

HUNGRY₄ JESUS

The older generation can vividly recall the desperation of hungry. Not so for the younger generation as life has been filled with abundance. Today, nothing much can be said about physical hungry. BUT not so for spiritual hunger, as a minister of the good news of Jesus Christ, I have witnessed some momentarily lack in the spiritual reality of her church. You might not agree with my observation. Do not be quick to conclude by the large number of Christians entering Her Church every weekend as a mark of spiritual hunger. Pastor Don Wong’s message on “The Anointing Rest Upon You” taken from Isaiah 11:1-3 captivated my soul with these 3 words ‘**HUNGRY For JESUS!**’. Is there a REAL HUNGRY in me for my Lord Jesus?

Let me pen down few of my personal reflective thoughts:

1. JUST TOO MANY Distractions

Many things have blinded our eyes; a multitude of christian seminars, conferences, bible camps, spiritual retreats, power-packed sermons, inspiring pulpit teachings and association with certain church have made a dichotomy between the Doctrines of God and An Intimate Personal Relationship with Our Lord.

The danger of such distractions can lead to a lifestyle of ‘QUICK-Fix or Filled Up It’ Spirituality. But our Lord wants from you and I is a ‘TIME WITH HIM!’. Our Lord commended “Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken from her” read Luke 10:42

2. JUST BEING In Spiritual Prayer

C.H. Spurgeon once told a group of theological students that after they entered the ministry they should not be surprised to find that people who prayed like angels in a church prayer meeting could act like devils in a church business meeting. Unfortunately the history of the Church proves his statement to be true. How can this happen? It’s because in a prayer meeting people think spiritually, but in a business meeting they revert to their natural thinking, with all its prejudices and worldly assumptions. This is why our Lord in His most overwhelming testing, He was able to say “Not my will, but yours, be done” read Luke 22:42.

That’s why every saturday in the House of Prayer, we are seeking our Lord to lead us in learning “How To Pray!”. We’ve started with a series of “Prayers From the Bible” starting with our Lord’s Prayer.

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3. JUST DOING My Service

We want to serve our Lord, and we say “We are ready to Serve our Lord if only we can find our place in His Service!” Not finding it, we are frustrated. What is wrong? God is far more concerned about we finding our place in Christ Himself than our place in His Service. The essential thing in Christian Service is not where we are serving or what we are serving, but in whose strength we are Living. I am persuaded by apostle Paul’s serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and trials. read Acts 20:19. God is looking for disciples where discipleship is a matter of the heart. Senior Pastor Rick Warren dealt in depth the subject of spiritual discipleship under in his classic book “PurposeDrivenLife”. Every disciple of Christ needs to learn the Five God-glorifying Purposes of a follower of Christ. Every sunday afternoon, a group of us are chewing up page by page of this classic book with sound biblical doctrines.

4. JUST DO IT! Yes We Will Continue To Delight In Him

We are saved by God’s Grace, and by His grace we must serve. The Lord is near - not to the successful but to those who are of a broken heart. Beloved, God is looking at our availability not ability. Furthermore He takes pleasure in Us His people (Psalm 149:4a), we just learned this truth under Purpose No:1 that “God has Planned us for His Pleasure”. Men look at our mistakes but God takes pleasure in us. Men mark our mistakes but GOD save our contrite and broken heart. Psalmist says “Delight yourself in the Lord!” read Psalm 37:4 and that is what we are going to Just Do it no matter what men may say about us and our mistakes.

