Proclaim God's Love, Enlighten One's Life

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Word of a Pastor

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Greetings in the Name of Christ! In the next few monthly articles, I'll be sharing on the topic of prayer.

Recently, the epidemic is spreading around the world, and the risk of transmission is high, thus many countries are implementing control measures to shut down cities and restrict freedom of movement. However, despite the stringent measures taken to control the spread of Covid-19, the epidemic has not shown any signs of easing. This has indeed brought a series of psychological stress responses of varying degrees to mankind.

Besides raising our awareness of protective measures, ensuring our own health and well-being, and waiting patiently for the development of a new vaccine, how can we as Christians alleviate adverse stress reactions and deal with psychological distress caused by negative news? The answer is found in the Scriptures, where Jesus said in Luke 18:1, "... Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, …." And Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 5: 17-18, "pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

These simple verses clearly show that God's will is for the believer to have a disciplined prayer life. This means that no matter where we are, in good times or bad times, we have to pray continually without ceasing. Christians know that they should have a disciplined prayer life. But the key reason they do not persevere to pray fervently is their lack of understanding of how significant prayer is to a believer. Their knowledge of "prayer" in the Bible is vague and they do not know the importance, necessity, and benefits of prayer.

For believers to develop a life of consistent prayer, they must first realise that the "prayer" mentioned in the Bible is not a religious ritual or routine. It is not just a channel for people to ask God to meet personal needs, or to draw blessings from God and satisfy personal desires.

- Prayer is, first and foremost, to allow believers to pour out their hearts to God completely, to truly commune with God and to interact with God (2 Corinthians 13:14).
- Prayer is a channel through which people can quieten their hearts to listen to God 's voice and let the Holy Spirit lead them to face the world's temptations, and life's problems and challenges (Romans 8: 14-16).
- Prayer is a channel through which people can cast all their worries and burdens to God (1 Peter 5: 7).
- Prayer is a channel through which people can allow God's supernatural peace to guard their hearts and minds (Philippians 4: 6-7).
- Prayer is a channel through which people can ask the Holy Spirit to help them to understand God's words from the Bible, to seek God 's will for their own personal life (Ephesians 1: 14-19), to put their flesh under, or die to self (1 Corinthians 9:27), and to develop an intimate relationship with God (John 17: 20-23) and so on.

Prayer is supposed to be both enjoyable and beneficial but many a time, Christians become legalistic and rigid in their prayer, and as a result, they miss the true purpose of prayer. Their prayer life becomes lacklustre and shallow, leading to an inconsistent prayer life. Therefore, having the knowledge of God's Word, and following the flow and guidance of the Holy Spirit in prayer is more important than just knowing the correct prayer terms and saying many words but without power.

In the next issue, we shall discuss some truths and methods on how to establish an effective prayer life.

Feedback: Sweet Memories, Sweet Success

This is a good book to read with many valuable experience and stories from people from many countries. It is very motivational and do encourage many.
(Melchizedek Salem, Malaysia)

I am greatly inspired by Kate's mother's perseverance to reading the Bible and actions, trusting Lord at all times.
(Li Li Kuek, Malaysia)

Feedback: "HOPE amidst COVID"

So touching video and credit to your effort n time spent. Glory to His Name!
(J. Kang, Malaysia, 17 Apr)

The message is easy to understand. The subtitle helps a lot.
(KM Boon, Malaysia, 7 May)

New Program Updates

① Beginning 5/6, GR will launch "**Glorious Workplace**" (Chinese) - a new program for people in the workplace. We have invited Prof. Zhong Lingshan, a management consultant engaged by Beijing University on a long-term basis to teach classes for CEOs. Prof. Zhong will be sharing a series on "The Post-epidemic Workplace" in June & July. Please stay tuned every Friday with "Glorious Workplace". Let's grow deeper in God together.

② Welcome to a new series - "**No More Tears**" (Chinese) - every Wednesday, starting 17/6. Through the testimony of a young couple, let us see how God mended their broken marriage and rebuilt their faith in God's divine covenant.

③ In this apologetics series, "**Ancient Teachings for Modern Man**" (English), Rev Dr Caleb Su encapsulates the essence of the Gospel and examines it from different theological perspectives. Please follow us beginning 3 June 2020.

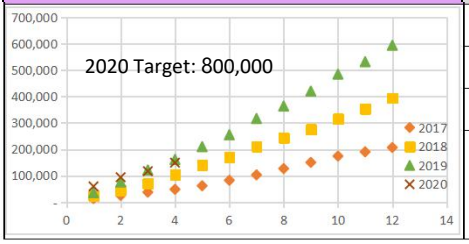
④ How can a Christian with same sex attraction experience a life of flourishing by following Christ? How can the church become more equipped to show love and compassion? This series seeks to both encourage those serious about following Christ but are struggling with same sex attraction, challenging the church to lend a listening ear and a helping and welcoming hand. Please follow us beginning 18 June 2020 "**Walking with Same-Sex Attracted Friends**" (English).

Family report and intercession matters:

1) Thank God that many pastors, preachers and elders from Singapore and abroad participated in our video program "HOPE amidst COVID"! The 20-episodes in both Chinese and English are still in the production process, with the first episode officially launched on 24 April. Please stay tuned with Global Reachout every Friday on various social platforms. Watch and share with others so that many will be blessed!

2) In faith and led by God, Global Reachout will continue to optimise resources to produce programs and videos in Chinese and English that impact lives. We are looking for technical talents. New equipment is also required as we move on. We urge churches and the body of Christ to pray for our needs and support us in action. Let's unite our hearts to proclaim God's Word and enlighten one's life together.

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Income	11,300
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