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*O taste and see that God is good*



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### PRAYER FOCUS FOR MAY

JCC will be having AGM in end May 2021. Let us take time to pray for the Leadership of JCC for:

- God to raise visionary leaders in JCC.
- Council to actively seek God's heart and His agenda.
- HOMs, MLTS and Cell Group Leaders to serve God fervently and passionately.
- Pastoral staff, sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, to move the church forward.
- Stronger Unity in the Combined Council to bring us towards His calling for JCC!



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## PROJECT GOSHEN - NEW JCC, NEW SEASON

BY REV ANTHONY LOH

How time flies!

As I read the headline “One Year On” of this article recently published in The Straits Times, I cannot help but ask: “How about Jurong Christian Church after one year of staying under the shadow of a worldwide pandemic?”

This year, our new church building (New JCC) is 5 years old. What about JCC’s next phase of fulfilment in its vision and mission?

I believe that 2020 is a year in which JCCians witnessed the IMPOSSIBLE that can only be made POSSIBLE by God. In fact, New JCC did not totally shut down. Instead, we ventured into a new faith journey that God had opened for us.

For example, amongst several other initiatives, we provided shelter to the needy via the S3P (Safe, Sound, Sleeping Place) project. Testimonies relating to the positive impact abound and the rest is history. Yet, these little successes formed the foundation for New JCC to move forward. Together with the JCC leadership, it is my privilege to share our vision for the next phase and plant the seed for a new faith journey for all of us.

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## Project Goshen

3-year Pilot Project in Community Outreach (2021-2023)

JCC will be the **Gateway** for people to enter into His Kingdom

### WHY?

Because we want to...

- Open God's house and our hearts to people.
- Show the tangible love of Jesus Christ.
- Bless others with what God has done for us.

### What does all this mean to us?

New JCC is positioning herself to be a place "like Goshen" to serve and provide for the community in the coming future. We want to manifest the original DNA of JCC, epitomising the spirit of the old JCC building – "to be a channel of blessing, protection and provision for the community around us". Most importantly, New JCC will be a gateway for people to experience Jesus' love and grace in the coming years and beyond.

We urge all JCCians to pray about the next phase of New JCC. The new hardware is meaningless if God does not inhabit it and if we do not draw people into the house of God. Start getting ready to be part of a new faith journey that will soon begin. Our vision is to plant a few Goshen centres in Singapore to share and show God's love in tangible ways to our communities in Singapore. And why not beyond? This faith project may involve our future generations as well.

The challenge ahead is enormous and the road may not be smooth. But we have a BIG GOD and we trust God that New JCC will be like "Goshen", where God's love and grace is experienced by all – both within and outside New JCC. Let us begin by praying! The Goshen Project must be borne by the prayers of God's people. Let's embark on this faith journey together! G47 is for all of us!

## THE "GOSHEN PROJECT"

*The Goshen Project seeks to relive the faith journey of God's people in Egypt during the famine described in Genesis 47. Goshen was an extraordinary and strategic place that God had prepared for His people during the period of hardship:*

- A "best shelter" for His people. Gen 47:6,10 – "settled in the best of the land".
- A place of Provision. Gen 47:13 – "no food in the land"
- A "protected and fertile place" where God's people continue to multiply, be fruitful and know Him. Gen 47:27

*As a result, Joseph and the people of God became channels of blessing in God's redemptive plan for the Egyptians during most severe famine (Gen 47:13,16,19,25).*

*Goshen is also a "supernatural and unique place" because God's hand was upon her throughout the most severe "pandemic" ever experienced in human history, described in the book of Exodus – Ex 8, Ex 9 Ex 10, Ex 11 and Ex12.*



## THE 51<sup>ST</sup> GIRLS' BRIGADE

### ENROLMENT 2021

BY YAP XIU ZHEN

The COVID-19 pandemic hit us all very suddenly. As it lingered, normal activities of the Girls' Brigade were sadly interrupted; and we all missed seeing the girls in their smart uniforms. It was especially hard on our feelings for not being able to shake hands and celebrate with the girls who graduated in 2020.

It was a challenging time. Nevertheless, God was faithful and provided a group of dedicated officers and teachers that the girls could count on for encouragement. We managed to have online Zoom meetings to make up for our inability to gather physically. By God's grace, we were recently able to shift our meetings back to school and resume activities based on new guidelines.

Despite multiple restrictions, we managed to conduct our GB Enrolment 2021 in JCC on Mar 21. Albeit it was different from previous years, we still count it a blessing and honour to be able to place our GB flag in front of the church. God has seen us through every obstacle thus far, and I trust that He will continue to lead us forward.

A big Thank You to all JCC members for keeping The Girls' Brigade ministry in your prayers. God bless!



### JEHOVAH JIREH (THE LORD WILL PROVIDE)

BY YAP XIU FENG

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good. With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God.

Indeed, God has been so good to me and the Girls' Brigade Ministry. 2020 was definitely a year of uncertainties and change was the only constant. It was also a year of transition for me as I started my secondment in a special needs school. Juggling 2 CCAs previously was hard, with the pandemic and

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new beginnings, it made the journey harder. Many times, I find myself caught in a situation where I felt like I can't go on anymore and I remembered telling God each time: "God, this is Your ministry, if You have called me to it, You have got to provide".

Looking back, God did provide. He provided officers who could avail themselves when parades had to be on Friday afternoons. He provided dedicated teachers and technology when badgework had to be online. He provided pockets of time in the midst of transitions so I could manage the many changes that were happening in GB. He provided a group of faithful officers to walk this journey with me.

One thing I learnt through this journey was that, if God calls, He will provide. We don't know when, we don't know how and that's not up to us to decide. However, it is up to us to trust. God didn't



promise us an easy path but He promised He will be there. As things are slowly easing back to the new norm in GB, I just want to give all thanks to Jesus and may whatever we do in this ministry be glorifying to Him.



## THE UNCLE WITH GREEN FINGERS

BY JOYCE TAN

This is a story of an uncle "green-fingers" who lives next door. He loves plants. I see him giving his plants tender loving care; attending to the seedlings, changing fertilizers and exploring new ways to grow them daily. A heart-warming sight when I see him with the plants outside his home.

His wife sends me "good morning" messages frequently and stays in touch. Their door is always open, and from time to time we greet each other to have short chats.

Love thy neighbour as thyself (Mt 22:39)– I never really grasp the meaning of this verse until now. In this case, it is literally my neighbour that we are talking about. The occasions of chatting gave the opportunity for Teck Chai and me to pass to uncle the booklet "A Soul A Day (ASAD)" – "Have you heard about the greatest love story ever told?"

He often asked us when we are going out on Sundays, "Going to Church?" We realised that he notices what we do and our neighbours watch over us as well. One Sunday, uncle asked the same question candidly. I replied spontaneously that



maybe one day, he can join me in Church. Uncle did not decline but shared quickly that he had lost the faith long time ago. He thanked me nevertheless for the kind gesture and invitation. This happened quickly over less than a minute.

We now have our neighbours' contact numbers. I took the courage to send uncle our JCC Service online link recently and was glad that I could do that. He thanked me and said he found it interesting – an online worship service. Yes, uncle speaks English. He is retired and has multiple ailments. I believe his passion for plants helps him through his life daily. Uncle makes good curry puffs too.

