



be ye reconciled to God

2 Corinthians 5:20

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from the pastor's heart

WILL YOU GO AWAY?

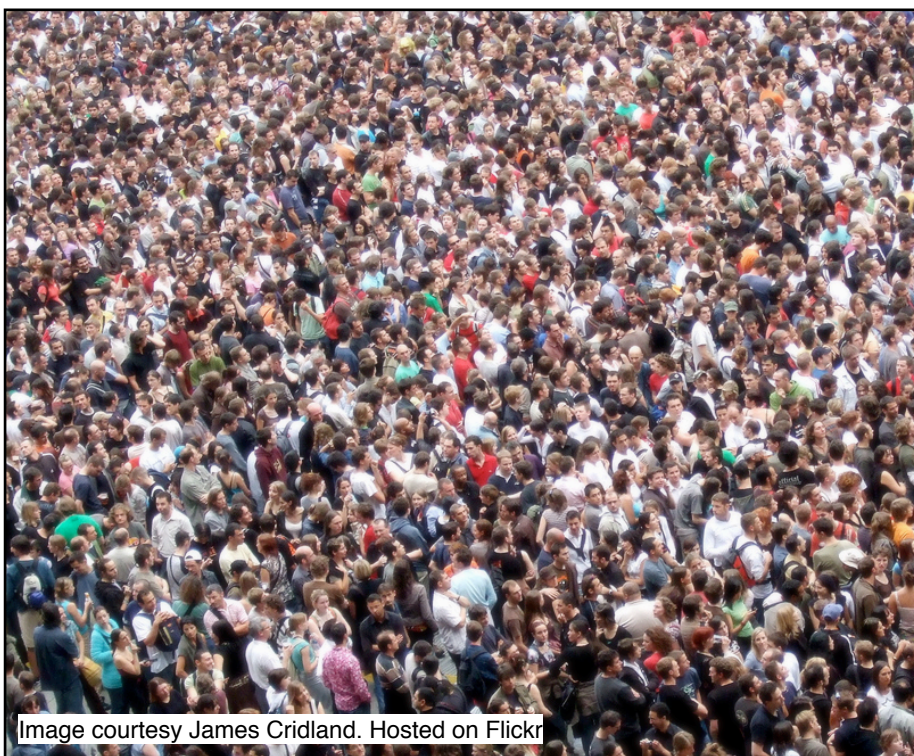


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Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

John 6:67

The Lord Jesus had just manifested His loving power when he performed the miracle of feeding more than 5000 people in the wilderness that day. He taught them that just as the manna that fell from heaven fed the Jews in the wilderness of Sinai, He was the Bread of Life in the current

wilderness. Many followed Christ because of the sustenance and the blessings the Lord Jesus gave them in their lives. Today, many follow the Lord Jesus today for the same reason; many come to Christ because they believe that there will somehow be some blessings for those who follow. However, at the end of the chapter, many walked away from Him, because they commented that His preaching was too difficult to accept.

Many... disciples, ... said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?"

John 6:60

Is there someone that you heard today that was hard for you to accept? Why do people find it hard to accept the teachings of the Lord Jesus?

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today's program

the news

hymn | *beulah land*

opening **prayer**

hymn | *standing on the promises*

hymn | *Jesus, i my cross have taken*

offertory

hymn | *His way with thee*

exhortation | *pastor johnny*

invitation and closing

from the pastor's heart

Because the teachings of the Lord Jesus stumbles those who walk by the flesh:

...Doth this offend you?

John 6:61.

The Lord teaches that it is only by making Him a part of them that they will have eternal life. This is the meaning, in essence of, "...so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me." John 6:57. The process of eating requires food to be ingested and digested into the body. As it is being absorbed by the body, the food literally becomes part of the body. Likewise, when an individual believes the Lord Jesus by faith, the Holy Spirit indwells the believer, and the Lord Jesus literally becomes part of the new believer. To the Jews, who staunchly followed Judaism, abandoning what they had known all their lives and receiving a so-called new teaching was hard. In other words, it stumbled them.

Because they have not faith in His teaching, and His person

... some of you that believe not.

John 6:64

Without faith it is impossible to please the Lord (Hebrews 11:6). The teachings of the Lord Jesus is Heavenly; we are earthly. For earthly hearts to receive heavenly things, heavenly intervention and the reality of faith in the

individual believer is required . The Lord Jesus did not perform many miracles in certain places because of unbelief. Unbelief is a greatcripler of many who would find Christ. It disables those who would find relief for their souls: as they ponder the situation and the stress that would beset them should they trust Christ, they forget to believe the Saviour altogether.

