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Brother Martin Writes

What should the first M of the MMM stand for. For some it is MASS for others it stands for MULTI. Mass Media Ministry seems to imply that we are reaching to the masses (crowds) of people and in a small sense it is true because the videos posted in YouTube have the potential to reach out to millions. However, to date the highest number of hits (544) registered was for the video on Janet's testimony, a small number indeed to classify in the Mass category.

<https://youtu.be/vmEDugsPKwc>

If we call ourselves Multi Media Ministry, it is more accurate because we work with print, photos, voice recordings and the website. You may not realize this but the ministry comprise of writers, editors, photographers, sermon recording personnel and web-masters.

What does it take to get The Vine out every month. It takes people to write, people to edit, people to take photos, people to arrange the pages, people to post it to the website and of course, people to circulate the finished product. Here we can see the Multi in action but our reach is limited and not to the Masses. How do I get this impression? It is because many choose to publish their own blogs and websites to get their stories out to the masses. How do we move from Multi to Mass Media Ministry and do we want to do that? The team will be meeting to seek a clear sense of direction.

The first thing the new team members requested was to get Connected by having a "makan" meeting. They desire to be Equipped and Mentored before being Released to take over the ministry from the old guards.

Last month when I saw the crowds at the Li Nanxing Outreach, I went into hiding. I wondered how can JCC handle this large crowd lining up to see Li Nanxing. Were the crowds getting restless, frustrated and angry with us? However after some time, we managed to register them and also feed them before ushering them up to the Sanctuary to await Li Nanxing. Way in the back of the Sanctuary where I was, the aircon did not seem to be cool. Yet the people did not seem to mind. <https://youtu.be/ffOyd4cVq10>

Looking back, did we manage to Connect with the people who came? From this event, are we Equipped to carry out a similar event with maybe Chew Chor Meng? Or have we decided, enough with big events. Let us go back to

our small church outlook of life. It is more peaceful and quiet. We are not capable to carry out big events.

So let us do something small like a mission trip to Cambodia. All the logistics will be handled by the Cambodian church and our small team will be observers. By no means! We must make our mission trip great. The whole church must support it, maybe not as missionaries but as senders. What can senders do? **Pray, Encourage, Give money or Go Yourselfes.**

This must be a big event because when Jesus left Heaven to come to Earth, the choirs of angels appeared in the night sky. It cannot be treated like just another small event lost in the annals of JCC. I hear that The Vine's best writer/editor, John Lee is going on the Oct trip, with him there, I am sure he will report back to us what God is doing in Cambodia through JCC. Be part of this trip and your name may be recorded in the annals of JCC.

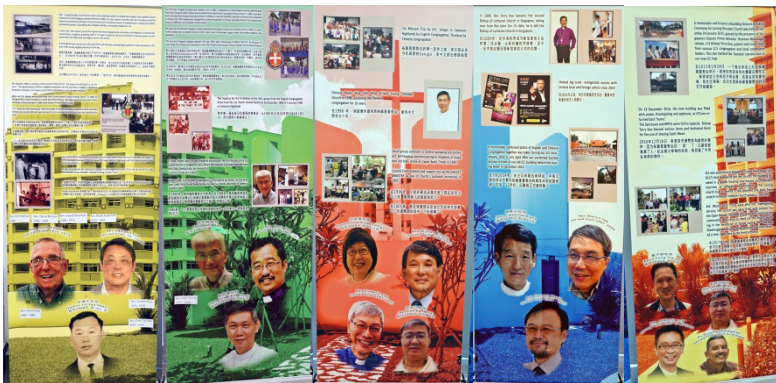
The Vine is like a history book of JCC. Most of the major events over the last 25 years are recorded in The Vine. You get a month by month record of happenings, all the major events, like Fund Raising events, Outreach events, Mission Trips and Retreats, etc are recorded in The Vine.

