

**Under His Authority
& Empowered by HIM**
by Sis. Pauline Ang

This is my testimony of God's Authority & His empowerment over me to do all things in His Name. Not long after I was converted to the Christian faith, I requested from my former pastor to remove talismans, fengshui crystals and the 3 prosperity figurines in the main entrance of bedrooms of our home. All these objects were supposed to exert some protective influence over us who live in the house.

For the same reason, my former pastor couldn't be present in my home to remove those objects of protection. However, he instructed me how to have them removed. Matthew 8:8-9 records a story of the faith of the centurion. I appropriated that faith in the authority of our Lord. I thank God for the chance to co-work in His ministry. Praise the Lord, I've learned to depend on Him and empowered by Him to do all things as with Him all things are possible.

My prayer for this coming year is for all of us to have the attitude of this centurion as well as with a virtue of humility, trust and reverence for our Lord. May the prayer of King Darius in Daniel 6:26 be our prayers "May you prosper greatly! I issue a decree that in every part of my kingdom people must fear and reverence the God of Daniel...."

Book 3 on "The Life & Ministry of the Messiah" of Faith Lessons series is ready. Please collect your copy from your respective LG leader.

DYNAMITE A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



"I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. **Mark 11:23**

Upcoming Events:

VISIT TO THE ZOO

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2009 (School Holidays)
Time : 9.00am to 5.30pm

Cost: **S\$ 48** Child (include Entrance Fee, Lunch, 2 Refreshments, Goodies Bags, Transport & Insurance)
S\$ 58 Adult (same as above)

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

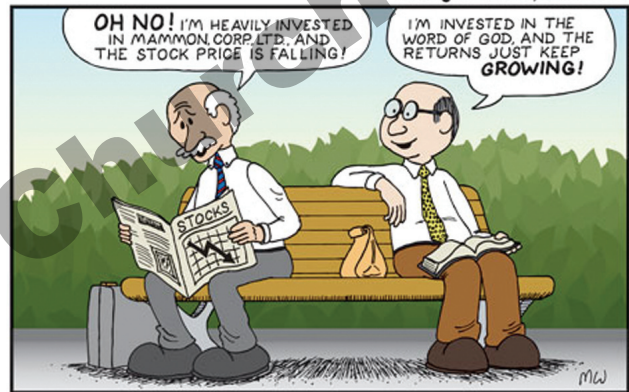
Date: April 10, 2009
Time: 10.30am to 12.30am

Message: Come & Find Out Who Crucified Jesus?

Bring a friend to this Easter Service!

INVESTOR

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness... **2 Timothy 3:16**

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Church of Sengkang

Is called by God to be *welcoming* and *prayerful* community filled with and led by the **HOLY SPIRIT**

THE SUNDAY TIMES 15th March 2009
SUNDAY SERVICES TIME: 10.30am to 12.30pm

How Did Jesus Reach People?
Every Saturday From 4.00pm to 5.00pm,
We Are At CompassPoint Mall!
JESUS Needs You to Partner Him
To Reach Out One Soul!

The tenth chapter of Luke shows us some of the methods Jesus used to enlist people into His Kingdom. Perhaps we can use some of these methods today to reach the precious souls in Sengkang/Punggol.

He sent out persons two-by-two to do person-to-person visitation. He instructed these visitors to pray for her visitors to be sent forth so even more people in Sengkang/Punggol can be reached for Christ.

He warned these visitors that the work would be difficult and that some people wouldn't listen. Notice that these people whom Jesus sent out two-by-two weren't salaried employees. They Just Love Jesus, And we all love Jesus, don't we! Come and Partner me to Reach out & Touch someone in Sengkang/Punggol.

Jesus commanded these people to go into the homes of their neighbours and friends and give their testimony. Beloved, people need the Lord in good and bad times. There are too many lonely people out in the streets of Sengkang/Punggol. This morning I was praying about lives in this present difficult conditions complicated by the lost of employments, loved ones and even departure of precious lives not by biological clock but sudden deaths.

Beloved, there are still many people who need to be reached for Christ and His Church. **Please do NOT go Home Alone.** Would you bring someone along with you! The least you can do is to be part of the tracting ministry, our outreach mission of Church of Sengkang.