Because we are none of His

Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon

John 6:70-71.

...they knew that they had a personal responsibility to learn and search the Scriptures for themselves

We can put up a display of our faith and affection for the Lord Jesus Christ but we cannot do it for long; a leopard cannot change its spots. A dog will always be a dog and a pig will remain a pig; neither will ever change its character. Many will not be able to receive the teachings of the Lord Jesus because they are none of His. The question "Will ye also go away?" is interestingly asked by the Lord Jesus, not to the general public, but to the twelve who claimed to be His disciples. When the principles for living for the Lord Jesus are presented, is it our comfort we yearn for or His will?

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thought for the week

Today, a disciple is a Christian,
But a Christian may not be a
disciple

memory verse

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Colossians 1:27-28

Sunday Worship Service

15 July 2012

The Appropriate Response to the Mercies of God

*Turn to: **Romans 12:1- 2***

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Jeremiah 31:3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Luke 7:47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

Leviticus 1:3 If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD.

Deuteronomy 15:21 And if there be any blemish therein, as if it be lame, or blind, or have any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the LORD thy God.

Leviticus 22:20 But whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you.

Deuteronomy 17:1 Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God any bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evilfavouredness: for that is an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Peter 4:11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

sermon notes: **verse list**

Sunday Worship Service

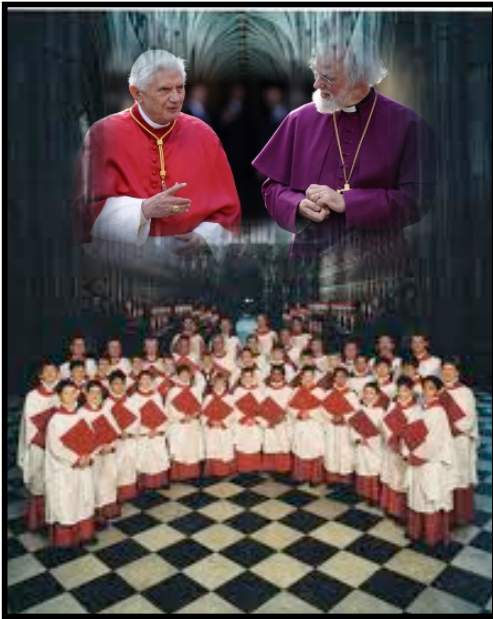
15 July 2012

The Appropriate Response to the Mercies of God

- I. **The title** of the message today is _____
- II. **The passage** for the message today is _____
- III. One key we need to have as Christians is: _____
- IV. The appropriate response to the mercies of God is **to** _____ **ourselves to God**
- A. This dedication is a _____ dedication
- B. This dedication involves our _____
- C. This dedication involves our _____
- D. This dedication involves our _____
- V. **How can we give God our** _____ when God gave us His _____ ?
- A. This dedication involves our _____
- B. This dedication is the only _____ we can give to God

Personal Reflection and Application:

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES



ANGLICAN AND ROMAN CATHOLIC CHOIRS UNITE FOR MASS

The Westminster Abbey Choir joined the Sistine Chapel Choir for a papal mass at the Vatican on June 29. This was first time that the Pope's personal choir sang with another choir, marking a major milestone in the ecumenical path toward the end-time one-world church. We are reminded that music is at the very heart and soul of ecumenism. Pope Benedict XVI has stated his objective of uniting all Christians ("Historic First," *The Blaze*, June 28, 2012). The papal mass for the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul was the occasion when newly appointed Catholic archbishops were given the woolen stole called the pallium, signifying the supremacy of the pope and their communion with him as the source of their authority. Monsignor Mark Langham observed, "It's the big Mass for underlining our links to the Holy Father." The pallium is a white woolen band that hangs around the archbishop's neck and resembles the letter Y when viewed from the front. It hangs over his scarlet cloak, reminding us of the prophecy of Revelation 17. "And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a

golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of harlots and abominations of the earth. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration" (Rev. 17:4-6).



