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Shepherd's Corner

At Once They Left Their Nets

Matt: 18-22

In our daily lives, many of us pursue worldly success and security. We focus on our professions, hoping to leave our mark in familiar fields. Yet over two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ issued a life-changing call to a group of ordinary fishermen, completely redefining their understanding of career and success.

Matthew 4 records: "18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people. 20 At once they left their nets and followed him."

Peter and Andrew were professional fishermen —fishing was not merely their livelihood; it was also their identity and their entire lives. Yet the first call from Lord Jesus was for them to "leave their nets". This call did not dismiss their skills; rather, it invited them to put aside the focus and familiar security of their old lives, making space to follow the Lord.

In our case, "leaving our nets" may mean letting go of the professional achievements we overvalue, releasing the plans through which we try to control our lives, and setting aside the interests or habits that keep us from following the Lord with our whole hearts. It is a leap of faith—trusting that what God has prepared for us far surpasses anything we can hold on to ourselves.

The essence of Jesus' call can be summed up in three words: "Come, follow me". This forms the foundation of our response to Him. To follow Jesus, then, means:

1. Be Christ-centred: Our lives are no longer focused on ourselves or worldly goals, but on Christ. He is our Lord and determines the course of our lives.

2. Learning His example: To follow Jesus is to take after His teachings, character and relationship with the Father in our daily lives. This involves cultivating His love, humility, patience, and righteousness within ourselves.

3. Walking with Him daily: Following Jesus is an ongoing relationship, not a one-time decision. We need to draw near to the Lord each day—through Scripture reading, prayers and fellowship with other believers—consistently deepening our understanding of Him.

The fishermen "immediately left their nets and followed Him". This instant obedience is the key response to God's calling. Dear brothers and sisters, what is the "net" you are holding onto? Today, the Lord Jesus also calls you: "Come, follow me".

May all of us find the courage to let go of the "nets" that seem to provide security but actually bind us, take a step of faith, and experience the new life He has prepared for us.

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Apr	64,127
May	81,438
Jun	105,199
Jul	146,680
Aug	179,065

Financial Report

Jan-Apr 2025 (SGD)		
Income	$	41,582
Expenses	$	28,491
Surplus	$	13,091
May-Jul 2025 (SGD)		
Income	$	39,176
Expenses	$	22,335
Surplus	$	16,841
Aug 2025 (SGD)		
Income	$	11,357
Expenses	$	6,790
Surplus	$	4,567

*Data includes operations and project development funds and expenditure.

Audience Feedback

Parenting Education Ep 04

Children with special needs also have their springtime—and need it, too! Dr Huang's presentation taught me how to guide children in developing a worldview and nurturing a grateful heart.

(Wang, China, 10/9/2025)

Marriage Building Starts with Me (Online Course)

1. Yes, building a marriage begins with me! It's only when I choose to be purpose-driven, fully dedicated, and unconditional in nurturing the relationship that I can savour the sweetness of married life!

(Brother Wei, Singapore, 7/9/2025)

2. This course has been most helpful for my marriage, family life, and relationships, especially in terms of my personal growth. I look forward to attending more classes conducted by Mr. Arthur

(Ling. Sister Li, China, 7/9/2025)

3. To build a good marriage relationship, one owns the responsibility, and change should start with oneself. I have also learned the three steps of making apology and seeking a balanced perspective of "Coexistence of two poles".

(Mei Fan, China, 7/9/2025)

New Programmes

10/9/2025 (Wed)

Wise Tips for Singles

The single years are the best times for self-discovery and character growth. This series explores themes such as inner transformation, personal maturity, perspectives on love, and practical relationships. Ultimately, it aligns with faith, helping singles become mature, lovable individuals—and the best version of themselves ! Ps Wang Yizheng has over 13 years of training experience, more than 5,000 hours of supervision under his belt, and has served over 400 organisations—including churches, schools, non-profit groups, and businesses.

15/9/2025 (Mon)

Three Steps to a Smooth Career Transition

Trainer Elaine Kung, solidly grounded in faith, offers practical advice for Christian professionals navigating career transitions. She is here to guide you step by step with confidence—from resignation planning to interview skills, plus immediate adaptation to a new job.

Home Matters & Intercession

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On 5 September 2025, GR held a highly productive meeting with Dr. Jason Lim, the Principal of Malaysia Bible Seminary (MBS), on COD (Church, Organization & Disciples) vision and kingdom partnership in this VUCA era. Praise the Lord!



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On 9 September 2025, GR held a highly productive meeting with Rev. Joseph Gan of Every Nation, Puchong, Malaysia, to discuss opportunities for marketplace transformation using GR course materials in this VUCA era. Praise the Lord!



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On 10 September 2025, GR held a fruitful meeting with Rev. Lau Qiu Jie and Rev. Koh Ping Ping of Klang Chinese Presbyterian Church, Malaysia, discussing possible opportunities for family transformation using GR course materials in this VUCA era. Praise the Lord!

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On 10 September 2025, GR had a very fruitful meeting with Rev Teng Perng Shyang of Klang Chinese Methodist Church, Malaysia discussing the marketplace transformation opportunity using GR course material in this VUCA era. Praise the Lord!

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On 9 September 2025, GR held a highly fruitful meeting with Rev. Gideon Wong Weng Cheong and the pastoral team of New Life Restoration Centre, Puchong, Malaysia, to discuss kingdom collaboration in making disciples and transforming the marketplace, using GR course materials in this VUCA era. Praise the Lord!



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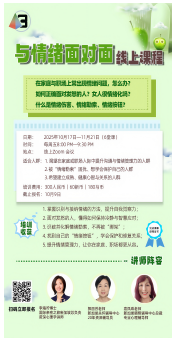
Effective October 1, 2025, GR will appoint Pustaka Sufes as our exclusive distributor in Malaysia, enabling more brothers and sisters to access our books on family and workplace courses—blessing lives and impacting communities. We thank the Lord for the fruitful meeting with Pastor Rev Wong Kheang Wook and his team!



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Date: October 17 to November 21, 2025
8:00 pm to 9:30 pm (Fri) 6 sessions



GR will host the second online training course themed "Facing Emotions Head-On". The course will be led by senior counsellors Dr. Li Haining, Ms. Guo Lifang, and Ms. Yuan Fong Choo. We warmly invite churches to help promote this event and encourage both believers and seekers who desire to strengthen their communication and emotional anagement skills to join us.

For more details, please click the link:
https://forms.office.com/r/AAYTLqHyFP

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Date: October 17, 2025

GR, in partnership with the Anglican Church in Singapore, is launching the "Walking Hand in Hand" online fellowship programme, addressing the needs of single Christians aged 21–50. Through truth-based teachings, carefully designed games, and matchmaking activities, the program helps single seekers and believers to find partners God has prepared for them, and provides premarital guidance for matched couples. The first session was successfully held on August 29, with eight matches successfully made. We warmly invite all churches to participate and join hands in "expanding God's kingdom".



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