

» COVENANT EAST

Covenant East will hold its first worship service *next Sun!* Invite your pre-believing and unchurched family, friends and colleagues who live in the East. *Invitation cards are available at the Information Counter.*

» BREAKTHROUGH WEEKEND (BTW)

Today is the last day of registration. Don't miss this intentional time to be away with the Lord. Come with your CG mates. Register at voyager.cefc.org.sg

Men's BTW and Women's BTW

Dates: 2-4 Dec Fee: \$290/pax*

For enquiries, email menbtw@cefc.org.sg or womenbtw@cefc.org.sg

Marriage BTW

Dates: 25-27 Nov Fee: \$620/couple*

For enquiries, email marriagebtw@cefc.org.sg

*Rates do not include optional transportation.

» IDT & SFF SIGN-UP

We don't try to be disciples, we *train* to be disciples. Invest in your spiritual growth today! Join Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT) or Spiritual Friends & Foundations (SFF) commencing on Jan 2017.

Be grounded with an understanding of God's redemptive plan and an experiential knowledge of a Spirit-filled life within a small group, with an emphasis on inner life transformation through personal discipline and a growing love for God's Word.

Application Period: 1 Oct-13 Nov 2016

Download the application form at www.cefc.org.sg or get it at the Information Counter. For enquiries, email idtadmin@cefc.org.sg

» FLORAL OFFERING

Today's floral offering is sponsored by Stanley and Elaine Eo in celebration of their 12th wedding anniversary.

» DIALOGUE SESSIONS FOR ALL PARENTS OF 14 TO 17-YEAR-OLDS

Calling *all* parents of 14 to 17-year-olds. We are having dialogue sessions to explain MOMENTUM's new timing and format starting January 2017. Choose *only one* session to attend.

Session 1:

6 Nov, Sun, 2.30pm-4.00pm at BPJ Centre, Chapel (Level 3)

Session 2:

13 Nov, Sun, 1.30pm-3.00pm at WDL Centre, Love and Joy Rooms (Level 4)

Please confirm your attendance at tiny.cc/Momentum-2017 For enquiries, email tng.momentum@cefc.org.sg or contact our ministry staff Barnabas Ngai (9144 0063) or Lee Hui Fang (9837 7947).

» NEW LIFE DAY ON 20 NOV

Celebrate New Life Day with us on 20 Nov in all the services at BPJ, WDL and East Centres. Hear stories how we have touched lives and mentored the next generation as Covenant EFC's face and hands to the community. You can be part of this too! **Find out more at our workshop on 29 Nov, 7.30pm-9.00pm at BPJ Chapel.** For more information, email email@newlife.org.sg or call 6892 7191.

» NEW MANDARIN SERVICE IN 2017

Praise God for the growth of our Mandarin and Cantonese ministries! The Grace Sanctuary where we have been holding our BPJ Mandarin and Cantonese services is full on Sundays. After much prayer and consultation, the **BPJ Mandarin and Cantonese ministries will merge to form the New Mandarin Service starting 1 Jan 2017.**

New Timing: 3.30pm-5.00pm

New Venue: BPJ Main Sanctuary (Level 2)

For enquiries, email chris.pang@cefc.org.sg

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Seated for Blessings, Standing for Battles

BY: PS EDMUND WONG, PRAYER

Where we live determines how we live — this is what our Leadership Mentor Rev Edmund Chan taught when I underwent Intentional Discipleship Training (IDT). How does this year's series on the Book of Ephesians highlight this for us in eye-opening ways?

Ephesians tells us that the heavenly places is where we live (2:6) — *now!* And it has massive implications on how we are to live, before our Lord Jesus comes again:

Seated for Blessings

Ephesians tells us that the heavenly places is where we are seated (2:6). Though we often don't see or feel that way! This is where we are blessed with every spiritual blessing (1:3). We have been adopted as children of the Most High, received redemption and forgiveness of our sins, a heavenly inheritance that can neither perish nor fade. We can't earn any of these. All we can do is humbly and joyfully receive them, and rejoice in God's pure grace (2:8-9). To the praise of His glory (1:6,14)!

Standing for Battles

While grace is opposed to earning, it is not opposed to effort (Dallas Willard). Efforts must be made when we live in the heavenly places. Because this is where the battle rages, and where we must stand our ground and not lose it (6:11-12)!

Two arenas of battle are highlighted in Ephesians:

Deception (4:14) – False teaching is often a way that Satan infiltrates the church and dilutes our faith and fire. These appear not just as lies, but half-truths that an immature disciple can't detect and may even be confused by!

Disunity (4:26) – Relationships are often the place where Satan can create havoc if we do not watch how we respond to one another. Where bitterness and anger are allowed to rule, rather than love and submission.

Are you on guard this season? Let's be grounded in the Word and prayer *now* — that we may keep watch over ourselves and those whom God has entrusted to us. Remember — we fight not for victory, but *from* victory!



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SERMON OUTLINE



The Kingdom Strikes Back

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:10-13** Sermon: **PS MATTHEW 10**

Introduction

A. Put On (vv.10-11a)

B. Fight (vv.11b-13)

Conclusion

Next Week's Sermon Speakers:

6 Nov **REV TAN KAY KIONG** (BPJ) and **REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI** (WDL)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY



Marketplace Discipleship

Scripture: **EPHESIANS 6:5-9** // Sermon: **REV TAN KAY KIONG**

Introduction

Our discipleship is defined not just by what we believe in, but by how we live and treat one another. Ephesians 4-6 focus on some of these primary relationships. One of these is the relationship between the subordinate and the boss.

Two Governing Principles for Marketplace Discipleship:

A. Subordinates, Serve Your Bosses as You Serve Christ (vv.5-8)

“Slaves, obey your earthly masters...Obey them not only to win their favor...”

Obedience to our bosses has to be undergirded by three Christ-centred emphases:

1. **Know our true identity (v.6):** “bondservants of Christ”. Then we can be God-pleasers and not man-pleasers. To serve with fear and trembling, and with sincerity, that means knowing our strengths and weakness. Being diligent not to fall into any mistakes. To serve with sincerity is to serve with great purpose and generosity.
2. **Know our true motive (vv.6-7):** “doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will as to the Lord and not to man.” Wouldn't it change the way we work if we do everything as to the Lord and not to man?
3. **Know our true reward (v.8):** “knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will receive back from the Lord.” Slaves back then can easily be abused. Their work go unnoticed. So it was easy to do only to catch the master's attention. Scriptures say we need not do this because we have a Lord who will reward us accordingly.
*Be careful not to place earthly material rewards over heavenly gains.

B. Bosses, Treat Your Subordinates as You Treat Christ (v.9)

“...masters, treat your slaves in the same way...and there is no favoritism with him.”

1. Obey the golden rule of relationships: Do the same to them. This means treat your subordinates as you wish they would treat you. Again, it's easy for masters in those days not to treat them well. Slaves had no rights nor legal recourse. Aristotle: Slaves are living tools. So stop threatening the slaves but treat them courteously, fairly and lovingly. Why?
2. Because verse 9 tells us we have the same Master. And one day we will stand in the same judgement room where every action will be accounted for. In other words, Paul calls bosses not to abuse their superior position and power over their subordinates as God is the Judge.

Conclusion

Look at how Christ served as a carpenter and as the son of God on earth.
Be the best servant of Christ as a subordinate or as a boss.