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God's Final Word: His Son

1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Hebrews 1: 1-4 ESV



Today's Question

What does
being a safe space
for others mean to you?

REFLECTION

Today's Scripture Reading : Job 1:1, Psalm 8 Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16

BEING A SAFE SPACE FOR OTHERS

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PRAYER of the week

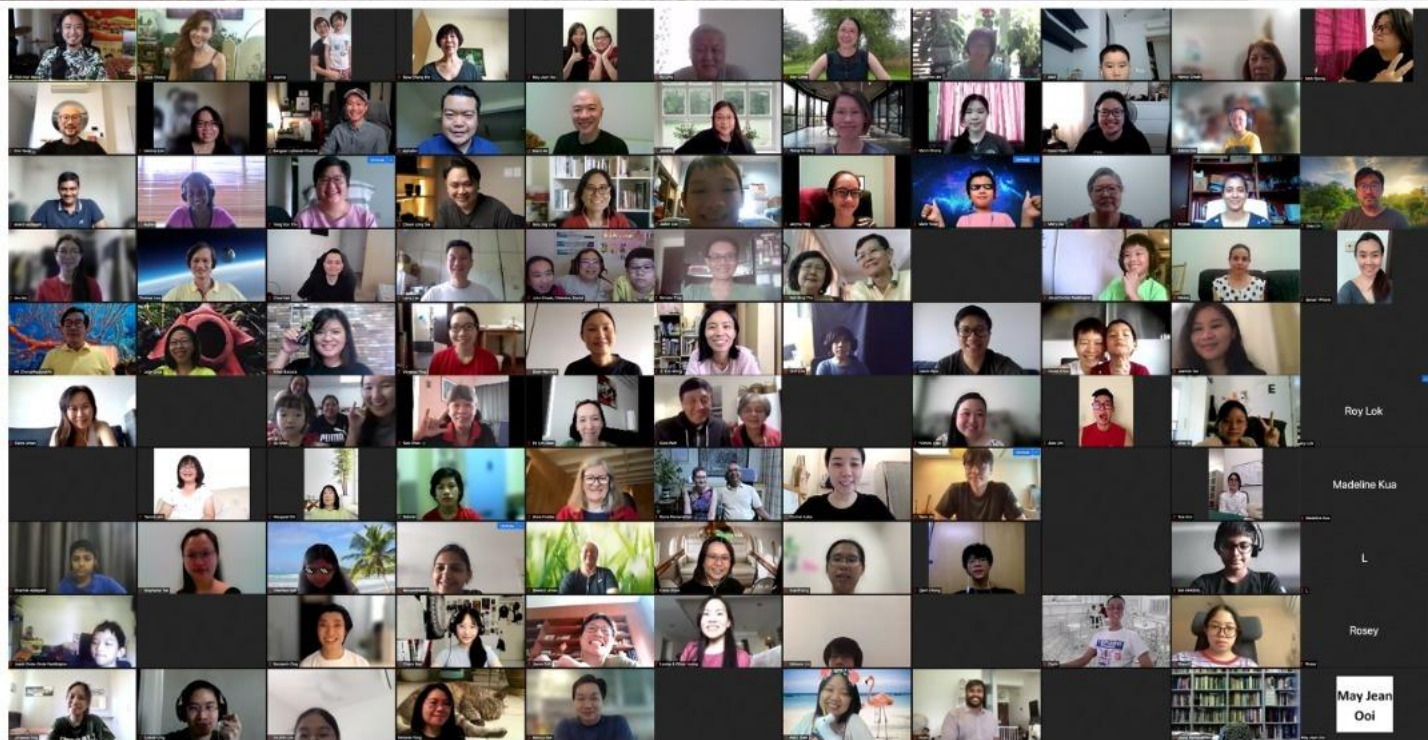
Lord, root me so
deeply in You that
I might be rooted
in the love of God
so that I cannot
help but invite
people to love one
another. In Jesus'
precious name,

Amen.



When we are free from the need to judge or condemn, we can become safe places for people to meet in vulnerability and take down the walls that separate them. Being deeply rooted in the love of God, we cannot help but invite people to love one another. When people realise that we have no hidden agendas or unspoken intentions, that we are not trying to gain any profit for ourselves, and that our only desire is for peace and reconciliation, they may find the inner freedom and courage to leave their guns at the door and enter into conversation with their enemies.

Many times this happens even without our planning. Our ministry of reconciliation most often takes place when we ourselves are least aware of it. Our simple, non-judgmental presence does it.