SUPREME COURT RULES THAT MANY LIES ARE PROTECTED BY FIRST AMENDMENT

In a 6-3 ruling, the deluded majority of the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a federal law that made it a crime to lie about being a military hero. In his opinion, Justice Anthony

Kennedy said that many lies are protected by the First Amendment and excused a California man who falsely claimed he had won the Medal of Honor, saying that "lying was his habit" ("Supreme Court Kills Law," *Sacramental Bee*, June 30, 2012). The majority opinion said that the law punishing the lies was more damaging than the lies themselves. In a dissenting opinion, Samuel Alito observed that law was "enacted to stem an epidemic of false claims about military decorations" that "were undermining our country's system of military honors and inflicting real harm on actual medal recipients and their families." The Court's job is to rule on the constitutionality of laws. Period. And there is nothing in the U.S. Constitution to forbid a law against lying. This is a revisionist ruling based on the "new morality," but God's view of lying is different than that of the U.S. Supreme Court. "But the fearful, and

unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8).



AL-QAEDA MURDERS ONE OF THE LAST YEMENI JEWS

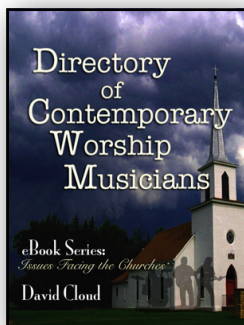


Aaron Zandani

Only 100 Jews remain in Yemen, and one of those was knifed to death in May by an Al-Qaeda murderer. A month later he was buried in Israel (“Relatives of Slain Yemeni Jew,” *The Times of Israel*, July 1, 2012). Fifty-three-year-old Aaron Zandani was the third Jew murdered in Yemen in a decade. His son-in-law, Aaron, who lives in Israel, said, “They still throw stones at Jews and shout insults at them.”

Jews settled in Yemen after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonian armies in the 6th century B.C., but 49,000 of them resettled in Israel in the two years following the reestablishment of the modern state in 1948 in an operation called “Operation

Magic Carpet” or “Operation on Wings of Eagles.” It was a secret operation conducted by the fledgling nation of Israel, and when it was finished only a few hundred Jews remained in Yemen. Operation Wings as Eagles was “motivated by a messianic frenzy,” and it was a definite fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Ezekiel 37 describes both stages of the return: first in spiritual death, then in resurrection life. Israel is back in the land and her presence there has been a continual miracle, but Israel won’t live spiritually until she repents and receives her rejected Messiah and the Spirit of God breathes on her in regenerating power. “And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: BUT THERE WAS NO BREATH IN THEM. Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army” (Ezek. 37:8-10).



MAJESTY MUSIC AND CONTEMPORARY MUSIC ADAPTATION

Majesty Music has led the way in adapting contemporary worship music. The hymnal published by Majesty features about 10 songs by Getty/Townend, as well as ones by David Clydesdale, Scott Wesley Brown, Steve Amerson, Bob Kilpatrick, and Chris Christensen, all of whom are out-and-out

Christian rockers and radical ecumenists who are using music to build the end-time, one-world church. The inclusion of a few contemporary songs in a hymnbook in itself is not evidence of compromise. We all make mistakes and we are all learners. As much as I study these things, I didn’t know anything about Getty/Townend until a couple of years ago. But when people are informed of how dangerous contemporary worship music is and how that even the most “conservative” contemporary hymn writers are using their music as an ecumenical bridge to connect “traditional” churches with “the broader church” and instead of repenting of using it, they become the defensive and justify their actions, that IS evidence of compromise. Justifying the use of contemporary worship is a loud warning that a ministry is heading in the wrong direction, yea, a most dangerous direction. If you justify it, you are justifying the end-time apostasy that ALL of the mainstream contemporary worship musicians represent. You are justifying the breakdown in biblical separatism. If you justify it, you will use more and more of it, and you will give your family and church an appetite for it, and you will build bridges to that extremely dangerous world--bridges over which your church will eventually walk. Those who are justifying the use of contemporary worship music are playing with fire. (See *The Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians*, a free eBook available from Way of Life for documentation -- www.wayoflife.org/free_ebooks/.)

AN AMERICAN ABOMINATION IN MASSACHUSETTS

On July 7, a United States Representative “married” his homosexual partner in a ceremony officiated by the state governor. Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick conducted the “marriage” of Barney Frank to his longtime boyfriend. God did not overlook the sin of Sodom and He will not overlook the wickedness of America, a nation that has had more spiritual light than any nation on earth other than Israel herself. “And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly” (2 Peter 2:6).



