

MIRACLE SERVICE

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Reported by Edward Lam



Reunion dinner is the most important dinner for Chinese families in a calendar year. Traditionally, it takes place on the eve of Lunar New Year. For this meal, the best foods and 'dishes with a meaning' are served in abundance. Nowadays, steamboat dinner seems to be a more popular choice for family reunion, especially in Singapore.

In his message **Heavenly Reunion**, Pastor Desmond posed the question: what is the connection between having steamboat and coming to church? Do you know that blessings, which we hope to obtain through having steamboat, can be obtained from Jesus Christ if we believe in Him and receive Him into our hearts?

Pastor Desmond explored three significant reasons why Chinese have steamboat and its spiritual parallels:

1. Steamboat reunion feast symbolizes receiving the new.

We have to prepare fresh vegetables, meat and seafood for steamboat. The only exception is canned abalone. In ancient times, not only must the ingredients be fresh, but the bowls, plates, chopsticks and spoons must also be new. This is because we believe that we should get rid

of the old to welcome the new. We want to do away with the unhappy, dissatisfied past and welcome new hope, new possibilities, new dreams, new breakthroughs and new blessings.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" Friends, if you want to have a new hope and a new future, you do not need to have new bowls, plates, chopsticks and spoons. You only need to put your trust in Christ Jesus and He will grant you a promising and fulfilling new beginning.

2. Steamboat reunion feast symbolizes prosperity or abundance.

The Chinese prepare fresh vegetables, meat and seafood in abundance for the steamboat reunion dinner. It is often not possible to finish eating the variety spread that is served. We do this because it symbolizes abundance. We believe that if we have steamboat, we will have a blessed new year or a new year of abundance. All of us want to have an abundant life not only in personal finances, but also in the areas of health, marriage, family, career and business.

John 10:10 (NIV) says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." The thief mentioned in this verse refers to the devil. He comes to steal our finances, destroy our health and ruin our marriages and relationships. But Jesus has a very different plan for our lives. He loves us because He is our Shepherd and we are His sheep. He comes to bless us in all aspects of our lives. These blessings can only be found in Him. You can only live an abundant life when Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior.

3. Steamboat reunion feast symbolizes togetherness.

The Chinese want the whole family to eat together. In a steamboat reunion dinner, we dip our chopsticks and spoons into the pot of boiling broth together. What is important is not the type of food consumed, but rather the presence of every member of the family eating happily together and wishing each other well. ▶

◀ Unity among God's people is a remarkable blessing because it is both good and pleasant. It is like oil poured out so richly that it flows from the head, to the beard, down to the very edge of the priest's garments. It is also like the rich dew that covers Mount Hermon, making it green and moist. It is a contrast to the dry wilderness found in other parts of Israel (Psalm 133:1-3). Likewise, having reunion with family members is a blessing.

Though it is important for us to have reunion with family members, it is even more important for us to have reunion with God. We are all sinners, and fall short of the glory of God. We go through struggles and suffer from sickness in this life, but God loves us. Therefore, He sent His only begotten Son to die on the Cross to redeem our sins and remove our curses. If you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth that He is God, you will have reunion with Him.

Once you believe in Jesus, you become a child of God regardless of race and status in life. In Christ, we belong to one family. He gives us abundant life and rich blessings. He has prepared a grand wedding banquet and a mansion for us in Heaven when we leave this world. It is just like a reunion dinner. He is waiting for you to come Home.

During the healing segment, Pastor Rony shared an account from the Book of Acts with us. Paul was preaching in a city called Lystra. There was a man born crippled and had never walked from birth. He listened intently as Paul preached and faith came into his heart. Paul could tell by the look on the man's face that he was ready to receive God's healing. So he pointed to him and said in a loud voice, "Stand up!" That man obeyed Paul's words. And to his amazement, he found himself standing up, walking and running about.

You may wonder, "How could this happen?" Here we are not talking about man, but placing God in the equation. When you read or hear God's

Word and take it to heart, it will not only quicken your mind, but also your emotions and physical body. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. The Bible will come alive to those who take it seriously.

God is a Spirit. He is right here with us, and He is in every city of the world. There is no place on earth where God is absent. However, the truth is God will only reveal or manifest Himself in places where people believe in Him. Anyone who believes that Jesus died for us on the Cross at Calvary can receive salvation, forgiveness of sins and healing. God has this recorded as a contract in His Word. You can read the contract and tell Him, "You've this in the contract. I believe that You died for me. You not only took my guilty place, but also my sicknesses and diseases. I believe that I can be healed. Now I reach out to You for Your healing touch."

