

Today's Sermon

Name of Speaker : Bro. Michael Lim
Title of Message : Hour of Danger & Distress
Scripture Text : 2 Chronicles 20:1-30
Key verse 17 : You will NOT have to fight this battle. Take up your POSITIONS; STAND FIRM and SEE the Deliverance the LORD will GIVE you. Do NOT be afraid, do NOT be Discouraged. GO Out to Face them tomorrow and the LORD will Be With You.

Background:

We are not the first to be faced with danger and distress. During the reign of King Jehoshaphat Judah was faced with an invasion by an allied army of the Moabites, Ammonites & Edomites. What were they to do? The massed army was greater than their fighting force and had superior arms. Do you know what the King did? He proclaimed a FAST. He gathered the people together for PRAYER. In the language of the Bible he "sought the LORD" v4. Before the assembly of people the king prayed. The last statement in that PRAYER is a classic "We DO NOT know what to do, but our eyes are UPON YOU!" v12. It turned out that that was enough. God Delivered the people. The invading armies got to QUARRELLING among themselves and Destroyed themselves without the Judeans ever doing battle. Beloved, we can learn TRUST our LORD in the hours of dangers & distress.

Main Points

1. Danger & Distress Situation - No Provocation

2 Chronicles 20:1-2 Moabites & Ammonites came to MAKE war on Jehoshaphat
Pause To Reflect: Is your fear real or imagined? Many times we magnify our fears in such distressful situations and blow our anxieties out of proportion. Knowing what is happening may not enable you to change it, but at least you will be aware. Jehoshaphat and his people took a realistic look at what was happening.

2. True Refugee - Right RELATIONSHIP With HIM

Matthew 12:30 He who is NOT with me is against me, and he, who does NOT gather with me scatters

Pause To Reflect: Is God Able To Protect You? Four words you can hold on to - God Only Is Great. Beloved, Our Lord is our Refuge & Shelter in times of life's storms! Yes, how very true in saying the heart of the matter is a matter of the heart - spiritual condition with our Lord

3. Direct To God - Set Ourselves To SEEK God

2 Chronicles 20:3-9 The people of Judah CAME Together to SEEK HELP from the LORD.

Pause To Reflect: After appraising their enemies, the Judeans analyzed their resources. They did NOT have greater numbers of armies or superior weapons but they did HAVE a MIGHTY GOD they can turn to for HELP. They simply did that - SEEK GOD for HELP. Beloved, our LORD is our HELPER in times of troubles.

4. Trusting & Waiting - Reverent Gratitude

2 Chronicles 20:14-19 King Jehoshaphat was Instructed to STAND Still and when to MOVE.

Pause To Reflect: God has a PROMISE to HELP us in our times of Danger & Distress, we can claim that PROMISE. Read again v15-17. With Complete Confidence, Trust in Our Covenant GOD; we can Wait Upon HIM in our time of crisis. Often we do NOT know what to do because we are Depending on Ourselves instead of Trusting HIM. Beloved, Trust & Obey as there is NO other way than to Believe in Jesus & His Word.

5. GOD At Work - Enemies Confused & Dispersed

2 Chronicles 20:23-24 the men of Ammon & Moab rose up AGAINST the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another.

Pause To Reflect: We can BELIEVE God for victory before going out to meet our enemies. The victory we overcome is our FAITH in GOD. When the Battle is God's, the enemy is a Defeated foe. God's victory brings the spoils (Blessings) of victory v25-30 Beloved, in everything Give THANKS - 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Reflection on this Message

How often does it happen that you don't know what to do in the hours of dangers & distresses? Anytime it does happen you can remember from king Jehoshaphat's trust in our LORD. May the PRAYER of King Jehoshaphat reminds us especially v12 "O our God, we do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon YOU." Our LORD might not Promise us a miracle he healing in our soul or body, but HE can promise us the STRENGTH of GOD to see us through our dangers & distresses.

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

Watz Up!

1. Attention All Registered Bible Campers. There is a briefing at 2pm today in the chapel
2. Getting Connected through our LG ministry. We encourage you to be part of this ministry. Getting into the Body of Christ by serving one another through the LG & church ministry. We are going back to the LG 1st week of March 2010.