PHYSICISTS THINK THEY HAVE FOUND THE “GOD PARTICLE”

Scientists operating the world’s biggest particle accelerator have claimed the discovery of a new subatomic particle which they have tentatively identified as the Higgs boson, which was called the “God particle” by Nobel Prize winner Leon Lederman. Rolf Heuer, director of the European Center for Nuclear Research (CERN), told a group of physicists, “We have a discovery. We have observed a new particle that is consistent with a Higgs boson” (“Physicists Find Evidence,” Fox News, July 4, 2012). This is “a theoretical particle which combines with gravity to give an object weight.” The research was done at the \$10 billion Large Hadron Collider on the Swiss-French border, which was created to study the fundamental physics of the universe by testing theories about “dark matter, antimatter, and the creation of the universe.” They are trying to figure out how the universe holds together, what keeps the atom from flying apart, why the fundamental laws of physics work. At the announcement of the new discovery, the unbelieving scientists applauded their own technological savvy and scientific genius and praised their New Age god substitute called “nature.” Dr. Fabiola Gianotti exclaimed, “Thanks, nature!” Making discoveries at the fundamental levels of physics is impressive but it is no different than making



discoveries at other levels of the universe. Discovering atoms or protons or bosons is no different than discovering what happens inside the butterfly chrysalis or unlocking some of the secrets of bird migration in the sense that none of these discoveries explain the origin and existence of such incredibly complex things. Darwin’s natural selection explains nothing about the origin of the laws of physics or even a butterfly caterpillar’s cremaster. (See “The Monarch Butterfly” at the Way of Life web site.) For that, a microscope or a particle accelerator won’t help; you need a revelation from the Creator, which we have in the Bible. Here we find the wisdom necessary to unlock the mysteries of life, the spiritual light that explains all physical phenomena. Here we learn that Jesus Christ, the Creator of all things, is Himself the secret of the universe’s “consistency.” “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made” (John 1:3). “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible” (Col. 1:16). “And he is before all things, and by him all things consist...” (Colossians 1:17). “Who ... upholding all things by the word of his power” (Hebrews 1:3). The universe is not God, but it was created by and is continually upheld by God at every level.



MICROSOFT FOUNDER/CEO FUND CAMPAIGN FOR “GAY MARRIAGE”

Microsoft founder Bill Gates and current CEO Steve Ballmer have donated \$200,000 to the campaign defending Washington state’s “gay marriage” law. The law, passed earlier this year, faces a referendum vote in November after opponents gathered more than 240,000 signatures, twice as many as the minimum needed to get the issue on the ballot. Starbucks, Nike, Apple, Google, and other mega-corporations have also expressed support for homosexual “marriage,” but the Creator has already spoken on the matter. If every citizen voted for homosexual “marriage” and every billionaire and multi-national corporation funded it and every Hollywood superstar supported it and the U.S. Supreme Court declared it “constitutional,” that wouldn’t change God’s law one

iota nor thwart His coming judgment one moment. The rage against God and His holy laws is described in Psalm 2 which was written 3,000 years ago. This amazing prophecy not only describes the global rebellion of the end times, it also describes the return of Christ and the establishment of His kingdom. The “kings of the earth” are its rulers, referring not only to political leaders but also to captains of modern industries and the kings and queens of the pop culture. “Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion” (Psalms 2:1-6).



IMPRISONED PASTOR REFUSES TO RENOUNCE FAITH IN CHRIST



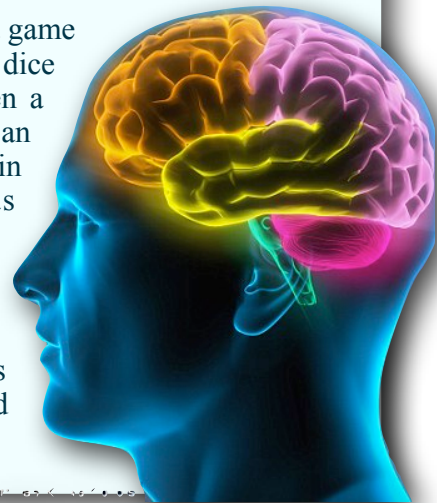
The following is excerpted from "Christian Pastor Spends 1,000th Day in Prison," WorldNetDaily, July 6, 2012: "Jailed Christian pastor Youcef Nadarkhani is approaching his 1,000th day in an Iranian jail--where he faces additional charges and possible execution--all because he refused to allow his children to be taught Islam. Arrested in 2009, Iranian pastor Nadarkhani remains on death row and fighting a battle for his life. Middle East Concern is now reporting that he will face new charges in September. The group revealed that Pastor Nadarkhani was informed on July 4 that he will stand trial for the vague and unspecific charge of 'activities against the state' or 'against state security, rather than religious charges.' Even with international pressure, an Iranian court is letting the death sentence for blasphemy stand. ... American Center for Law and Justice Executive Director Jordan Sekulow said the ACLJ is keeping the pressure on Iran on behalf of Pastor Nadarkhani. ... Support for Pastor Nadarkhani is growing around the world. A large crowd protested outside of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's Rio de Janeiro hotel when the Iranian leader visited Brazil in June for the Rio+20 U.N. conference. ... In the U.S., the Senate Foreign Relations Committee unanimously passed Senate Resolution 385, demanding that Iran's government release the jailed pastor. Authored by Louisiana Republican Sen. David Vitter and supported by 10 co-sponsors ... When Iranian officials demanded that Youcef recant his faith in Jesus Christ or die, he responded with two words: 'I cannot.'"