Here are some testimonies to inspire you to reach out to God for His miraculous touch:

Julia Goh had **floaters and flashes in her eyes** since November 2016. She came to the Miracle Service to pray for her condition, trusting God to heal her. In January 2017, she started to get better. Now the flashes are totally gone and Julia has only occasional traces of floaters.

When Thomas Ong went to see a doctor at the Polyclinic, he was diagnosed with **glaucoma**. He attended the Miracle Service to pray for his condition. He then went to see another eye specialist who confirmed that he was completely cleared of glaucoma.

On January 23, 2017, Ow Tong Ang had an **accident**. His car turned turtle, but he escaped unhurt. Praise God for His divine protection! He could have been seriously injured if not for God's intervention. He had also been suffering from **rheumatism in both knees**. He decided to come to the Miracle Service for prayer. Now he is totally free from pain.

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HOLY
SPIRIT

BY PASTOR PACER TAN

The Holy Spirit – the third member of the Trinity. In Pentecostal circles, the work of the Spirit of God is absolutely vital.

The Scriptures have a lot to say about Him. Jesus told His disciples that after He ascends to the Heavens, God will send the Spirit to them.

In today's sermon, we will learn more about the incredible work of the Holy Spirit.

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黄耀基牧师 Pastor Colin Wong

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门徒之路(八)持久之力
田乘田牧师 Pastor Desmond Tian

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Next Sunday
**LET'S BE A HEALTHY
CHURCH**

By Pastor Rony Tan

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Chinese Service ANNOUNCEMENTS

恩爱夫妻营



陈汉锡与黎凤玲夫妇是新加坡触爱家庭服务的资深辅导员及婚前预备课程资深导师。自2010年开始至今，他们是新加坡电视及广播电台的常驻嘉宾，辅导听众面对人生百态和家庭问题。

来临2月24日（星期五）我们特别邀请他们来到淡滨尼会所举办一天的‘恩爱夫妻营’讲座。

此讲座只开放给首20对报名夫妻或即将成为配偶者参加！

收费：每对配偶收费10元（即每人5元）

地点：淡滨尼底层小礼堂（B1）

时间：早上9点30分至下午5点

欲报名或知道更多详情可向中文聚会柜台处或拨打67881323查询。



春节外展活动

淡滨尼区家庭小组的弟兄姐妹利用春节期间兴致勃勃的到众圣之家疗养院服事年长者，不只带给他们欢欣节目及小礼物，更把主耶稣的爱充满整个会场！



THURSDAY UPPERLIGHT

(Prayer Meeting)
8.00 pm @ LET & LEW

February 23, 2017
Prayer Items

- Miracle Service
- Healing of Skin Conditions
- Sunday Services and Weekday Activities
- Youth @ Lighthouse
- Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources
- Ministry of Health

MARRIAGE PREPARATION SEMINAR

On March 3, 2017

Marriage is a lifelong commitment. It is a relationship that can bring the best out of a husband and wife. As it takes time and effort to share and grow together, this upcoming Marriage Preparation Seminar aims to show you how. You are encouraged to attend this seminar well in advance before deciding a wedding date. It is scheduled for **Friday, March 3, 2017** from **9.30 am to 5.30 pm** in **Lighthouse Tampines**.

The Marriage Preparation Seminar covers the following topics:

- ❖ Marriage – A Biblical Perspective
- ❖ Building Realistic Expectations
- ❖ Raising Children And Building A Christian Home
- ❖ Roles And Responsibilities
- ❖ The Goal Of Marriage
- ❖ Listening Effectively
- ❖ Communicating Effectively
- ❖ Resolving Conflicts
- ❖ Cultivating Healthy In-Laws Relationship
- ❖ Finding Financial Freedom
- ❖ Developing Intimacy In Marriage

This seminar also includes follow-up sessions with your zonal pastor, a temperament profiling and if need be, the wedding preparation.

The fee per person is \$40.00 for non-registered member and \$20.00 for registered member or serving ministry personnel.

To sign up or enquire, please email to lightev@singnet.com.sg

NB Completion of this course is one of the prerequisites for Lighthouse pastors to solemnize your wedding.

AN OINTING SERVICE

On Sunday, February 26

Following Pastor Rony's message *Let's Be A Healthy Church* next Sunday, we will be anointing every Lighter and friend. This will be conducted in all the three services – 9.00 am, 11.15 am and 3.15 pm.

You will be guided by the ushers to come forward for the anointing. Please give them your cooperation.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

By John Hagee Ministries

Philippians 4:13 – I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Miracles come in cans. They begin when we say, "I can!"