Who is my neighbour?– They are all around us. Pray for your neighbours. In our case, uncle "green fingers" is our neighbour just as we are his neighbour. We can show care and concern to each other like how Jesus cares for us. We give thanks and remember how God first loved us!

## OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE...

BY MARTIN CHEAH

In Jackie Chan's 2020 CNY movie, Vanguard, there were lots of action sequences but mostly by his younger co-stars. Somewhere in the later part of the movie, during a car chase, an Arabian police chief was impressed by the fighting spirit of the team and Jackie replied, "I trained them." This struck a chord with me. At this time Jackie Chan was already 67 years old and he has handed over the action scenes to younger co-stars.

How do you train people to write? Are our young people who have gone through 12 years of schooling and 4 years of university a good source of new writers for the WinePRESS?

### We are all products of our teaching

Pastor Benny Ho said:

*"What the teacher is like, the student will become. Since what we impart is so powerful, we must resolve to be people of the Word. Get deeper into the Word! Study the Word! Obey the Word! Taste its goodness! Then pass it on to the next generation!"*

*And remember: If the student has not learnt, then the teacher has not taught. We teach with more than words; we teach with our lives! If our*



*walk is not in sync with our words, the student has not learnt and therefore the teacher has not taught!"*

After more than 30 years writing for The Vine/WinePRESS, it must be time to relinquish the reins and take a back seat. I just received a letter from the Government that requires me to go for a medical check if I want to continue driving. Incidentally, I started driving 30 years ago when my daughter was born.

I have quite a young team in the MMM. The Multi Media Ministry came into 2021 with a mighty bunch of heroes. We had two additions and unfortunately some attrition too. Alicia, Isaac, Soon Eong and others have decided to venture off into other ministries which they felt led to. We pray that God bless them in their new endeavours and surely, they will be missed.

Starting with this issue, we are introducing articles in Chinese too as The WinePRESS expands its horizon. We seek those with good Chinese skills to join the team to help us with the Chinese articles.

The WinePRESS also invites all members to send in your stories, testimonies, articles, Bible study tips and prayer pointers. For all contributions, please Keep It Short and

Simple (KISS). For lengthy articles, it should not exceed two A4 pages of 350 words per page. It is recommended that only 2 pictures accompany each article. Exceptions will be made at the sole discretion of the HOM.

Let me complete the quotation by General Douglas MacArthur: Old soldiers never die; they simply fade away.





## PROJECT KAMPUNG SPIRIT BY PEGGY TAN

We were very much encouraged by the positive reception to our January pre-CNY sharing of the season's blessings with our Taman Jurong neighbours. (Report in Feb WinePRESS).

"In season" or "out of season", we continue to be blessed to be a blessing. This time, over four days in March (20th, 22nd, 28th and 29th), with biscuits in hand, we again reached out to the residents with our humble gestures to tell them that we have them in our hearts.

Talking about being blessed to be a blessing: We handed out a simple gift of sugared biscuits. The blessing received by our neighbours was bounced back as a return blessing by way of an appreciation gift of a packet of cooked rice from one family. As sister Loh Shan and myself shared the rice, we couldn't help feeling a taste of sweetness in our mouths and a distinctive warmth in our hearts.

It was a great joy to see the residents happy. In one family that we had visited many times, the son was always reserved. This time, however, he stood up to welcome us and reminded his mom to put on her mask. He conversed with us and wanted to take a photo with us. We praise the Lord for the healing upon this young boy and the positive change in the family.

Another resident gladly received us and shared about how the Lord led her to St. Andrew's Elderly Home where her brother is currently staying. She enjoys serving the Lord there as a volunteer.

Sister Bee Teng, one of the participants in the outreach activity, reflects fondly:

*"With the Covid-19 restrictions, we don't have many opportunities for activities. Therefore, with the support from the Residents' Committee, with doors open to us, this was a precious opportunity for me to go out with the outreach team and get to know more about the friendly people in my neighbourhood."*

*"With everything provided, I just had to avail myself for the satisfying experience of sharing God's love. Being a first-timer, I didn't know what to expect."*



*When knocking on doors, I was unsure what would be the reaction from the residents – whether it would be a welcoming smile or a terse rebuff.*

*"In the whole outreach activity, I realised that the residents have many different needs. There were those who accepted our small gift with gratitude, and there were others who needed financial help in addition to food. Many are aged, retired and lonely. Some have children visiting them; some, in need of carers."*

*"I am very glad to have this opportunity of exposure to the neighbourhood, an experience that more JCCians should partake of, which would add to our confidence of engaging the residents in more ways, such as inviting them to our activities in the church when Covid-19 restrictions ease."*

From what sister Bee Teng testifies, it is a personally enriching experience serving God by sharing our love with our neighbours and sharing the Word of God through the ASAD flyers.

Are you preparing yourself to join us in serving God in our next outreach outing?



## LUTHERAN MEMBERS' TOUR OF JCC

BY PEGGY TAN



The Lutheran Bus Trail (tour of the five Lutheran congregations) first conducted in December last year as part the LCS' 60th anniversary celebrations, organised by Lutheran Church of our Redeemer (LCOR), was a cherished experience. (Report in Jan 2021 WinePRESS)

In response to popular demand, another tour was conducted on March 13 this year – this time with 25 participants from Yishun Christian Church (Lutheran), Bedok Lutheran Church (BLC) and LCOR, including some invited friends.

The “trail explorers” set off from LCOR at Bukit Timah and the tour took them to JCC, QLC, YCCL and BLC. At their stop in JCC, we were glad to welcome them and show them around our premises.

We introduced to our visitors the history of JCC, and together with them listened to the recording of the International Lutheran Seafarers' Mission. We were also enlightened by them on the histories of their congregations.

The itinerary was not stone-heavy, but intentionally light and fun with a packet lunch thrown in and five prize-winners in an informative quiz.

It was nostalgic to reminisce fondly the old times and relive the experience of God's blessings. At the same time, conversing with one another in a relaxed atmosphere, we were able to strengthen our fellowship bonding as Lutheran family.

With humbled feelings, we reflect on how God's grace is sufficient for us as His power is made perfect in our weakness ([2 Cor 12:9](#)) – as we recognize how the varied divine blessings upon the individual congregations have been (and are always) bound together by a common thread as we trudge along in faith to grow this church community under the LCS umbrella.

Soli Deo Gloria!





## REFLECTIONS OF EDMUND LIM, PASTOR OF JCC 1982-1986



I graduated from Singapore Bible College in 1982 and was assigned to be the Pastor at Jurong Christian Church. I was the first Singaporean Lutheran Pastor at that time.

My wife Yin Leng and I had a good time in JCC. I was a very young inexperienced pastor. The only experience I had was as a lay leader in Queenstown Lutheran Church. My prior experience was more involvement with youth groups. I was not involved in preaching or pastoral ministry.

When I was in JCC, I fitted in very well because the members were in my age group and I became part of them as peers and they were very accepting of me.

