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filled with and led by the *HOLY SPIRIT*

蒙神呼召成为一个被 *圣灵* 充满和引导成为
受欢迎和祷告的团体

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SUNDAY SERVICE TIME 主日聚会时间: 10.30am to 12.30pm 早上10.30至中午12.30分

我竟敢与我主计较! 无法计较

听听管家的比喻!

话说有一人与友人到餐食处。两人享用丰盛的一餐。侍应生将账单拿来。那人就在餐盘旁放了几个角钱。友人问：“这些餐盘旁的角钱作何用？”

那人回答“只是小费，账单的几巴仙”

友人对自己说“多么奇怪！这人被侍应生服侍几分钟就给她账单的 1.5 巴仙。他这辈子受天父的照顾，却因要求给十一而被得罪了。他是否看待侍应生，一个陌生人，比天父还强？”

这比喻故事的意义何在？

要更了解比喻故事，请阅 5/6/11 的周迅第 10 面。蒙福的，神每周借贷我们 168 小时。当祂要求你每周日在盛港教会陪伴 6 小时，早会 10.30am 至 12.30pm 及午会 2.30pm 至 4.30pm，你也与祂计较吗。

How Dare I Count With My Lord! Nothing To Count

Heard of the Stewardship Parable!

And behold, a certain man went down with a friend to a place where people like to eat. And there the two of them dined sumptuously. And when they finished eating, the waitress brought the men a bill. And in the sight of his friend the man placed beside his plate a certain sum of coins. "What does this sum of money beside your plate mean?" the friend inquired.

"It is but a tip, a customary percentage of the sum of the bill," the man answered.

The friend said to himself: "How strange this is!" This man has been served for a minutes by the waitress and behold he gave her 1.5% of the bill. All his life he has received this world's goods from His Heavenly Father, yet he is offended that God should ask of him a tenth part - a tithe - of his increase. Can it be that he holds this waitress, a stranger, in greater esteem than His Heavenly Father?"

What is the morale of this Parable?

For a better understanding of "What a Parable Is?", read Cosk Times dd 5/6/11 page 10. Beloved, God has loaned You 168 hours a week. Why do You Count With Him when He only request from you 6 hours a Sunday to "Company Him" in Church of Sengkang - that is 10.30am - 12.30noon for Morning Service and 2.30pm - 4.30pm for Afternoon Service.

He Fleed Naked, Leaving his garment behind

Who was the naked young man? Read Mark 14:51-52. Incidentally this is sub-point 6 of last Sunday's pulpit message on FAITH. When Pastor Teo Swee Hai highlighted our Faith In Following Christ is Not for Gain or Loss or "For Our Benefits", I talked to myself "Forget Not His Benefits!" and Bless His Holy Name.

Church history suggested that this young man was Mark in his night clothes. He had followed the disciples from his home where Jesus and the Twelve had earlier celebrated the Last Supper. How shameful the story dramatized that Jesus' followers completely abandoned HIM. Beloved, will we do the same?

I sat there in the front seat recalling the words of C.S. Lewis in his classic book "Mere Christianity" writing about human condition. Let me quote:

*"If I find in myself desires Nothing in this world
can satisfy I can only conclude that I,
I was not made for here"*

and

*"Now that I have seen, I am responsible
FAITH without deeds is DEAD
Now that I have held YOU in my own arms,
I cannot let GO till YOU Reign over me
Then I asked myself
What Do I Live For?"*

Beloved, in the words of bro Swee Hai "Not every man will give you an opportunity to Serve HIM" but we are indeed very blessed to be given so many opportunities to serve our Lord in Church of Sengkang. Harken to the words of our Lord in John 9:4 "As long as it is day, we must do the work of Him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work."

Don't Miss the "Sunday TREAT with Christ in Cosk!"

Turn to the centrepager of this week's coskTimes.

