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# One Purpose, One Life.

## Reflections on the Life and Ministry of Pastor Rama.



**By Dr. Peter Ng**  
*Dr. Peter serves as an Elder of FBC.*

The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands. – Psalm 138:8

It was just over a decade ago when our church emerged to set out on an independent path. We were just over 250 in number and there was no pastor to serve alongside the few fledgling lay leaders in the church.

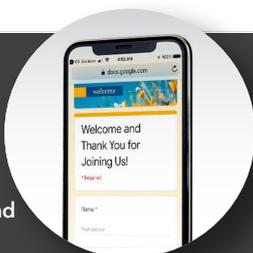
The amazing thing was that almost right on cue, Pastor Rama volunteered to go full-time without batting an eye. He

gallantly served for the first two years without pay yet day in, day out, he came on time and served faithfully. He became an icon of stability in a sea of uncertainty that was our church in those early days.

Reflecting back, Pastor Rama was not the flashy guy on a white horse nor was he that gifted preacher who could hold an

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audience spellbound. He was exactly what FBC needed: a tower of strength. His quiet demeanour and humble nature endeared him to so many people who found his office a refuge for their troubles and an oasis for their pain.

I had known him way back as we were in a Life Group together in Tanamera, and what struck me about him was that he had a big heart. If you really knew him, you would have known that underneath that calm exterior was an emotional guy who wore his heart on his sleeve. More significant was that he had a big heart for people, especially the down and outs, the poor and downtrodden. He had a heart for God whom he communed with daily, and he would faithfully send WhatsApp devotions every day, which reflected the depth of his personal walk with Jesus.

In the decade that ensued, our church would grow in leaps and bounds but with increasing complexity. Nevertheless, our growth was built upon the stability and foundations that were laid by this humble servant of God whom He sent. This is why Psalm 138:8 stands out, "The LORD will fulfil his purpose for me."

Just like Pastor Rama, every one of us has a purpose. However, in the turbulent tides of our lives, this fact is often lost. The wonderful thing is that though we may lose sight of our purpose, God does not. There is a promise that the Lord will fulfil His purpose for us. We remember the journey of Abraham, plucked out of obscurity from the backwaters of Ur of the Chaldeans, an idol-worshipping nobody. Yet in a sheer act of grace, God presented to him an offer he could not refuse. He was offered a future, a hope, a destination. It was 2000 years later, despite the faithlessness and stubbornness of man, that God's Son hung on the cross for the whole world. Yes, God always fulfils His purposes- for Abraham, for David, for His Messiah, for Pastor Rama, and for every single one of us. Why does He do this?

The psalmist says, "Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever." The Hebrew word for steadfast love is "Hesed", and the English translation unfortunately does not even begin to unpack the enormity of its meaning. The entire history of Israel would be the more appropriate exposition of the meaning of the word. The betrayal, rebellion, and disappointment of His chosen people underscores and accentuates the depth of "Hesed", His faithful, covenantal love. His "Hesed" simply means that God loves us so much that He will accomplish His purposes for us no matter what life throws at us.



Every time someone leaves us, we scramble to make sense of the tragedy because death is always a gut-wrenching display of reality. In this case, Pastor Rama was God's gift to FBC. He was an answer to the prayer that 70 of us cried out to Him in 2010. The verse the Lord gave on that day was Zechariah 4: 6, "Then he said to me, 'This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.'" God's Spirit laid upon the heart of this man in the same manner as Isaiah when He asked, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" (Isaiah 6:8)

Pastor Rama stood up and said, "Send me."

God did, and we grew as the Spirit moved and brought more and more of us together. For this,

we shall as a church be forever grateful to Pastor Rama and his family, to Patricia, to his sons and daughter, because ministry requires sacrifice and time, and that came from all of them. It is appropriate, when we remember our dear Pastor Rama, to echo Paul's words in 1 Timothy 4:7, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."