JESUS Is Calling For You
To Partner HIM In Reaching Out
For Someone



Message from our Pastor David Kerk

Why Bother to Pray? There is A Time For Everything Living a Purposeful Life of Pray, Praise & Play!

IF GOD is Sovereign, and things will be as they are going to be anyway, why bother to pray? There are several reasons. Last week's Sunday Time, I have inserted a 5-reasons study note "*Why Believers & Leaders Should Gather Together To Pray?*" Please ask for a copy from the ushers if you haven't got a copy. I urge you to join us in corporate prayer every Saturday from 2.30pm to 4.00pm.

We NEED To KNOW

GOD has told us to Pray. It is a commandment, and if we Love Him we obey His commands. Read *Matthew 6: 5-18*.

JESUS PRAYED

People sometimes say that the only reason for prayer is that we need to be changed. Certainly we do, but that is Not the only reason to pray. Jesus was NOT being made more holy by prayer. He was communing with His Father. He thanked God. In His Gethsemane prayer He was beseeching the Father to prevent what was about to take place. He was also laying down his own will. Read *Matthew 26:36-46*.

PRAY In the HOUSE of Prayer

The Pharisee and dishonest tax collector went into the temple to pray. Beloved, how much more you and I as followers of Christ - should gather together to pray for our country, ministry, family and our personal needs. As we pray, the Lord frequently shows us what we ourselves can do to co-operate with Him in bringing about the answer. Let us listen as we pray. Then let us go out and work for our Lord.

We LOSE OUT for Not Praying

Very possibly we often miss what God wants to show us because we don't take time to pray silently and watch quietly. It is by doing these two things, along with our fellow brethren (*come experience God In Prayer*) that we can encounter He is our awesome God. In one voice, we can agreed that "*we have been guided by the Lord*". Read *Genesis 24;27*.

The Bible is full of examples of people doing what they could do and asking God to do what they couldn't do. In other

words, the pattern given to us is both to work and pray. Nehemiah and the people of Israel worked hard to build the wall of Jerusalem but were strenuously opposed by Sanballat and Tobiah, who banded together with Arabs, Ammonites, and Ashdodites to attack. "*So we prayed to our God,*" wrote Nehemiah, "*and posted a guard day and night against them*". Read *Nehemiah 4:9*.

Let me close with the words of Bill Hybels, **Too Busy Not To Pray** (*Downers Grove, IL: Inter Varsity Press, 1988*). Pastor Bill Hybels uses a little outline he borrowed from a pastor friend of his when he shared "*God doesn't seem to be answering your prayers*". He said there are 4 reasons:

- If the request is wrong, God says: No
- If the timing is wrong, God says: Slow
- If you are wrong, God says: Grow
- But if the request is right, the timing is right, and you are right, God says: Go!

Beloved if your request is to Pray Together With the Brethren, God will definitely says : Go & Join the Saturday Prayer Meeting in Church of Sengkang. Amen. For the coming months, Our Prayer Guide will be on the Sermon on the Mount. Let's Pray Together for a radical change into a Christ-centered lifestyle. Make sure you get a copy of the Prayer Guide from your LG leader.

Your Will Be Done,

Pastor David Kerk

OUR COLLECTIONS

2 Corinthians 9:6: "*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*"

February 09' Collections	: \$12,240.40
Last week's up to 8 th Mar 09	: \$10,528.00
Church Building Fund	: \$27,080.00

*If you are making out a cheque, kindly mark
"Church of Sengkang Ltd".*

Today's Sermon

Speaker: **Pastor Don Wong**

Title of Message: **Shine Like A Shining Star
- The New Creation**

Scripture Text: **2 Corinthians 5:17-20, 1 Thessalonians 5:23**

Introduction: **A new creation is a person whose whole being:
Spirit, Soul & Body is God-centered**

Main Points:

1. Our Spirit: *Colossians 3:6-7*

Because of these, the **WRATH of GOD** is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.

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2. Our Soul: *Romans 12:1-2*

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. **DO NOT CONFORM** any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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3. Our Body: *2Timothy 2:3-5, 2 Peter 3:11*

ENDURE hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs - he wants to please his commanding officer. Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules.

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Reflection on this message:

*The percentage is a generalization of what we retain.
Understanding and Remembering are better when we make notes.*