The Youth Ministry was very active, and I enjoyed the Boys' Brigade. In my involvement with the BB, I saw how Yew Neng, Mr. Ho, Jim Lee and the rest of the officers were a dynamic group of people serving with dedication. At the same time when I came, the Girls' Brigade just started so I got involved with this ministry too. The brothers and sisters in the church hanged out just like a family. They regarded me and Yin Leng as part of the family. I was always available to the church members as I lived in the church premises.

The church comprised mainly young people, a lot of them still very new in their belief and faith. They were very sincere and many of them knew that they were Christians, but their faith was not fully grounded yet. That was something that I detected and I felt that it was a necessity to do some teaching.

Some of the ministries started included the Bethel

Bible Series, Couple Class and Pre-marital classes. The Prayer Group was very active, led by Mrs. Daniel. Yin Leng was involved in the prayer group and a lot of the ladies felt comfortable to share and talk about their personal struggles, so that really opened her up to get to know the people. That was her first experience as a Pastor's wife serving in her first parish. She was also finding her footing in that context. That was helpful for her personally and I hope in that respect, she was also helpful to them.

At that time, I did not think I had any vision, but I felt strongly for members to experience a deeper community life. That's how we got the Cell Group started.

The highlight of my time in JCC was the retreat we had in Cameron Highlands in 1983. It was the first church retreat. That retreat really "bind us all together" which was also the Retreat theme song. After the retreat, things started to happen with new people coming to church. With new people serving, we started having song leaders, started using contemporary songs. Wong Mui and Yew Neng became song leaders.

Teng Ching, Molly, Pushpa were very energetic, on fire and were being groomed for the service of God, so inspiring. These were the "angels" God sent to help me – precious help I appreciated much because, serving in my first parish, a lot of things I had to learn from scratch with nobody to walk me through. My sense of the people in the church is that they are very dedicated. They are people who really love the Lord.

It was at JCC that I got passionate about studying what Lutheranism means. JCC has in a way shaped my desire to want to be a better Lutheran Pastor. It was for this reason that I left to further my studies in Concordia Lutheran Seminary in 1986.



## REFLECTIONS OF TENG TING CHING, STAFF WORKER OF JCC 1987-1997



*Yes, we will declare the work of God and shall wisely ponder what He has done. Come and see God's deeds- awesome work on behalf of the children of men, we rejoice in Him and sing to His name!*

I accepted Christ at the Billy Graham Crusade and was followed up by Brother Tay Kah Huat and Pastor Kusserow. The Lord challenged me to give my youthful days to Him and thus I embarked on the road of service by training with Operation Mobilisation for 2 years. It was the most enriching years in the development of my faith. I thank God for the support from brothers and sisters in JCC – Dorothy Ow, Sammy Wee, Danny Wee, etc.

After the exposure to missions, I was blessed with LCMS' support for a three-year theological training with SBC. The Lord placed me in His field working with JCC for 10 years (1987-1997). It was a robust journey of reality, faith and power as I learnt to serve the Lord in a co-working relationship with His people. I was very convicted of His heartbeat for His people. I seized every opportunity to sow the seed of mission-mindedness to members like Grace Tuang, Jerry Lam (who later became the OM country leader for East Malaysia) and Cheng Swee Hiong (our JCK teacher, a member of Faith Methodist Church) to embark unto Mission with OM.

### MY GROWING UP YEARS

In JCC, I served through 4 leadership changes: Rev Edmund Lim, Rev Terry Kee, Rev William Chang and Rev Fredric Lee. I also collaborated with Rev John Tan who was in charge of the Chinese congregation.

Periodic re-assignments of LCMS pastors across the congregations were common. Vision and plans were often disrupted whenever there was a transition to a new pastor. In response to this unsatisfactory situation, JCC embarked on the bold plan of setting up a Theological Fund to raise up our own local congregation pastors. Thanks be to God for brothers Martin Yee, Anthony Loh and Michael Christian responded to God's calling to the pastoral ministry in JCC.

There was a gap in transition when Rev William Chang left before a new Pastor was assigned. For almost a year, the church's lay leadership rose to the occasion. Steered by Brother Tan Swee Leong, the lay leaders capably managed the pastoral needs of the congregation with their enterprise to restructure and reorganise operations for church growth. In the course, these various ministries took shape: the Cells Ministry (Tan Swee Leong), the Worship Ministry (Wilfred Kao), the Lego fellowship (Lucy Tan), the Befriending ministry (Peter Cheong), BB Chaplain (Chong Wong Mui).

The Church realised that every pastor who comes in needs to be committed to vision-casting with long-term and short-term goals that would be sustainable through pastoral leadership changes. Notwithstanding some leeway for refinement of the plans along the way, the objectives must come to fruition with perseverance and faithfulness connected to the Father's heartbeat.

During my time in JCC, the mandate which I received from the Lord was to do evangelism, outreach and discipleship. My discipleship (follow-up) began in the cell with cell members, in Girls' Brigade with the young officers, and in the Sunday school with the boys. My desire was to see them to progress into doing simple discipleship with young believers themselves. Unfortunately, other ministry demands distracted most of them from the call to discipleship.

### REFLECTIONS OF MY WORK OF SERVICE IN JCC

#### The Lego Fellowship

This was initiated for the ladies to nurture the care-and-share spirit between themselves and extending to their service in the various ministries. Out of this Lego Fellowship came the prayer chain for church members. The Women's Prayer group

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was led by lay believers like Mrs. Daniel, Puspha, Nancy, Susan, Mrs. George, Grace. Though small, it was a powerhouse for the church. 52 weeks in a year without fail, rain or shine, every minute need was brought before the throne of God. It was also my first encounter with church after the Billy Graham Crusade, it was through this small group that the Lord covered me under His wings for several months before I came to Sunday worship. It was in this ministry that my faith in the Lord was protected from the hawking eyes of my parents. It was in this ministry that I was filled with the Holy Spirit, even though I do not understand the anointing. It was in this ministry that my antagonistic attitude of my parents towards Christianity changed.



### **The formative years of the Girls Brigade**

The Girls' Brigade was started by God Himself in JCC. During the BB were doing recruitment in Yuan Ching Sec School, a number of girls were joined and they went to GB HQ to buy uniforms. To their shock, the School did not have a GB Company. The HQ approached JCC to start the company. The first GB captain was helmed by a sari clad lady, Mrs. Christian Daniel, followed by Molly, Michelle and Sally Kee. It was a huge field for sowing and connecting, unfortunately, we did not have the labourers to connect with the families through the boys and girls. The Lord's word rang loud and clear that we should shine out here in the first neighbourhood Secondary School in the west that GB HQ planted a Company.

The Holy Spirit showed me that JCC's primary call is to evangelize the community. The Lord taught me that as workers in the GB, our vision must not be myopic. In the Lord's service, we should see ourselves playing effective roles in connecting with families. In the early days, it was a great challenge to us to grow a steady leadership. We managed with minimal evangelistic events due to limited resources. Yet, God guided us along to work with the youth and be a positive impact on the pre-believers, including those who were encouraged into the church although they were not members of the GB.

