

The three verses which gave me strength

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Hi brothers and sisters, I am Lian Khai. Some of you might have heard my testimony when I shared it in JCC on Easter Day last year. I committed an offence in 2018 and was convicted in the courts of law in 2019. I have officially completed my sentence in April 2020.

I would like to thank everyone who has kept me in prayers, encouraged me as well as wrote cards and letters to me. This journey stands as a testimony of God's mercy and grace towards me.

Time feels like it is crawling when you are confined within four walls. Reading the Bible daily became a great source of peace and strength for me. Here are 3 verses which have left an impact on me and I hope that you can be encouraged too. If you are going through a rough patch, I also hope that these verses will bring you consolation, just like it did for me.



Matthew 6:34

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

This verse has encouraged me to set aside my worries and to live each day, one day at a time. Imagination can run wild when you are disconnected from the outside world but I seek solace that God will always be here for me and I can always trust in His plans for me.

Matthew 17:20

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

This verse serves as a constant reminder of the strength from our Lord. Even if you have the largest doubts, but the smallest hint of faith, Jesus will be there to reward you. If your little belief can move mountains, imagine if you grew your faith even stronger!

Psalm 51

*Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.*

This verse talks about the story of King David, where he fell from grace but eventually repented. King David recognised how horrendous his sin was against God, blamed no one but himself, and begged for divine forgiveness. Similarly, I had given in to temptation and broke the law.

Most importantly, it was a lesson learnt - if we violate God's law, we lose our joy. It can only be rekindled by repenting and staying close to God, seeking his direction and protection. If we are truly faithful, and follow His commandments, we have no need to fear as God will always be with us.