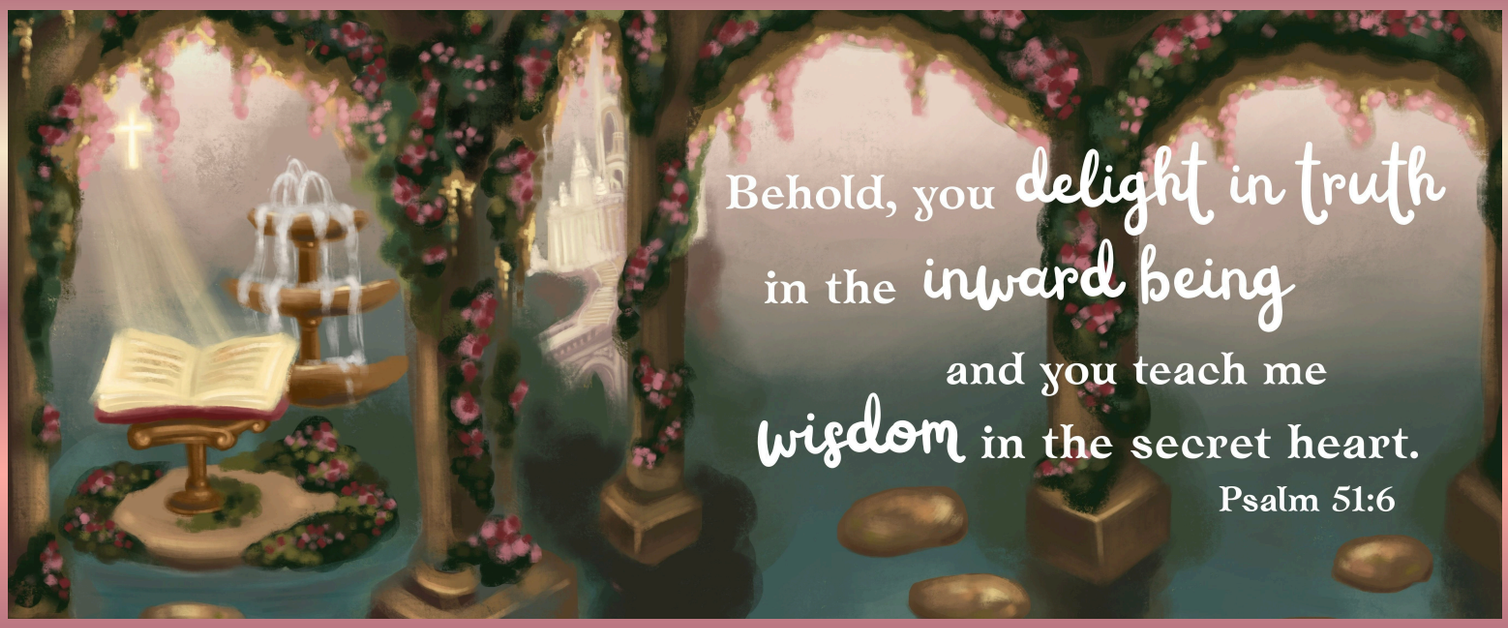
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- General Fund (GF)
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THANK YOU
For God loves a cheerful giver.

LADIES' PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Today, 10:15am @ Annexe, L3
Topic: Self-Control—When Love Submits to God

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Today, 10:35am @ Annexe, L203 & over Zoom
Topic: Finding the Fear of God in a Crooked World (Ecclesiastes 7:15-29)

SENIOR CITIZENS' MINISTRY

Thursday, 5 Nov, 10am @ Main Hall
Exercise: 9am @ 160CR (before the meeting)
Topic: Habakkuk's 2nd Complaint (Habakkuk 1:12-2:20)
Speaker: Elder Paul Chan

SILIGURI FUNDRAISER

Please support the Siliguri Missions Team generously at their food sale today. For all donations, please indicate "Waasta 2026".

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 Loon Sum Loon and Leong Che Yeong will be present to spend time with you in private prayer.

