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# 80th ISSUE SPECIAL!









# Featuring Sermon-Inspired **Arts by the YOUTH**

Our youths are known as the Salt of Subang or SOS Youth. Living up to its name, some of our Salt of Subang youths have gleaned key lessons from past sermons and turned them into art pieces, well-seasoned with a pinch of creativity here and there to help preserve these sermons for more centuries to come!



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#### Parable of the Wedding Banquet

#### || 22nd May 2022 Sermon Recap

In the Parable of the Wedding Banquet, it tells us of the relationship that God invites us into even though we do not deserve it. Even though we do not deserve it, He clothes us with His wedding garments, calling us back despite our failure.

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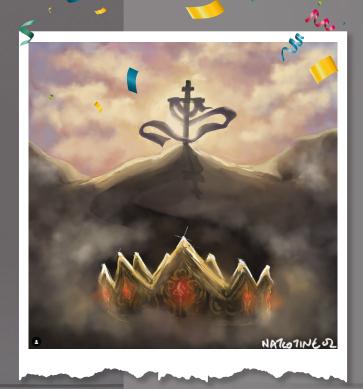




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Let us remember that we can share our burdens with Christ, no matter big or small, and focus on Him. For on the Cross, He has covered it all for us!



Make time to wait on Him; make room in your day to be undistracted by anything else, and to plead for His intervention in your life. Jesus tells us that only someone who loves Him above everything else deserves eternal life.

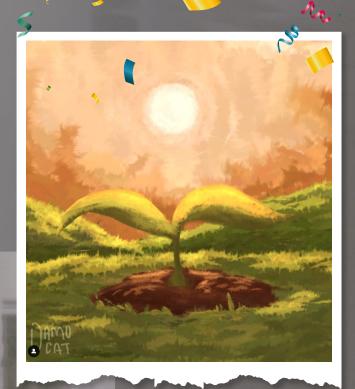
But don't we often worship our material possessions more than God? Nowadays, everyone has some kind of desire to be rich or wealthy. Even if we are unaware of it, we silently put wealth/possessions/comfortable lifestyle as a priority higher than God. We're unwilling to let go of our stuff and cling to Jesus.

How can we change? It's gonna take a miracle. With man, it is impossible; but with God, all things are possible. He can transform us from lovers of self / wealth / present comforts into lovers of Christ / future glories. Make time to wait on him; make room in your day to be undistracted by anything else, and to plead for His intervention in your life.

The eternity of our souls is at stake, so let us come to God wholeheartedly, learning how to surrender bit by bit.

Trusting God can be scary, especially when things seem impossible. Thankfully, Jesus knows about our little faith and tells us that even if our faith is as small as a mustard seed, we can move the mountains! He is passionate about our faith in Him and has the ability to empower and restore us if we just take the step to trust Him.

What in your life do you need to entrust to God today?



What does it truly mean to forgive?

A lot of the time, when someone does us wrong or hurts us, we find it in our nature to not choose to forgive.

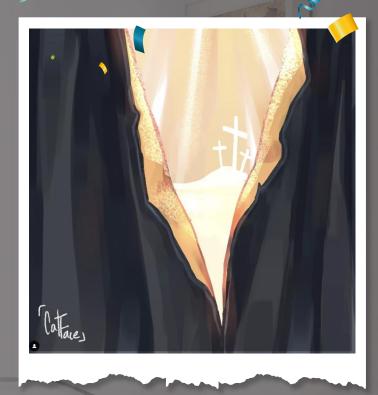
Instead, we may choose to gossip about them to other people or even act out in revenge against them. We feel like "oh, after they do this, then only I will forgive them".

Sometimes our act of forgiving leaves relationships broken.

But God calls us to be peacemakers, and be unlimited in our forgiving! True forgiveness involves a lot of patience, and we are able to have that patience because we have a patient master, God.

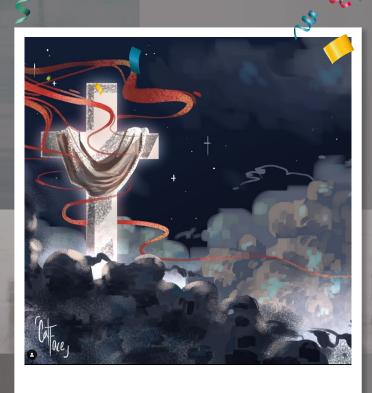
We alone can't truly forgive without first realizing that God first forgave us by sending Jesus down on the Cross to die for our sins.

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Through the Cross, Jesus reconciled us back to God, hence, the art shows the tearing of the veil separating God and man. We don't deserve this forgiveness but God gave it so freely to us. Isn't that amazing?

So, let us encourage each other to practice true forgiveness; to be a peacemaker, to forgive without limit, and to lean unto God's strength and patience.



Do you find it hard to obey God?

We will never be able to follow God perfectly, but Christ has fulfilled the demands of God, thus we don't have to be good enough to have a relationship with Him.

If you answered yes, don't worry because everyone does! Changing our lifestyle to be more Christ-centred is very hard, but thankfully we do not have to do it alone. We will never be able to follow God perfectly, but Christ has fulfilled the demands of God, thus we don't have to be good enough to have a relationship with Him.

The big question is: Are you ready to surrender your life to God?

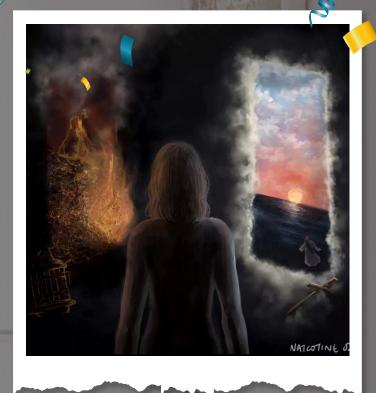
Which door would you choose?

One door means losing your life for Jesus, leading to life. The other means saving your life for yourself, leading to death.

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We can't do much, but Jesus can! He came to fix our hearts by offering His on the cross. His selflessness and submission on the cross mean



that we have the gift of eternal life, the spirit to help us live like Him and be more selfless in this selfish world.

So, let us reflect on ourselves and on what Jesus has done for us: Which door would you choose?



# **Prayer**Spotlight

### **Haven Ministry Prayer Items**

- For workers/volunteers to be committed to a prayerful covenant group - uphold "one another" in struggles and temptations as we seek to live out God's will in our lives - developing discernment, merging into the community, committed to the long-term journey, and weep the gospel to the disenfranchised i.e. prostitutes, pimps, migrant workers, homeless, addicts, etc
- 2. For participants of 'Freedom In Christ' to encounter God in the sessions, for God's word to

- reside in their hearts, deeply formed by prayer resulting in a trainer, equipper, and encourager of others.
- 3. Service projects such as food fairs, thrift markets, fish farming, etc to be Christ and church-centered ie "Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain". Unity within the team to walk our talk, gift of mercy, help to better the lives of others, and use our gifts to build the kingdom of God.