I did the sowing of seeds through various ministries (including the Boys' Brigade) co-working with us by the Lord's hand. We had our first Malay student joining the GB. I deployed one of my cell members, Chew Ek Hoe, to provide tuition for the GB girls – no evangelism, but just helping the girls to pass their grades. He did it so well that a girl went to Hwa Chong Institution, one went to Polytechnic and both have become Christians attending other churches. A girl from a very staunch Buddhist family was helped through the Girls' Brigade to go for her LaSalle School of Arts course. Her parents were very grateful and allowed her to become a Christian.

### **Befrienders' Ministry**

This ministry was set up to welcome new visitors and introduce them to our members and assimilate them into the church cell life. Led by brother Peter Cheong, his affable personality had positive effects on many newcomers to stay on in JCC. Events like picnics, outings and retreats were organized from time to time to help the cells to bond together.

One thing led to another. Befriending outreach was extended to the Salvation Army Old Folks' Home. As we witnessed first-hand how much joy we brought to the elderly folks, we had the vision to set up a dialect ministry in the church. Hence, our JCC Dialect congregation was birthed.

### **Worship Ministry**

As the various ministries take shape, Brother Wilfred Kao took on the task of this Levite Ministry. It was a tremendous effort when JCC put up the first evangelistic Christmas event, with

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Phang Kin Siong proving himself to be an outstanding soloist. The great bonding, training, and fellowship amongst the choir and actors was commendable.

It was by their inspiration that the Chinese congregation first ventured to the public square at Boon Lay Shopping Centre to make their outreach effort, with the Town Council's approval. Tracts were distributed and one in the audience was my father. He was impressed by the soloist. Seeds were sown. This was JCC's first collaboration with the Town Council.

### **My struggles and joy**

I had my struggles in communicating clearly with the leadership on the very crucial work which needed to be prioritized for the church to grow. Evangelism and discipleship should always be at

the forefront of the work in the church while the other ministries serve to support the believers to mature in their faith.

When the Lord called me further to do this work in the community, it was my joy to hand over the young to the able leadership of Chong Wong Mui. My leave from JCC was an obedience to His calling for further training and work. I have had a very positive experience in JCC where the leaders and members were united and humble in service, who contributed in no small measure to my development in faith and service. I must commend the parents who have brought up their children well in the Lord. JCC has seen great biological growth. My prayer is that all will encounter the Lord personally and pursue the destiny individually to fulfill His purpose on earth for their life.

I am still running the race and pursuing Him.



## **THE DEITY OF CHRIST**

BY JOHN LEE

### **UNBELIEVERS' DOUBTS**

Our brother-in-Christ Chih Chiang said of the doubts he heard from some people he encountered in his missionary work:

*"I have shared the gospel with them but each of them has a certain degree of doubt about the existence of God. They do not believe in the deity of Christ & also the reliability of the Bible. May the Holy Spirit convict their hearts."*

We shouldn't be surprised when faced with people who entertain doubts about the gospel, for we were once doubters of the gospel too:

*"It was only yesterday that [we who were] outsiders to God's ways had no idea of any of this, didn't know the first thing about the way God works, hadn't the faintest idea of Christ." (Eph 2:12 MSG)*

How then did we turn from being doubters to become believers to escape the flaming fire (1 Thess 1:8) and claim the promise of eternal life (Jn 3:16)?

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*"He is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." (Mt 28:6)*



## DEITY OF CHRIST

I observe the interconnectedness of the three doubts mentioned:

1. Doubt about the existence of God
2. Doubt about the reliability of the Bible
3. Doubt about the deity of Christ

Here, I share my thoughts regarding the doubt about the deity of Christ.

Firstly, if a person does not believe in the existence of God (Doubt #1), whether Jesus is God is irrelevant for discussion.

Secondly, if the person believes in God but does not accept the reliability of the Bible as God's Word (Doubt #2), the claims in the Bible about the deity of Christ wouldn't mean anything to him/her.

Finally, if the person has his/her Doubts #1 & #2 cleared, then the deity of Christ (Doubt #3) should be settled in his understanding. This is because the truth about Christ is mainly based on ancient NT documents in the early centuries (numbering many thousands in Greek and other languages) which have been scrupulously critiqued and determined to be exhibiting a diversity that validates their textual integrity.

## WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

*"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form," Col 2:9.*

Jesus himself claims in Jn 10:30, *"I and the Father are one."*

We can talk a lot more about fulfilled prophecy, a

miraculous life, His divine attributes, His resurrection from the dead, eyewitness testimonies, etc. – all pointing to His deity – but the doubter must first be convinced about the existence of God, and then convinced about the Bible as God's Word in that order.

## THE GOSPEL VEILED TO THE PERISHING

As we go into the world to proclaim the gospel to all creation, we do so with the knowledge that *"even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing."* (2 Cor 4:3)

In the big picture of Salvation, it is also true that as humans plan their course, the Lord establishes their steps. (Prov. 16:9)

God in love has His perfect timing to unveil His purpose for those *"he predestined ... for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will."* (Eph 1:5)

*"And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified." (Rom 8:30)*

In preaching the gospel, as in other concerns we have, we cast our cares on the Lord, and He will sustain us and never permit the righteous to be shaken." (Ps 55:22)

## CONCLUSION

To one who doubts the deity of Christ, I suggest that the priority focus should be on clarifying the existence of God and the reliability of the Bible. Thereafter, the truth about the deity of Christ should logically fall into place.



# RELIABILITY OF THE HOLY BIBLE

BY JOYCE TAN

What is the Bible? This was one of many questions that my young curious mind wondered about when I was sent to an Anglican School. The school had Wednesday Chapel Services; i.e., time for worship and for sharing of God's Word. I was not comfortable and felt awkward because of my Taoist background.

My belief in the Gospel of Christ did not come all of a sudden. I had more opportunities for Bible studies after a classmate invited me to the church that she was attending. The church was also near my home. It took me four years to finally decide to become a Christian in my GCE "O" Level year. Guess what? One of my examination subjects was

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"Biblical Studies". Yes, I did pass the subject relatively well to my surprise.

It took me four years to accept the reliability of the Bible with its internal consistency in its truth claims even if they are jarring to the carnal standards of the world. I am not surprised that the people we share the Gospel with need a lot of our patience. We also must depend on the Holy Spirit to bring conviction of the truth to their hearts.

"Internal consistency" of the Bible, in a nutshell, means that the Bible does not contradict itself. It gives us the confidence of the Bible's reliability.

The text below was extracted from Bible.org's article "Is the Bible Reliable? - Seven Questions".

### DOESN'T THE BIBLE CONTRADICT ITSELF?

**No. The Bible was written over a period of 1,600 years by about 40 authors on three continents in two major languages. The writers included an Egyptian-trained scholar (Moses), a general (Joshua), Kings (David, Solomon), a farmer (Amos), a fisherman (Peter), a tax-collector (Matthew), and a rabbi (Paul), but amazingly they present a consistent viewpoint of life and set of facts.**

**Can you imagine 40 different writers today form such different backgrounds agreeing on any subject today? But in all its 66 books, the Bible is self-consistent on such significant issues as where we come from (special creation by God), why we're here (to serve and glorify God) and where we're going (eternal life or eternal judgment).**

Apostle Paul tells us that *"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."* (2 Tim 3:16-17)

In her sharing on the existence of God, June Lim says, "Existence of God should be felt, not just explained."