WHEN JESUS COMES TO HELP HIS PEOPLE



Have you ever faced a situation where you felt helpless? Perhaps someone you love is seriously ill, a problem seems impossible to resolve, or grief leaves you wondering how you can carry on. In such moments, we long for someone who can help us. Luke 7:1-17 reminds us that Jesus is the Lord who has both the authority and the compassion to help his people.

Jesus responds to faith that trusts his authority.

The passage begins with a Roman centurion whose servant is seriously ill and about to die. Although he is a man of authority, he recognises the limits of his power. He sends Jewish elders to ask Jesus to heal his servant. Later, he sends friends to tell Jesus that he does not consider himself worthy to have Jesus enter his home. He believes Jesus can heal his servant simply by speaking a word.

Jesus marvels at the centurion's faith, saying that he has not found such great faith even in Israel (v9). The centurion understands that Jesus' authority is unlike any human authority. Jesus does not need to be physically present to accomplish his purposes.

Having faith does not mean expecting that God will give us the outcome we desire. Rather, because of faith we can entrust ourselves and those we love to the Lord whose wisdom and power exceed our own.

Jesus sees those whom others might overlook.

The second account takes us to Nain, where Jesus encounters a funeral procession. A widow has lost her only son. Bereft of her husband and only son, she may now face financial and social insecurity.

Luke tells us that when Jesus saw her, he had compassion on her (v13). He initiates the conversation—he tells her not to weep, touches the bier and commands the young man to rise. The dead man sits up and begins to speak, and Jesus gives him back to his mother. The widow did not even have to ask.

What a beautiful picture of our Lord's compassion! Jesus is not distant from human suffering: readily he sees, readily he cares and readily he acts! His compassion is especially precious to those who feel forgotten, vulnerable or alone.

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FOCUS ON PRAYER



TODAY'S SPEAKER

Pray for our Deacon Benjamin Pang who gives us today's ministry message, **"The Centurion's Servant and the Widow's Son"** (Luke 7:1-17). Pray that we will have attentive hearts to this message given to us.

JESUS, OUR COMPASSIONATE LORD

Gracious Lord Jesus,
We praise you for your authority over sickness and death, and your compassion for those who are suffering. Help us trust you as the centurion did and bring our sorrows to you. Open our eyes to your saving power, that we may glorify God the Father and share your love. In your mighty name we pray. Amen.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Pray for the persecuted church:

- Ask God to empower believers to remain steadfast in faith despite fear, threats or imprisonment.
- Pray for God's protection for those facing danger.
- Intercede for God's presence to bring peace and hope to those suffering.
- Pray that God will soften the hearts of persecutors and that believers may respond with love and forgiveness.
- Lift up families who have lost homes, jobs, or loved ones, asking God to meet their needs.
- Pray that the gospel will continue to spread even in hostile regions and that believers will have the courage to share their faith.

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Dear church, do we notice those among us who are grieving, elderly, lonely or struggling in silence? It is possible to be busy with church activities yet fail to see the people who need our care. Having first experienced Christ's compassion, we must now show it to others.

Jesus gives us reason to hope.

The crowd responds, "God has come to help his people" (v16). These miracles reveal Jesus' authority over sickness and death. They foreshadow Jesus' ultimate victory over death through his resurrection.

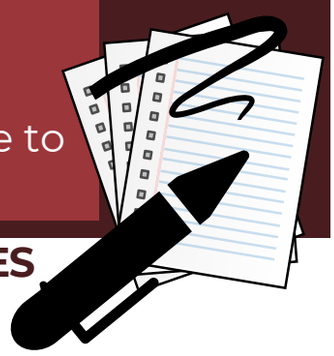
Even when we are buffeted by the harsh realities of life, may we remember that our Lord sees us, cares for us and holds our future securely in his hands.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." (John 14:27)

THEME: TEACH ME THY WAYS

Verse of the Week: Luke 7:16 (NIV)

They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.”



SERMON NOTES

TODAY

The Centurion’s Servant and the Widow’s Son (Luke 7:1-17)

Deacon Benjamin Pang

NEXT SUNDAY

Jesus and John the Baptist (Luke 7:18-35)

Elder Chia Eng Chuan