Lesson #1: I hope the new team will realize that The Vine is more than just a collection of articles but a record of JCC's history for the years to come.

Psalm 78:3-4 ESV

Things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done

Martin Cheah



50 Years of Celebration One Voice in Love and Harmony

As we pray to God, grant us unity! How magnificent is our Lord as we sing in one voice and harmony! It all started 50 years ago as John took us down the memory lane with his article on the beginnings of Jurong Christian Church (JCC) in the last issue of The Vine. He dedicated his writing to show the purpose and influence of JCC that God has blessed our brothers and sisters-in-Christ the opportunity to serve and share God's word. Amen!



The excitement of the celebration started many months ago as a committee was formed to organise this event. We give thanks to the committee for a wonderful party on 1 July 2017 to celebrate the love of God to His people through JCC. I had the opportunity to see the set-up through photos sent via WhatsApp before the event started. See these photos as you reminisce how it all happened.



It is also an event where the English and Mandarin congregations came together to plan and bring the party to life as one body in Christ.

“...Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” (Matt 18:19-20)

50th Anniversary Programme 1 July 2017, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Arts & Crafts - JCC Wall
- Fun Activities with Photo booths
- Praise & Worship
- Video Montage - About JCC
- Exhortation - Rev Chung Tze Lu
- Testimony - Deacon Peter Cheong
- Testimony - Rev Lee Ka Heng
- Flag Dance Presentation
- Video Montage - From JCCians
- Dialect Choir Presentation
- Testimony – Brother Isaac Yee
- Testimony – Brother Kuo En Yi
- Closing Song
- Thanksgiving Prayer
- Group Photo Taking
- Buffet Dinner



The party began with people painting tiles for the art piece which is now hung on the wall near the lift at JCC. It is indeed a tribute with love by all to God through the colours as one JCC.



These candid shots were taken where our committee members were hard at work behind the scenes to get everything together.



Others supported and had fun with the photo booths to have memories taken in celebration with the people that they loved.



The Service started at 5 p.m. when Rev Chung Tzu Lu, the worker-in-charge of JCC, took to the pulpit to share an Exhortation. This continued with the testimonies from Deacon Peter Cheong and Rev Lee Ka Heng. Their stories were interesting as they were among the pioneers of JCC and its work in the Jurong community. They also shared their growth in Christ and how God has seen them through the decisions they made to serve God in ways that they could never imagine. How marvelous and wonderful is our God!



The interval was filled with a dance by our JCC dance group followed with songs sung by our Dialect Ministry choir.



The sharing of testimonies continued with the younger generation, Brother Isaac Yee and Brother Kuo En Yi, narrating their lives with the throes of growing up pains in their walk with God. The experiences were up-lifting with a sense of humour, re-directing our focus



back to God as we give thanks for the experiences we all had in our journey with Him. It reminded me of the days when I decided to follow Jesus. It was never an easy decision or a simple path to take. God never said it was going to be easy. It brought back memories of how much pain and heart-breaks I had as I struggled through the changes I faced as a teenager then as well. Those were the days as a Christian and a student.



This celebration ended with a buffet for all. The church members, young and old, gathered together to mingle and enjoy one another's company. I could see that many of our brothers and sisters-in-Christ were tired, but do you know that they were glowing with joy as I could see smiles on their faces.



What is for us in the next 50 years? I do not know, but I know God knows. Let us pray and continue the good works in Jesus who has made all things possible through unbelievable circumstances that no man can predict nor understand. Amen!

