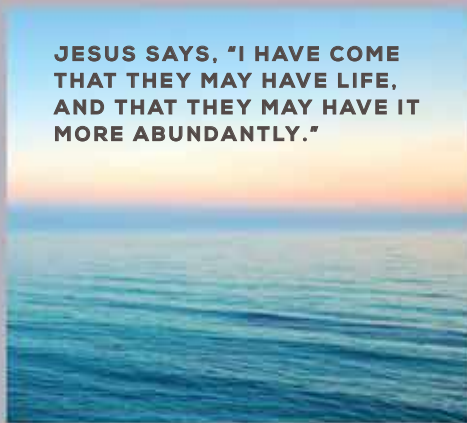


Miracle Service

On September 24, 2016

Reported by Edward Lam



JESUS SAYS, "I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MAY HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY."

In his message entitled **A GOOD GUY'S CONVERSION**, Pastor Rony shared with us an inspiring story of the remarkable conversion of Jim Wallace who deemed himself a good guy.

In evaluating people, we tend to divide them into two groups, the good and the bad. All of us have different evaluation systems. We often evaluate people based on their appearance and our personal encounters with them.

We do not usually judge others based on the real person. Can we really tell the good from the bad? Looks are deceiving. A criminal may look gentle and benevolent while a good guy unkind and mean. Here we are reminded of the familiar axiom: don't judge a book by its cover.

The general consensus is that those who are doing charity are deemed to be good while the criminals are regarded as bad. What about those who are doing charity and yet at the same time they are committing crimes? Often, our opinion about someone is dependent upon our relationship with him, whether we are his beneficiaries or victims. If we are his beneficiaries, we are inclined to think that he is a good guy. However, if we are his victims, very likely we will conclude that he is a bad guy.

In almost all disputes, each party will think that he is the good guy and the other party the bad

one. But in reality, there is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. There is this Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, the duality of human nature, in all of us. That is why all of us need Jesus.

One day, a moralist came to Jesus and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" That moralist thought he was someone who had kept all the commandments of God and so was a good person. He was expecting a favorable answer from Him, but it was not to be. Instead, Jesus answered him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone." Jesus was replying to him according to his perception that He was a man.

Jesus is God. He is pure and sinless. He became a man to save us. The moralist did not know that Jesus is the Savior of the world. He was not an ordinary teacher or schoolmaster. Jesus further said, "If you look at Me as a man, don't call Me good because no man is good." No man is good in God's sight. Jesus was driving home this point to us: all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Nobody can attain the standard of God on his or her own strength. That is why the world needs Jesus.

Jesus continued to say, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." What an awesome promise of Jesus to us! He came not only to forgive you, but also to give you the power to overcome sin. You either believe what God says or what your evaluation system says. And you either acknowledge what God says is the truth or you suppress the truth and deny Him. The Spirit of God is moving powerfully to convince you of the truth of the Gospel because we have prayed for you at our Thursday Upperlight. Open your heart to Jesus and let the Holy Spirit guide you into all truth.

Pastor Rony narrated the true, inspirational story of Jim Wallace. He started his career as a second-generation cop. When his father was about to retire, he stepped up to the plate and became a patrol officer. He wore his badge proudly and discharged his duties responsibly. He had a keen eye and a sharp mind and by his thirties was promoted to homicide detective.

Jim was a loving husband and a dedicated father, but he was also an avowed atheist. He did not believe in God at all. As an atheist, he was happy to live a useful life, then to die and become nothing. He said, "After all I came from nothing; I'll go back

to nothing. I'm okay with that as long as I live a useful life." The idea of a life thereafter sounded ridiculous and meaningless to him. "What Heaven? What hell? When we die, we die just like a dog."

When Christian friends told Jim that he was a sinner, he would burst into laughter and retort cynically, "What sinner? I'm dealing with criminals, rapists, robbers, murderers and gangsters daily. Those are the bad guys! I'm the good guy! I catch and put them in jail. What do you mean I'm a sinner? They're the sinners! They're the criminals, I'm the police officer!"

Jim Wallace prided himself as an intellectual. He always insisted that reason, observation and scientific exploration would provide answers to all the questions he had about life. There was no need for God. When Christians ministered to him, he became an angry atheist.

Jim and his wife, Susie, had a family friend who happened to be a Christian. That friend, whom he liked, kept inviting him and his family to church. His wife was keen to attend church, but not Jim. She persuaded her husband, "We need to attend church. Besides, our children need to be brought up with good values." Jim remarked, "I'll be more than happy to go to church with my family, as long as I can go as an atheist." His friend told him, "It's fine. Come with me to church just as you're."

On the first Sunday when Jim was in church, lo and behold, the pastor preached a sermon that ministered to him. It was as if the message was specially prepared for him, a self-absorbed atheist. It spoke to his heart and he was stirred. He decided to buy a Bible, but was only prepared to spend no more than \$6. He obtained one at exactly \$6. He told himself that since the Bible is about Jesus Christ, he would read all His words indicated in red letters. His objective in studying the Bible was to discover for himself whether the accounts of Jesus Christ on earth are true or figments of someone's imagination. He read the four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – very carefully, paying close attention to Jesus' words and cross-referencing when the story was

repeated. He was serious in his attempt to discover if the Bible is true.