NEW SCIENTIST SAYS THE HUMAN BRAIN IS JUST "LUCK"



According to the *New Scientist*, "Evolution is a game of chance" and "humans hit the jackpot." The dice were thrown "several million years ago" when a cosmic ray caused a mutation in the DNA of an "ape-like animal living in Africa" that resulted in "an advantage over its peers" that was subsequently passed along to the population ("Lucky You," *New Scientist*, June 6, 2012).

By such "evolutionary accidents," everything came from nothing, life arose from non-life, and man arose from bacteria. This type of thing is written with a straight face by intelligent people, but there is nothing scientific about it. Such a scenario is contrary to every established scientific fact.



CONCLUSION:

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Ecclesiastes 12:1 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;

*Turn to: **Genesis 4:2 - 7***

1 Corinthians 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

*Turn to: **Exodus 21:1 - 6***

Church Anniversary

called to follow

ambassador **baptist** church's third anniversary

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that **ye should follow his steps:**

I PETER 2:21

GOD has been gracious to Ambassador over the years and He has showed Himself faithful. This year marks the third year of the church's independence and the start of its transition towards being a discipleship church in obedience to the Word of God in the Great Commission.

Ambassador will be commemorating this milestone with its anniversary on 29 July. Under the theme "Called to Follow", the event will recall God's goodness to us as well as looking on expectantly to what He will do for Ambassador in the coming years. All are invited!

THIRD ANNIVERSARY "Called to Follow"

Date: 29 July 2012
Time: 10AM - 12PM
(Single Service)

With Mandarin interpretation and lunch

THE VISION AND MISSION OF AMBASSADOR

"To win the north of Singapore for Christ and a thousand souls for Christ in five years."

THEME FOR THE MONTH:

Presenting Every Person Perfect in Christ

In The Chinese Ministry

AMBASSADOR is embarking on a two-month direction in the months of June and July of bringing people to the Lord and to its worship services.

We aim to reach every language group for Christ. If you have family, friends or

contacts who need the gospel, who are churchless or who otherwise need the Word of God, pray and let the Chinese ministry know so we can pray for, visit, invite and win these precious souls to Christ.



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we are reconciled to GOD!
1 Corinthians 1:20

the week at a glance

16 - 22 JULY 2012

16 JUL	17 JUL	18 JUL	19 JUL	20 JUL	21 JUL	22 JUL
monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
	Outreach and Visitation (SEM)	Outreach and Visitation (YIS)		Rivers in a Dry Place		Sunday Worship Service Mandarin Service

timings

Sunday Services

Children's Bible Hour	09:30AM
Sunday Bible Hour	09:30AM
Mandarin Service	03:30PM
English Worship Service	11:00AM

Routine Weekly Activities

Faith Bible Institute - TERM BREAK
Mondays, 07:45PM

"Rivers in a Dry Place"
Fridays, 08:00PM

Ambassador Youth
Saturdays, 10:30AM

Outreach Efforts

SEMBAWANG

Person-in-Charge: Bro. Robert
Tuesdays, 08:15PM

YISHUN

Person-in-Charge: *We need one.*
Wednesdays, 08:15PM

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from the pastor's heart - continued

Are we willing to forgo our pleasure that we will experience the power of the cross through the patience of following Him? Are we walking by faith? Do we stumble in our Christian life because we live by the flesh? Do we belong to the Lord Jesus? If the answer is negative for all these questions, we will walk away! But if we are kept by the power of God, nothing shall remove us out of His wonderful hand!

Lord, I will stay with you till the day you come for me!

the Bible in 4 months

16 JUL Mark 9

17 JUL Mark 10 - 11

18 JUL Mark 12 - 13

19 JUL Mark 14

20 JUL Mark 15

21 JUL Mark 16 - Luke 1

22 JUL Luke 2