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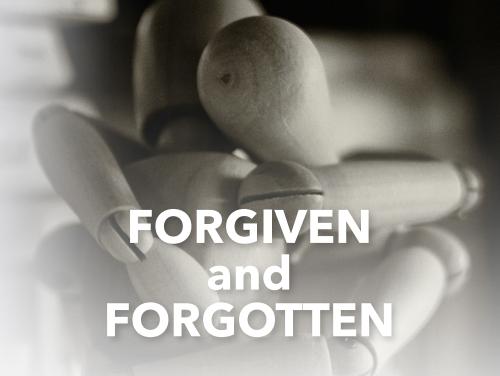
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Recently, I have been enjoying some Korean drama series and found that I would replay selected scenes that I liked. Happy moments and nice endings were my motivation for these replays and, of course, I fast-forwarded through the unpleasant scenes.

It also dawned on me that I enjoy (for the lack of a better word) delayed replays of some of the

more significant times in my life. But this is different from the fixed frames on film. By "delayed replays", I mean that I like to go back in time and imagine that I am being given another chance-to act more graciously, to be less self-centred, to respond with more loving and gentle words, or not to be engaged in unhealthy habits. I would like to undo offenses. Now, wouldn't that be great?









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Unfortunately, we don't get a second chance at our past. We cannot undo our callous actions. We cannot reattempt at raising our children. We cannot choose a different first job and rechart our career paths. Initial impressions cannot be remade. Cutting remarks cannot be taken back. Scars cannot be completely removed. Our memories remain with us.

Our past regrets and offenses can continue to haunt us and impede our spiritual growth when we allow them to fester in our minds and when we permit unresolved issues to keep us under the bondage of guilt.

As we run the race of life before us, may we resolve to let go of our past regrets, mistakes and wrong doings, and accept the full forgiveness that our gracious Lord has given us. The Bible promises, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness". (1 John 1:9)

We have full and complete forgiveness; His grace frees us completely. Our sins are forgiven by our gracious Father who also chooses to overlook ("forget") our offences. He does not keep a record of our wrongs when we repent and seek His forgiveness.

God's Word promises, "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions, for My own sake, and remembers your sins no more." (Isaiah 43:25) God also promises us in Jeremiah 31:34 that "(our) sins and lawless acts (He) will remember no more."

The best news for sinners (that's you and I) is that God forgives sin, and when He does, it is erased from the eternal record. Our gracious God chooses not to remember, not to keep score.

There's no sense in allowing the guilt of your past to haunt you long into the future. Make right with the Lord, and ask forgiveness of anyone you feel you've wronged.

We can take confidence and be assured that God will not summon up the thoughts and purposes of our past follies, that He will not treat us as if He remembered our wrongdoings; He will treat us as if they were forgotten. Blotted out, erased, cleansed completely... forgiven by His grace.

We move forward in our discipleship journey making certain we guard our words, carry ourselves in a way that is honouring to the Lord, and usher grace to others.

May we, like Paul, break free from the guilt of the past and press forward relying on the grace of God.

"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14)

By Lai Si Meng

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Ministry Corner

Featuring Women's Ministry









What is FBC's Women's Ministry about?

These are not easy times in which to be a Christian woman. The world's message to us is that we are empowered with the freedom of choice, and while some of us may find this exciting and exhilarating, others find it terrifying or frightening.

Many of us struggle to find our footing as Christian women under the weight of today's expectations. We need to re-examine our beliefs and attitudes regarding our roles as daughters, mothers, wives, sisters, aunts, and grandmothers in the context of family life, career, and personal growth. Recognizing the need for the women in FBC to come together to support, encourage, and build one another up in our journey of faith, we are trusting God to guide us in leading the Women's Ministry.

Share with us the Women's Ministry's mission.

Our mission is to give our Almighty God top priority and complete control in all aspects of our lives. We want to equip women to be well-grounded in the Word of God so that we can share the Good News more effectively. Our mission is also to provide a space for the women in FBC to stay connected, whether digitally or physically, and encourage all women to be in a Life Group.

What is the Women's Ministry thankful for in the past year?

We thank and praise God that Zoom technology has enabled our Life Groups, Sisters in Christ (weekly) and Women of God (fortnightly), to thrive. We are thankful for growth and are encouraged that many ladies are joining us today- more than when we were meeting physically in church.

There is a deepening spirituality among our women, evidenced in the lively discussions and sharing that we have, as well as the consistent pattern of praying and reaching out to one another. We have developed a strong network of prayer support, especially for those struggling with loneliness and anxiety, as well as for those faced with the challenges of juggling working from home, teaching their children at home, housework, and attending to family needs.

