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Nothing Apart from Christ: A Testimony of BSF (20 May 2024)

I was introduced to Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) in Beijing in 2012 but I could not join then because I was still working. It was only in 2020 that I joined the study of Genesis. I learned a lot and benefitted very much from the 4-fold approach to in-depth bible study. For me, BSF is the best bible study program I have ever joined.

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON

JULY 21 2024

The Balance of Freedom and Limits in a Life Lived for the Glory of God

1 Corinthians 10:14-31

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Studying the Gospel of John has been an **AMAZING experience** for me. This intimate and personal account by John enables me to visualize the miracles of Jesus, to ponder on Jesus' teaching especially His 7 powerful **I AM** statements, and to sense Jesus' kindness and compassion for all people.

John's Gospel reveals the glory, majesty, and authority of Jesus Christ, God's Son, humanity's Savior. It also reveals the character of God the Father and how much He loves mankind.

John 15:5 is the verse that ministered to me the most.

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing.

This verse teaches me to be humble and to confess that, apart from Jesus, I can do nothing. To bear fruit, I have to be totally dependent on Jesus who is my source of living water, the bread of life, wisdom, and counsel. I am also reminded to stay connected to Jesus and to follow Him faithfully. I must ensure that I am firmly anchored in God's Word which is the Truth.

As I obey God's calling to serve in BSF, I know that He will equip me and provide all that I need. I just have to trust and obey Him and be willing to be used by Him for His glory.

Our Almighty God is worthy of all our praise, worship, and honor.

So let us magnify His Name and Make Jesus Known.



by Grace Yap

Grace is a co-leader in Sisters in Christ Life group.

Devotions by the Youths: PSALMS

Scripture

Psalms 101:2 "I will be careful to lead a blameless life – when will you come to me? I will conduct the affairs of my house with a blameless heart."

Observation

David had that awareness of how tempting sin can be, but also aware that he – like any other human – will always fall into sin. Using the word 'careful' implies that in every decision David makes, he is conscious as to whether the decision will be pleasing or not in God's eyes.

Application

As you grow older, the more aware you become of how the real world works. I also think that as I study the word of God more, the more aware I become of my actions – if they were pleasing to God or not. What you once thought was alright may be wrong in His eyes. Hence, I should align my viewpoint with God's viewpoint, even when the alternative options may seem more desirable.

Prayer

Dear God, I pray to lead a blameless life before You. Please align my heart to Your desires, that I may have strength in You to not succumb to worldly temptations. Amen.



by Joelle Chong

Joelle attended a discipleship group under Sarah Searle. She is currently overseas.

Scripture

Psalm 101:2

I will be careful to lead a blameless life—
when will you come to me?
I will conduct the affairs of my house
with a blameless heart.
I will not look with approval
on anything that is vile.
I hate what faithless people do;
I will have no part in it.
The perverse of heart shall be far from me;
I will have nothing to do with what is evil.
Whoever slanders their neighbor in secret,
I will put to silence;
whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart,
I will not tolerate.
My eyes will be on the faithful in the land,
that they may dwell with me;
the one whose walk is blameless
will minister to me.
No one who practices deceit
will dwell in my house;
no one who speaks falsely
will stand in my presence.
Every morning I will put to silence
all the wicked in the land;
I will cut off every evildoer
from the city of the Lord.

Observation

The psalmist speaks of living a blameless life, to walk in 'his' house with a blameless heart. So what does a blameless life look like in the eyes of the psalmist?

- to abstain from evil things (v3)
- to hate the deeds of the faithless (v3)
- to be far from men of perverse heart (v4)
- to take no part in evil schemes (v4)
- to put to silence those who slander (v5)
- to not tolerate the proud and haughty (v5)
- to remove those who practice deceit (v7)
- to silence the wicked (v8)
- to cut off every evildoer (v8)

Living blamelessly is not just about being good and minding our own business. It's about actively putting to death what is sinful and evil.

Application

Being good and minding my own business is not living blamelessly, but rather living selfishly. We are Christ's ambassadors. Was Christ sent to mind his own business in his ministry and let evil mar God's holiness? Short answer, no.

I need to ask myself, when was the last time I rebuked a non-Christian friend? Have I been giving them a green pass to allow evil to dwell in my house? What then is my walk and journey in living blamelessly? What then am I doing to actively put to death what is evil and sinful?

Prayer

O Lord, remind me that nothing that stems from sin honors you. Remind me not to live selfishly by "minding my own business" but rather to be reminded of what it means to live blamelessly. Do not let me shy away from silencing what that does not honor you. Grant me a heart to do what is right, not only to myself but to others. In Jesus name, Amen.



by Ivan Khoo

Ivan serves in the Youth Ministry and Campus Ministry with roles such as the discussion group leader, registration team, and youth committee.



Prayer Spotlight for Beta and Betaplus

- Thanksgiving for the very fruitful time in Season 1 for 60+ participants learning and sharing God's weekly for the 6 months – Beta, Philippians, John, Romans and Sermon on the Mount.
- Thanksgiving for provision of team of facilitators and helpers in Season 1 with several new volunteers.
- His blessings for second season starting on 11 July – new team, logistics for physical and online classes.
- Commit all Facilitators, Helpers and participants into His faithful hands – strength and dedication for second season starting on 11 July for 6 months.