Finally, as we humble ourselves at Calvary Cross, we shall learn the reality of Jesus’ Power that conquered over all sins. Beloved, let’s press on with His Promise in Matthew 5:6 ‘Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled’. O Lord, help and keep us in Mighty Hand. Amen

Still Hungry
For Jesus

Pastor David Kerk

OUR COLLECTIONS

Acts 20:35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of had work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Sept 2009 Collection	: S\$20,818.00
Oct 2009 Collection up to 18 Oct 2009	: S\$12,641.30
Church Building Fund	: S\$30,080.00

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THE SUNDAY TIME

25th October 2009

SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES:

10.30am to 12.30pm

Hungry For Food What Took Place last week..... Combined LG at Keris Drive 15 Oct 2009 (Thu night)



I became a Christian in 1978 at the Billy Graham’s Evangelical Outreach. Then, I told myself I must not to like those whom I met who did not grasp their faith well and were not able to respond to my questions and who eventually converted their faith and no longer professes Christianity. I must really know and have confidence in my faith. During the process of earnestly wanting to know more, I discovered that the Bible had recorded the most reliable resources for my desire to know and trust more, and even provided a real assurance and affirmation of who is Jesus, who is God, who are we and our relations with God. Through such understanding, every day and every minute of my life can be ordinary, be firmly secure and also allows me to continually draw from the bible unceasingly and be able to know this divine creator and experience his greatness. - Bro Ricky Tan’s Testimony.

MY GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!

I am studying in an art school where my mind have to constantly think, conceptualize, imagine, coming up with new theories to support my work, which at the same time is worsening my faith. Bulk of my time is spent in my studio with my studio mates and like most rebellious teenagers, I mixed around with bad company, many times almost got myself into trouble. The feeling of having freedom was awesome but deep down, I was unhappy and felt empty. This freedom gave me independence and made me feel I no longer needed anyone. I was on my own. I begin to backslide and turned away from God as I felt that I do not deserve him. I hated myself for my sins, especially the way I think. My faith was weak and my relationship with God was terrible.

My change began when my best friend asked me to help play guitar for Church of Sengkang. I was willing to help but never thought it will change my life. In May 2009, joined Church of Sengkang for a mission trip to Philippines. This mission trip was a turning point in my life. It was then, when I realized I was weak, sad, helpless and needed God in my life and how much He loves me. I learned to humble and bow down before our Lord. I thank the Lord for saving me, guiding me and protecting from my wilderness and darkest moments. Since that day I came back from Philippines, I felt I am a changed man! I stopped my bad habits, and am still faithfully attending Sunday service and Life Group every week. Praise the lord for saving my soul and loving a sinner like me! - Bro Ezekiel Wong’s Testimony

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Hungry for Fellowship



In June this year, on one Sunday, Pastor David requested me to look into how we can revamped our Church website. I must confessed then I was reluctant due to my work commitment. The next day, Monday, when I was in my office, my regular christian email subscription had this banner that read "Engage More People. Grow Your Church. Your Website is your #1 Communication Tool." I was stunned and did not know how to react. Very soon, I was distracted by my meeting and work schedules and forgotten about the banner message. Come Sunday again, our Pastor urged me to take a look at our Church website, I must admit I was not at ease as it felt like God is reminding me of the banner message. I simply gave him a smile and did not give him a Yes or a No answer. Then came Monday morning, the Lord again through the same christian email subscription spoke to me through another banner which read "Have you ever thought through your Church website more people can come to know Jesus?" . This time I spoke to the Lord, "Lord, you know my working motto is if I want to do something, I will give it my best, if not I would not take it up. I'll do it but I need your help with my already very stretched time and I need alot of strength cos' I can only worked at the website late at night . . . When Pastor David approached me again, I confidently replied "I will do it. " Work on the website began in July '09 , what you see now, the Church of Sengkang website, the templates, the colours, the pictures, the writeups, the icons, the bible verses etc. is the work of the Holy Spirit. All I can say is Wow! All Glory and Honour to my Jehovah God! - **Sis Lay Sim's Testimony**



Hungry for Souls

COSK has a Burning 'Heart For Evangelism'.

The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached on his name to all nations beginning at Jerusalem. (Luke 24:46-47)

The Christmas Outreach 2009 starts now!

Let us not forget though the mission of the Christmas Outreach; to come together as a unified body to celebrate "the good news" in the words and the life of our Lord with the purpose of touching the lives of those non-believers in the community.

