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

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SENIOR CITIZENS' MINISTRY: Thursday, 14 Mar, 10am
in Church @ Main Hall and Annexe, L1

Exercise: 9am before meeting in Church @ 160CR

Activity Week: Origami

LADIES' MEETING: Sunday, 17 Mar, 10:15am over
Zoom / in Church @ Annexe, L3

Theme: Reaching – Upward, Inward, Outward

Topic: Developing A Biblical Worldview

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Sunday, 17 Mar, 10:15am over
Zoom / in Church @ 160CR, Room 2A

Book Study: The Christian Man: Lust – The Right Way To Deal With This Powerful Drive

Please email to paul.chan@bethesdakatong.org if you are interested to join the Men's Fellowship.

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

Registration for Church Camp 2024 is open and you can now register online with this link:

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

Details of the pricing can be found here:

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

Who Is Jesus? More Healing Miracles

Our topic for today continues exploring the question “Who is Jesus?”. Mark meant for us to see Jesus as “Healer” and our text (Mark 6:53-56; 7:24-37) abounds with stories of healing. Jesus’ power to heal is one of the most well-known aspects about him and we find many examples of him healing the sick in the most unusual ways in the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus displayed his power over nature by calming a storm and he demonstrated his authority over evil spirits by casting out a legion of demons. Jesus also displayed his authority over sickness and infirmities. Many who heard of his healing power flocked throughout the whole area carrying the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. The sick were brought into the villages, cities or the countryside and even to the marketplace; and they begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe. All who touched him were healed. Here, we see a compassionate Christ who cared about the hurting masses.

Today’s passages feature a demon-possessed child and a deaf man, both of whom are healed by Jesus. In the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon, Jesus heals a Syro-Phoenician (Gentile residents of Tyre, Sidon and Syria) woman’s daughter who was demon-possessed. Jewish tradition dictates that a Jew should have nothing to do with Gentiles, considering them to be “unclean”. However, because of the relentless and persistent intercession of this Syro-Phoenician mother for her daughter’s healing and her faith in Jesus, Jesus in his grace to them made her daughter whole again. Jesus healed her daughter from a distance, making this healing even more miraculous for the mother. In another incident, a deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to Jesus. As said in Mark 7:33-36, Jesus took him aside and put his fingers in the man’s ears, spat and touched the man’s tongue. Jesus then looked up to heaven, sighed and said to him ‘be opened’. Immediately the man was healed. In neither instance did Jesus follow a “formula” to heal. His power was independent of the method – this was simply who he was – the Messiah, the Son of God.

To today’s post-modern science-oriented public, many questions are raised over the authenticity of claims of miraculous healing and their plausibility. Some theologians in their best attempts have ended up “tying science in knots” in trying to explain Jesus’s power, while others are dismissive of any attempt to even do so. Where should we stand in these eternal debates? Do we believe in these biblical accounts of divine healing? Do we truly believe that our God is the Creator who is beyond the physical world, a God who is not bound by the laws of nature?

I certainly do. To me, he is Jehovah Rapha, the Lord who heals. Jesus is capable of healing us physically, spiritually, emotionally and mentally. I know that he always seeks to make us well, healing us not only on the surface, but in depth. The greatest healing Jesus provides is the healing of our relationship to our Maker, a relationship broken by sin. He is the Messiah who redeems us and justifies us through his blood, allowing us to be complete in his fullness. Are we ready for the healing that only Jesus can offer?

FOCUS ON PRAYER

1. TODAY'S SPEAKER

DOUGLAS CHAN: Pray for Elder Dr Douglas Chan who gives us today's ministry message **"Who Is Jesus? More Healing Miracles"** (Mark 6:53-56, 7:24-37). Pray that we will have attentive hearts to this message given to us.

2. JESUS OUR HEALER

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for your compassion in healing the sick, and the demon-possessed. Your power is great and you have done everything well. Thank you most of all for healing and restoring our relationship with God the Father which was broken by our sin. We give you thanks in your name, Amen.

3. CARE GROUP

Pray the following for our Care Groups:

- * Pray that members of our care groups will be filled with the knowledge of God's will.
- * Pray that they will live a life worthy of the Lord and bear fruit.
- * Pray that they will have God's comfort, strength, perseverance and courage to stay the course even when the going is difficult.
- * Pray that they will be thankful for all that God has done for them.



THEME: THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM

VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Mark 7:37 (NIV)

³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

SERMON NOTES

TODAY:

SPEAKER: Elder Dr Douglas Chan

Who Is Jesus? More Healing Miracles
(Mark 6:53-56; 7:24-37)

NEXT SUNDAY:

SPEAKER: Deacon Ezra Tham

Things That Defile
(Mark 7:1-23)