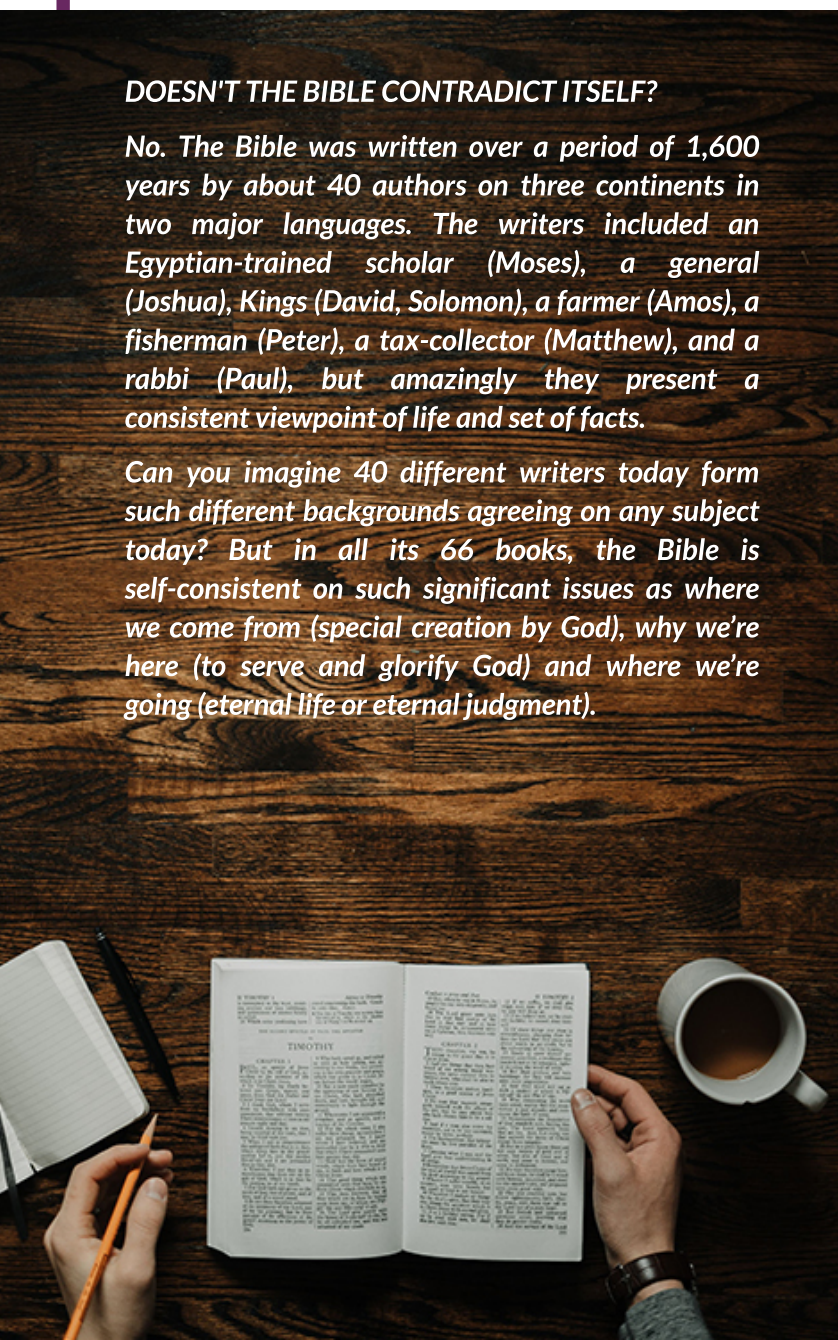
In similar vein, trusting in the reliability of the Bible goes beyond merely accepting an explanation. Just as Scripture is inspired, hearing the explanations should only be the beginning step for us to progress next to inviting the Holy Spirit to do His special work to confirm the explanations in our hearts. This was how I progressed from initial uncertainty, leading on to a budding curiosity, exploring Bible studies and prayerfully seeking for the truth ... and finally came to the decisive moment of accepting the truth. I have not regretted my decision, over the decades of enjoying God's presence in my life.

*"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."* (Hebrews 4:12)

To open out our hearts to the truth, it takes faith and starts from the belief in God.

So, if you are still sceptical about the existence of God, you can start your inquiry in small steps. I did it. In His Time, you will find yourself knowing Him more.

If you would like to read the story of Jesus, I recommend the four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, John. Enjoy reading!







## SONG OF THE VINEYARD (ISAIAH 5:1-7)

BY JOHN LEE

This is a song of sadness.

It begins with a favourable description of the vineyard residing on a fertile hillside, and planted with the choicest vines, with a winepress cut out as well, and watched over. Alas, when “my loved one” (i.e., God himself) looked for a crop of good grapes, it yielded only bad fruit. (vv. 1-3)

*“The vineyard of the Lord Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.” (v. 7)*

When we read “I will sing ...” as a rousing opening of the song (v. 1), we are awakened to a sense of anticipation; but only to be quickly disappointed by the grief that follows.

The Lutheran Study Bible notes:

*“The Lord describes Israel’s unfaithfulness and unfruitfulness. Consider what care and instruction the Lord has permitted for your life. Does the fruit of your service match the generosity of His nurture?”*

*“Though the world goes wild, O Lord, make me a garden in which You delight, secure in Your righteousness. Amen.”*

In v. 4, the LORD asks, “What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?”

Following the song are the woes and judgments (vv. 8-30) against the vineyard (i.e., the nation Israel) for the bad fruit it was producing – sins of hard drinking (v. 11), self-importance (v. 21), corruption (v. 23), etc.

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (Mt 21:33ff) parallels the song in intimating about the need for people of God to deal social justice to the powerless.

When the time of accounting for the grapes comes, the consequences would ensue. The calling of all husbandmen in the vineyard of the LORD is to do right by His grace so that they keep producing crops of juicy grapes for the winepress.

The husbandmen are all the Messiah’s people (i.e., Christians) in their varied vocations of service. May all be blessed to be a blessing!



## THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

BY JUNE LIM

How do we convince someone of the existence of God? It is important to first understand their perspective. Do they believe in a higher being at all? Do they believe in the afterlife? How do they explain the origin of all things if there is no divine Creator? It is also important to note that explanations alone may not convince them. Existence of God should be felt, not just explained.

A non-believer might be driven by scientific research and evidence. Though it is understandable to approach with logic, can science alone explain the creation of life? For me, I view science as the study of the natural world; so, from a biblical sense, science is really the study of the creation of God.

In Romans 1:20, Paul proclaims that all creation testifies to the Creator. This points to the fact that the whole universe has order, pointing to a Creator who designed a world not with chaos, but with laws and order. Even scientists are aware of the amazing number of coincidences that had to occur for the earth to be "just right" and the laws of physics to be "just right" whereby the odds against life forming on earth in just 16 billion years is astronomically high. This Big Bang Theory (which remains as a theory) still does not account for the absolute origin of all things – in contrast to how God creates the infinite universe from nothingness by "speaking" light into existence, as described in Genesis.