ANNOUNCEMENT

1. The father makes known to the children thy faithfulness. Let's honor our fathers this coming Sunday 19/6/11. Our very own Rev Canon Dr. James Wong will be our speaker next Sunday.
2. Please submit your personal testimony to sis Jane Aw for our first Cosk Publication on "Rainbow of Life"
3. Registration is now open for Mission Trip to Pinghe on November 7 to 16, 2011. Please submit your name to sis Jane Aw
4. Our 2nd Annual Bible Camp will be in end Nov/early Dec 2011. Look out for more details in the coming weeks.
5. Gentle reminder to those who are returning your monthly monetary pledge to our Lord, please quote your MP number on your envelope.

他扔下长袍，赤裸逃跑

这赤裸的年轻人是谁？阅马可14:51-52。巧合地这就是上周日正道“信心”的第六点。Teo Swee Hai牧师强调我们跟随基督的信心不计较得失或“个人益处”，我告诉自己“不要忘记祂的恩惠！”并称颂祂的圣名。教会历史建议这年轻人是马可穿着夜行衣。他从家里——就耶稣和十二门徒享用最后一餐的地方跟随至此。故事演绎了耶稣的门徒们都弃袍而去。蒙福的，我们也会如此做吗？

我坐在第一排回想 C.S. Lewis 经典著作“单纯的基督信仰”写道人性。让我引用：

若我发现内心的需要是这世界无法满足的，我只能结论我不属于这里
及

“现在我看清楚了，我有责任——信心没有行为也是徒然。现在我双臂拥抱着祢，我不会放手直至祢掌管我。然后，我自问——我为什么而活？”

蒙福的，Swee Hai 弟兄的话“不是每个人有机会侍奉祂”，然而我们在盛港教会多蒙侍奉的机会真是蒙福。回想我主在约翰 John 9:4 的话语“趁着白日，我们必须做那差我来者的工作；黑夜将到，就没有人能做工了。”

“不要错过“在盛港教会与基督的主日盛餐！”

翻转至这周迅的中间篇幅。

通告

1. 父亲让孩子们晓得祂的信实。让我们在来临的19/6/11主日尊荣我们的父亲们。我们的Rev Canon Dr. James Wong 将是下周的讲员
2. 请将你的见证呈上给Jane Aw姐妹。为刊登盛港教会首本“生命的彩虹”
3. 平和宣教之旅现在开始报名，11月7至16日2011。请向Jane Aw姐妹报名。
4. 我们第二常年圣经营将于11月尾/12月初。更多详情请注意接下来的周迅
5. 温柔地提醒那些每月认捐者，请在信封上写上你的认捐号码。

Let Brother Peter Tan expounds on:

Jesus Honors The Faith of the Syrophenician Woman.

(a native of Phoenicia which included Tyre & Sidon)

Scripture Text: Mark 7:24-30

key verse 30: she went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone

Introduction:

FAITH is not just make-believe. We don't have to convince mankind of the reality of the Spirit world. Some of us have had in the past seen evil spirits with the naked eyes. Demons are not make-believe. The demonic realm is just as substantial as the world we see. But Jesus' death on the Cross broke the power of the demonic realm some 2,000 years ago, in the Name of Jesus demons got to flee.

Jesus went first to the people of Israel. However these verse 24-30 foreshadow the future Ministry of the disciples to the Gentiles.

Tyre & Sidon : Marks 7:24

Jesus travelled to this Gentile region where he is already known when he is called first to bring the News of God's Kingdom to the people of Israel. However, he forsees a later mission to the Gentiles through His disciples

Why Did Jesus Resist Helping The Woman: Marks 26-28

Jesus' noncommittal response is surprising and may seem offensive. He gives 3 comparisons:

- (a) bread/his message
- (b) children/the Jewish people and
- (c) dogs/Gentile

Jesus was not forcing this Gentile woman to beg, but was perhaps probing the depth of her FAITH in the God of Israel. The woman's response to Jesus' surprising statement (v27) is both humble and persistent. Perhaps she understands and humbly accepts that God Called Israel first for a particular purpose v28. read also Exodus 4:22.

For This Statement: Jesus Honors Her Simple Faith v29-30

So upon her FAITH, she went home to find the Demon is Gone out of her daughter

What Lesson Can We Learn?

