

As obedient *Children.*

do not conform to the evil desires you had  
when you lived in ignorance.

But just as he who called you is

*Holy. So be  
Holy in all you do.*

1 Peter 1:14,15



## BETHESDA (KATONG) CHURCH

10 Aug 2025

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**SENIOR CITIZENS' MINISTRY: Thursday, 14 Aug, 10am in Church @ Main Hall**

**Exercise:** 9am before meeting in Church @ 160CR

**Activity:** Cooking Demonstration

**LADIES' MEETING: Sunday, 17 Aug, 10:15am, in Church @ Annexe, L3**

**Topic:** Anna—A Faithful Witness

**Speaker:** Mrs Rita Ong

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Sunday, 17 Aug, 10:30am over Zoom / in Church @ 160CR, Room 2A**

**Topic:** "The Danger of Withdrawal" from 'Dangers Men Face'

**BAPTISM INSTRUCTION CLASSES:** The next Baptism Service is planned for Sunday, 26 Oct. If you believe in Jesus but have yet to be baptised, we encourage you to take this step of obedience to God by being baptised. Prayerfully consider attending these classes in Sep. Details will be announced soon.

### SUNDAY PRAYER WITH ELDERS

Two elders will be available after the morning service to pray with anyone who seeks personal prayer support. This morning, Elders Paul Chan and Leong Che Yeong will be present to spend time with you in private prayers.

## WORSHIP

through giving

Honour the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9

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- General Fund (GF);
- Missionary Fund (MF);
- Disaster Relief Fund (DRF)

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...for God loves a cheerful giver.  
(2 Corinthians 9:7b)

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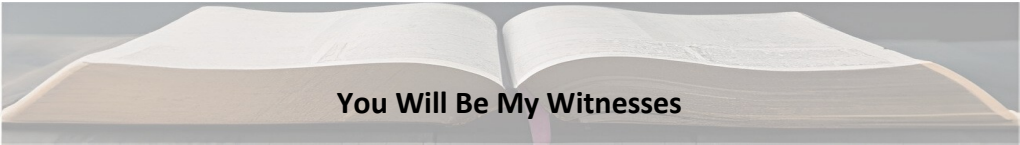
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## You Will Be My Witnesses

It is a great honour to be commanded to bear witness for Christ. That honour was first given to the apostles before Jesus ascended to heaven (Acts 1:8).

To be a witness is to affirm solemnly as true what one has seen or heard or knows. The apostles had witnessed the life and works of the Messiah first hand—his baptism, teachings, miracles, claims, transfiguration, death and resurrection. Now, they would be charged with bearing witness of all these things, first in their own town, then to the neighbouring towns, and further afield to the other cities and then to the rest of the world.

They would do so, empowered by the Holy Spirit to spread the Good News. The same Holy Spirit which came upon the apostles in Acts, now lives in every believer (Romans 8:9).

What happened when the apostles began to proclaim Christ boldly? In the first sermon preached by Peter, 10 days after Jesus' ascension, 3,000 souls were added (Acts 2). Thereafter, the spread of the gospel was unstoppable.

As of 2025, 2.38 billion of the world's population identify as Christians. While there is no sure way to validate how many of these are true believers, it still shows that the initial 3,000 has multiplied exponentially in the last two millennia. Such is the power of God working through the witness of faithful Christians through the centuries who spread the Good News all over the world.

But the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) is far from done. There are still approximately six billion people alive today who have yet to accept Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. Every day that passes, the window for them to receive the saving grace of Christ gets smaller.

The Lord was filled with compassion when he saw the great needs of the lost crowds and said to his disciples, *"The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."* (Matthew 9:37)

The apostles obeyed. It cost them their earthly lives to bring the gospel to the ends of the earth. We may not know if the Lord is calling us to die for the gospel, but he has surely asked all of us to die to self for his sake (Luke 9:23). When we obey to go and make disciples, not only do we do so in the power of the Holy Spirit, but the Lord also promises that he will be with us always, to the end of the age.

### 1. TODAY'S SPEAKER

**LAWRENCE CHUA:** Pray for Senior Pastor Lawrence Chua (Living Sanctuary Brethren Church) who gives us today's ministry message **"Missions—Sent by God (Romans 10:13-15; Acts 1:8)"**. Pray that we will have attentive hearts to this message given to us.

### 2. SENT BY GOD

Dear Lord,

We call on your name and rejoice in your saving grace. Send us, feet ready and voices bold, to share your good news. Let our hearts burn with compassion, proclaiming Christ to all. May we be faithful messengers, guided by your Holy Spirit, reaching those who have yet to hear. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

### 3. OUR NATION

Pray the following for our nation Singapore:

- \* We celebrated Singapore's 60th birthday yesterday. Pray for God to bless Singapore with unity and harmony among our diverse communities. May the different cultures and faiths coexist peacefully.
- \* May God grant wisdom to Singapore's leaders, guiding them to govern with integrity, fairness, and compassion. May they make decisions that promote justice, economic stability, peace and creation care. May they be protected from corruption and greed.
- \* Pray for God to bless the churches in Singapore with a broken spirit, unity and spiritual revival. Let believers grow in faith and love for one another, strengthening pastors and leaders to shepherd their congregations faithfully. May the Church be a light in the community, holding fast to God's truth, serving those in need, and bringing transformation to the nation.

## THEME: LIVING OUT ACTS

Missions—Sent by God (Romans 10:13-15; Acts 1:8)

Senior Pastor Lawrence Chua (Living Sanctuary Brethren Church)

### Sermon Notes

#### VERSE FOR THE WEEK:

##### Acts 1:8 (NIV)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my [Jesus'] witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

#### Next Week's Sermon

**Missions—God's  
Message Is for Everyone  
(Acts 10:34-35)**

Dr Tan Lai Yong  
(Bethesda Frankel Estate  
Church)