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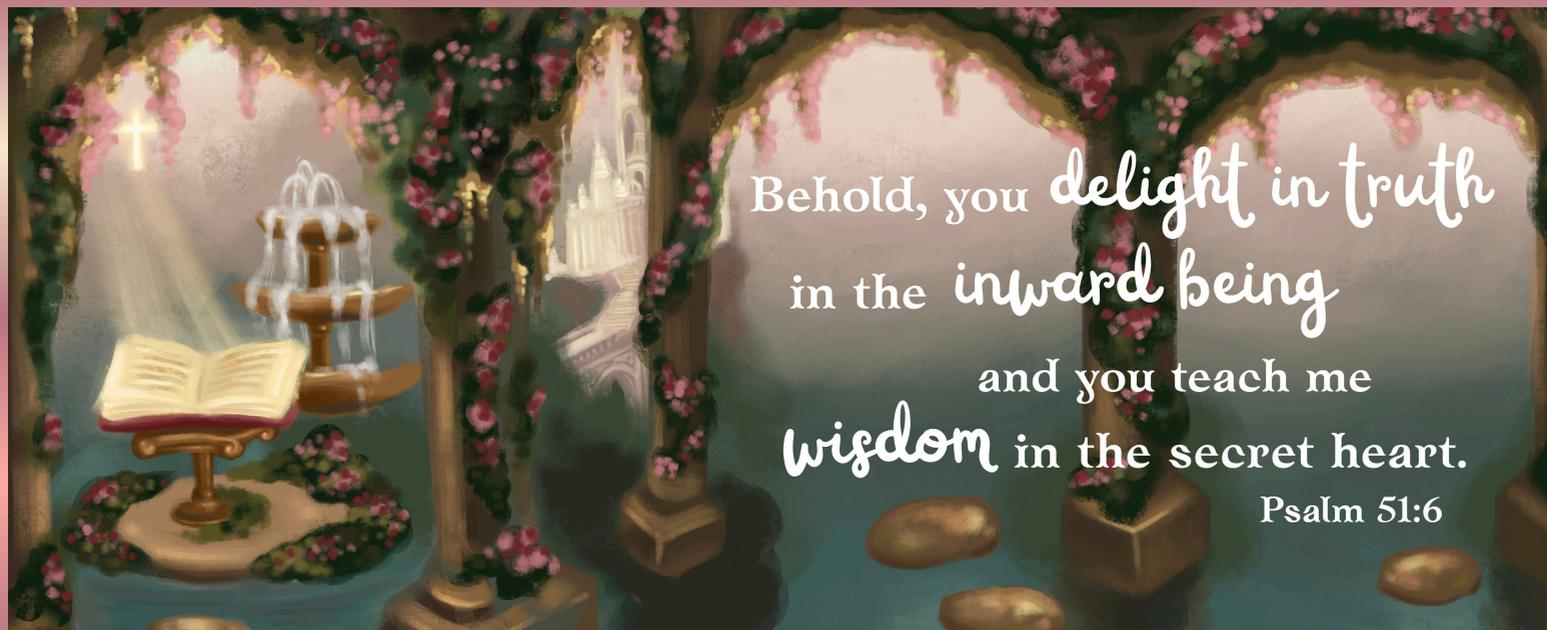
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ANNIVERSARY

GROWING Together
IN CHRIST



Behold, you *delight in truth*
in the *inward being*
and you teach me
wisdom in the secret heart.
Psalm 51:6

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)

THANK YOU

For God loves a cheerful giver.

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION CLASS

Today, 10:35am @ Annexe, L204

Find out more about "The Lord's Supper" at today's class. All are welcome.

BKC TOWN HALL MEETING

Today, 5:30pm @ Main Hall

Join us this evening for church updates and fellowship.

SENIOR CITIZENS' MINISTRY

Thursday, 12 Mar, 10am @ Main Hall

Exercise: 9am before meeting @ 160CR

Activity Day: Paint by Numbers

LADIES' MINISTRY

Sunday, 15 Mar, 10:15am @ Annexe, L3

Topic: Kindness & Goodness

Speaker: Mrs Stephanie Tan

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, 15 Mar, 10:35am @ Annexe, L203 and over Zoom

Topic: A Man & Creation

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 Chia Eng Chuan will be present to spend time with you in private prayer.