More importantly, we must accept that the existence of God is simply not provable or disprovable. If we wish for someone to believe in the God we believe in, we must share the joy and purpose our belief brings to our life. As the non-believers insist on proof of God's existence, we might gently inquire of them whether they can prove the non-existence of God. Hopefully, this will encourage a fair-minded reflection.

People these days are more sceptical; they want to look at concrete proof or validate their knowledge only after they have experienced it for themselves. So, another way to convince people of the existence of God is to be the best ambassador of Christ. Believing in God gives me a peace the world can't shake, a new power over evil, a confident relationship with my Creator and a hope greater than anything else in the world, and much more. As non-believers see how my faith in God has contributed a big positive change in my life, making me a better person, hopefully they would be more receptive to the open invitation to personally draw close to God and experience what Christians are exuberant about – the love and goodness with His protection, peace, forgiveness, etc. "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." – Psalm 34:8





## FORGIVE (PART 2)

BY JOHN LEE

The parable of the unmerciful servant (Mt 18:23-35) is instructive about the proportionality of forgiveness received and forgiveness dispensed.

If we are mercifully forgiven for 100% of our debt, then we ought to show the same level of mercy to our debtors. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. The standard we apply to ourselves in coveting mercy must be the same standard to apply when dispensing mercy to others.

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." –Eph 4:32

Let's think about this: When you commit some error and tremble with apprehension of the punishment due from your superior, how do you plead mitigation and beg for leniency with all earnestness, and pray to God to intervene with His mercy? Now, if the situation is turned around whereby you are the superior and the person begging for leniency is your subordinate, how would you deal with the pleas?

### Traditional Attitudes vs. Biblical Concept

With Traditional Attitudes, forgiveness may be based on questionable reasons such as these:

1. Looking at the big picture. E.g., I sacrifice my own interest and forgive the wrongdoer so as not to create unwanted troubles.

2. Protect self-interest. E.g., reporting the offender would put my own interest at stake.
3. Cocoon myself in a bubble and acquire inner peace by simply ignoring everything that has happened.
4. Quietly swallow the injury for the sake of peace with the offender.

Notably, forgiveness is not unheard of among people with ignoble motivations.

Christian forgivers follow the Biblical Concept which has grace at its core. Grace is at the foundation of God's relationship with man; and *"to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it."* (Eph 4:7)

Just as we receive grace freely from God, grace we freely give.

**We deserve punishment and get forgiveness; we deserve God's wrath and get God's love.**

PHILIP YANCEY

Mt 6:14-15 (NIV) says, "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

### Forgiveness vs. Punishment

Joseph (Gen 50:15-21) was a godly man with an admirable attitude to put aside hatred to forgive his brothers. It did not mean that the wrongdoers (his brothers) did not face consequences from God for their wrongdoing.

The two greatest commandments are about love; and on these two commandments hang all the law and prophets. (Mt 22:37-40) Love reigns supreme over Law. Showing *agapē* charity is a good proactive step to build bridges to lead sinners onto the path of repentance. Joseph demonstrated how his love and forgiveness restored his relationship with his father and brothers. Choosing to forgive (with grace) keeps love in our souls. In contrast, choosing not to forgive retains hate in our souls.

Forgiveness serves the forgiver well by keeping in check:

- The stress of lingering bitterness (with bad consequences on health);
- The proclivity to exact vengeance that

leads to a never-ending spiral of recriminations (as we see in international relationships affecting innocent generations);

- Excessive and unfair punishments due to personal vindictiveness or mob justice and other evil tentacles arising from hate.

Thus, forgiveness has the positivity to engage the issue of punishment with a fair and just expectation – more for deterrence and rehabilitation rather than for retribution. Justice is left to the wisdom and independence of the judge and not held hostage by resentments, whims or the bystander *schadenfreude*.


### Are you strong enough?

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong." – Mahatma Gandhi

"Forgiveness is God's command." – Martin Luther

Are you strong enough in the Lord to forgive yourself and others?





# CHATBOT CHALLENGE

Prize:  
2 x \$50 Cash!

Techannels is launching a challenge for JCC members to create a Workbot of their choice. Simply sign up for a FREE account at [botspice.com](https://botspice.com), create a conversation and publish the Workbot to URL.

You may form teams too.


**Deadline is 31 May 2021.**

**Here are some ideas:**

Promote your CG; Change the Sunday bulletin into a Workbot; Structure a Bible study with Quiz; Create a church survey on important topics; Teach a hobby.

**Winning Criteria for Workbot conversation:**

1. Fun and engaging
2. Contains interactivity
3. Coherent and logical conversational flow
4. Use of media elements (videos, images)
5. Aesthetically appealing



Try this sample workbot:  
[tinyurl.com/ourBCG3bot](https://tinyurl.com/ourBCG3bot)

**Judges:** JCC members' user experience from 1-15 June. Results will be announced in WinePRESS June issue.

**Submit Workbot URL to:**  
[bryantayhh@gmail.com](mailto:bryantayhh@gmail.com)





## TECH-ENABLED OUTREACH

BY MARTIN CHEAH

On Good Friday, Bryan Tay of TEchannels conducted a training session on an innovative software called BOTSPICE that enabled us to create interactive conversations for people engagement. We call that a Workbot, otherwise commonly known as a Chatbot. Simple drag-and-drop features with a user-friendly interface made the learning easy.

According to Business Insiders, 80% of businesses intend to use Chatbots by 2020. To me, the most layman understanding of a Workbot is an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Help Desk, where questions from enquirers are answered by a Workbot's "Brain" via an NLP (Natural Language Processing) data model that contains a prepared list of answers to anticipated questions. Think "FAQ". In Christian terms, the "Brain" could be equivalent to the Bible which contains all the answers to questions people may ask about God and Christianity. So, perhaps we can create Workbots for Bible Study, Christian Education, newcomers and Cell Group interaction?

In business, a Workbot can be an alternative to a Help Desk which can save manpower, increase productivity, improve cost-effectiveness and

maintain consistency of response. More importantly, it can collect data from every user interaction for back-end analysis to improve people engagement strategies and processes.

BOTSPICE is relatively easy to use and a simple interactive Workbot can be created in less than an hour. We had fun adding videos, pictures and conversational text to the interactive dialogue. However, the challenging yet fun part is in writing the conversational script and developing the "Brain" because you need to anticipate the end-user's question and give an appropriate response. For example, you could design a Workbot called "Ask Pastor" and you will need to imagine the types of questions that people will be asking and what responses they might be expecting. This is where a second training session will be organized to teach us the tips and tricks in scripting interactive conversations and developing "Brains". With these skills, we will be able to create fully scripted Workbots, fully "Brain" Workbots, or hybrid Workbots. Join us!

[Interact with OMBUDDEE Workbot by scanning the QR code or type \[botspice.com/bryan/ombudee\]\(https://botspice.com/bryan/ombudee\)](#)



### TIPS ON SCRIPTING FOR ONLINE LEARNING & AI WORKBOTS

Workshop on 8 May, 7.30 - 9pm

Go to [Botspice.com](https://Botspice.com) and create your own free account to begin!

Zoom ID: 959 8539 1656  
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Or click or scan QR code.



