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THE MAN IN THE MIRROR

No man fails on purpose.
In fact, we don't.
We thrive on challenges.
We steer for changes.
We overcome sins and temptations.
We lead and set examples.
We are okay. We are expected to be.
We should appear to be...(?)

"...these are turbulent times to be a man. Most of the Christian men I talk to find it increasingly difficult to juggle all their responsibilities as men, husbands, fathers, friends, workers, churchmen, and citizens. It feels almost impossible to live out a biblical model of manhood."
(Patrick Morley, Man in the Mirror)



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There is a real lack of models for me to emulate. At least, I don't have access to them. The book, *The Man in The Mirror* (by Patrick Morley), aptly identifies 24 key areas that the Christian man today ought to examine and reflect upon.

From identity problems to relationship problems, the problem of time, money, temperament, or integrity. You might be surprised at how true and revealing are the issues presented!

The book has been described by well-known Christians as "the most stimulating book I've read in years", a "classic", and "One of the 100 most influential books of the last 100 years".

Many men also testified its effect on their lives: "The Man in the Mirror had a profound impact", "This book will change your life – it changed mine", "Spoke to me right where I was living. Pat had been reading my mail!"

If a person can enjoy and benefit from reading it, imagine how the benefit can double or triple in a small community as fellow men who faithfully read and share their thoughts and life experiences together! Whether it's "iron-sharpens-iron" or "burden-shared is burden-halved", this is a confidential, real fellowship with like-minded brothers, journeying together as vessels who are all works in progress. We may be in control or victorious in certain areas but no

We all feel it at times, don't we?

Something about this world just isn't right.
Something about my life just hasn't got it yet.
There are so many voices and demands that seek my attention that sometimes I feel like giving up...

We are pressured by the rat race out there, relationship issues... Life is hard! How do Christians normally deal with them?



one can ever claim he has succeeded or overcome all of the common issues faced by men. Some of us may appear better or more composed than others, but deep down inside us, we know, we have our own struggles and imperfections.

There may be things we normally do not wish to share with others, but in this Man-in-the-Mirror book study group, you may feel liberated and even surprised (even pleased) to know you are not alone in the issues you are facing!

In areas of strength, we can be an encouragement to those who are weak in those areas. Similarly, the strength in others can also encourage us in our own areas of weakness.

A safe space is what all of us need: safe to be ourselves without being judged or compared to, safe to be real with our imperfections and struggles, and safe to be used by God to share and encourage others.

Brothers, this may be what you have been looking for. We may be in our different vessels sailing in our own way, but in a way, we are also in a boat together. We are heading in the same direction in our spiritual lives and in the same uneasy waters.

Let us discover ourselves and our life journeys together in a better perspective in this ever-changing world under the light of our never changing God.



If you are a man interested to journey life together through the book study of Man in the Mirror contact brother Sat Sing. You can reach brother **Sat Sing at: ssleong@yahoo.com or 012-2678 440.**



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PrayerSpotlight

Prayer based on Revelation 2-3

1. We, FBC, will not lose our love for our holy God and his gospel of salvation. Help us to remain God-focused and not become self-focused. Help us to hate what God hates. Give us ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
2. We, FBC, will hold fast to the words of Him who is holy and true. Strengthen us spiritually so we will never deny our faith in the evil day. Help us to study God's Word so we will not be deceived by false prophets. Open our eyes so we can recognize false teaching when we hear it.
3. Please forgive us when we act like we are alive, but are comatose in our slumber with sin. Open up our eyes so we can see ourselves through God's Holy Eyes. Help us to be watchful and faithful even if it means suffering hate and persecution.
4. Please forgive our lukewarmness, thinking we are rich and allowing ourselves to be lazy and complacent. Open our eyes so we can see that we are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. Open our eyes that we may see and refine us with fire and make us ashamed of our sin. Give us strength to walk worthy of God's calling.