EXPERIENCING GOD AT WORK

By Sheh-Ren



BLC Virtual Camp

We truly thank God for the wonderful experience the Camp Committee crafted for the BLC Community through the Virtual Camp. Together with the Campers and Media team, everyone's participation made it so memorable.

Here are some of the team's reflections.

You see, I do not like making decisions.

I remember the day clearly, it was during a council meeting that we broached the church camp topic. Timing seemed perfect for planning to start 2 months before the agreed date of 16 Sept 2021. And suddenly I was left to form a camp committee and gear towards camp day...what?! I thought Council would help me make all the major decisions :(. After that, things happened in auto pilot (literally because God knows I never like making decisions...so He made them automatically made for me). Quite surreal as I recall back on the events.

Camp committee members came into formation within 1 day. Everyone I approached agreed, except Jason...and again, the Lord had other plans for him :) as we can see during camp day. 1st meeting, camp theme was agreed; good ideas adopted and bad ideas thrown out. Keat Lim steered us to focus on planning the programme and reasons behind each activity and at the first meeting the schedule was fixed and tasks segregated. So efficient!

Less than 1 week later, speakers fixed and the week after Keat Lim told us to proceed with the caterer, yet another decision made for me:). And Suzanne stepped in to tell us to send fruits while Janelle arranged all the food menu and time slots for delivery.

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Davin then took the lead to liaise with media who set the timeline in motion for camp announcements and registration forms. Another decision made for me! We had lined up 7 of us to take turn to make announcements and as I looked at the schedule, we had 1 Sunday without an assigned camp representative hovering at the back of my mind...please Lord, let it not be me having to go on Zoom Live another time and He did not leave me worrying because it was decided (not by me) that our wonderful mc, John would take the last slot.

May Jean and Joanne assured me they had the ice breaking sessions under control and appeared their very best on camp day!

Adult programmes were sorted out but we still had the children activities to deal with. We were debating on whether we run the two camps independently but that would mean double the effort and many teachers missing out on the main camp, we ran through the scenarios and Carmen decided that *Children Ministry* would send work packages to occupy the kids while adult camp was in session. Decision made for me :).



Next was the *Younger Youth* and how they would fit in...and Nelson stepped in to decide that we would scrape special games cum learning session for youth. Another decision made and I can see how God works for His glory later on camp day as the Youth were able to bless us at the end of camp with 'we can only pray and trust God'... two simple takeaways as we journey on!

BLC Virtual Church Camp 2021 Committee members.

Many other decisions were made including group balloting with Ee Lyn, speakers, when to meet, when to pray, when our wonderful media team step in etc, et cetera.

Thank God for orchestrating everything! Praise be to His name!



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Pray - Plan - Pray - Finalise - Pray.

“... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. All glory to our Lord Jesus!”



By Ee Lyn

That was how the planning for the groupings came about. There were many considerations for the groupings, i.e. gender (carefully not to have thorn among the roses), consciously not to place couples or adult family members in the same group, also to make sure there is a familiar face in the group for everyone, etc. Ultimately, all ended with a prayer as Sheh-Ren and I let go and let GOD do the rest. Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.

I was eternally grateful that there were reports of good bonding amongst group members, some being blessed in their group, and I was personally encouraged by heartfelt sharing. GOD has started an amazing work in our BLC community through some of these groups and I look forward to seeing the fruit it produces. Hence, let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. All glory to our LORD JESUS!

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Presence of Generous Grace & Trust



By Keat Lim

Aligning expectations is always a challenge and have been a point of contention in past experiences in organizing an event. But it turned out to be a pleasant experience because of the presence of generous grace and trust we offered and received from each other. There was clear vulnerability where we aren't sure how certain programme components should work or would work out eventually. But there was this incredible spirit of being open to being surprised by bringing our best offerings and trusting God to bless and multiply the efforts. Some gave more, others gave whatever two cents they could, and still some gave their choice lambs to the work, but no one was distracted by any leader board. We learned to submit to each other's expertise and authority, and celebrated small progresses along the way.

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Another Zoom meeting?



By Janelle

This was my initial thought when Sheh-Ren told me about a virtual camp. I did not know if people would appreciate it, but I do see a need for the community to come together and this is a good event for the community to come together. I remember my first and only BLC camp, as I have only been to BLC for three years, it was a time for me to get to know some of the BLC members and from there, some of these relationships grew.

None of us have organized a virtual camp before. We wanted to make the whole experience as close to the actual experience as possible and in an actual camp, food is always provided. Thus, I was tasked to look for a caterer. Reliability and ability were the criteria. Joshi Josh came recommended by a few of my friends and I just trusted them and they did such a great job.