I know one thing: Pastor Rama is standing with Jesus at the right hand of the Father. He fought the good fight and ran the only race that matters. We, too, look forward to that crown on the last day, before His great throne of

glory. Every one of us will have to face our Maker and answer the same question: What have you done with the life God gave you?

David ends this verse with, "Do not forsake the work of your hands."

This is David's cry as a response to God's plan for him. We are the work of His hands. We have a purpose. Our lives have meaning. *O LORD, do not forsake or forget us, we who have been so wonderfully made by Your hands. Fulfil Your purpose in us this day as you have for Pastor Rama. Let this be our prayer.* 🙏

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# Life Group Splash

Featuring

# GG

## Describe GG in 3 words.

Diverse. Discourse-loving. Dogs-over-cats!

## What does it mean to be part of an LG?

To us, it means to be a group that lives in the light of the gospel by seeking God through scripture, journeying through life together, and working for others to come to know Christ more deeply. Being part of an LG has helped us to find community in a big church, as well as to learn and journey through life together. We are slowly learning to be intentional in caring for each other and to share our struggles.

## How have you grown in your faith since being a part of GG?

Aileen: GG has encouraged me to consistently seek God through His Word and prayer, and has helped me stay rooted in Christ despite the trials and busyness of life.

Salome: I have really enjoyed the dynamics of GG. It's a group with people from different walks of life, at different stages, just bringing our own personalities and characters. We care about GG. When we struggled on the direction of the group, we all got together and were able to talk and identify issues, concerns and solutions in order to move forward. And I think we can all say that we are really happy where we are as a Life Group, and we look forward to keep growing together.

## What is one happy memory with GG?

Sarah: Of the many happy memories I have with my LG, one of the most memorable was when they all made a dance video during one LG session. Unfortunately, I did not have the opportunity to be in the music video as I was away. However, I remember when I received the video, it brought me so much joy during a difficult time and it quite depicts what my LG has meant to me. Even through challenging seasons, my LG reminds me of the Lord's goodness and joy.





### What are some memorable things that GG has done together?

This past summer, our LG took a group of Orang Asli children from Promise Home on two outings. On the first outing, we taught the children how to use the LRT and travelled into the city. We spent the day bicycling around Perdana Botanical Garden, sharing a meal, and building relationships with the kids. Several months later, we took another group on a waterfall hike.

These outings were memorable as our LG had been supporting Promise Home by supplying weekly groceries during MCO. It was refreshing to finally meet the children we had been providing basic needs for and having the opportunity to spend time with them. It was encouraging to see everyone in our LG involved in various ways, whether by providing transportation, helping with language translation, playing games, and ultimately displaying Christ's tangible love.

### What would GG say to those who are on the fence about joining an LG?

The Christian walk is not meant to be a solo walk. God has designed humans as relational beings, and it is clear from the Bible that Christians regularly eat and worship together. In fact, Christians are encouraged to fellowship and serve the church together! The COVID-19 pandemic has only magnified the importance of Christian fellowship and accountability.

When you find a healthy Christian community and share life with them, you will experience an incredible difference in your spiritual growth and realise how much the church needs each other. Building relationships is a two-way effort and takes time! We hope that you will join an LG, let us get to know you and, if you like us, let us journey together with you on this narrow road. PHOTO: SHUTTERSTOCK

GG (Gospel Group) is a Life Group of young adults on the journey to becoming not-so-young adults. We are a mix of singles and couples (married and unmarried) in our mid-20s to mid-30s.

We meet weekly on Fridays, except for the fifth week. Two Fridays are for Bible study, one for social night, and one for missions. When the SOP permits, we would meet in Subang. However, with the MCO, we have been meeting for LG online over Zoom.

[Join A Life Group Today](#)

## Preparing For

# Zoom WORSHIP

We will be meeting for Zoom Worship Service in two weeks! Here are some tips and practices that will help us prepare our hearts to worship God together as one body in Christ.



By Toh Kai Xian

*Kai Xian is an FBC staff and a member of GG LG.*



### Set An Alarm

Service begins at 8:45am. Sleep early the night before. Give yourself enough time to wake up, have breakfast, and go through your morning routine before service begins.