We are also thankful that the Movement Control Order has given our women more time to read God's Word, pray, turn to God for help, and experience God's presence. In pre-Covid days, it seemed like we were all too busy and distracted!

What are some goals of the Women's Ministry?

- To be God-fearing women and women of prayer. We aim to encourage and remind one another to seek God, really know Him, and obey Him with complete surrender, total dependence, and absolute trust.
- To be a community of women who love and care for one another.
- To be ambassadors of love, agents of peace, and channels of blessing.

What is the Women's Ministry looking forward to in the coming year?

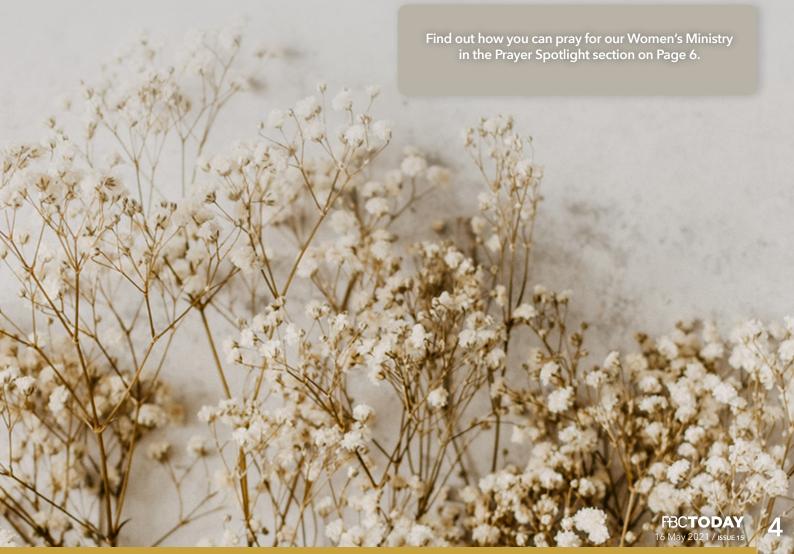
We are excited to be organizing a Praise and Thanksgiving Women's Gathering via Zoom this year. We are also looking forward to multiplying our discipleship groups, forming small prayer groups, and starting support groups for women.

How can FBC worshippers get involved with Women's Ministry?

Join our weekly or fortnightly discipleship Bible study meetings! We are the Sisters in Christ LG and Women of God LG. You are also encouraged to come forward to serve in our upcoming support groups. Join us in walking alongside other women in this journey of faith. We realise that "the work is too heavy for (us); we cannot handle it alone." (Exodus 18:18) We need to share this workload with our fellow sisters whom God has blessed with spiritual gifts and personal life experiences, for we are equipped to minister to and support one another!

Please contact Pearly Yeoh (019-316 2657) or Grace Yap (010-430 5952) for more information.





FBC NEEDS YOU

Are You Wondering How You Can Serve God In Church? Find Your Opportunity Here:



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.



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.



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.)



<u>CLICK</u> to register or call the church office to sign up today!

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| Pulpit Program

May 16, 2021

True Spirituality

(Matthew 6:1-8)



PREACHERDr Peter Ng

May 23, 2021

How Do We Relate to God - Reflections from a Psalm of David

(Psalm 16:1-11)



PREACHERLee Yee Dian

May 30, 2021

Kingdom Fasting

(Matthew 6:16-18)



PREACHER
Ps Leon Lim

June 6, 2021

Kingdom Treasure

(Matthew 6:19-24)



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- **1.** Thank God for the Women's Ministry's faithful service in ministering to the women in FBC.
- **2.** Pray that the women in FBC will have a hunger for God's Word and God's presence.
- **3.** Pray for a more inter-generational mix among women in FBC, and that there may be more opportunities for women to connect and get to know one another better.
- **4.** Pray that the ministry leaders and members will minister to one another with love and compassion, especially to those who are struggling with personal, family, health, or work issues.

| **Upcoming Events**



Understanding
The Book of Ezekiel
10-week Study
With Dr Leong Tien Fock

Beginning on 7 June 2021 Every Monday

CLICK HERE to register



Is There More to Life Than This?

22 July to 7 October 2021 Every Thurdsday 8:00pm

CLICK HERE to register



The Pastoral Epistles
Study on the Books of
1 Timothy, 2 Timothy & Titus

Every Wednesday 8:30pm

Zoom ID: **830 3462 5458** Password: **fbc**

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(Password: **fbcgamma**)



Daily Prayer Meeting Every Saturday to Thursday 9:00pm Zoom ID: 929 735 694

Password: pray



Monthly Prayer Meeting 29 May (Saturday) 2:00pm to 3:30pm Zoom ID: 869 8003 5137 Password: pray

More Information on Upcoming Events