Tuesday (Mand/Hokkien) **Venue:** Geylang East Avenue 1 Block 134 #04-221
Ldrs: Bro Peter Tan (HP 81614066)

Wednesday (English) **Venue:** 33 Keris Drive
Ldrs: Sis Aw Lay Sim (HP 94557739)
 Sis Sandy Tan (HP 81891058)

Thursday (Mandarin) **Venue:** Hougang St 91 Block 974 # 04-224
Home Owner: Bro Dick (HP 97922138) &
 Sis Judy Choong (R 63886120)
Ldrs: Sis Cynthia Yip (HP 98284775)
 Sis Pauline Ang (HP 90182952)

Friday (Mand/English) **Venue:** Sengkang/Punggol
 (Please talk to Pastor David Kerk)
Ldrs: Pastor David Kerk

Once a Month **Venue:** Ang Mo Kio Ave 5 Block 643 #09-3003
 (Last Thursday) **Home Owners:** Sis Seet Peck Ngo & Rosie Soh
 (HP 91378263)
Co-ordinator: Sis Jane Aw (HP 94557671)

3. Kids & Teens Ministry: A revamped complete children's church for 5-14 years old. We take our children seriously, and seek to raise up a mighty army of children to love and serve our Lord. Starting from March 2010, 1st and 3rd saturday of every month we have the Kids & Teens Ministry at the chapel from 5.00pm to 6.30 pm. Our children will have a wonderful time, worshipping, learning about Jesus, being creative and having the opportunity to put their giftings into practise. Transport is available from Compasspoint Pick Up (4.50pm) and Cove LRT station (4.55pm). Further enquiries please contact sis Choo Kim HP96712261, Sis Carrie Wong HP97711684 or Pastor David Kerk HP 96460704.

OUR COLLECTIONS

Mark 12:43-44; Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything— all she had to live on."

Our Collections For January 2010				
Jan 2010 Collections				\$ 18,467.70
Church Bldg Fund at 31-01-10				\$ 30,080.00
Our Collections For February 2010				
Types/WeeklyCollections	7/2/10	14/2/10	21/2/10	TOTAL
Tithes, Offerings & Pledges	\$ 5,910.30	\$ 4,504.00	\$ 1,346.10	\$ 11,760.40
Church Building Fund	\$ —	\$ 1,000.00	\$ —	\$ 1,000.00
OneTime HongBao	\$ 3,093.00	\$ 3,055.00	\$ 349.00	\$ 6,497.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,003.30	\$ 8,559.00	\$ 1,695.10	\$19,257.40

February collection up to 21/02/10 : \$19,257.40
 Church Building Fund as at 21/02/10: \$31,080.00

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

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

28th February 2010

SUNDAY SERVICE TIME:

10.30am to 12.30pm

2010 Bible Camp

Can I be a disciple of Christ?

— The fruit of the spirit

To be a disciple of Christ, there is a huge difference between just knowing God, and actually submitting ourselves to God for the saving of our souls and the renewing of our minds.

The Bible says, "But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.' You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?" (James 2:18-20)

Does this mean we are saved by our works and not by grace of Jesus Christ? Absolutely not!

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). No, James is saying that there is a difference between knowing about God and submitting to God. The demons know of God, but they won't willingly submit to Him. On the other hand, Christians both know and willingly submit to God. The good works -- the fruit of the Spirit -- manifests itself in the life of a true believer. If we read the rest of the Ephesians passage about grace we see, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

We are just 3 weeks away from our 1st bible camp!

The registration for the camp is now closed! For those who have registered, payment for the camp can be made to Sis Sandy today! Bro Justyn Lim @ 98304456 Sis Vanessa @ 90023361 Sis Sandy Tan @ 81891058

Camp committee chairman
 Justyn Lim

Following
JESUS
 Everywhere

(All The Way)

REUNION THANKSGIVING DINNER



Where else can we find a church that serves Abalone and a delicious steamboat buffet incorporated with such wonderful godly entertainment? Only in Church of Sengkang!

More than just the food, it was the warm fellowship between the brothers and sisters that is outstanding.

1 Cor 1:10 says, "I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought." After this reunion dinner, it is evident that there is tremendous unity in this church and I believe, just like you, I am very proud to be apart of this body.

As chairperson of this very memorable event, I would like to thank God for His provision, His faithfulness and His unending love for COSK, I would also like to thank all those who have put their hearts and souls into making sure that everything in this event would run smoothly and eventually into a success. Not forgetting the performances by Bro. Frankie, the brothers from New Chairs Mission and our very own members.

Pastor David is a shepherd who believes in giving others a chance to outshine themselves. In this reunion dinner, many had the opportunity to test their limits. For example, Bro. Steven Wong had the opportunity to share his life testimony in front of so many people - glorifying our Lord Jesus Christ of His goodness. And without any doubt, from here onwards, he'll receive more

breakthroughs in Jesus' name in his personal walk with God!