Jesus saw the Lost Sheep of Israel as well as the non-Jews including Asians, Africans, Americans, Sengkangs & Punggol.

We Are Not Going to Phoenicia But Punggol Edgefield!

We, the angmoh and hokkien christian 'pings' are marching to the "No Room, No Hall" Block 621A & 621B, Edgefield Plains/Punggol Central. These two blocks are situated behind Central Christian Church, or opposite Punggol Secondary School. see photos below.



让彼得弟兄分享教导:

耶稣尊荣 叙利腓尼基妇人的信心

(腓尼基原住, 包括泰尔和西顿)

经文: 马可7:24-30

关键经文30节: 她就回家去, 见小孩子躺在床上, 鬼已经出去了。

简介:

信心不只是纯相信。我们无需让人类相信灵界的真实性。我们一些过去亲眼见过邪灵。魔鬼不是相信就有的。魔界是我们肉眼看不见的。然而, 2000年前耶稣在十字架上的死, 破除了魔界, 以耶稣之名魔鬼逃走了。

耶稣先向以色列人传讲。然而, 这些经文24-30节映射门徒未来的事工的对象是外邦人。

泰尔和西顿 : 马可7:24

耶稣经过这外邦区, 原已经晓得他受召先向以色列人传讲神国。然而, 他预见门徒们未来的事工的对象是外邦人。

为什么耶稣拒绝帮助那妇人: 马可 26-28

耶稣的回应即突然又具冒犯性。他给了三个比较:

- (a) 面包/他的信息
- (b) 孩子/犹太人
- (c) 狗/外邦人

耶稣并不是逼这外邦妇人乞求, 只是在试探她对以色列神的信心。那妇人对耶稣话语的回应 (27节) 即谦卑又坚决。可能, 她了解并谦卑地接受神先拯救以色列有其用意28节。阅埃 4:22。

因这话语: 耶稣尊荣她单纯的信心 29-30节

因着她的信心, 她回家发现魔鬼已经离开她的女儿。

我们可以学习什么功课?

耶稣看见以色列失丧的羊及非犹太人包括亚洲人, 非洲人, 美国人, 盛港及榜鹅。

我们不是去腓尼基, 而是去榜鹅 Edgefield!

我们, 红毛和福建基督”兵”要迈进 “无房无厅” 大牌621A 和 621B, Edgefield Plains/榜鹅中心。这两座位于中央基督教会的后面, 榜鹅中学的对面。看以下照片。



Enjoy Your Sunday **TREAT** with **Christ** In Church of Sengkang

在盛港教会与**基督享受**主日的圣餐

3. Preaching of God's Word
传讲神的话语



5. Afternoon's Service - Praise & Worship
with congregational participation
下午聚会 - 与会众赞美敬拜



2. Praise & Worship with
musicians
与诗琴赞美敬拜



4. Luncheon
午餐



6. House to House preaching at
TreeLodge @Punggol
逐家传福音于 TreeLodge@Punggol



1. Want to Eat Must
Want to Work
要吃就要做



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7. Must Work Must Eat
要做要吃



TODAY'S SERMON

Name of Speaker: Pastor Peter Lim

Title of Message: The Marks of A Godly Christian

Scripture Text: James 4:1-12

key verse v6: God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble

Statement:

A surrendered Christian is an obedient follower of Jesus Christ.

Introduction:

If God grant you 70 years of life, you would have spent:

23 years sleeping, 14 years working, 8 years at the TV, 8 years in amusement, 6 years eating, 4 years in transportation, 4 years in conversation, 1 year reading, 1 year in education and if you go to church every sunday and stay until the last hymn is sung and pray 5 minutes morning and night, you would be GIVING GOD only 5 months of your life. Yes, 5 months out of 70 years or 840 months.