It was a team effort, and everyone did their little bit. It was great to see it all coming together. Someone designed the stickers and card to be given with the oranges. Another person ordered, packed and delivered the oranges to the caterer. All so that people will feel that they are loved and part of the community. The joy for me was to see the team working together making it happen and when I hear that the camp was a meaningful one for many. Knowing that many appreciated and enjoyed the food makes it all worthwhile.

“... to give ourselves time. And for those who need it, to be there for them and them for us. for now, this will have to be enough.”

It is ok to not have the answer(s) now



By Davin

It was good to connect with my group members. Many of whom I've not had the chance to connect with since the pandemic happened. Heartening to know that i am not alone in my struggles and experience of the pandemic. Also comforting to be reminded that it is ok to not have the answer(s) now. What we should definitely consider is what Ps SW shared – perhaps some programs don't have to happen. We are already tired as it is. Instead, the most important thing all of us can do is to give ourselves time. And for those who need it, to be there for them and them for us. for now, this will have to be enough.

PRAYER

“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

Eph 4:1-3 ESV.

Church (Body of Christ)

- a) For the Church to remain wise, humble and united; and to be relevant and practical in helping those in need (Matthew 5:14-16).
- b) For God's intervention and healing of the land and its people; for protection for the people and an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. For the restoration and establishment of God's purposes in the land.
- c) Pray believers will collaborate with the Lord. That we will have a great love for our Lord, each other and the nation, carrying our nation and neighbours in prayer.

Families

- 1. For healing of family relationships and marriages that are facing challenges. For relationships to be strengthened in love and understanding.
- 2. Uphold families who have lost loved ones during the pandemic. Pray for the mental and emotional well-being and healing of the people.

LCM Concerns

23 members of the Sg Jor congregation young and old tested positive for Covid. Please uphold our OA communities in prayers for healing and deliverance from this scourge.

Nation

- a) Pray for God's guidance to be upon the new government administration and leadership that we may have humble, just, wise, righteous and competent leaders to run the country in this time critical time.
- c) Pray for the the leadership to prioritize the well-being of all, to be proactive to stop corruption and end to all forms of racism. (Psalm 75)
- d) For the ongoing parliamentary sessions till 12 Oct.

Orang Asli & Asal

For the protection of the rights of the indigenous groups; for them to be supported with measurable ways to break free from their poverty cycles that have existed for centuries. For their children to have access to proper education channels and assistance..

Prayer Support

Supporting you in prayer.

Send in your requests via WhatsApp to Rev. Thomas, Adeline or our Council.

CREST Quarantine Centre

For the Crest Quarantine Centre for the B40s and refugees at the Travel Lodge City Centre, Kuala Lumpur. CREST has just been granted permission to operate a Covid stage 1 and 2 quarantine centre this week.

Please pray for:

- a) Wisdom for the Crest Team as they work with the MOH, CAC and other government authorities.
- b) Protection and provision for all the medical and non-medical volunteers.

Economy & The Poor

For economic recovery, alleviation of Covid-induced job losses; for employers to be compassionate to their employees; for creation of new avenues of income for those who have lost their jobs.

Frontliners

- a) For the safety of the people and protection against new and highly infectious variants.
- b) Pray for the reform of the healthcare system; proper compensation for workers, and healing for those who sick. For strength and wisdom for caregivers, and grace for those who are being cared.

KVPF Call Centre (C.A.R.E)

Pray For the KVPF Call Centre (C.A.R.E). This call centre was set up by the churches of the Klang Valley to attend to the needs of the public at large, especially from the marginalised communities in the Klang Valley. Please pray for:

- a) Wisdom in the management of the call centre as it is entirely managed by volunteers.
- b) The volunteers for the Lord's guidance as they minister to the fearful, anxious and those in financial and physical needs by phone.

Matt.18:18-20

“18 Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”



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External Prayer Link

Announcements

WEW

Oct 16th Saturday
3:00 pm

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays
8:30 pm weekly

MEM (Men Empowering Men)

Wednesdays
Oct 6th & 20th, Nov 3rd & 17th
8:30 pm

Giving Tree

Fridays
Oct 15th, Nov 12th & 26th
8:15 pm

Friday Bible Study Group

Fridays
Oct 8th & 22nd
8:30 pm

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- United Voice – Moh Foong
- Bible Translation Researchers
- Alongsiders (<http://alongsiders.org>)

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