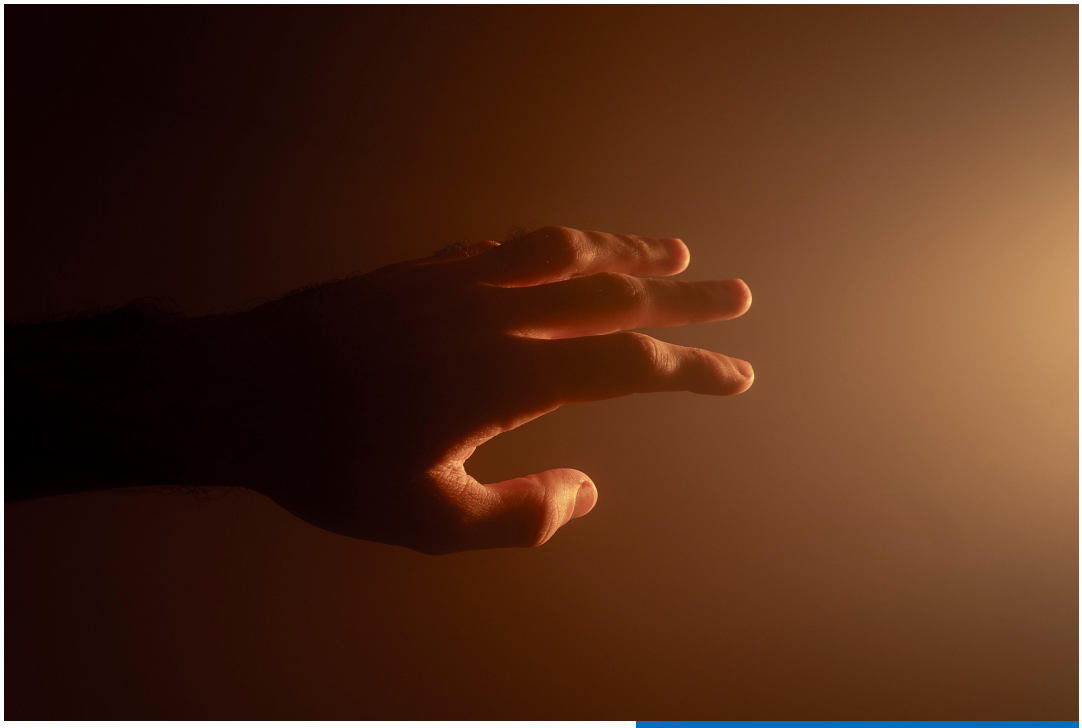
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Shepherd's Corner

"Dared Not Raise a Hand"

(1 Samuel 24:6)

It is natural for anyone to feel anger, a sense of injustice, and a yearning for vindication when he is hurt. Yet the story of David in 1 Samuel upholds a higher principle that transcends emotion: the victim would not raise a hand against the one anointed by God, even when he has been wronged.

David was forced to live a life of constant flight and hardship under King Saul's relentless pursuit--one driven by jealousy. His men had urged him repeatedly to eradicate this sworn enemy. Yet David's response was resolute: "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord." (1 Samuel 24:6)

These simple words—"dared not raise a hand"—may seem plain, yet they hold profound spiritual insight and reveal David's remarkable character. They remind us that—

1.We must revere the authority God has established: God has ordained various forms of authority to attain and sustain order and our good. We are called to respect the position they represent, even when we may not fully understand or agree with a leader's actions. This is not blind submission to man, but a reverent fear of God.

2.We must restrain the impulse for personal revenge: feelings of anger and the desire for revenge are instinctive human reactions when we are hurt; still, we must learn to rein in these impulses and entrust the authority of justice to God. As Romans 12:19 teaches, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay," says the Lord.

3.Trust in God's timing and methods: Though David was severely persecuted, he chose to believe that God has His timing and way of resolving matters, and we are to wait in patience for His will to be fulfilled.

Are we, too, able to respond with reverence and self-restraint when facing superiors, teachers, or even elders who make us feel wronged or have treated us unfairly today? Have we ever been driven by emotion, criticising in haste, or even blaming, or acting rashly?

Following the steps of David, as in "not daring to stretch out his hand", is not an act of tolerance towards injustice! Rather, it is more of a call upon us to view authority with greater maturity and spiritual acumen, opting to respond with respect and reason. This reflects an inner strength and acknowledgement of God's sovereignty.

