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I love watching films about war, so much so that I am able to watch the same movie over and over again. I'm not sure how my interest in all things military developed but I have had it since I was younger. In fact, when I was in high school, I not-so-secretly hoped to be selected for the National Service program. I even contemplated volunteering for it if I wasn't selected. My friends

thought I was out of my mind. It can be observed that in most war films:

- There is a cause an enemy;
- There are armies, geared up and ready to fight each other;
- There is a winning side, clearly identified as the ones who are left standing at the end; and
- There is a hero, the lead character, who leads the army to victory.

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The Enemy

As Christians, we are also at war. For us, the Christian soldier, every day is a battle. But what or who are we battling?

We experience rough days at work, wrestle to hold our families together, fight against social injustices, hear of natural disasters sweeping across towns, and read about countries ravaged by war. But this isn't the struggle. The chaos in the world, inside and around us, are symptoms.

In Ephesians 6, Paul tells us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood. Our real struggle is against the rulers, the authorities, the powers of this dark world, and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 6:12).

The chaos that surrounds us is rooted in the fact that we live in a sinful world and are up against a spiritual army led by Satan. We sign up for this battle when we "switch camps" and join the Lord's army - when we become followers of Christ.

Gearing Up

No soldier steps onto the battlefield without their gear. What, then, has our Commander for us to engage in our battle? What does He equip us with to fight against the enemy that, though limited in power, is out to steal, kill, and destroy?

Ephesians 6:14-17 tells us that we are given the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, feet fitted with the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. Many of us are familiar with this passage but how many of us actually put on every piece of this armour every day?

We are given the full armour of God (Ephesians 6:11,13). Isaiah 59:17a says, "He put on righteousness as his breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on his head." How wonderful it is to know that God has given us the very things that He arms Himself with! We are given God's very own armour. It is His design. We have His truth, His righteousness, His peace, His salvation, His word, and God Himself. Every piece of the armour points us back to Him. And it is with this armour that we are sent into the world to fight our daily battles- whether at work, at church, at home, or in our hearts and minds.

Standing Till The End

God's armour is strong enough to enable us to stand against the enemy's schemes. In fact, that is its very purpose - to enable us to stand our ground, till the very end: "Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand." (Ephesians 6:13)

Standing is a powerful symbol. Soldiers who are left standing at the end of a war make a triumphant statement. It is a symbol of victory, strength, courage, fortitude.

We are engaged in battle every day as we wrestle the enemy and resist sin. But we are promised that we will be able to stand our ground if we put on the full armour of God.

The Lead Character

The battle belongs to the Lord, our King and Commander. And not only does the outcome of the war raging in the heavenly realms not depend on us, it has already been won! Jesus won the victory when He rose from the grave.

If Christ has already won the victory, why is there the need to wear an armour? Putting on the armour of God enables us to join in His victory. Wearing the armour is the only way we can resist the enemy and stand firm till the end. With the full armour of God, we have everything we need.

God has a set of armour for every believer. Are you wearing yours? •



By Rachel Lee Rachel is a member of the Newsletter Team and CIA LG.

Life Group Splash Featuring



Tell us about Kota Kemuning (KK) Life Group.

KK was formed in 2011. Today, we have 11 regular members (singles and married couples), mostly in our 40s to 70s. We meet twice a month on Thursday nights. Before MCO, we met at 3 locations, taking turns to host based on availability.

Describe KK in 3 words.

Trusted. Safe. Discussion.

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

Life Group is like a second family, and a lifeline for some. It is a church community that we can depend on. We are able to share our concerns with each another, increase one another's understanding of the Bible, join church activities together, and journey together in the same spiritual direction. Life Group is where we can find dependable support and encouragement. This is because there is a willingness by members to participate and share their personal experiences, especially in the areas of Bible application and life lessons. Needless to say, being part of a Life Group/ community has strengthened our faith and our understanding of God's word.

Share some Life Group highlights.

Our makan-makan activities! It is also our joy to meet new church members, help them adapt to FBC culture, and see them grow in faith.

Describe KK using a movie.

The Incredibles. Each one of us has a unique gift which God uses when the need arises. We are ever ready to lend a hand and always do our best to act in love as we are just like a family.

What would KK say to someone who's not yet in a Life Group?

Pray to God and make a decision. You don't really need to hesitate to test drive joining an LG. It is not a marriage; it is a place to build our relationship with God and one another. ©

Join A Life Group Today! 🤇 🔀



| Pulpit Program

October 24, 2021 Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-23)



preacher Leong Ye<u>w Lum</u>

October 31, 2021 The Church Within the Veil (Exodus 26:3-37, Matthew 27:50-53)



PREACHER Arnold Lim

November 7, 2021 Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-43)



PREACHER Alex Tan

November 14, 2021 Parables of the Kingdom (Matthew 13:44-58)



preacher John Lee

| Worship with Us



MAIN SERVICE

Sundays 8:45am & 11:15am



YOUTH SERVICE | ZOOM | Sundays 9:00am

SUNDAY SCHOOL for Ages 0-12yrs

| **ZOOM** | Sundays



Call office to know more: 03-5621 2623

PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

Personal Covering

- 1. Father God, thank You for having chosen me in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in Your sight. In response to Your loving kindness and mercy, I surrender myself to You to be Your living sacrifice to live in holiness and righteousness, delighting in bringing pleasure to Your heart.
- **2.** Lord, I repent and do not want to conform to the ways of this world imitating its values, ideals, opinions and culture.

- Lord, I yield to Your Spirit to convict me and cleanse my mind from every prideful and ungodly presumptuous thoughts which exalt itself against the knowledge of You. I repent of every "I, me and myself- centredness", unforgiveness, bitter envy, jealousy, greed and pride in my heart.
- Lord, I ask that I be rooted and established in Your love so that I am in You and You are in me. Empower me with Your love to love my neighbours.
- Lord, I thank You for the blood of Christ. Cleanse my conscience from acts that lead to death, so that I may serve You.
- **6.** Lord, I invite Your presence to saturate my heart and my home. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

(Adapted from <u>Malaysia United Firewall</u>)

CONDOLENCES

We extend our heartfelt condolences to our sister **Lucy Ong** on the passing of her mother-in-law, **Madam Lim Chew**, on 14 October 2021. May God's peace and comfort be with the family during this difficult time of loss.

| Upcoming Events



VBS Registration Is Open

Our very first Online VBS Is happening on Zoom from 13 to 17 December 2021!

For children aged 4 to 12 years. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to register. For enquiries, please email vbsfbcsubang@gmail.com



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



Romans From Wretchedness To Righteousness Every Wednesday For more information, contact Church Office at 03-5621 2623



Monthly Prayer Meeting 30 October 2021 (Saturday) 2:00pm to 3:30pm Zoom ID: 869 8003 5137 Password: pray



Is There More to Life Than This? Alpha 21 will begin on 6 January 2022.

Every Thursday 8:00pm <u>CLICK HERE</u> to register for the next Alpha program.

More Information on Upcoming Events

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