One thing struck Jim. As he pored over the Gospels, he discovered something that in his line of work was critical to any investigation – eyewitness accounts. Jim said, "If you've multiple eyewitnesses that see the same event, they never tell you the same story, but they do tell you a story that can be seamed together like a puzzle. I was seeing these characteristics in the Gospels." He also examined the writings of other ancient historians to verify the accounts he found in the Bible. As he pored over the material, looking at language and the template that he used to evaluate eyewitnesses, he became more comfortable and confident that the accounts were accurate, reliable and truthful eyewitness accounts.

God knew how committed Jim Wallace was to looking at evidence and reached him through that evidence. Jim gave his heart to Jesus. Eventually, he resigned from law enforcement and became the pastor of a church.

Here are two wonderful testimonies shared by Hau Ai Nghoh on behalf of her 80-year-old husband Lim Kia Hian and her sister, a retired schoolteacher. The Lord *delivered* them *from the jaws of death*.

Kia Hian suffered from Parkinson's disease for 19 years. A few weeks before Chinese New Year, he was hospitalized because he had bladder stones. Two days before Chinese New Year, he became critically ill and was *put on life support*. Ai Nghoh cried out to the Lord for His miraculous intervention. Praise the Lord, on Chinese New Year's Day, he came back to life. He was fully restored mentally and physically and had good appetite.

Six months ago, Ai Nghoh's sister *slipped into coma* for unknown reason. She had surgery two days later and was in coma for four days. Ai Nghoh prayed fervently for her sister, trusting that God would miraculously deliver her. Praise God, all her faculties were restored and she had regained her memory.

**WE WORSHIP A GOD OF IMPOSSIBILITIES.
NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD!**



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Guest Speaker

Dr. Andrés Panasiuk

Dr. Andrés Panasiuk is the President of Global Freedom Concepts and Founder of the Institute For Financial Culture. As a writer, teacher and speaker, he reaches millions through his books, conferences, radio programs and TV interviews.

Based on the theme *Better Together*, here is the synopsis of his message at each service:

9.00 AM SERVICE

Living TOGETHER

(Secrets to Better Interpersonal Communication)

1. The Power of the Word
2. The Power of Your Actions
3. The Power of Commitment

We encourage you to attend more than one service. Come and learn from Dr. Panasiuk.

中文聚会 Chinese Service

华语崇拜会 / 福建崇拜会

善心的祝福

林俊亮牧师 Rev. James Lim

下个主日 Next Sunday

华语崇拜会: 赢家(三)遵守神的话语 黄耀基牧师 Pastor Colin Wong

福建崇拜会: 凡事感恩(三) 许少华 Peter Koh

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

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Next Sunday

Rooted Series

Part 3

Grow Deep

By Pastor Pacer Tan

11.15 AM SERVICE

Worship TOGETHER

(Life-changing Ideas on Worshipping God)

1. Worship is something we GIVE.
2. Worship is a RESPONSE to God's work done for us.
3. Worship should spill over to all areas of our lives.

3.15 PM SERVICE

Growing TOGETHER

(Church Growth Advice from the Apostle Paul) Ephesians 4:15-16

1. Biblical Growth (verse 15a)
2. Balanced Growth (verse 15b)
3. Christ-Centered Growth (verse 15c)
4. Compassionate Growth (verse 16b)

聚會動態 Chinese Service ANNOUNCEMENTS



随时祷告

靠着圣灵，随时多方祷告祈求，并要在此儆醒不倦，为众圣徒祈求，一以佛所书 6:18

今天的经文中，保罗告诉我们在所有的时候都要祷告，随着圣灵的带领，不同的场合使用不同的祷告。但是我们如何向圣经指导的那样随时祷告呢？答案就是生活中的每一天保持感恩的态度，对神全心的依赖，在所有的事情中寻求祂的旨意，静心聆听祂的声音。

我相信神希望我们过一个祷告的生活，祷告不是一个形式和任务，而是生活的一部分，是我们每做一件事情的内在力量。神希望我们随时随地和祂交流—每一天，借着祷告将我们和祂的心相连，我们的耳朵能听见祂的声音。

很多时候有这样的情形发生，我们有祷告的需要，然后我们告诉自己，当我祷告的时候，我会为此祷告。这种想法是敌人的缓兵计。为什么不立时就祷告？因为我们对祷告有错误的理解。如果只是追随我们的心，事情就会简单些，但是撒旦希望我们将祷告变得更复杂。他希望我们拖拖拉拉，迟疑不前，以致于我们会忘记整件事情。

当我们有需要，有渴望的时候，马上祷告，这并不困难，这就是我们每天不断祷告，和神连接的方法。

灵火颂赞夜预先祷告会

中文聚会将于10月18日(周二)傍晚7点30分至晚上10点30分在淡滨尼会所举办灵火颂赞夜预先祷告会。此祷告会是特别为着来临10月21日(周五)灵火颂赞夜做好准备! 让我们共同斥责撒旦的黑暗权势并迎来全新的属灵突破和祝福。勉励所有的领袖和弟兄姐妹务必出席!