Main Points

1. Sources of Conflicts Among Christians

(a) Friendship With the World - James 4:1-4

(a:1) Conflict Going ON Within us

- Cravings : Something or Someone
- Conflict : Craving Is Not Satisfied
- Fight/Quarrel: Unhappy with Others Having the very things we desire
- Envy/Plot Against them
- Murder/Kill/Slander Those we envy
- Anger : Matthew 5:21-22

(a:2) Desires NOT In Line With God

- God Will NOT Grant Our Request
- Self Centred in Our Prayers
- Not Honourable to God
- Selfish Pleasure

(b) An Un-Surrendered Life - James 4:7-10

- Pride: Give satan a foothold over us
- Serve: Only ONE Master
- Of Lord or of the devil : No Both Matt 6:21,24

(c) I Am Better - James 4:11-12

Other Sources of Conflict Among Christians

- Speaking Evil : Bad Mouthing Others
- Speak As If We'r Better Than Others: Back Stab
- We Judge: Put Ourselves Equal With God Matt 7

2. Solutions To Those Conflicts

(a) Put Away Your Worldly Desires : James 4:1-4

- 1 John 2:15-17: Put God Before All Things

- God Must Have No Rival: He Is the Only ONE

(b) Accept Humility To Be Your Standard: James 4:7-10

- Way Up Is the Way Down
- Resist Temptations : Fully Surrendered
- Walk Upright With Him: Power To Resist Devil
- Draw Near to God: He'll Draw Near to You
- Overcome Struggles : Look Up To Him

(c) I Am NOT The Judge : James 4:11-12

- Unhappiness, Miseries or Troubles: Give them to God
- Avoid Playing Judge: Never Understand everything
- We do not like to be wrongly judge: So do Others
- Leave the Judging to God

3 Surrendered Lives

(a) No Excuses : James 4:17

- Faced With Pressures of Life
- God Has Provided : With resources we need
- Cannot Claim Innocence : For in doing so, it is sin

(b) Only By Grace: James 4:5-6

- Let Go Our Pride : God Will See us through
- Without Christ : We Are Nothing
- With Christ : We Got Everything
- A Surrendered Christian: Obedient & Faithful Follower

Conclusion:

Now that we know what Makes A Christian Really Godly, what is your response? What about your LOYALTY? Who holds tomorrow for you? Do you bear the Marks of a Godly Christian in your place of work, in school or at play or at home with love ones? Is Christ the Centre of your lives? May we all aim to love more and more of Christ and less and less of the world. Let us strive to make Christ the Lord of our DESIRES, Wills and Plans. Only then will we bear the Marks of a Godly Christian in all that we are to do. May we live Surrendered Lives so as to become Obedient followers of Jesus Christ.

Application:

What are the pressure points in your daily life that hinders your DESIRE to Live a Surrendered Life? Bring your struggles to Him in Prayer. Is it a difficult colleague or someone you simply dislike? Tell it to God and leave it there. Allow Him to work through you. You will be surprise with what God will do.

Finally, allow God to be the Lord of your entire being. Make Him Lord of all that you are doing and will do in the future. Ask Him to help you to give you all to Him. A Surrendered Christian honors and glorifies God. Amen

The percentage is a generalization of what we retain.
Understanding and Remembering are better when we make notes.

今日讲章

讲员：Peter Lim 牧师

讲题：敬虔基督徒的特征

经文：雅各 4:1-12

关键经文：第6节：神阻挡骄傲的人，赐恩给谦卑的人。

主题：一个降服的基督徒是个顺服的耶稣基督跟随者。

简介：

若神赐你 70年的寿命，你将花费：

23年睡觉，14年工作，8年看电视，8年娱乐，6年吃饭，4年运输，4年交谈，1年阅读，1年受教育，若你每周去教会逗留至最后一首诗歌并早晚祷告5分钟，你就给了神5个月的生命。是的，70年或840个月中的5个月。

重点：

1. 基督徒之间的冲突

(a) 与世界为友 - 雅各 4:1-4

(a:1) 我们中间的冲突

- 私欲：事物或人
- 冲突：私欲得不到满足
- 争战/斗殴：因他人得到我们所渴望的，而不开心
- 嫉妒/盘算对付他们
- 谋害/杀害/诽谤 - 那些我们嫉妒的人
- 愤怒：马太5:21-22