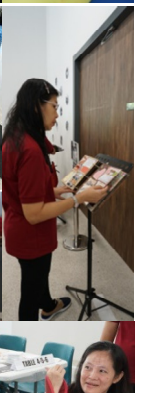
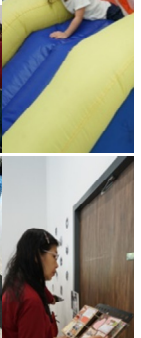
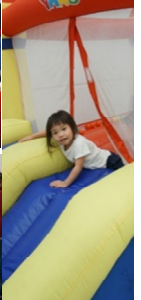


Joyce Tan

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More Photos of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations



The following is an abridgement of the sermon by Rev Dr Samuel Wang on Sunday, 2nd July 2017, in conjunction with JCC's 50th Anniversary Thanksgiving:

The Gospel Keeps on Going Round and Round

Grace and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Matthew 10

You would have heard from Matthew Chapter 10 that when Jesus sent out the Twelve to the “lost sheep of the house of Israel” (v. 6), He sent out the Twelve to cast out demons and heal all the sick, to save them from their bondage under the power of the Devil. In effect, they were to proclaim that the one who was prophesied to be Good News for Israel was finally here (*Matthew 10:20ff*).

Troubles would accompany the Twelve. They would be beaten and put on trial. They would be persecuted and could even lose their lives for the sake of Jesus. But Jesus encouraged the Twelve to carry their cross and follow him (v. 39) for He expects them to lose their life for him. Instead of assuring them that he would send angels to protect them and kill all their enemies, he pronounced that they were to take up their cross (v. 38)! Now, this means Jesus expected them to be ready to suffer the consequences of doing ministry in his name – even to the point of death. They were to be ready to suffer and die in the hands of the Roman authorities for His sake!



Today, we continue to listen to the last section of Chapter 10, verses 40-42. Jesus preached that whoever welcomed the Twelve welcomed Him and the Father, who sent Him (v. 40). When Jesus said that whoever welcomed the disciples were welcoming the Sender of the mission, they might not be so comforted. For it is also true that those who didn't welcome the Sender – Jesus and God who sent Him – would not welcome the Twelve at all.

Sacrifice for ministry

God's Word tells us that ministry in His name requires sacrifice. What did you sacrifice today for the sake of doing ministry in the name of Jesus?

When people hear today's Gospel reading, they will think more of the rewards that await them for doing ministry than the cross that they are expected to carry.

Sacrifice is not a nice word; it requires giving up what you think is precious to you. So, what is precious to Singaporeans today? What is precious to you? Is it time? I heard many of you complaining that you don't have enough time.



Ministry means sacrificing your time for doing things that you consider important to you. But while you have time for the important and urgent things in your life, you don't have time when it comes to ministry: listening to people, sharing God's love for them through concrete actions, which takes up your time.

Today, there are people misguided about God to think that God wants them to kill so that they will receive paradise as their reward. These are suicide bombers who are willing to give up their life to take yours. On the contrary, are you, sent by God, willing to give up your life so people can have eternal life?

We are likely to be misguided about what God thinks is important in life if we have no time for ministry. How much time are we spending on things that do not bring life, but finally ends together with our death?

Sacrifice means you must give up something precious. What are the things you are not willing to give up for the sake of ministry in Jesus' name? Sometimes it isn't time, but it could be your pride.

After some megachurch pastors' salaries were made known in the newspaper a few years back, everyone thought pastors are all loaded. When insurance people ask what I do, I find myself reluctant to say "a pastor" for fear of misunderstanding.

Am I willing to let go of my pride to suffer misunderstanding and admit that I am a pastor in public and let people think whatever they want of me? Sometimes I am not willing. How about you?

To be a pastor you need to be thick-skinned for God. God calls a special breed to the public ministry of Word and Sacrament, and few answer him by saying yes because few can sacrifice their pride and take human rejection.

In the office, at the business meeting, will you give up your pride and stand firm on Christian values knowing that you might face ridicule or judgement from your boss or colleagues? That is a sacrifice for the Lord Jesus, a form of carrying your cross to follow him. You know this is what you should do, but you don't do it for fear of rejection.

We are both lost as we refuse the cross that accompanies ministry.

Teaching the glorious Word of God

The same Word that judges us also tells us that it is good news! The Father sent the Son, and the Son sent the ministers of the Gospel so that people can have faith.