灵火颂赞夜

教会诚心邀请您与我们一起沉浸于来临10月21日(周五)的灵火颂赞夜! 这灵火颂赞夜将以全新的风貌呈现而让您有全新的属灵丰收! 您可以期待与神同在中有焕然一新的经历!

当天下午3点黄耀基牧师将在灵粮的领受给予大家教导课程而晚上的聚会时间将从7点30分至10点整。因此我们鼓励工作人士尽早请假以便能够出席。

有些人正为着生命中所面临的挣扎倍感困苦欲寻求突破。好消息! 禁食祷告能帮助您看到状况的改变! 况且，我们会齐心一起来执行这场属灵争战。如果健康允许，任何人都可以禁食。让我们在当晚以全胜把灵火颂赞夜推向另一高潮! 千万不要错过您与神的奇妙之约。

招待事工招募服事人员

随着中文聚会事工的扩大和增长，招待事工急需招募服事人员服事于华语崇拜会。如果您有感动和负担，请联系许秀金 Koh Siew Kim 姐妹。



OCTOBER 13, 2016 THURSDAY UPPERLIGHT PRAYER ITEMS

- Miracle Service – Salvation, Healing and Deliverance
- Sunday Services and Weekday Activities
- Arise! Spirit Of Intercession



SPARKLIGHT RECRUITMENT

Call us at 67881323



At Sparklight, we see that each child is precious in the sight of God. Reaching out to children between 3 and 12, our desire is for them to grow up walking in the ways of the Lord. More importantly, we desire for them to know Christ personally. With their lives built and anchored on Him, our Solid Rock, they can be equipped to make a difference in their spheres of influence and the communities.

If you have a heart for children and a passion to teach them the precepts of God or lead them in worship, Sparklight welcomes you to join us in this exciting ministry! Come, play an active role in the spiritual transformation and nurturing of our young to turn them into solid believers of Jesus Christ!

More teachers are urgently needed for the 3.15 pm service at both LET and LEW. For enquiries about the children's ministry, call us at **67881323**.



OUR CHURCH SCHEDULE

LIGHTHOUSE EVANGELISM TAMPINES

worship services
Every Sunday

english
9.00 am, 11.15 am
& 3.15 pm

mandarin
9.00 am & 11.15 am

hokkien
11.15 am & 3.15 pm

miracle service
Every Saturday
english
7.00 pm
Interpretations in Mandarin and Hokkien are available.

upperlight (prayer meeting)
Every Thursday
8.00 pm

sparklight (children's church)
Every Sunday
english
9.00 am, 11.15 am
& 3.15 pm

cellslight (home cell groups)
Every day except Monday, Thursday and Saturday
Please call the office for specific locations.

swordlight (bible study)
Every Monday
2.00 pm & 8.00 pm

LIGHTHOUSE EVANGELISM WOODLANDS

worship services
Every Sunday

english
9.00 am, 11.15 am
& 3.15 pm

mandarin
9.00 am

miracle service
Every Saturday
english
7.00 pm
Interpretation in Mandarin is available.

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FLEXILIGHT FIESTA 3-IN-1

On September 6, 2016



Reported by Sabrina Goh

Flexilight Fiesta 3-in-1 saw a gathering of more than 100 Lighters and friends coming together for a very varied workout program accompanied by different genres of Christian songs. Participants were treated to aerobics and multi-directional movements that challenge one's coordination and sense of rhythm. Resistance exercises for muscle toning were also introduced and these simple exercises can be done anywhere, anytime. The final segment of praise and stretch exuded a reflective mood as we eased away tensions in our joints and muscles.

As usual, Lighters and friends are ever so sporting and supportive. One participant exclaimed that she had not been exercising at all prior to this event. Oh, what an encouragement to see her at the event! I am sure there were others just like her. An inspiration indeed!

We are reminded once again that if we make up our minds to take the first step, regular exercise may be achievable in due time. Light-hearted moments were also incorporated into the workouts with 8-year-old Eliezer co-leading a couple of familiar children Christian songs! Surely, having an active lifestyle of exercise knows no age boundaries!

A participant forwarded us this text message after the event:

"Was having neck tension for past few days. Went for a massage on Monday too. Yesterday was still having discomfort before the exercise. But after the session, I felt so good! Praise the Lord indeed!"

Exercises when practised regularly will reap the benefits of better heart and bone health, easier joint movements and an overall wellness due to better blood circulation. So, let's encourage one another to never stop exercising! Call the church office at **67881323** to find out more about our regular exercise classes today!

