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# A Faithful God



<sup>1</sup> You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.  
<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.  
<sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.  
<sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.  
<sup>5</sup> You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.  
<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

These words in Psalm 139:1-6 are very reassuring to me because they tell me that the true and living God knows me intimately. He knows my

all, even if I do not utter a single word, and He cares for me.

I grew up under the care of my grandparents and only saw my dad once a week. My circumstances led me to grow up feeling abandoned and rejected. I was unsure of my identity and felt lost. This feeling grew in my adolescence, and was exacerbated when my grandmother who raised me passed away.

Things took a turn when I was 15. My classmate brought me to DUMC, and I started attending the Chinese congregation although I was a "banana". One Sunday, I was encouraged to respond to an altar call and

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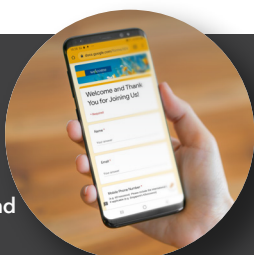
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say the sinner's prayer- which I did, although I didn't understand what I did nor why I did it at the time.

It was only later in the year that I had a personal encounter with Christ at church camp. I remember feeling hollow on the inside, and it turned into a thirst and a hunger to be filled. It was a feeling that I could not explain but God was giving me a desire to want more of Him. From then on, I started on a journey of experiencing God and eventually understanding what it means to say YES to Him. I started serving and got involved in many church activities with the help of a translator. Over time, people started conversing with me in English although we were members of a Chinese congregation.

In 2005, my grandfather fell ill. During the months that I cared for him, I pled and bargained with God to heal him. When he passed away, I struggled to move on. I didn't understand why my prayers for healing were not answered. Overwhelmed, I told God that everything was just too much for me and that I needed a break.

I shut everyone out, turned away from God, and walked through four years of darkness. However, not once did He leave me nor forsake me. When I look back, I see so many divine encounters that led me to return to God.

Psalms 139:7-12 aptly captures the thoughts of my heart as I reflect on those years:

- <sup>7</sup> *Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?*
- <sup>8</sup> *If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.*
- <sup>9</sup> *If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,*
- <sup>10</sup> *even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.*
- <sup>11</sup> *If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me  
and the light become night around me,"*
- <sup>12</sup> *even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.*

In 2010, God drew me back to Himself by His divine grace, and I joined DUMC's English congregation. It was a joy to be back in church and serving the Lord again.

In 2014, I made a tough decision to leave an uncommitted relationship and I became a single mother.

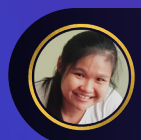
There were many challenges along the way but God was faithful to pull me through the fire. In that period of choosing to honour God above all else, I found Him to be even more real to me in every aspect of my life.

In 2017, I was financially stricken. I was taking care of my children full-time; there was no money to pay rent and no money to buy necessities. I had a few job interviews but they did not materialise. At that time, I was attending Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) at FBC Subang Jaya, the host venue. One day, I confided in one of my BSF classmates, who was an FBC member, and shared with her my desperate need for a job. I was also prompted to ask her if there was a job opening in FBC. By God's divine provision, I progressed through multiple interviews with DC, one of the church administrators, who also took the initiative to make sure that my children and I were taken care of even before I started work at FBC.

Throughout the years, I have come to see God's loving presence and grace in my life. I see how He has and continues to pour out His blessings on me and my family through His church in marvellous ways, and I am in awe.

We don't worship a lofty God. Yes, He is magnificent and mighty, but He is also a personal God. He knows us and is with us in a very real way. As I reflect on my walk with God, through the eyes of faith, I see Him there in every season of my life. There is always a sign of God's presence with us through it all although we may not always see it. He is the only One who has not and will not walk out on us. He will not leave us no matter how doubtful or difficult we are.