This glorious Word of God should be taught as much as possible in our churches. Listening to the gospel in church or reading it in the Bible is the same as if we were listening to God himself in heaven among all his angelic hosts. And if there is no other benefit than this, it will still be a tremendous thing on its own, to have heard God himself talking to us with our ears.

The world doesn't think like this and treats ministers of God's Word with scorn. Therefore God forsakes them to their fake news and fables. But God's Word is meant to work like this among believers: "Blessed are they who hear the Word and keep it." (Lk 11:28).

This teaching is both a comfort to the pastor and to the lay person who preaches God's Word. When the pastor preaches God's Word, he can be assured that the words from his tongue are none other than the words of God, but he can only be sure of this when he preaches God's Law and Gospel correctly. So, it is the same for the lay person who preaches; he can assure his listeners that they are hearing God's Word when it calls them to repentance and comforts them when they repent.

So, whoever hears you, when you preach God's Word (whether you are a pastor or a layperson), hears the one who sent you: Jesus Christ. For he says to you just as he said to the Twelve "Whoever hears you, hears me".

This teaching should help us withstand the world when they scorn us because they are not scorning us but the one who sent us. So, whether you are glorified or despised for speaking God's Word, it is not you but the Lord himself who is glorified or despised.

Today, when you say "I have not sacrificed my time, or given up my pride, or have not carried my cross" (the cross means what makes you die to self) – if you repent, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

50 years of faithfulness in ministry

For the last 50 years, God sent faithful pastors to preach God's Word to you, carrying out Jesus' ministry through the Holy Spirit to convict you of sin and

forgive all who repent. You are taught and baptised, washed and cleansed. Your infant faith is nourished by the pastor continuing to preach and teach you, feeding you the Body and Blood of Christ

Through this ministry of God's Word and Sacraments, believers gather together in communion with each other, loving one another.

All are sent to preach the gospel to their family and friends and share God's love in concrete action. Then among the lay people, leaders are called to minister alongside pastors as care group leaders, councilmen, altar guild and Sunday School teachers to teach and preach the ministry to fellow Christians, helping all in the church to be grounded in the apostolic doctrine, the Gospel of our Lord.

Then there are also "these little ones" who are in every church; they are not the leaders but, nevertheless, are faithful disciples whom the Lord loves and gives them to us so that we can take special care of them. They are weak and vulnerable, but you all take care of them; even if you give a small cup of cold water to help them, you will then already be serving Jesus. Remember Jesus placed a little child among his disciples to stop them arguing about who is the greatest? He says, to such little ones belong the Kingdom.



Personally, my family received your ministry as "one of these little ones" when we first came to JCC. At that time, my child, Hannah, still had a lot of operations to go through at the hospital, but you visited us, brought chicken soup for my wife, prayed for us and comforted us. We are grateful to God for you.

Today, as you celebrate 50 years of God's ministry in JCC, God says to you: Remember your humble roots, when the church started; it was to reach out to industrial workers in Singapore's with the Gospel. Don't forget the "these little ones", for they are those whom God sent to you, because you are also "one of these little ones" (the disciples) who received the gospel.

Then the generations after you will continue to say:

*I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens (Ps 89:1–2). Amen.*



PARAPROSDOKIANS

Recently, a friend introduced me to a new word – Paraproisdokians.

A paraproisdokian is an expression that starts off making you think in a certain direction, but then it changes direction suddenly to give an unexpected ending that makes you ponder about the message (usually with anti-climax).

For example, I start off telling you:

There lived a bookworm who enjoyed his huge collection of books ...

You would expect the sentence to continue telling something about the person and his books. However, my sentence continues with an unexpected humorous twist that makes you stop and think:

... but bookworms are now enjoying a great time feeding on the books left behind.