This year we have plans to bring some of the evangelist performance into the community. We need musicians, choreographer, actors, dancers, script writers, sound crew, costume & make up artist, etc. Get ready and be part of an eventful year-end and see the work of our Lord transform the hearts, minds and souls of men through this evangelistic outreach. If you have a heart for evangelism or would like to support in any way, please contact the Outreach team or myself directly @ 93292249.

Still Hungry for Souls,
Bro. James Browning

Hungry for the Joy of the Lord!

On Monday 19.10.09, I was camping in Bugis Junction, taking in the sights and sounds of the many young people fellowshiping in groups, dressing in bright colours and running around chasing one another with smiles on their faces. I see joy radiating out of their physical being and I could not help but think of how God would always want His people to be soaked in His joy. *Read Nehemiah 8:10-11 "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."* But as we grow older, the cares of this world sink more realistically into our lives causing a veil between happiness and us.

People tend to fill their need for joy (to mask their sadness and fears) with the worldly pleasures like hanging out with friends indulging in alcohol, drugs and other undesirable physical activities. It's like taking an anesthetic shot, which temporarily numbs you and when the drug slowly wears off, the excruciating pain will return.

However, God do not want us to be fearful in the midst of your sadness. *Psalm 27:1 -- "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"* Take comfort and be encouraged that whatever unhappiness, fears, sadness or tribulation we may have to face, it will mould us into persons of character for God promised us in *Deuteronomy 31:6--"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."*

Without a doubt, the bible is very clear that God loves it when we find joy --**The Joy of the Lord** -- not just a simple mediocre joy but the world's greatest joy.

Philippians 4:4--"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!"

Psalms 118:24--"This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it."

Still Hungry for Joy
Bro Roy Tan

Today's Sermon

Speaker: Rev Canon Dr James Wong

Title of Message : God's Ownership & Our Stewardship

Scripture Text: 1 Chronicles 29:10-14

Key Verse 12: Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength & power to exalt and give strength to all.

Introduction:

Jesus talked much about MONEY, 16 of the 38 parables were concerned with how to handle MONEY & Possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of 10 verses deal directly with the subject of MONEY. The Bible offers 500 verses on Prayer, less than 500 verses on Faith, but more than 2,000 verses on MONEY & Possessions.

Main Points:

1. Why The Lord Says So Much About MONEY?

1:1 Spiritual Reasons

1:1:1 How We Handle MONEY has a significant impact on the _____ of our Relationship with Christ - Luke 16:11

1:1:2 MONEY is a primary competitor with Christ for the _____ of our life - Matthew 6:24

1:2 Practical Reasons

1:2:1 The Financial Practices of most people are in sharp _____ to the principles of scriptures - Isaiah 55:8-9

Pause & Reflect:

The Lord wanted to give us a blueprint for handling our money. Scripture gives us clear principles for earning, spending, saving, investing, giving, getting out of debt, and teaching our children how to handle money.

2. GOD's Part In Our FINANCES

Two distinct responsibilities in the handling of MONEY

- God Plays a Part - *Psalm 24:1*
- Transfer ownership to God - *Luke 14:33*

2:1 Control

2:1:1 Our Heavenly Father is in ultimate _____ of every event - *Daniel 4:34*

2:1:2 God Orchestrates Even Devastating circumstances for ultimate good - *Romans 8:28*

2:2 Provision

2:2:1 The Lord Promises to _____ for our needs - *Matthew 6:33*

2:2:2 The basic reason most fail to recognise God's Part is we do not know God really is.

We need to _____ Him down to our human abilities and limitations.

3. Our Part - STEWARD Over Our Finances

3:1 Our Responsibility : _____ or Manager of the Lord's Possessions

3:2 Our Responsibility : To Be _____ stewards

3:3 Luke 16:10 Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much...

Reflection on This Message:

God entrusts us with MONEY as a TEST; for like a toy to the child, it is training for handling things of more value. The trouble is that too many people are spending money they don't have for things they don't need to impress people they don't like - Anonymous. Listen to D. L. Moody got to said about RICHES - "Getting riches brings care; keeping them brings trouble; abusing them brings guilt; and losing them brings sorrow. It is great mistake to make so much of riches as we do.

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