bondage. What an insult to God!

Examine the attitude of these wishy-washy people. They threatened to elect a new leader to guide them back to Egypt but did not take any action whatsoever. Hence, they did not go back yet they hated where they were but still refused to go forward.

They brought this terrible predicament upon themselves. Now they released words of poison and anger which would eventually harm them more than they knew.

Immediately, Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before God. They realized the full import of what their foolish people were saying and doing.

Once again, Joshua and Caleb spoke out. They tried to positize the situation by saying, “The land is an exceeding good land. If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey” (Numbers 14:7,8).

they doubted God’s second great promise. The first promise was easy to believe because they had seen it with their own eyes. After all, they could only walk by sight. They saw, therefore, they believed.

However, the second promise could not be fulfilled by sight but by faith. They had not seen it yet. To bring it to pass, they had to believe and act.

On the other hand, Joshua and Caleb brought up a very different report. They said, “Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it” (Numbers 13:30). It was a good report – a positive report based on God’s Word.

They believed not just a part of God’s Word, but God’s promises in their entirety. And they kept looking at the bigness and faithfulness of God until the enemies looked so small.