There are people who enjoy word puzzles, fun games with numbers, etc. These are healthy forms of recreation that help to keep the brain active. If you enjoy fun with words and sentences, you may appreciate paraproisdokians as another entertainment choice. At moments when you have nothing to do, instead of twiddling your thumb, you can exercise your brain to create new paraproisdokians, or meditate on good messages contained in paraproisdokians you already know.

Here I have created a few paraproisdokians for you to stop and think:

- We encourage Christians to attend church faithfully, but advise that church attendance does not make anyone a Christian.
- Adam's and Eve's eyes were opened to the knowledge of good and evil; their lack of wisdom got all the good and evil mixed up.
- Knowledge is power, information is liberating; we see in the world the destructiveness of power without wisdom, the liberating of oppression by pervasive misinformation.

Do you know that there are also paraproisdokians in the Bible?

*“However many years anyone may live, let them enjoy them all. But let them remember the days of darkness, for there will be many.” – Ecc. 11:8
(The hope to enjoy the years of life in the first part is counteracted by the despair “to expect” in the second part.)*

The appropriate thought-provoking parapsydokians can be a great motivation to us as we stop for a moment in our tracks to assess the worldly values floating by that we ourselves are also immersed in. How often are we immersed in the pleasures of the “first thought that comes to our mind” and then get startled by the unexpected diverging truth that comes next?

The curveballs thrown at us in life may startle us in a positive way in that they force us to contemplate the realities against the dreams.



Similarly, the first part of a spiritually inspiring parapsydokian (like the “first part” of any episode of our life experiences) leads us up the garden path; then the next part astutely straightens its direction to bring us an important truth to stop and think about in contrasting (anti-climax to) our expectations.

Hope you have a great time with parapsydokians.

John Lee

Jurong Christian Church Retreat Pulai Springs Resort, JB (15 – 17 June)

ONE in Spirit, Family and Heart

Thank God for giving me the time and it was by His providence that I was able to attend this year's retreat! I was truly blessed by this retreat. I saw a glimpse of what it meant to be ONE in spirit, family and heart (which is this year's retreat theme) by the people around me, the new people I have met and through the messages by Rev Phillip Huan.

My retreat group had people that I have not met before and some whose name I do not even know. I got to know some relatively new members of the church who were really easy-going and friendly. In fact, it was one of them, Patricia, who started asking for our names before any of us did! I was ashamed that I did not take time and effort to get to know my fellow brothers and sisters in church and was encouraged by their initiative and heart to get to know each other better!

Besides getting to know them better, I was also able to spend time with my close friends in the youth ministry! During our free time together, we played board games, enjoyed the facilities such as the hot spring bath and heart-to-heart talk. We also had a meaningful time of deeper sharing, encouragement and prayers for each other during Rev Huan's preaching sessions.

Through the messages by Rev Phillip I learnt that the destiny of the church cannot be fulfilled if each of us does not use our gifts that God has purposefully given us. And our gifts cannot effectively fulfil the destiny of the church if we do not have the Holy Spirit and if we do not learn to love one another. It really spoke to me because often I feel lost, not knowing what to do in life regarding work, studies etc. and sometimes I feel insignificant and feel like I am not good enough. Though I still do not have a clear direction as to what God's will is for me, I was reminded that he gave me gifts (no matter how insignificant I think it might be) for his purpose and he has a destiny for me. If I ask in faith for an anointing by the Holy Spirit, it will enable me to do God's will with the gifts he has given me.

In the last message, Rev. Huan talked about love. In that message, one point that struck me was how reconciliation is of greater worship before God than other gifts.

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.” – Matt. 5:23-24



It opened my eyes to see how the church cannot fulfil its destiny no matter how gifted we are if we do not love each other and allowed me to see how important it is to God that we love.