Not long ago, by the grace of God, we had the chance to experience our 2nd anniversary celebration. Very soon, we will embark on our 3rd anniversary. I strongly believe our Lord will open many doors for us, we will reach out to those in need at the very ends of this Earth, we will find a hurt and heal it and we will all find a need in this broken down world and meet it. Church of Sengkang will be a representation of Jesus Christ in to the people of this age. If you think that the blessings of God upon COSK so far is good, let me assure you this - it is just the beginning and God is waiting for you to prepare yourselves so that He can take you up another level for mighty exploits!

My brothers and sisters, no matter what happens, we are ONE big family. In **1 Cor 12:13**, it says, "For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free--and we were all given the one Spirit to drink." therefore, fear not! Let not the devil deceive you into thinking that you are walking alone in all your life battles, the truth is, you have a big family backing you up! Church of Sengkang is a church of unity in one body.

I look forward to our next reunion dinner together. Here wishing all of you a peace-filled Lunar New Year.

Standing united with you,
Bro. Roy Tan

Chairperson, Lunar New Year Reunion Steamboat Dinner (2010)

Testimony

The Change In My Life

My name is Steven Wong Bo Wen. I have been Christian for 16 years now. I thank God for His grace that I am able to share my story.



I am the only child, I do not have any siblings and my parents do not know how to take care of me. During my primary school days, I was left to mix around with bad friends. I was influenced by them and became very naughty. I picked up vulgar languages, learnt how to steal, picked up smoking and used black magic to harm those around me. Eventually, I was bullied by them and got into trouble with the police.

At home, I scolded my mum with vulgar language, never did my school homework nor study for the examinations; failed my exams every year and also spent my father's hard earned money carelessly.

In April 1994, one of my primary school classmates brought me to a church event. Someone shared with me about God and I accepted Christ into my life but never took it seriously what it meant to be a Christian. Thereafter, I stopped attending church for about two years, until February 1997, someone shared with me about God again, which I did not take seriously. But this person never gave up on me. He brought me to Bible Study and to church. As time gone by, I begin to understand what it meant to be a Christian. I learnt that despite my bad behavior, bad habits, stubbornness and disobedience, God loves me very much. I learnt that I am separated from God because of my sins. Sin is my disobedience to God and it leads to death. Sin prevents me from having a good relationship with God. I need help to have a good relationship with God. I learnt that God sent Jesus Christ to die for my sins. Jesus Christ not only died for my sins, He was raised from the dead for me. God will forgive my sins because of what Jesus has done for me on the cross. Therefore, I ask God for forgiveness and receive Jesus into my life as Savior and Master. I am now His precious child and having a good and meaningful relationship with God.

When God came into my life, all of my bad behavior, bad habits, stubbornness and disobedience began to change. I no longer smoke or bully others. I started to pray for people around me, like my friends, hope they will come to know this God, whom I believe in. I also stop doing things that God do not like, like stealing. As I grow in Christ, I learnt to take care of my parents, especially now, when they get older and often fall sick. Now I like to study, in the past that I did not like. I thank God that I can even make it to Singapore Polytechnic. Even my neighbor noticed the changes in my life. I thank God for the changes. I thank God that I can share the amazing things that He has done in my life! Truly this is the greatest news that I can share with you!

He loves me and He loves you too. He personally made all of us. God loves us so much that He came down as a human being to save us. He died on the cross to save us from the punishment of sin. He is alive now and He desires you to believe in Him and become His children. God is indeed not far away from each one of us. I pray that God's love will change your life like the way He has changed mine.

Church of Sengkang Story

Before I came to Church of Sengkang, I was attending Seng Kang Methodist Church. It was through a friend of mine who helped me asked her church office that I got to know Church of Sengkang person in-charge. The following Sunday, I came to Church of Sengkang.

My family came to Church of Sengkang about 3 months. What really surprises me is this church is really different from the church I have attended. I am very blessed by their mission-mindedness and I commend the leaderships' commitment to the Great Commission. My mother enjoyed herself in Church of Sengkang. I never seen my mother so happy.

Few Sundays ago, we attended the Church's Evaluation & Feedback Meeting and were very impressed by the freedom of expressions by the members and the frankness of the leadership impacted me.

Pastor David Kerk, I want to say Thank You for your Acts of Love & Care which you have extended to my family. Pastor, you have done a great job in this church ministry and have done it wholeheartedly. Press on with this good work. Don't lose heart. Every little seeds you have planted will never go to waste and it will bear much fruit in due time. I believe He will reward every little thing you have done in the Name of Christ.

I hope Church of Sengkang will continue to be God-Centered & Mission-Minded. May our good Lord bless the ministry of Church of Sengkang under your leadership.