### Prepare A Space

Set up for Zoom service in your home at a quiet place with stable internet connection. Keep in mind that your surroundings will appear on screen. Get your Bible ready, play your favourite worship songs, and spend some time in prayer. Ask God to prepare your heart to worship Him.



### Eliminate Distractions

Inform your family or housemates that you will be attending a live Sunday Service so that they know to give you the space and quiet. Better yet, invite them to join you! Put your phone on silent. Use earphones if it helps you focus. Regard this space that you are coming into for worship as sacred.



### Observe Zoom Etiquette

Join the service on Zoom at least 15 minutes before service begins. You are encouraged to sign in with your name, enable your video on screen, and mute your microphone (unless called to do otherwise). Please show up in appropriate attire.



### Commit To Being Present Together

We are meeting real-time in a virtual space. Greet and encourage one another in the chat just as you would on Sundays. Participate by singing aloud, clapping, and responding where appropriate. Join a breakout group at the end of service to fellowship with one another.

There will be a Zoom Clinic on 7 March (next Sunday) to give you a little warm up to both the idea and technicality of online worship. Come join us and we will be happy to answer any of your questions!

Zoom Clinic on 7 March  
10:45am to 11:45am  
Zoom ID: 997 9121 6144  
Password: fbc

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## 1. Creative & Communications

We are looking for graphic designers. You will be involved in designing our very own newsletter, FBC Today!

We are also looking for videographers and video editors. You will be involved in recording and editing videos that engage the FBC family.



## 4. Alpha

We are looking for facilitators and befrienders. You will be involved in creating a safe space where people from all walks of life can discuss faith, life, and God.



## 5. When The Word Comes Alive

We are looking for moderators. You will be involved in facilitating lively and enriching discussion sessions about Christian living. (Questions will be provided.)



## 2. AV Team

We are looking for sound engineers. You will be involved in mixing audio for recorded content to help make Sunday services happen!



## 3. Sunday School

We are looking for teachers. (Men, especially!) You will be involved in facilitating Sunday School classes and building relationships with the children of FBC.



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## | Pulpit Program

February 28, 2021

### The Norms of the Kingdom: Meek and Hungry

(Matthew 5:5-6)



**PREACHER**  
Alex Tan

March 7, 2021 (Mission Sunday)

### The Norms of the Kingdom: Salt and Light of the Earth

(Matthew 5:13-16)



**PREACHER**  
Ps. Massimo Gei

March 14, 2021 (Zoom Service)

### The Presence of God in Church

(Isaiah 8:1-6)

**PREACHER**  
Arnold Lim

March 28, 2021

### The Norms of the Kingdom: Jesus and The Law

(Matthew 5:17-20)



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## | Prayer Spotlight



*In Loving Memory*  
of The Late Madam

## Lum Fook Mei

We would like to extend our condolences to our sister Emilyn Wong on the passing of her beloved grandmother Madam Lum Fook Mei on 18 February 2021.

Emilyn serves with FBC in the Sunday School ministry. Let us pray for God's comfort to be with her and her family during this difficult time of loss.

## | Upcoming Events



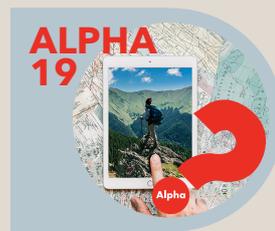
### How to Share Your Story in 3 Minutes

with David &  
Suzanne Adams

**7 March (Sunday)**  
2:00pm to 3:30pm

Zoom ID :  
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Password : **FBCMission**



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Study on The Book  
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Every Saturday  
to Thursday  
9:00pm

Zoom ID: **929 735 694**  
Password: **pray**



Encountering God  
27 February (Saturday)  
2:00 to 3:30pm

Zoom ID: **851 5039 1038**  
Password: **pray**



Sunday Worship  
on Zoom

**14 March 2021**

Stay tuned for more  
information.

**More Information on Upcoming Events**