After this message, we went around to encourage at least 5 people (many more in the end), hug them and tell them that we love them with the love

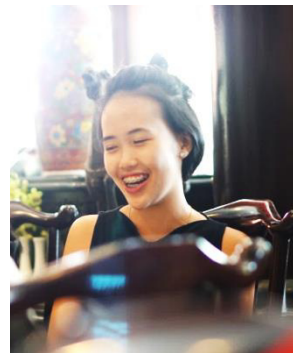


of God. This short activity was really impactful and it brought me to tears as I realised how much love each of them has showered upon me and how much I lack in my love towards others. I was heartened when the adults also approached the youths to encourage and hug them. It was really a glimpse of being one in heart, in spirit and being one family! I was touched when a new friend Selvi pointed to me and offered me a hug. Though we barely know each other I felt the love from her and other new sisters I've met in

the group such as Patricia and Katherine who then came together for a group hug.

The retreat brought me closer to the people in the church and I have experienced God in this retreat in many ways: through the message, the people and the Holy Spirit!

I look forward to the next retreat and until then, may we all remember the things we have learnt and continue to worship the Lord and King we all serve.



Elayne Yam

More Retreat Reflections from HuiLing

(105 participants – including 3 babies)

More than a week has passed since the recent church retreat and even as I receive pictures and videos as a reminder of the short time spent there, I still smile to myself while pressing the play button. There were, however, a few major highlights for me at Pulai Springs and I shall recount them for the benefit of those who didn't manage to go.

There were really so many things to thank God for whilst we were there. Firstly, thank God that the passage through customs were smooth and we had no one stopping us though the youths' bags were filled with instant noodles and chips to the brim – I kid you not! Clearly as Singaporeans, we've got our priorities straight, food first, clothes later. But a huge shout out to Elayne, Diana and Zhen - the youths who helped buy the goodies for a starving kamping!

Once that was out of the way, we arrived at this really impressive resort boasting of so much greenery, thanks to the rolling golf fields. It was lovely to be able to get away from the city landscape to just enjoy another side of God's creation. It was amusing to also note, of course, that as soon as we reached our destination, a few of our youths started to go around looking for Wi-Fi and saying to each other "eh, you know what is the password anot uh?" (Some things just don't change.)



The girl youths were also extremely blessed to have a mini "house" to ourselves and, because of that, were able to host several late nights' worth of games playing together. Thank you, Uncle Young Kwang and team, for helping to make that happen! We brought our games from Singapore, and boy were we glad that we did so. God added to us 3 new youths; namely, Darren, Malcolm and Soon Wei. I was really heartened to see the P.U.L.S.E. guys trying to make an effort to talk to the newcomers and to try to make them feel at home.



I am also very thankful for the opportunity to get to know our younger youths like Diya and Kieran better, as they spent time with bonding with the older youths. Honestly, even though I am involved in P.U.L.S.E., I find myself wishing, more often than

not, that I get to spend more quality time with the youths individually than perpetually running from meetings to meetings within church. This was a good time of getting to know them better, and to actually find out more about their lives.

On the subject of time, I was also grateful that I got to catch up with my fellow peers from AAT during one of the nights when I went over to their place. So many times we get caught up with our own ministries in church and with our own lives that we seldom have the luxury of time to just chit chat and really get updated on each other's lives.

But I think the part that I am most thankful for was when we went around encouraging each other, and attempting to mend broken relationships on the advice of Rev Phillip Huan. I remember crying so hard (not that I wasn't already in the sessions before), but there was this sense of warmth that filled the room. Hugs were given, kind words were shared and all around we could all feel that the Holy Spirit was present. For those who came up to encourage me, thank you – your words meant so much to me. To those whom I didn't manage to catch and thank, my apologies; and I will try to get around doing that before we see each other in heaven (hopefully).

I think all in all, what I am truly thankful for is the idea of community. God really has blessed me by giving me an extended family in JCC and one has come to realise that even as the years pass, and people age, our hearts for each other always remain the same.



There is so much love between each other – when we see the adults indulging in the youth and appreciating their energy and expertise brought into the games portion of the retreat, or when we see the aunts and uncles caring about the small babies that were running about at the retreat and helping to take over child care duty so that the parents could enjoy the retreat as well... these small things count.

