

# Announcements

## SP/CO DIALOGUE ON VISION 2028 DOMESTIC AGENDA AND FUNDRAISING

Come dialogue with our SPs/COs on the Vision 2028 domestic agenda and fundraising, and why these are so crucial and imperative towards building for the next generation.

**East Centre:** 22 Jul, Sun, 1pm–3pm at Park Avenue Convention Centre

**BPJ Centre:** 29 Jul, Sun, 2:30pm–4.30pm at BPJ Chapel

**WDL Centre:** Sun, 29 Jul, 1pm-3pm at WDL Main Sanctuary

## BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

**Baptism Class** is on Sun, 5 Aug, 1.00pm to 3.30pm at BPJ Centre.

**Membership Class** is on Sat, 11 Aug, 9am to 4pm at ACKCentre.

Register at the Information Counter.

## PASTORS' INSTALLATION

Come and join the celebration as we witness Jeremy Koh and Sandra Chi of the Covenant EFC Staff Team installed as pastors, and Dr Stacey Tay installed as a lay pastor.

**Date:** 15 Jul (next Sun) **Time:** 2:30pm – 5pm

**Venue:** WDL Centre, Main Sanctuary

**For catering purposes, please RSVP today at the respective links:**

Jeremy Koh – <http://cefc.ch/jk>

Sandra Chi – <http://cefc.ch/sc>

Dr Stacey Tay – <http://cefc.ch/st>

## VOCATION, MINISTRY AND WORK 1

IDMC Institute is hosting a module by Biblical Graduate School of Theology on Vocation, Work and Ministry. Learn about the theology of work and discover what God is doing in the world, what He is calling us to do and how we, as working people, can serve Him in church and in the marketplace. Register today for the first of a two-part module!

**Dates:** 16, 23, 30 Jul and 6, 13, 27 Aug (Mondays)

**Time:** 7.15pm – 10.00pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre, Live Recording Studio (#10-10)

**Fee:** \$225 (Credit), \$90 (Audit) Covenanters are entitled to 20% discount on credit courses only. To register, email [registration@bgst.edu.sg](mailto:registration@bgst.edu.sg)

## A MANHOOD JOURNEY

What does it take for us to become the men God intended us to be? We believe it requires men to know whose they are, what they are to do, how they are to live, and that they can't do it alone.

Come discover the key aspects of our manhood with regards to our identity, responsibility, integrity and community, in an exciting journey together with other men led by four spiritual leaders.

**Dates:** 14 Jul, 18 Aug, 15 Sep, 13 Oct (Saturdays)

**Time:** 7.45-9.30am (7.15am breakfast)

**Venue:** Calvary Baptist Church

For admin purposes, please register online (no fees required) at <https://tinyurl.com/manhoodjourney2018>

## PARENTING TRAINING

We'd love to journey with you towards an Intentional Disciple Making Family (IDMF)!

We strongly encourage parents of teenagers, particularly those in Momentum, to join us in this coming run of **Parenting with Hope**.

This is for **parents of tweens and teens, to be held on 28 Jul to 25 Aug (four Saturday sessions), from 3.30pm to 5.30pm at WDL Centre, Joy and Love Rooms**. The venue and time coincide with the Momentum Service.

**Registration fee is \$90 per couple**. Register today at the Information Counter.

## NEW LIFE FUNDRAISING EVENTS

**Charity Golf** is happening on **Thu, 13 Sep at Singapore Island Country Club**. The Guest of Honour is Dr Vivian Balakrishnan. Sign up as golfers or donate (in cash or in kind). Visit [tinyurl.com/newlifegolf](http://tinyurl.com/newlifegolf)

**Charity Run** will be held on **Sat, 20 Oct at CSC Run by the Bay** ([www.cscrunchbythebay.com](http://www.cscrunchbythebay.com))

To register or to find out more, email [fundraising@newlife.org.sg](mailto:fundraising@newlife.org.sg), call Trevor at 9827 8803, or drop by our booth after the service.

## DISCOVERY WEEKEND

A full-day workshop for courting couples on how to build a strong foundation in their relationship based on honest interaction, biblical principles and purity.

**Date:** 21 Jul (Sat) **Time:** 8.30am – 5pm

**Venue:** ACKCentre, Performing Arts Studio (#10-03)

Register at the Information Counter. For enquiries, email [fic@cefc.org.sg](mailto:fic@cefc.org.sg)



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Sun 8.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm

**WDL Centre:**  
Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

**East Centre:**  
Sun 9am & 11am

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## Building for The Next Generation (2): The Future Unseen

DEACON AMOS LEONG (PROPERTY CHAIRMAN) & SENIOR PASTORS

**B**y faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. (Hebrews 11:8, ESV) Faith is like that — one-part courage and nine-parts obedience!

The Covenant EFC Board has been praying in the light of the church's **domestic growth** and **infrastructural needs** for the coming years. When I (Amos) was asked to lead the Property Committee towards Vision 2028, I was surprised and unsure how I can contribute. However, I accepted this daunting task to “go out to a place” called Vision 2028 and beyond to which God is leading us, because I am inspired and encouraged by Abraham's faith and obedience!

The Lord has been exceedingly gracious to Covenant EFC. All three worship centres have grown significantly. BPJ Centre's first two adult English services are overflowing, WDL Centre's further potential growth is limited only by its insufficient ancillary rooms, and our 20-month old East Centre has grown threefold from its initial pioneer group of 250 worshippers. But there are realities we have to face: All three centres struggle with insufficient space for its weekly Sunbeam and WEB ministries; BPJ and WDL Centres' 30-year HDB **leases will run out in 2027 and 2035** respectively; and Covenant East needs a **permanent “home”**.

