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Women, You Are Important

WHEN we look at the ministry of Jesus on earth, we can think of the many men who walked and worked with him, who sought him out, and who challenged his views. There were the 12 disciples called from different walks of life, the highly-esteemed members of the Sanhedrin, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, and ordinary guys like Lazarus.

What about the women during the life of Jesus on earth? There were his earthly mother Mary, the sisters

Mary and Martha, Mary Magdalene but a lot of the women were nameless – like the Samaritan woman at the well, the woman with a bleeding disorder, just to pinpoint a few.

Whether they were men or women, Jesus regarded all of them as individuals. His messages and works of miracles were for both genders. Just as he called Lazarus out from the grave, he also raised the synagogue ruler Jairus' daughter to life. In the Parables,



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Jesus mentions about the Widow's Mite which in the Kingdom of Heaven is probably more worth than all riches that the Rich Man stored up for himself. During Jesus' time, women were at the bottom of the social ladder. A woman's life was hinged to a man - her father, then of her husband, and then of her son when she was widowed. Probably, this was the reason that Jesus raised the widow's only son from the dead. Luke 7:13 says, "When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her...". Jesus knew that without the son, the widow would face a bleak existence.

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In his preaching itinerary, Jesus taught in the synagogues where women sat at the sides and at the back of the hall. But he also taught in "free seating" areas - the hillsides, market places, homes of friends - where women could choose to have the front seats. He allowed women to sit at his feet as he taught.

He commended the faith of the woman with the bleeding disorder who inched her way among the crowd to touch the hem of his garment, believing that she could be healed. And when Jesus was teaching in a synagogue one day, he put the needs of a crippled woman above the Sabbath law (Luke 13:10-13).



For 18 years, this woman shuffled her way around with a stooped back. That day, she found herself able to stand upright with dignity - to be able to see the radiance of the sunlight instead of the dirt on the ground. All because of Jesus' compassion.

The women faithfully followed Jesus to the Cross (Matthew 27:55-56) and were the first people to see the Risen Christ and carry the Good News to the disciples. It's ironic that in a time when women could not be legal witnesses, Jesus chose women as the first witnesses of His Resurrection.

As we celebrated International Women's Day on March 8, we like to think that in a way, Jesus' attitude to women has helped to uplift the status and esteem of women in society. And we like to think that Jesus' care for the women has not been in vain.

We find plenty of women serving in various ministries in FBC and other churches, and we salute all these faithful workers in the Lord's work.



By Sheila Teh

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IN 16 DAYS**

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From the 1st of May until the 16th of May we will be praying and virtually running or walking together with, and for 16 fields in Asia.

Every day, we challenge you to:

- *Pray for the points that will be emailed to you*
- *Aim to walk or run at least 1 kilometre. You can pray as you walk or run!*

Medals await everyone at the finish line so let us know on the 16th of May how many kilometres you ran or walked. Get family and friends together, snap photos, and start praying!

1 Indonesia

2 Singapore

3 Malaysia

4 Thailand

5 Cambodia

6 Vietnam

7 Laos

8 Myanmar

9 Sri Lanka

10 Nepal

11 China

12 Hong Kong

13 Taiwan

14 South Korea

15 Japan

16 Philippines



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Registrations ends 25 April 2022

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Pulpit Program

April 24, 2022

Servanthood

(Matthew 20:20-28)



PREACHER

David & Suzanne Adams

May 1, 2022

Portraits in Family Life

PREACHER

Arnold Lim

May 8, 2022

The Nature of Grace

(Matthew 20)



PREACHER

Dr Peter Ng

May 15, 2022

Jesus and the Accountability of Israel

(Matthew 21:33-45)



PREACHER

John Lee



Prayer Spotlight

Servanthood

1. Give thanks to God for calling you to serve and share in the work for the kingdom. Give thanks that God has richly blessed us with every spiritual blessing.
2. Pray for the heart of humility that rejoices in spite of trials and opposition. Pray that pride will not take hold and cause us to be discontented and quarrelsome.
3. Pray for strength to serve sacrificially and with dedication. Pray that we will always seek to listen and obey our Master irrespective of the cost.
4. Pray for the attitude of serving generously and not covetously be it with our time, energy or finances.
5. Pray for the alertness to keep a close watch on how you live so that God's people will remain true to what is right for the sake of the gospel.



Upcoming Events

Worship WITH US



MAIN SERVICE

| ZOOM |

Sundays 8:45am & 11:15am



YOUTH SERVICE

| ZOOM | Sundays 9:00am



SUNDAY SCHOOL

for Ages 0-12yrs

| ZOOM | Sundays



Alpha 22

The next Alpha program will start from 14 July 2022

Every Thursday 8:00pm

CLICK HERE to register for the next Alpha program.



Beta Pre-Baptism Class

Starting 28 April 2022

Every Thursday 8:00pm - 9:45pm

For more information, contact Lammy Tan at 012 386 8460



Daily Prayer Meeting

Every Monday to Thursday 9:00pm

Zoom ID: 929 735 694
Password: pray



Monthly Prayer Meeting

30 April 2022 (Saturday)

2:00pm to 3:30pm
Venue : Transit Hall



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More Information on Upcoming Events