JCC may not be the most eloquent of all the churches, nor the most gifted, but I daresay we might be one of the most loving. I am glad that during this retreat, I got to witness and experience that all over again. As we all get chased to sign up for our annual “JCC Reunion” (as I like to term it), I urge all of us to look forward to this yearly treat of getting together as a church, and not further miss out on opportunities like these!

In His Love,
Hui Ling

<https://youtu.be/Ye0LmdnnVCK>

Excuses! Excuses!



One of my most intense experiences with God happened during my days of teaching in school. It was during a school event when I had to be on my feet for most parts of the day. Imagine my joy when I found an empty seat in the rows of occupied seats. Yes! Finally, an opportunity to rest my legs. I sat on the seat with a sigh of relief.



Then a pregnant lady came into view.

Darn!

Why should I care? My legs are REALLY TIRED!

In those few seconds that I was struggling with indecision, a fellow colleague sitting in front of me stood up and gave her the seat. My moment of indecision ended just as fast but it was at that moment I had a sudden realisation; that in another context, God does not need me to fulfil the task. He could have easily chosen another to serve Him but He gave me the opportunity to do so.

Have you ever found yourself attempting some explanation on why you failed to obey God, refusing to serve? You are not the only one. Sometimes, I find myself offering excuses for failing to follow God's commandments. Instead of being quick to obey the voice of my master, I hesitate.

Excuse making is actually very, very old...

It is so old that we can find it in

- [Genesis 3: 9 - 13](#), Adam blamed the woman and she blamed it on the snake
- [Exodus 4:1- 10](#) Moses claimed he was not a good speaker
- [1 Samuel 15](#) Saul's excuse was, *It's the people's fault...I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them...*

In my opinion, [Jonah](#) takes the cake. He did not even make excuses. When God called Jonah to “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it...”, he ran - in the OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

Then when Jonah *finally* did what God asked, he was mad at Him, giving God a seething "I-told-you-so" speech, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish..." Next thing you know, he went on strike. After building a small shelter east of the city, he refused to budge from its shade until God had destroyed Nineveh. So, another object lesson from God. He provided a leafy plant that shaded Jonah. The



next day He sent in a worm which destroyed it, leaving Jonah open to the elements. When Jonah added that to his list of complaints, God used it as a teaching moment.

Jonah mourned the loss of the leafy plant which came up in a day and was lost in a day—a small and trivial thing though he did not tend it or make it grow. Yet the city of Nineveh had a hundred and twenty thousand people ([Jonah 4:11](#)) who did not know any better and Jonah thought their preservation was a bad thing? God showed Jonah that his priorities were more than a little messed up. Are you laughing at him? Don't laugh too hard. The book of Jonah is more than just a delightful story for children.

There are timeless lessons to be learnt here. One of them is how Jonah's desire for comfort and lack of concern for the lost may well be present in us today.

The record of Jonah ends there so we do not know what happened to Jonah after that. However, we can hope to learn what God wanted him to learn. To be careful, not to let our own wants and desires, our comfort zones, blind us to what is truly important.

Alicia Wong



**Cambodia Mission
Trips 2017**

Sign up for Mission
Trips planned for 2017

Trip 0117 – 14-17 Oct
Trip 0217 – 8-11 Dec

HAPPENINGS



22nd July 2017 - Bishop Terry Kee was re-installed as Bishop of LCS for another term in JCC's new Sanctuary.

In 2009, The Right Reverend Terry Kee succeeded Bishop John Tan as the second bishop of the Lutheran Church in Singapore since its separation from the Lutheran Church in Malaysia in 1997.

Bishop Terry Kee was a former missionary to Thailand for about 10 years.

He has been a Lutheran pastor for the past 30 years. He was pastor of BLC, JCC, LCOR and QLC.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10



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