Our God knows our thoughts and every detail of our lives; nothing is hidden from Him. In fact, He knows us better than we know ourselves! When troubles arise and trials come our way, may we always remember that the LORD our God is our Wonderful Counsellor, Prince of Peace, and Everlasting Father. He will carry us through, all the way, because He is a faithful God. 🙏



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# Life Group Splash Featuring



# NYAC LG

## What is NYAC's story?

NYAC stands for 'New Young Adults Cell'. It also sounds like a cheeky laugh (#iykyk). We're open to changing it when a better name comes along. NYAC was formed near the end of 2020. Observing from Campus Ministry, we saw that there were a significant number of individuals who were entering the workforce, and forming an LG seemed like a natural progression.

Today, we are a group of 13 people- Pastor Joash and May, plus working fresh graduates (early 20's and single). We meet every Wednesday night on Zoom.

## Describe NYAC in 3 words.

Honest. Vulnerable. Young.

## What does it mean to be part of a Life Group?

A Life Group is a community of Christian friends working to grow closer to God by asking tough questions, encouraging one another, and sharing each other's burdens.

At NYAC, we enjoy giving one another a safe space to be vulnerable about our walk with God. We also have the opportunity to listen and learn from each other, as well as provide prayer support for one another. It's very encouraging to hear the struggles and breakthroughs of

fellow believers. It's so good to know that we're not in this journey alone.

## How has being part of a Life Group made a difference for NYAC members?

The discussions that we have about Sunday sermons have helped us with comprehending the various Bible passages and applying God's truths into our daily lives. Being part of an LG has also helped us feel a greater sense of belonging to the church.

## What are some happy memories shared by NYAC?

Because of Covid, we've been restricted to Zoom calls. Thankfully, we had one makan session before the second MCO. (We had also planned for a hiking trip but bailed out last minute.) Another happy memory is laughing at each other when we forget to unmute on Zoom.

## Describe NYAC using a movie or show.

Jumanji! We have members with different personalities and strengths, but one common goal.

## What would NYAC say to those who are on the fence about joining a Life Group?

Having friends to help you in your walk with God is one of the best decisions you can make in life! 🙌



[Join A Life Group Today](#)

## | Pulpit Program

June 13, 2021

### Handling Anxiety

(Matthew 6:25-34)



PREACHER

Dr. Peter Ng

June 20, 2021

### Judging Others

(Matthew 7:1-6)



PREACHER

Ps. Joash Chan

June 27, 2021

### The Church As Sacred Space

(Exodus 40)



PREACHER

Arnold Lim

July 4, 2021

### Persistence in Prayer -

### The Golden Rule

(Matthew 7:7-13)



PREACHER

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Benediction



May God be your Refuge, guarding you and preserving you.  
May He shield you to secure you, when the going gets tough.  
May God be your Lord, exercising His sovereignty over your life.  
May He teach you increasing obedience and submission.  
May God be your Treasure, so that He's your greatest delight.  
May He grant you His joy that far surpasses other things in life.  
May God also be your Counsel, guiding you, instructing you.  
May He light up the path before you for you to walk.  
Amen.

## | Upcoming Events

### CHURCH BASED THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

#### Understanding the Book of Ezekiel

10-week Study  
With Dr Leong Tien Fock

Every Monday

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### ALPHA 20

#### Is There More to Life Than This?

22 July to 7 October 2021  
(Every Thursday)  
8:00pm

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### GAMMA 17

#### The Pastoral Epistles

Study on The Book of 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy and Titus

Every Wednesday  
8:30pm

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### DAILY ZOOM PRAYER MEETING

#### Daily Prayer Meeting

Every Saturday  
to Thursday  
9:00pm

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### MONTHLY ZOOM PRAYER MEETING

#### Monthly Prayer Meeting

26 June (Saturday)  
2:00pm to 3:30pm

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### WEBINAR ZOOM INSIDE COVID-19

#### Real Life Experiences By Doctors and Patients

3 July (Saturday)  
2:00pm to 4:00pm

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