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

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SENIOR CITIZENS' MINISTRY: Thursday, 18 Apr, 10am
in Church @ Main Hall

Exercise: 9am before meeting in Church @ 160CR

Topic: Special Provision (Joshua 20:1-21:45)

Speaker: Pastor Daniel Koh [Bethesda (Bedok-Tampines) Church]

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Sunday, 21 Apr, 10:15am over
Zoom / in Church @ 160CR, Room 2A

Book Study: The Christian Man – The Role Of A Christian Man In Our Culture

If you are interested to join the Men's Fellowship, please email to paul.chan@bethesdakatong.org.

LADIES' MEETING: Sunday, 21 Apr, 10:15am in Church
@ Annexe, L3

Theme: Reaching Upward-Inward-Outward

Topic: Staying Tuned To God

Speaker: Mrs Judy Lee

We welcome all ladies and their friends to join us after the morning service.

BKC CHURCH CAMP: 9 - 12 Jun 2024 @ Holiday Villa
Johor Bahru City Centre

Last day for registration is 21 Apr 2024. Sign up link:

<https://links.bethesdakatong.org/churchcamp2024signup>.

Details of the pricing can be found here:

<https://links.bethesdakatong.org/churchcamp2024packages>.

The Transfiguration And A Healing After

Here in Mark 9:2-29, we find an interesting sequence of events that reflects the glory, power and authority that Jesus has.

First, in the transfiguration of Jesus, we see his divine authority being expressly confirmed by God. At the mountain, Moses and Elijah had appeared to Jesus with Peter, James and John. Moses and Elijah represented, respectively, the Law and the Prophets. Yet when God's voice from heaven proclaimed Jesus as God's beloved Son and said of Jesus to "Listen to him!", it was a sure sign that Jesus had displaced the Law and the Prophets; he would be the completion of the Law and the fulfillment of the prophecies in the Old Testament. The old has gone, and the new has come! As we would know later, Jesus stands in future glory as he overcame death through his resurrection after three days.

Next, we see Jesus heal a boy who has been possessed by a spirit which had made him mute since childhood. The father of the child had been looking for all ways to heal him, yet was unable to find a cure. He had approached Jesus' disciples, but they failed to heal the boy. Jesus, on the other hand, was able to do so. Jesus confronted the father's unbelief, and he repented immediately. As he places new-found faith in Jesus' power, the Lord heals his son and delivers the son from a lifetime of misery. We see here the power and authority that Jesus has over evil, clear signs that he is the Promised One – the One who saves by grace through faith.

Like many of the stories of miraculous healings we have encountered in the Gospels, this incident coming down the mountain involved a parent desperate with anxiety over his child. If we as earthly parents display such anxiety and worry over our earthly children out of our love for them, how much more does God grieve over his own children. God, the true and better parent, demonstrates his love for his own children in this – while we were still sinners he sent his only Son Jesus to die for us. Our salvation in Christ, is predicated on our faith in him.

Are you still caught in disbelief? Is there anything that is causing your disbelief today? What can we learn from the father of the boy who confessed his disbelief and sought to seek God earnestly in faith? May we be reminded of the need for Jesus in our lives, just as the lyrics of this hymn "I Need Thee Every Hour" aptly sums up the lessons learnt from this passage –

*I need Thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine,
Can peace afford.
I need Thee, Oh, I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour!
I come to Thee.*

FOCUS ON PRAYER

1. TODAY'S SPEAKER

LEONG CHE YEONG: Pray for Pastor Elder Leong Che Yeong who gives us today's ministry message **"The Transfiguration And A Healing After"** (Mark 9:2-29). Pray that we will have attentive hearts to this message given to us.

2. BELIEVE AND DO NOT DOUBT THE LORD

Dear God,

Thank you that by grace through faith in Jesus, we can come to your throne of grace for mercy to find help in our time of need. Forgive us, Lord, for the times when our trust in you has been overshadowed by foolish doubt. Keep us from doubting your word. Increase our faith in the days ahead, and prevent us from being discouraged by the difficult situations we face. Strengthen us, Lord, and help our unbelief. All glory and praise to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

3. CHURCH CAMP

Pray the following for our Church Camp:

- * As there is only about two weeks left to sign up for the camp, pray for God to lead more church members to be able to free up their schedule to join the church camp.
- * Pray that the participants will all be enriched and challenged by the lessons from the camp theme **"Take Root, Bear Fruit"** (John 15:5) through our camp speaker, Dr Richard Ong.
- * Pray for the Lord to lead and grant wisdom to the camp commandant, Sarah Khaw, and the camp committee as they prepare the programme and logistics for the camp.



THEME: THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM

VERSES FOR THE WEEK: Mark 9:23-24 (NIV)

²³ “If you can’t?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

²⁴ Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

SERMON NOTES

TODAY:

SPEAKER: Pastor Elder Leong Che Yeong

The Transfiguration And A Healing After
(Mark 9:2-29)

NEXT SUNDAY:

SPEAKER: Advisory Elder Eric Ang

The Upside Down Kingdom
(Mark 9:38-10:31)