Yet, Covenant EFC seems poised to grow further with the new Woodlands South MRT Station,

a mere 400-metre walk from our WDL Centre scheduled to open in 2019, while the full Thomson-East Line will be completed by 2024<sup>1</sup>; Vision 2028 also envisions **a new fourth worship centre plant** in the greater Jurong West region, which is slated to be the next major population centre in Singapore.

Any statement about the future is a statement of faith. We must see as God sees and do as He has commissioned us. Vision 2028 endeavours to build a strong local IDMC<sup>2</sup> so as to support a strong global missions arm. We must act now by stewarding our earthly resources to build for the next generation a strong IDMC with multiple centres. And ultimately, to extend the Kingdom of God in Singapore and beyond. That's why the Board and the Senior Pastors are leading Covenant EFC to start raising a **Seed Fund of \$40 million** on our 40th anniversary this year. This fund is earmarked for property acquisitions for Covenant East and West, and to supplement Covenant EFC's ongoing investment funds for BPJ and WDL Centre's lease renewals and development.

Just like Abraham, we trust God to flesh out Vision 2028 as we collectively seek Him. But our mandate is clear: To enlarge His Kingdom in Singapore through Authentic Discipleship and Intentional Disciplemaking of *A Certain Kind* – Vision 2028 is such a God-given vision. May the Lord lead us in this faith journey for His glory!

<sup>1</sup><https://www.lta.gov.sg/content/ltaweb/en/public-transport/projects/tel/stages.html>

<sup>2</sup>Intentional Disciple Making Church

# Sermon Outline

## Faithful to the End

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 6:8-7:60 • SERMON: REV BARNEY LAU

### Introduction

#### A. Living Out Our Faith (Acts 6:8-15)

#### B. Speaking Out Our Faith (Acts 7:1- 53)

#### C. Holding Out for Our Faith (Acts 7:54-60)

### Conclusion

#### NEXT WEEK'S SERMON SPEAKERS:

15 JUL - PS KATHERINE CHAN (BPJ), PS IVAN HO (WDL), AND PS EDMUND WONG (EAST)

# Last Week's Sermon Summary

## A Future Unseen

SCRIPTURE: TOPICAL (THE LIFE OF JOSEPH) • SERMON: PS SHARON FONG

### Introduction

Today, we are covering the life of Joseph. Joseph has very interesting family members. Most of them do not see very well. Most of them are quite blinded. Today, God is calling us to partner with Him towards an unseen future. To do that, we need to firstly see as God sees.

#### A. See as God Sees (Gen 37:5-11, Gen 50:20)

Joseph's brothers don't see well. If they truly had spiritual eyes to see as God sees, they would realise that the 11 stars have special meaning —the 11 stars in the dreams referred to the 11 brothers who were meant to be rulers with Joseph. If they really had spiritual eyes to see, they would realise that God was fulfilling His promise made to Abraham in the two dreams stated in Gen 12:1-3 — that Israel would be a great nation and be a blessing to others. All 12 sons of Jacob were meant to be a blessing to the nations. God's blessings were not just on the tribe of Joseph. Instead of helping Joseph fulfil his destiny as older brothers, they despised his dream and called him a dreamer. Today, instead of helping our next generation fulfil their destinies, we call them a Strawberry/Snowflake Generation. We fail to see our next generation as God sees. We must learn to see that **our destinies are intertwined with our next generation**. Our destinies are not just the here-and-now, but the unseen future too. If our next generation leave their faith, we would have failed because we belong to the same God and same Kingdom. If they leave their faith, we would have failed in our generation because we are interconnected as a family.

Jacob did not see the animosity among his sons. Sending Joseph to his 11 sons was like sending Joseph to a pack of wolves. Jacob did not see well but God saw everything. To see as God sees, we must see that **there is no mistake in God's hand, only masterpiece**. We will make mistakes like Jacob did. As parents, we must learn to surrender our fear of making mistakes. We must learn to surrender to God and start discipling our next generation.

#### B. Do as God Says (Gen 37:13-15)

From the passage, we see an obedient Joseph who simply obeyed Jacob from the way he answered, "Here I am". Though Joseph is most likely aware of his brothers' bitterness towards him, he immediately agreed to look for them in Shechem. We believe that Joseph's attitude towards Jacob was cradled by his heart of obedience to God. That explains why Joseph did not forsake his faith even when he was sold to Egypt and was imprisoned. When he was in the lowest pit and thrown into prison, Joseph did not question God nor abandoned his faith. He obeyed God step by step through the obstacles. He partnered with God for an unseen future through his obedience. Do you have a "here I am" attitude towards God? Some of us are facing obstacles that hinder our obedience. That's why we can't say "here I am" to God. Some of our obstacles are: slow return of investment, lack of love, and hesitation.

### Conclusion

Some of you may be asking, "No one discipled me when I was young, why should I disciple the next generation?" Church, we must not forget that someone invested in us — Jesus saved us from darkness into light, gave us new life, new eyes and new ability to do as He says. Let's help our young people to see and follow Him. Don't just invest in your career and hobbies. Let's invest in God's Kingdom because His Kingdom will know no end and His glory shall know no bound.