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# Celebrating God's Faithfulness & Invitation to Alpha 24

Amid life's ever-changing seasons, it is with immense joy and gratitude that we look back on the completion of our twenty-three Alpha programs. It is a testament to the unwavering faithfulness and loving protection of our Heavenly Father. Through each step of the journey, God's presence has been our guiding light, illuminating the path as we sought to share His words with other

As we pause to reflect on this milestone, the words of Psalm 36:5 echo deeply within our hearts: "Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies". God's love knows no bounds, reaching beyond the highest heavens, and His faithfulness stretches to the skies above. With each Alpha program, we have witnessed how His unwavering faithfulness has touched the lives of



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participants, opening doors to discovery, healing, and a deeper understanding of His great love. Along this journey, we have experienced God's protection, like a sheltering wing, surrounding us as we navigated the joys and challenges of each Alpha program. His watchful eye has been upon us, guarding and preserving both the participants and the helpers. We are grateful for His unfailing presence, providing a safe space for individuals to ask questions, share doubts, and embark on a journey of faith.

**As we celebrate this milestone, we eagerly anticipate the future with great anticipation. With Isaiah 41:10 as our assurance, we move forward confidently, knowing that God is with us, strengthening and upholding us in every step.**



Our next Alpha program will start on Thursday 13th Jul 2023, 8:00 pm-9:30 pm. We invite you to join us as we continue to be vessels of God's love and messengers of His grace. Together, we will explore life's deeper questions, find community, and discover the purpose and love that God has in store for each one of us.

To sign up for the next Alpha, please visit the link:  
<https://forms.gle/Y2LS8bJg2KiZLyGo8>

We also encourage you to extend this invitation to your family members, non-Muslim friends, and colleagues who may also be interested in exploring life's deeper questions and experiencing the transformative power of God. Together, let us create a diverse and supportive community, where we can learn from one another and grow in love and understanding.

To find additional information about the Alpha program, visit our website  
<https://fbc.com.my/alpha/>  
**See you in Alpha\_24!**

**From FBC Alpha Team**

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# Devotions by the Youth :

# ACTS 21

## (Proclaim the Good News)

### Scripture

Acts 21:13 : Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus".

### Observation

Paul, from someone who once persecuted and killed Christians, now was willing to be persecuted for being one. It's amazing to see how God can transform stubborn hearts and humble those who are arrogant.

Maybe during this time, Paul had thought of the people he had persecuted and felt guilt and shame for doing so. Maybe that could be the driving force behind Paul's determination to go to Jerusalem granted by God.

### Application

Paul's transformation was from one extreme to the other. What can be said about us, those who have always been in the middle? Most of us have been Christians since young and have always stayed in our safety bubble. We avoid or don't bring up the Gospel to others for fear of being ostracized by others.



Yet, to muster up the courage like Paul is not easy. Paul must've felt terrified too, basically walking into a potential death zone. But he lets God take control of wherever he went and whatever he did. We can ask ourselves, "What is stopping us from spreading the Gospel to non-believers?", but more importantly we should ask "Am I doing something to overcome this barrier(s)?"

### Prayer

**Dear God, only You can change the most hardened and hostile hearts, just like you did for Paul. You can use anyone for Your works. You also know how weak our hearts are, how we prefer to stay in comfort instead of spreading Your Word. It is not easy for us, and You know that too. I pray that when we think of staying in our comforting shell, we will find strength and courage from You to speak out your Word. After all, we are merely vessels to bring others to You. Amen.**



#### By Joelle Chong

Joelle served in the Youth ministry and attended a discipleship group under Sarah Searle. Joelle is currently overseas for tertiary education.

## Scripture

Acts 21:26: The next day Paul took the men and purified himself along with them. Then he went to the temple to give notice of the date when the days of purification would end and the offering would be made for each of them.

## Observation

Paul was accused of things that he did not do. Yet, even when he is not under the law (for he is a slave to Christ and not the law), he still chooses to do what was customary for the Jews in purifying themselves to show their innocence.

## Application

Being in Christ does not mean being ignorant of the culture or customs of those with who we are sharing the gospel too. Sometimes the best way to be Christ's ambassadors is to also show our understanding towards those to who we are reaching out too.

What good would it bring if we proclaim the goodness of Christ yet blatantly do things that tick off the unbelievers? For example, I would never invite my devout Hindu-believing friends to a beef noodle shop and proclaim the Gospel, nor would those religiously fasting friends for lunch while proclaiming the Gospel to them.

Both would need to go hand-in-hand, evangelizing and understanding the culture/custom of those who we want to reach.

## Prayer

**Father in heaven, how creative you are to raise nations up with all kinds of tribes and tongues. But at the same time, what a barrier it is for us to proclaim your word to these tribes and tongues. O Lord, grant me a heart in wanting to understand them; their customs and culture, so that I may break down those barriers when proclaiming the good news to them. Transform me O Lord, would you do that? In Jesus' name, Amen.**



### By Ivan Khoo

Ivan serves in the Youth Ministry and Campus Ministry with roles such as the discussion leader



## Prayer for FBC Philippine Exposure Trip 2023 from 28th June – 3rd July

1. Pray for the Kapatid team in the Philippines as they prepare the schedule and agendas for the mission activities. May the FBC and Kapatid team members find mutual encouragement in Christ as they work together to extend the kingdom of God.
2. Pray for the children that God may open their eyes to see the love of God through Jesus Christ. May they come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.
3. Pray for the senior citizens that they may be willing to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit open their hearts that they may believe in the gospel.
4. Pray for the FBC team preparations (e.g., games, story-telling, songs and messages) so that they could present the gospel of Jesus Christ clearly to the children. Pray that communication and cultural differences may not be a hindrance.
5. Pray for the spirit unity and humility among the team members. Pray that the team would be sensitive and respectful of the Filipino cultures. May the love of Jesus Christ shine through the team members as they reach out to the children, senior citizens and the communities.
6. Pray for God's protection—spiritually and physically—for all the team members. Pray for favorable weather that the team may be able to travel and minister to the needy.