# RED PROJECT

reaching everyone digitally

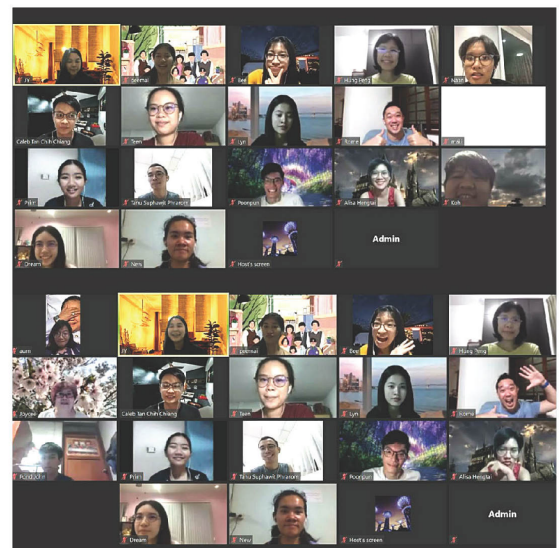
BY CHIH CHIANG

I joined the REDproject team in Cru Singapore mission department at the beginning of this year. REDproject is a Digital Mission project that gives the possibility of sending students, church members and volunteers to help fulfil the Great Commission. With most activities online in this "new normal", missions can be done online.

REDproject is designed for anyone who has the desire to serve God in a cross-cultural context and is willing to learn new ways of ministry, especially digitally. With technology, we can embark on overseas trips on virtual platforms right where we are.

You may check out this website to find out more about REDproject.

<https://www.cru.org/sg/en/opportunities/missions/redproject.html>



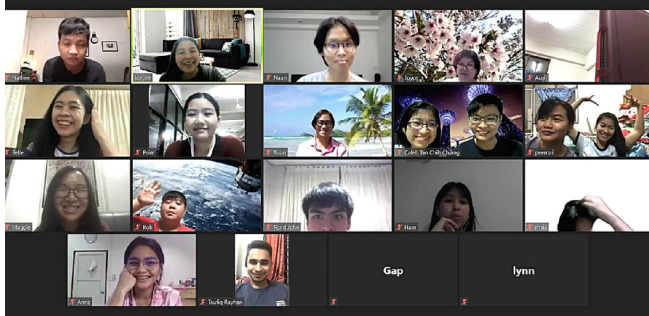
I recall the Thai University Students that my team & I met in January through Facebook & language apps and since then, some of them continue to join our fortnight Thai English Corner via Zoom. They have probably yet to know Jesus Christ and it is our blessing to share the gospel to them. Indeed, it is the will of our heavenly Father that none of these little ones perish. He rejoices over them who will come to receive Him.

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[For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.] “What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying? If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. So, it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

(Matt 18:11-14 NASB)



**10th Feb English Corner**



**24th Feb English Corner**

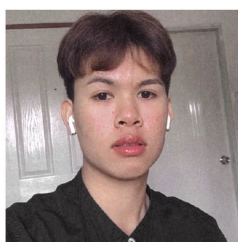
**Please remember this 5 Thai Students in prayer**



**ICE**, a freshmen student studying at King Mongkut's Institute of Technology in Bangkok.



**TANU**, a 2nd year Master Degree student studying at Asian Institute of Technology near Bangkok.



**FAMM**, a year 2 student studying at Burapha University in Chonburi.



**GAP**, a freshmen student studying at Susan Dusit University in Bangkok.



**TOP**, a year 4 student studying at Phayao University near Chiang Mai.

I have shared the gospel with them but each of them has a certain degree of doubt about the existence of God. They do not believe in the deity of Christ & also the reliability of the bible. May the Holy Spirit convict their hearts.



## ELIDS CG

BY SEBASTIAN

### INTRODUCTION

I am Sebastian, a member of the ELIDS cell group for almost 3 years.

I am an Indonesian who came to Singapore to study computer science at Nanyang Technological University. I found JCC by googling “nearby Christian churches”. Although it is not the nearest church, it showed up at the top of the list because of the ratings. The first service that I attended made me stay. I was warmly welcomed by the members and the pastors.

### ELIDS BACKGROUND

Currently, ELIDS (means Everlasting Light in Darkness) is the most senior cell group from the PULSE ministry led by Huiling and Nat. This cell group is a bit international as we have Wesley from Malaysia and me from Indonesia. There are 10 active members.

### ELIDS ACTIVITIES

Our fellowship is set every Sunday from 9 am till church worship service starts. We spend the time sharing our week (the challenges we face and the highlights of that week) followed by Bible study. After the service, we adjourn for lunch together at the hawker centre, after which some of us may stay back at church to play games.

We initiate outings every month. It can be a simple dinner at a restaurant, a barbeque fellowship or a picnic. Before we leave, we will share prayer requests and pray for one another.

During Christmas, we like to play “Secret Santa”: having some gift-exchange fun with each of us assigned a mystery Santa (another cell member). The “Secret Santa” will refer to a list of gift wishes and buy the relevant gift for the cell member he/she is linked to. We will then gather with everyone receiving their gift after guessing who their Santa is.



### HOW I JOINED ELIDS

I joined ELIDS not by deliberate choosing. When I decided to make JCC my go-to church, some of the youth members told me to come at 9 am. I thought they were going to introduce me to the cell group, but then I had “automatically” become a member.

### FIRST IMPRESSION

Back in Indonesia, the youth ministry did not have any noticeable cell group program. In any case, I felt that attending church service solemnly every Sunday was enough, with the rest of my time better spent on other enjoyable things, such as acquiring knowledge. Therefore, coming to JCC, I had neither any clue nor the inclination to figure out what a cell group is.

In my first cell fellowship, we played various board games, probably aimed to introduce me to the other members. At the end of the meeting, Nat told me that we were going to do Bible study in the next sessions. He passed me the book that they were currently using. I was not used to reading books back then. Great! More things to do and worry about, or so I thought.





## ELIDS TO ME NOW

I never expected that a cell group can feel like family. Firstly, I was socially inept, with most of my time spent on studies to please my parents. Secondly, English not being my mother tongue, I often felt unable to convey my thoughts properly. Yet fellow cell members did not see me as alien. They always engaged me despite my passive countenance. They introduced me to Singapore specialties and organized outings to places that I had not visited yet. Whenever they spoke in Singaporean jargons, they would always explain the meanings so that I could also understand the conversations.

I slowly realized that a cell group is God's channel to give me His blessings. I have a problem with stress. I always worry too much about things that have not yet happened, even those with a very low probability. After years of Bible study in my cell, I

now see things from God's point of view. Looking at my worries from that perspective, life's problems appear like needles in a haystack. They do not have any eternal impact. They seem frightening because I see the problem too closely that it looks magnified.

Never have I thought that joining cell activities would help take my mind off studies or work to de-stress. Never have I imagined that it is possible to have family-like brothers and sisters in Christ from foreign countries. Neither have I requested God for this nor have I done anything worthy to attain it. Yet His mercy and blessings are freely given to me.

If God still opens His channel of blessings for me who cold-shouldered Him, I am sure that He desires to do the same to you. Will you allow Him to deliver His blessings to you?