Our attitudes determine our attainments. A supermarket is a building filled with cans. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could buy a sixteen ounce can of peace? Or love? Or happiness? Well, we can. Miracles begin when we say, "I can."

I can climb this mountain and whip the giant at the top. I can lose weight. I can be a better marriage partner. I can quit smoking. I can live beyond my limitations. I can – because "everything is possible for him who believes" Mark 9:23.

Stop saying:

"I haven't got it." You do have it. You're just afraid to use it.

"I'm a loser." You're not a loser. You're a winner with a sorry attitude.

"I'm not educated enough." So what? I've graduated from three universities, and I can tell you that some of the dumbest people on earth are hiding out there.

"I don't know the right people." Do you know God? He's rather influential on this planet! "I'm handicapped." Helen Keller was blind, deaf and dumb, yet she graduated from college with honors.

"I've tried and failed." Moses tried to deliver the Hebrews from the iron grip of Egypt's bondage. He failed and fled to the backside of the wilderness for forty years. Then God called him to return to the scene of his failure and command Pharaoh to let His people go. Ten plagues later, Moses led his brethren out of the chains of slavery into the milk and honey of the land of promise. He tried. He failed. But he was willing to try again.

Our attitudes don't have to be permanent. We can change our attitudes, just as soon as we're willing to. Our attitudes will determine the quality of relationships we will have with our wives, our husbands, our children, and our bosses – and especially with God Himself.

AN EXCERPT FROM THE BOOK LIFE & DEATH

Written By Pastor Rony Tan

We have new bodies in Heaven

1 Corinthians 15:44

It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

Our spiritual bodies are locked in our natural bodies. The spiritual body will only be released at the point of physical death.

Your spiritual body is as real as your physical one, if not even more real. At the point of physical death, you are no less a person. In fact, all your faculties will be highly sensitized. As it is a reality to live on earth, it is even a higher reality to walk the streets of gold in Heaven although you are in your spiritual body.

When you pass into the beyond, your spirit will be invisible to other mortals. But you can see other spirits and mortals at the same time. Every spiritual body in Heaven is waiting for the Rapture in which he or she will be clothed in a translated body. It will be a body that will never degenerate or die.

Philippians 3:20-21

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

This is when our total beings will operate in the highest capacity. We will be at our peak – spirit, soul and body – and remain so forever. By then we will all become like Jesus Christ; I mean that kind of total being which He took after His ascension to the Father. I believe we will be able to bounce from world to world in God's endless universe, and traveling faster than the speed of light.

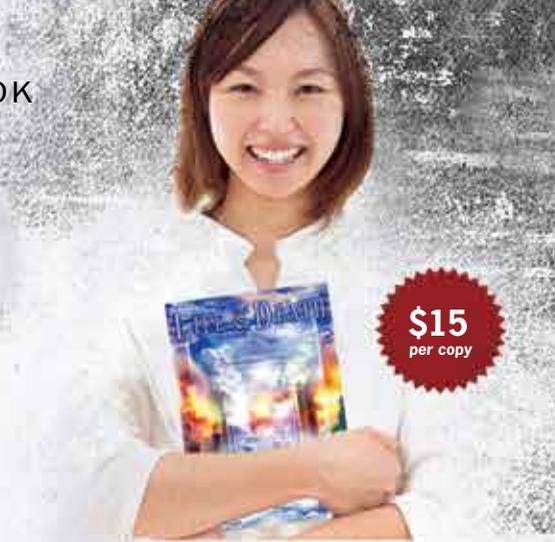
Luke 24:36-43

36 And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

37 But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit.

38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?

39 Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.



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40 And when he had thus spoken, he shewed them his hands and his feet.

41 And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat?

42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb.

43 And he took it, and did eat before them.

Even the closest disciples of the Lord had a terrible misconception about life after death. They were expecting a vague spirit floating around. But the Lord showed them that He was exactly as He was except that His body had put on incorruption and immortality, never to die ever again. Nor will it grow weak.

To prove to them that He was not a vague spirit, He ate in front of them. Yes, in Heaven we will be tasting fruits and drinks that are simply delicious. There will be no bad cholesterol or added calories.

Here is one interesting angle that I want you to see. I believe that in your heavenly mansion, there will not be a toilet. In fact, there will not be one anywhere in Heaven. The reason is we do not need one.

But you say, "What goes in must come out."

Well, in Heaven, we will be operating under different laws. Remember, there is not even a speck of dust in Heaven, much less any waste or foul smell.

Our new bodies will have a new system which continually generates life. There will be no more decay or death of any kind in us. Our bodies will be fashioned like unto His glorious body.