(a:2) 私欲不与神同路

- 神不会应允我们的要求
- 自我中心的祷告
- 不荣耀神
- 私欲/个人享乐

(b) 一个不降服的生命 - 雅各4:7-10

- 骄傲：给撒旦捆绑我们的机会
- 侍奉：一个主人
- 属神或属魔鬼：不可同时属两者-马太 6:21, 24

(c) 我更好 - 雅各 4:11-12

基督徒中间冲突的其他原由

- 讲邪恶的：说他人的不是
- 讲得自己较他人还好：在他人背后插刀
- 我们审判：提升自己与神等同-马太7

2. 冲突的解决方

(a) 丢掉你世界的私欲：雅各 4:1-4

- 约翰一书 2:15-17：将神摆在万事之前
- 没有其他跟神较量的：祂是独一的

(b) 接受谦卑做你的标准：雅各4:7-10

- 提升的道就是屈膝的道
- 抵挡诱惑：完全降服
- 与神走得正直：抵挡魔鬼的能力
- 亲近神：祂必亲近你
- 胜过挣扎：仰望祂

(c) 我不是审判者：雅各 4:11-12

- 不开心，难过或困苦：交给给神
- 避免扮演审判者：无法完全了解所有的事
- 我们不喜欢被误判：他人也是一样
- 将审判留给神

3. 降服的生命

(a) 没有藉口：雅各 4:17

- 面对生命的压力
- 神必预备：我们需要的资源
- 不能喊冤（无罪）：如此作，就是罪

(b) 唯靠恩典：雅各4:5-6

- 放弃我们的骄傲：神会看顾我们走过去
- 没有基督：我们什么都不是
- 有基督：我们什么都有
- 一个降服的基督徒：顺服及忠心的跟随者

总结：

现在，我们晓得什么使基督徒真正敬虔，你如何回应？你的忠心呢？谁掌管你的明天？你是否在工作场所，学校，娱乐，家中爱的人面前代表敬虔基督徒呢？基督是不是你生命的中心？愿我们立志越来越爱基督，越来越少爱世界。让我们努力使基督我主成为我们的渴望，意愿和计划。唯有如此，我们才能在万事上都代表敬虔基督徒。愿我们活出降服的生命，成为顺服的耶稣基督跟随者。

应用：

你每日阻挡你渴望活出降服生命的压力点在哪？将你的挣扎祷告交给祂。是一个难相处的同事或你讨厌的人？告诉祂交给祂。容许祂藉着你运行。你会惊讶于祂所能做的。

最后，让祂与你全心身灵同在。让祂成为你所作的，将来做的主宰。求祂帮助你将自己全交给祂。一个降服基督徒荣耀尊崇神，阿门。

一般上，巴仙率是指我们能学存的。
若作笔记，你能更明白和记忆更多。

OUR COLLECTIONS 我们的奉献

Ezra 2:68-69; When they arrived at the house of the LORD in Jerusalem, some of the heads of the families gave freewill offerings toward the rebuilding of the house of God on its site. According to their ability they gave to the treasury for this work 61,000 drachmas of gold, 5,000 minas of silver and 100 priestly garments.

以斯拉记2:68-69 “有些族长到了耶路撒冷耶和殿的地方，便为神的殿甘心献上礼物，要重新建造。他们量力捐入工程库的金子六万一千达利克，银子五千弥拿，并祭司的礼服一百件”

	Jun'11 六月	May'11 五月	Cumulative
Tithe/Offering/Other collection 十一/奉献/其他	3,204.00	64,639.38	累积
Pledge collection 宣誓	4,100.00	6,442.00	10,542.00
Rental income from tenant 分租收入	-	3,000.00	12,000.00
Mission Fund 宣教基金	-	-	5,447.00
Church Building Fund 建堂费	-	1,000.00	37,240.00
Total Collection 总收入	7,304.00	75,081.38	

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