

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS WORKSHOP

Find out how business can be a platform to impact the nations and how you can use your marketplace skills to advance God's Kingdom. Join the missions workshop on Business As Missions (BAM)!

Dates: 27 Jul and 3 Aug (Thu)

Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Venue: ACKCentre

Sign up at <http://www.cefc.org.sg/missions-week/workshops> For enquiries, email missions@cefc.org.sg

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Covenant Photography Ministry is holding a workshop on portraits photography — a time of hands on with portraiture techniques. This is open to your friends who are not from Covenant EFC. Interested participants should own a digital camera. This is on a first-come, first-served basis due to limited slots.

Date: 22 Jul (Sat) **Time:** 9.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: Gardens by the Bay

Email cefcphotographyministry@gmail.com by 15 Jul to sign up.

DISCOVERY WEEKEND (DWE)

DWE is a one-day session for courting couples to see where they are and where God is in their relationship, that they may grow to honour Him.

Date: 15 Jul (Sat)

Time: 8.45am – 5.00pm (lunch and breaks included)

Venue: BPJ Chapel (Level 3)

Sign up at the Information Counter on Sundays. Email fic@cefc.org.sg for enquiries.

IDMC INSTITUTE INTRO SESSION

If you could give one year of your life to invest in eternity, what would you do? The one-year internship at IDMC Institute is an excellent opportunity to immerse in authentic discipleship and intentional discipling. Journey in a community as you grow deeper in the Lord and clarify God's calling in your life. Find out more at the Intro Session!

Date: 26 Jul (Wed) **Time:** 7.30 – 9.30pm

Venue: ACKCentre Live Recording Studio Register at <http://www.cefc.org.sg/idmci>

PARENTING TRAINING

Parenting with Hope is for parents of tweens and teens. We encourage parents with children in Momentum to join. Please note that the timing and venue of the training coincides with the Momentum Service on Saturdays.

Dates: 5 – 26 Aug (four Saturdays)

Time: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Venue: WDL Centre, Joy and Love Rooms

Fee: \$90 / couple

Register at the Information Counter today.

TNG MINISTRY TALK

Come dialogue with the TNG Staff at the Ministry Talk to find out how you can invest in the next generation (Sunbeam, WEB and Momentum). Registration is required at tinyurl.com/tngtalk

Date: 20 Jul (Thu) **Time:** 7:30pm – 9:30pm

LOVE SINGAPORE PRAYER BOOKLET

The Love Singapore Prayer booklet can now be downloaded at <http://www.lovesingapore.org.sg> Let us continue to engage in prayer for the 40 Days for Our Nation!

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ONE CHURCH MULTIPLE CENTRES:

BPJ Centre: 8.30am, 10.30am & 12.30pm ■ WDL Centre: 8.30am & 10.30am ■ East Centre: 10.00am (Pre-service prayer: 9.30am)

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DISCIPLESHIP
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DISCIPLEMAKING
OF A CERTAIN KIND

VISIBLE VALUES

- Grace
- Growth
- Godliness



UNDERLYING VALUES

- Truth
- Community
- Stewardship
- Balance
- Brokenness

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WOODLANDS CENTRE, 9 JUL 2017

SERVICE LEADER: PS IVAN HO ■ WORSHIP LEADER: PS FABIAN GHUI

Leading by Example

PAUL SAMUEL, DISTRICT MENTOR

You can't lead anyone else further than you have gone yourself. – Gene Mauch

Leading by example is the best way to lead, especially in the family. If we want our own children to be good disciples, we must first be good disciples ourselves. Out of our own hearts will come the passion and energy to fuel all that we need to do to walk the path where God has placed us.

When it comes to prayer, we often tell our children to pray and trust God. Are we doing it ourselves? If we don't know how to pray, we need to learn and then teach it to our children. It is not just about organising regular family prayer times as much as it is about us making prayer a part of our own lives first. I know that as parents, we pray for our children everyday. One thing we can do is to ask our children to pray for us as well. Share with them a struggle that you are working through and ask them for prayer. Then as God leads you through the struggle, update them. It is a great way to show them that God works in answer to prayer and helps build a mutual accountability within the family.

What we should aspire to, is for our children to know when and how to pray, especially when we are not around, when they are by themselves facing the world. They need to grow in confidence that God hears and answers their prayers according to His will. Through this, we can teach them to accept His will for them.

We do these things not just because we need to do them as parents, but because it is our own love response to what God has done for us. It has to come from our hearts. If we are struggling with how to fit this into our schedule or we are hitting a wall in terms of how to go about this, I believe that we need to be re-charged and re-fired. A wonderful opportunity to do so is just around the corner!

Before we can disciple our children, we need to be disciples first — disciples with a renewed passion for God. Do consider coming for this year's IDMC Conference. I believe that it will be an opportunity for us to meet with God, especially if we come with expectant hearts. Let's learn how to rekindle our spiritual passion, to be vibrant disciples of Christ and the best parents to our children.

SERMON OUTLINE

Backfire

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 6:1-12 ■ SERMON: REV DR CHUA CHUNG KAI

Introduction

A. Oh No! There's More Waiting! (vv.1 – 5)

B. Oh Yes! That's God Working! (vv.6 – 12)

Conclusion

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

16 JULY – PS ANDY LEW (BPJ), PS LEE DA WIN (WDL) AND PS KATHERINE CHAN (EAST)

LAST WEEK'S SERMON SUMMARY

Beyond

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL ■ SERMON: PS SHARON FONG

Introduction

One of the young adults whom I am journeying with asked me this question, "Sharon, can you mentor me for life?" I then asked her, "What made you think that you will not surpass me?" I believe our next generation can surpass us. They are made to surpass us and see further than what we can see. Our role is to help them grow deeper, help them fly higher and see further into the horizon by looking at two principles in today's sermon.

A. Beyond Ourselves (Acts 20:4)

One point to take note in verse 4 is the evidence of "unity" in the body of Christ. The seven names represented Gentiles churches from different regions, yet they highlighted a sense of unity as one Body of Jesus Christ. They collected money from their own region and church to give to another church which was in need. Their deep sense of unity led them to look beyond themselves and into the needs of others.

To grow in unity and learn to look beyond ourselves, we need to 1) examine our hearts to see if there is unforgiveness that hinders us from looking beyond ourselves; 2) we need to challenge our self-centred culture; and 3) we need to understand the issue of loneliness that most young adults are facing. This is because if one's journey of loneliness is not coped with well, it will prevent them from looking beyond themselves.

B. Beyond Our Generation (1 Chron 20:4-8)

In verses 4 to 6, we notice that not only David was courageous to slay giants, his nephew (Jonathan) and his men subsequently conquered the giants too. The next generation after David were overcoming giants just like David did. It was as if David modelled for the next generation, obedience, courage and faith. David's act of obedience and courage over the giant Goliath did not just impact Goliath, but also influenced the generation after him to fight their own giants in battles.

We must believe that our actions impact beyond our generation. Hence, we fight our today's giants and help the generation after us to win tomorrow's battles. To those who particularly have fallen in sexual sins: don't give up the fight against your giants! The devil wants you to believe that you will never win and that you are no longer useful in God's Kingdom. Even if you fight and stumble, get up and fight again! In all battles, there would be injuries. When you stumble, confess your sins, get up and fight. God's Kingdom is made for wounded healers and wounded soldiers. We must keep fighting our own giants.

Conclusion

We must look beyond ourselves and our generation because we are family. We must fight our giants and help the next generation win tomorrow's battles because we are family. Let's fight together.