Ultimately, it was David's reverence for God and respect for authority that made him a king after God's own heart. His choice "not to stretch out his hand" kept him from sinning, even as it won him God's favour and an enduring kingdom.

We will face difficult decisions at times along our life journey. May all of us learn from David's example. May we choose "not to stretch out our hand" when faced with challenges and wounds, as we entrust everything to the righteous Judge. May we persevere and hold fast to a heart of reverence for God and the authority He has established, even in times of adversity.

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Jan	15,517
Feb	34,522
Mar	46,587
Apr	64,127

Financial Report

Jan-Mar 2025 (SGD)

Income	$	35,592
Expenses	$	21,747
Surplus	$	13,845

Apr 2025 (SGD)

Income	$	5,990
Expenses	$	6,744
Deficit	$	754

Audience Feedback

Be Prepared! Ep 11

While we live in a modern society where everyone is savvy on how to work diligently, most people still feel that their days are empty and stripped of joy. This programme shows you how keeping oneself entertained is just as important, too. May we find that sweet spot where balance between work and rest exists side-by-side! Thank you for sharing!
(He Zhi, Wuhan, 25 April 2025)

Melodies of Youth Ep 10

We can take up the challenge to venture far and wide, and even accept failure in the precious season of youth, because we have the luxury to take risks and the courage to rise again should we trip and stumble. This is why I recommend this series to all our young folks out there: Don't just wear yourself down on the dull, endless treadmill life offers. This is the time to take a step forward!
(Sister Fang, China, 29 April 2025)

Marriage Under Siege Ep 03

To let go or to let grow — the cost is yours to know. But truthfully, how often do we choose growth? At the end of the day, that remains the best decision you'll ever make. Choose to grow — choose yourself. Choose to rewire, to reconnect your divine threads with the right mental circuitry, one mis-linked strand at a time. Every struggle is a chance to sharpen your edge for the next battle a-head.
(Jin Rong, Singapore, 8 May 2025)

The Thrills and Spills of Senior Life Ep 16

Being an elderly person living alone doesn't necessarily mean having to age in loneliness — one can still live on with hope in their heart.
(Mr Wang, China, 9 May 2025)

New Programmes

01/05/2025 starts (Thur)

Marriage Under Siege: Defending the Bond

Global platforms

Building a beautiful marriage is a lifelong battle that demands love, courage and wisdom in equal measure. Join Pang Hongyu, certified Level-3 national psychological counsellor and training mentor at the Beijing Association for Social Psychology, as he uncovers the hidden wounds that can quietly erode a marriage. He'll guide us through each challenge, one breakthrough at a time, with strategic clarity. Pang brings with him a wealth of experience: over 4,000 hours of individual case counselling, more than 2,500 hours of teaching, and 500+ hours of psychological supervision.



26/06/2025 starts (Thur)

To Stay or to Grow: On Navigating Familial Differences

Non-China platforms

Who says there is love that does not call for sacrifice? What is the driving force behind the love within a couple? How can one transform oneself? What if someone decides to move on? All this and more, from Rev. Dr. Caleb Soo, Singapore Life Church.



Home Matters & Intercession

1. We are currently recruiting volunteers for the following positions to beef our program production team: producer, video editor, graphic designer, bilingual editor (Chinese and English), writer and translator. Feel free to click the link to learn more about these service roles and encourage brothers and sisters in the Lord to come alongside and participate!

Click: GR recruiting volunteers

2. Pray for the spiritual life, creativity, and vitality of the GR Broad of Directors and GR Production teams. May God see us aligned with His will and help us serve with undivided dedication. Amen!

3. Pray that the courses developed by GR will reach more churches and communities e.g., marketplaces and families—using the Pre-Evangelism Courses to nurture seekers and new believers, plus the Discipleship Courses to strengthen and multiply faithful followers of Christ.



Dr. Michelle Liew, GR Executive Chairman, was invited to speak at the annual mission conference hosted by Orchard Presbyterian Church (3 churches combined), from May 23–25. In her message themed "My World, Your Harvest Field," she highlighted the Christian calling to faithfully carry out God's entrusted missions—Governance, Proclamation, and relational Mandates. In today's VUCA world—marked by Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity—believers are urged to bring about the influence of God's Kingdom more swiftly and powerfully. May the Lord bless this meaningful partnership between both parties, and may the message take root in good soil, grow deep and strong through the watering of the Holy Spirit, and ultimately bear abundant fruit for His glory, Amen !

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