WHEN GOD FEELS DISTANT



In Exodus 25, God reveals to Moses his wonderful intention: “Let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.” (v8) The holy Creator desires to be near with his redeemed people. He gives them the pattern, invites willing offerings, and defines how he will be approached. Worship, in this moment, is shaped entirely by God’s divine grace and revelation.

But only a few chapters later, in Exodus 32, everything begins to fall apart.

While Moses remains on the mountain, the people grow anxious. The God who promised to dwell among them now feels distant. His perceived silence gives rise to their insecurity, and the perceived delay causes them to doubt. So, they take matters into their own hands. The gold meant for God’s dwelling becomes material for a golden calf.

What a stark and painful contrast! In chapter 25, worship is God-directed and God-defined. In chapter 32, however, worship becomes human-directed and human-designed.

Yet if we are honest, we may recognise ourselves here.

When God’s presence feels delayed—when prayers seem unanswered, when the direction feels unclear—we are often tempted to build our own substitutes. Perhaps not a golden calf, but something subtler: control, success, affirmation, security. We reshape our worship of God into something that is manageable, visible, and immediate.

But Exodus reminds us that true worship begins with God’s revelation, not our own preference. God determines how he will be known. He is not a projection of our anxieties, but the covenant Lord who graciously discloses himself. The remedy for our anxiety is not heightened creativity but renewed submission to him. Our worship of him should stem from our clinging to God’s word, rather than our impulses.

The golden calf incident does also reveal something deeper. While our impatience does not nullify God’s dwelling purpose, it does threaten our experience of it. When God’s judgement falls, our fellowship with him is fractured. Yet Moses intercedes, and God’s larger intention to dwell with his people continues.

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FOCUS ON PRAYER



TODAY'S SPEAKER

Pray for Pastor Elder Leong Che Yeong who gives us today's ministry message, **"The Golden Calf" (Exodus 25:1-9, 32:1-35)**. Pray that we will have attentive hearts to this message given to us.

KEEP US FROM GOLDEN CALVES

Holy God,

You desire to dwell among us, yet we are quick to fashion idols of our own making. Cleanse our corrupt hearts and turn us from false worship. Make us a willing people who give generously and obey you faithfully, that your holy presence may remain among us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL

Pray the following for St Luke's Hospital (SLH):

- Ask God to establish a strong culture of prayer in SLH among the Christian staff.
- SLH will be celebrating her 30th anniversary this year. Preparations have started. Pray for the various teams that are involved in the planning and preparation. The theme is "Honouring Legacy, Shaping Tomorrow". In all the preparation and celebration, may the Lord's name be magnified and glorified.
- Pray for the blessing of God upon the future of SLH that she will continue to be a beacon of light in the healthcare sector.
- Pray Psalm 133 over SLH for the unity of the Board, the senior management and the staff. Pray against the schemes of the enemy from disrupting the unity within and for SLH leaders to always walk in faith, hope and love.

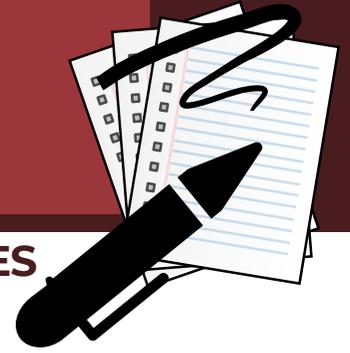
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Today, if God feels distant, resist the urge to fabricate substitutes. Wait for him. Trust his revealed will. Offer him our obedience, not merely our enthusiasm. The God who desires to dwell among his people has not changed. The question is whether we will meet him on his terms.

THEME: TEACH ME THY WAYS

Verse of the Week: Exodus 25:8 (NIV)

Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.



SERMON NOTES

TODAY

The Golden Calf (Exodus 25:1-9; 32:1-35)
Pastor Elder Leong Che Yeong



NEXT SUNDAY

Moses' Intercession (Exodus 33:1-23)
Elder Chia Eng Chuan