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Last year in a midst of the pandemic, a brother from another church, T, called me out for a drink. He told me that he just had an argument with his wife, S, and wanted to cool off. I have known both T and S since before the pandemic. They were Godly people and active in their church.

We found a quiet corner in a mamak near his house and sat down. He looked dejected and quiet until I asked him if he wanted to share what happened. T said that he and wife had been arguing a lot lately, sometimes over small matters. He felt that their relationship was strained.

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The latest argument was the most intense where the dreaded 'D' word was mentioned. DIVORCE!

He claimed that his wife did not fully submit to him after all he has done for her. He then quoted Ephesians 5:22-24: [22] Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. [23] For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. [24] Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. (ESV) T said he was feeling lost and asked me if he had interpreted Ephesians 5:22-24 correctly. I replied, "Yes, you have interpreted Ephesians 5:22-24 correctly. But let's look at the second part [25] - (ESV):

"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her"

We must love our wives as how Jesus loved the church. How much did Jesus love the church? Jesus gave His life for the church. I then asked T if he is willing to die for his wife now? T kept quiet for a while then he answered, "No."

The bible is perfect, but we are not. Paul said in Romans 5:23, [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (ESV)

So, if we, as husbands, are not willing to die for our wives, how can we expect our wives to submit fully to us? Likewise, for wives who cannot fully submit to their husbands, you cannot expect your husbands to die for you.

There is always a huge gap between what we can do, and what the bible says we should do. What do we fill the gap with? GRACE! In Ephesians 2:4-5, Paul said: [4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved— (ESV) God saved us by grace through our faith in Jesus Christ while we were still sinners. Why not extend the same grace to our spouses? When grace appears, forgiveness follows.

T listened and began to express remorse. I then advised him and his wife to seek marriage counselling at his church. As T began to lighten up, we talked about other things, and we left the mamak right before midnight.

About 6 months later, T called to thanked me. He said after many sessions of marriage counselling in his church, both T and his wife began to understand the importance of grace and forgiveness in their marriage. T said there were still arguments but with less frequency and intensity. The dreaded 'D' word was never brought up again.

Praise the Lord!

Note: The above story is based on a real situation but all names of persons and places have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals.



FBC Needs You



Creative & Communication Ministry

RECRUITING

1. CAPTION WRITERS

Writers who can write a short summary for Sunday Sermon

2. PHOTOGRAPHER

Photographer who can capture photos for Sunday Service

Those who are interested, kindly contact the Church Office at 03 5621 2623 for more information.



| Pulpit Program

February 06, 2022
The Gates of Hell Shall Not
Prevail Against You:

The Key to Victorious Living (Matthew 16:13-23)



PREACHER John Lee

February 13, 2022

The Cross Shaped Life
(Matthew 16:24-28)



PREACHERPastor Joash Chan

February 20, 2022
The Transfiguration
(Matthew 17:1-13)



PREACHERDr. Peter Ng

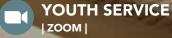
February 27, 2022
What Exactly is a Covenant?
- Lessons from the First Marriage



PREACHER
Arnold Lim

| Worship with Us





Sundays 9:00am





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PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

1 Peter 4:7-11



- 1. Pray that God will keep us alert and sober minded so that we will have live in holiness and faith. Pray that God will give us strength to withstand the danger of becoming dull and insensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Pray that we will withstand the cares and traps of this world.
- **2.** Pray for God to teach us to love that will cover each other's sins, love that quick forgiving, patient and authentic. Love that extends hospitality without grumbling or complaint. Love like Jesus' sacrificial love for us.
- **3.** Pray that God will give us wisdom and strength to be good stewards of His gifts and use them to serve God's people and help others. Pray that He will open our hearts to encourage our sisters and brother to use their many varied gifts.
- **4.** Pray that we, His church, will serve depending solely on God's strength and not our strength, our abilities or our wisdom, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

| Special Announcements



1. Bereavement News
In loving memory our
brother, Joseph Chin who
went home to be with the
Lord on 27 January 2022.
Brother Joseph is a
member of FBC (E) and a
Lieutenant of the Boys'
Brigade 2nd Subang Jaya
Company.



2. Congratulations
We rejoice with Johnson and Rachel Lee on the arrival of their newborn daughter, Eleanora Rose on 27 January 2022.



3. FarewellWe will be bidding farewell to Amanda Lim who is the daughter of Arnold Lim as she will be leaving to Australia to further her studies.

| Upcoming Events



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



Is There More to Life Than This? Alpha 21 will begin on 6 January 2022. Every Thursday 8:00pm CLICK HERE to register for the next Alpha program.



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

More Information on Upcoming Events