

"Though the fig tree does not bud & there are no grapes on the vines ... though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,

yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will be joyful in God my Saviour."
Habakkuk 3:17-18



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A WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR INTERNAL CIRCULATION ONLY

11 April 2021

SUNDAY PRAYER MEETING: Today, 10:15am

Do join us for a time of corporate prayer after our morning service. For those in the church premises, please proceed to Annexe Level 4. For others who are worshipping from home over Zoom, do remain online for the prayer meeting.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Sunday, 18 April, 10:15am over Zoom

Book Study: Discipline Of A Godly Man by R. Kent Hughes
Topic: Part 1 — Discipline For Godliness
All men are welcome to join the Fellowship. Please WhatsApp to Elder Paul Chan at 98171378 for the meeting link.

LADIES' MEETING: Sunday, 18 April, 10:15am over Zoom

Spiritual Renewal: Recovering The Joy Of Service
Speaker: Mona Lee-Chia (Adam Road Presbyterian Church)
All ladies are welcome. Do invite your friends to join us for the meeting online. The Zoom link will be sent out 1 day before the meeting.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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

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ARCHIPPUS AWAKENING SEMINAR

Alignment Weekend AWE2021 via ZOOM

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13 to 16 May 2021

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/AWE2021>

Fee: S\$20.00

Closing Date: 30 April 2021

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They had just had breakfast of grilled fish and bread on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. With a huge haul of 153 fish and the net not breaking under that weight, it was nothing short of a miraculous catch. Peter, John and five other disciples had set out to sea the night before but had caught nothing by day

break. Then, a man appeared on the shore and told them to cast their net on the right side of the boat. The net came up full. When they realised the man on the shore was Jesus, Peter made a watery dash for the shore.

“Do you love me more than these?” Jesus asked Peter after they had finished eating. “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Peter replied in a heartbeat. But when Jesus asked him the third time, Peter was hurt, saying, “Lord, you know all things; you know I love you.”

Indeed, the Lord knows all things. He knows our heart. He knows our every thought, he sees each tear that falls and he hears us when we call. Jesus knew Peter loved him, and he also knew Peter needed restoration – he was broken after he denied his Lord three times on the night Jesus was arrested.

“Feed my lambs”, “take care of my sheep” – the Lord told Peter. It was a call that Peter probably did not fully grasp, at that time, what it would entail. He would not have understood fully what Jesus said, in John 21:18, that he, Peter, would die a martyr for the gospel. It was Peter’s love for the Lord, and not his confidence or boldness that qualified him for the high calling.

“What about him?” Peter asked, referring to John. “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.” was Jesus’ reply. Perhaps, Peter wanted to know if he would have John’s company in the path ahead, or maybe he was concerned about the fate of his friend. But Jesus told him to leave his brother be and focus on the ministry that he has been called to.

Jesus said in Luke 9:23 that whoever wants to be his disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow him. It is costly. It demands self-sacrifice. Why then, would the early disciples, those through the ages, those in the future, and you and I want to follow Christ?

The reason must surely be: Lord, you know I love you.

FOCUS ON PRAYER

The praying church grows by worshipping God and serving people



1. TODAY'S SPEAKER

CHIA ENG CHUAN: Pray for Elder Chia Eng Chuan who gives us today's ministry message on the topic "**Follow Me!**" (**John 21:15-25**). Pray that we will have attentive hearts to this message given to us.

2. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Adapted from John 21:15-25

Dear Lord,

You lovingly restored and reinstated Peter though he denied you thrice. In the same way, thank you for your love, patience, forgiveness, and gentleness with us when we stumble. Motivated by your deep love for us, may we love you, heed your call and follow you. This we pray in your wonderful name. Amen.

3. BKC MEMBERS

Pray the following for BKC Members:

- * Pray that God will guide us to help those who are in need during this pandemic.
- * Pray for God's presence and comfort to be with those who are sick. Pray for God's timing to heal. Pray also that God will help their caregivers to be calm and to seek help whenever needed.
- * Pray for good and stable adjustments for our newly-weds as they set up home and new routines between themselves and their parents. Pray that they will continue to draw near to God and serve him.
- * Pray that members may be able to extend love to those who have recently lost their loved ones.
- * Pray that we will all be pure in heart and see God (Matthew 5:8).

TODAY

Follow Me!

(John 21:15-25)

SPEAKER

Elder Chia Eng Chuan

SERMON NOTES

NEXT SUNDAY

Praying With Joy

(Philippians 1:1-11)

SPEAKER

Deacon Dr Douglas Chan

THEME

Living Faithfully In Times Of
Trouble

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

John 21:15 (NIV)

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."