

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 11 September 2022*

## MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Luke 22:31-34

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## BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU

### THE PROBLEM OF SPIRITUAL ATTACK

The Lord Jesus was aware that Satan was going to assail Simon Peter. But He was unperturbed.

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# MEDITATION

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<sup>31</sup> And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat.

<sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren."

Luke 22:31-32

## WHY WAS THE LORD JESUS UNPERTURBED

Many reasons may be given as to why the Lord Jesus was unperturbed. Let's focus on what He said to Peter.

### 1. The Place of Prayer

- a) The Lord Jesus had prayed for Peter
- b) That alone in itself was of great significance

### 2. What can Prayer do?

- a) It can protect a person
- b) It is like a shield giving significant protection
- c) It can blunt the impact of a powerful spiritual attack

### 3. The Protector is the Lord Jesus Himself

- a) The Lord Jesus was far greater than Satan
- b) He was thus not afraid of any threat that the Devil may hurl
- c) The Lord will personally keep Peter
- d)

## FAITH NEED NOT FAIL

The Lord Jesus had taught the Disciples many deep lessons. Each lesson had the potential to build faith up.

- 1. Faith may be tested
- 2. Faith may even take a battering
- 3. But Faith need not fail
- 4. Faith can emerge stronger even if a person buckles under the strain

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# MEDITATION

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## SEEK TO BUILD A STRONGER FAITH

The Faith that God has given us has great potential. We must recognize this truth. Let us be challenged to cultivate our faith in the Lord Jesus every way we can!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### WELCOME TO BETHANY

Let us be glad for every opportunity to worship the Lord Jesus Christ. Let the theme "Such Great Faith" be our inspiration to cultivate our faith!



### GREETINGS FROM PASTOR CHARLES TAN

Pastor sends greetings to all at Bethany. He will be returning to Singapore this evening after a week of ministry in Bethel, Perth, W.A.



### CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Anthony and Evelyn on the home calling of their daughter, Alana on 9 September 2022. Thank God for our Hope in heaven. Little Alana is with the Lord, where all tears are wiped away and all sorrows have ceased. There will be a Memorial Service on Monday, 12 September in Church at 8.00pm. The Funeral will be on Tuesday at Mandai Crematorium. The time has yet to be confirmed.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **NEXT SUNDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2022**

1. Combined Worship
  2. Ordination of Pastor Jonathan Jacob
- Let us look forward to this special service!



## **THIS WEEK IN BETHANY**

1. Seniors Program
  - a) Seniors Program on Tuesday, 13 September 2022  
will be cancelled as there will be a Funeral Service
  - b) Thursday, 15 September 2022 | 9.30am- 11.30am
2. Saturday, 17 September 2022
  - a) Catechism Class | 1.00pm
  - b) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
  - c) Youth Worship | 3.15 pm
3. Sunday, 18 September 2022
  - a) Sunday School | 8.30am
  - b) Combined Worship Service | 10.00am
    - i) Morning Worship Congregation
    - ii) Chinese Worship Congregation
  - c) Children's Worship Service | 10.00am
  - d) Crèche | 10.00am



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A GIRL!

Heartfelt congratulations to Kevin and Alyssa on the gift of a Baby Girl. Baby Charis was born on 2 September 2022. Both mother and daughter are doing well!



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## WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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### Psalm 122:8-9

*<sup>8</sup> For the sake of my brethren and companions,  
I will now say, "Peace be within you."*

*<sup>9</sup> Because of the house of the LORD our God  
I will seek your good.*

#### 1. Praying for Peace

- a) This is something the world needs
- b) This must be prayed for

#### 2. Promoting Peace

- a) The Psalmist was committed to promoting peace
- b) He greets people with peace in mind

#### 3. The House of the LORD

- a) It will be adversely affected if there is no peace
- b) Peace must be pursued for the sake of the House of the LORD

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# BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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## **TODAY: 11 September 2022**

*Text: “By faith we understand” Hebrews 11:3*

*By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.*

### 1. By faith

- a) Faith must be found
  - i) Faith in God
  - ii) Faith that leads to salvation in the Lord Jesus
- b) Faith must be applied
  - i) Faith affects our perspective
  - ii) Faith enables us to believe in God as the Creator

### 2. The challenge

- a) To believe that God created the universe
- b) To believe in Him against all who may reject

## **NEXT SUNDAY: 18 September 2022**

*Text: “Without faith it is impossible to please Him”*

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

*Hebrews 11:6*

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## POETRY CORNER

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# 1

### BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU

Satan desired to put Peter to the test;  
He would put him under great duress.  
Peter had said that he would not fail;  
But would strength truly prevail?

Satan's attacks are never easy to fathom;  
He does not attack at random.  
He had studied the weaknesses of Peter;  
He could cause this disciple to falter!

But the Lord Jesus was there to protect;  
All the Disciples were among the elect.  
The Lord Jesus assured Peter of prayer;  
His Presence would always be there.

Satan may cause someone to stumble;  
The need is to remain truly humble.  
Suffering defeat brings a sense of shame;  
But faith in the Lord would not be in vain!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Luke 22:31-34

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 2

## Examine our faith

Heed Apostle Paul's exhortation to examine if we are in the faith  
we are told to test ourselves and find out if Jesus is in us  
Let us check for the fruit of the Holy Spirit and look for its growth  
As it confirms the work of the Holy Spirit on our faith and lives

Believers start on the spectrum of faith with imagination  
Imagined faith gives us eyes to see into the spiritual world  
Faith is "the evidence of things not seen" in our belief conviction  
However believers need to go beyond initial faith to  
receiving instructions from the gospel

We shall grow our faith further through instructions from Scriptures  
Reading the Bible to understand its nuances strengthens our faith  
Our part is to avoid a dull and stale relationship as we follow Jesus  
Experiencing joy when we are inspired and renewed in our faith

Guard against complacency to not sink into going through the  
motions of being a Christian  
Be diligent in building intimacy with the Lord and enjoy the fellowship  
Take time to be still and to Him LISTEN  
For His awe-inspiring Word in providing the leadership

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: 2 Corinthians 13:5; Hebrews 11:1



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Deacon Dr Quek Li Wei*

## PRAYER

### HYMN

CP 89 | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

CP 301 | Since Jesus came into my Heart

## MESSAGE

“Whoever hears these sayings of Mine”

Text: Matthew 7:13-29

*Rev Eugene Seow*

## PRAYER

### HYMN

CP 322 | The Solid Rock

## POSTLUDE



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## HYMNS

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### CP 89 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

JOACHIM NEANDER

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desire e'er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again:  
Gladly forever adore Him.



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## HYMNS

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### CP 301 SINCE JESUS CAME INTO MY HEART

RUFUS H. MCDANIEL

1. What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought  
Since Jesus came into my heart!  
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!

Refrain

Since Jesus came into my heart! Since Jesus came into my heart!  
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!

2. I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!  
And no dark clouds of doubt now my path way obscure,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!

*Refrain*

3. There's a light in the valley of death now for me,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!  
And the gates of the City beyond I can see,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!

*Refrain*

4. I shall go there to dwell in the City, I know,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!  
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!

*Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## CP 322 THE SOLID ROCK

EDWARD MOTE

1. My hope is built on nothing less,  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ the solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

*Refrain*

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

*Refrain*

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

*Refrain*