## 迦南团契的见证-之二

胡映玉/高国梁

最先来团契的张宪庭因为一些原因而离开了团契，几年后，一个偶然的的机会又遇见了他，就再把他带回团契。在一次经历神救他脱离危险后，还在惊魂未定之时，听见一句话，“我已经与基督同钉十字架，现在活着的不再是我，乃是基督在我里面活着；并且我如今在肉身活着，是因信神的儿子而活，他是爱我，为我舍己。”（加2:20）从此，他的生命渐渐长进，成为团契的主力。

张宪庭把病得准备回国的张树青带到团契，要求我们为他的病祷告，祷告后，他的病好了，就留在团契。可是聚会一段时间后，他还是挂念着多赚一点，利用一点点的空余时间去打工，不来聚会了，结果得了另外的病，痛得几乎没有办法来团契。我们告诉他，在空余的时间来敬拜医治你的主，不要忘记主的恩典。他真的在空余的时间来敬拜这位施恩给他的神，如今，他的身体健康，灵里喜乐，不时给我们带来赞美的舞蹈。



看看张树青自编自导自跳的舞蹈。



张宪庭和张树青主持迦南团契十周会。



迦南十周年感恩、赞美会录音。



还有一些见证就写在的三句半《迦南见证》里，这是第二部分：

## 三句半《迦南见证》

5.1 张苗婆家来自大马，  
婆媳矛盾顽固不化，  
信主才知骄傲不逊，  
自查。

5.2 诸事交托神做主，  
一切开始起变化，  
夫工移新家喜迁，  
儿女福满。

6.1 子腾父亲苏同军，  
人尚未到得贺声，  
不愧富于神恩典，  
足见证。

6.2 父子接工同乘摩托，  
冰路打滑撞断骨骼，  
刚强壮汉终现泪窝，  
飞横祸！

6.3 骨钉钢钉大腿疼肿，  
无法入睡贫闷发疯，  
只有求神来拯救，  
祁神助。

6.4 忽得沉睡一梦，  
有天使坐在腿中，  
身卧草毯腿无痛，  
神做功。

6.5 早上醒来腿消肿，  
提前出院床费省，  
飞来保费还医药，  
凑整！

6.6 苏弟兄从此感神恩，  
迦南团契做见证，  
广传福音带新人，  
撒种。

(未完待续)

## JOURNEYING WITH JESUS THROUGH COVID-19

BY SUSIE EE

I was retrenched on 14 October 2019. In January 2020, I attended a course Design Thinking for Digital Marketing. I have been working in admin for most of my life. I am computer literate but I did not expect that this course would rock my boat. I prayed to the Lord that if He did not want me to remain in admin work, He would have to direct my path. I was pleased with the course and managed to help the other course-mates in class. The Lord really helped me to complete the course because I had thoughts of giving up.

In February 2020, I was hired as a Room Supervisor on a part-time basis. I was told that this hotel would close in early April. Another offer came to work another part-time job concurrently as an Office Administrator in a start-up organisation. As the hotel occupancy went down low in March, my supervisor told me that I need not come daily. So I worked 2 to 3 days only. As for the second job, the contract was part-time till April where I would convert to full-time. On April 7, 2020, I received a text informing me that my services were no longer needed. I was surprised because I was not given the reason for the termination. The Holy Spirit impressed upon me. "Father, forgive them." I experienced calmness and did not react to the situation. During this time, I could connect with my family members. We did things together

frequently. I could visit people who were housebound to share encouragement and comfort.

Proverbs 13:12 "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but desire fulfilled is a tree of life." Waiting on the Lord is never easy but I had to listen to Him. This waiting was from April – Dec 2020. In the meantime, I went to SSO to get monetary support from the government with my termination letter (Aug-Dec 2020). I started applying for jobs in August but there was no response from the employers.

I listened to a number of good speakers and even attended online conferences during this time. I am reminded that being in the presence of the Lord is better than being anxious and troubled about many things; the example of Mary and Martha. When you entrust your whole life into the Lord's hands, He looks at your heart and He chooses to bless His children.

The Lord led me to my present job. I started work on 5 Jan 2021 as PA to one of the professors in NUS.





# OPEN TALK WITH GOD

BY BRYAN TAY



Dear Lord,

- Your Word says that we should pray and give thanks.
- But sometimes I really don't feel like praying.
- And it is difficult to give thanks when trouble seems to surround me.

**WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

My precious child,

- I have promised that if you ask anything in Jesus' name, I will answer you.
- My answer could be "Yes", "No" or "Wait".
- I know what you need even before you open your mouth to ask.

**BUT I'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.**

## When you don't feel praying or giving thanks THAT'S WHEN YOU **NEED** TO DO IT!

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)

And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we asked of Him.

1 John 5: 15 (NIV)

Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

Matthew 7:9 (NIV)

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians: 6:7 (NIV)

# Baptisms 4

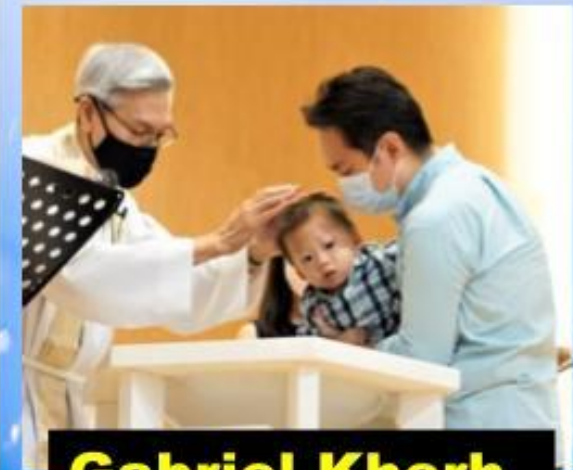
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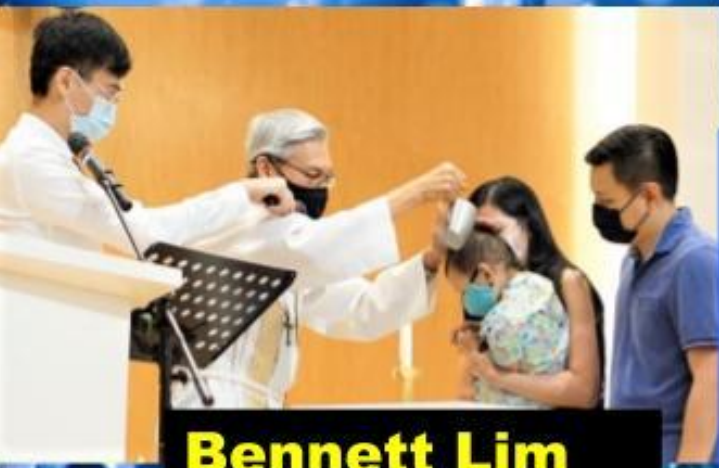


**Seraphina Tay**



**Gabriel Kherh**

**On Easter Sunday, 4 April 2021, some infants of JCC couples were baptised and welcomed into the church. Congratulations to the parents.**



**Bennett Lim**



**Jonah Hau**

Congratulations also to Zhan Wei Wei who baptised to profess her faith in Christ as Saviour!

In addition, new members were transferred and received into the church. We welcome Sim Wee Liang and Susie Ee into our fellowship!



**Zhan Wei Wei**