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YOUTH CONNECTION

We exist to worship God and be transformed by the Word
and works of the Holy Spirit to transform the world

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

BY PS JOSEPH CHEN

Today is Father's Day, a day where fathers are remembered for the love that they have given to their children. I wish all fathers a Blessed Father's Day. May the grace and the mercy of God be with us all as we navigate and learn how to be a father in the family.

Today's Scripture comes from Colossians 3:21 which says, "Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged." Two weeks ago, during Kum Yan Mandarin Family Service, I shared that this verse is directed at fathers, not mothers. If Apostle Paul wishes to direct it to the parents, he would have used "γονεῦς" which he did use in verse 20 when he instructed children to "obey their parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord". Apostle Paul uses the word, "πατέρε" which means "father". Apostle Paul recognizes the authority and responsibility of the father as the head of the household, just as Christ is the head of the church. This authority, bestowed by God, is the authority to love our wives and children. That's why Apostle Paul's reminder to the fathers is "Do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged."

The act of embitterment, is a display of authority in the family without love. It is an act which severely discourages our children. In fact, if we read in one of the translations of the Chinese Bible (信义本), it says that "他们会灰心丧志". "灰心丧志" is not just "discouraged". It is "discouraged and the loss of will". Embitterment has the power to hurt the soul and spirit of our children. And the worst thing that can happen to our children is that they lose their faith in God because of the embitterment by the father.

I have seen cases like this where the kids of pastors, elders, left the church. As we celebrate Father's Day today (myself included), let us pray for our fathers, God's representative in the family, to continue to be humble and learn how to be a father, learn how to be God's representative in the family, and become the "Greatest Daddy ever" because of how God has transformed our Daddies to be more like Jesus Christ.

HELLO!

Youth Connection (YC) and Junior Youth Connection (JYC) are Kum Yan's community of students and young adults who love God and really enjoy doing life together! We believe in Jesus, and are committed to know Him better, grow and mature in His likeness, and cheer each other on as we journey on in community.

We invite you join us at Cell Group (Youth & Young Adults) or Connect Groups (JYC), as well as our Worship Services. If you would like to find out more about Jesus or Church, or if you would like some prayer or someone to talk to, do reach out!

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HAPPY Father's DAY

Let us thank God and bless our dads, dads among us and father figures who have impacted our lives in big and small ways.

Let us honour them for the strength and loving protection they provide us. Thank God for their courage to lead our families as best they can; the humility they exemplify with every act of service they do at home, in church, at work, fetching us here and there, working hard to provide for our needs and wants etc. We stand on the shoulders of giants ... who are right there with us - at Home!

We urge every YC'er to make the time and effort to show our wonderful fathers in real, practical ways, that we appreciate, love and honour them.



NEXT SUNDAY, 26 JUNE

9AM • EC/YC/JYC COMB'D

Join us as we celebrate Father's Day together as a big body with English, YC and JYC!

5PM • WORSHIP GATHERING

It's the time of the month again... where we gather without any other agenda than to ascribe greatness to our heavenly Father in worship. Come and be refreshed in God's presence, be filled and ready for the week ahead.

KUM YAN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIES

The Life of Christ: 33 years
that changed time & eternity

17, 24, 31 JULY, 11AM-1PM, L5 KYDZ

All are welcome to join in this 3 session course conducted by Dr Koh Siang Kiang, Christian Education Professor at Singapore Bible College; and held at KYdZ Haven at Kum Yan!

Session 1:

Background, Birth and Beginning of Ministry

Session 2:

Galilean, Judean, Berean Ministry to Final Week of Christ ministry on earth

Session 3:

Upper Room Discourse, Trial, Death, Burial, Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost.

Registration Period: 12 June to 10 July 2022

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JULY 1 - AUGUST 9

THEME: TO LIVE IS CHRIST

For the 26th year running, disciples of Christ in Singapore are all encouraged to participate in this 40-day prayer and fast, to seek God and pray with unity and faith. What is God working in our nation, our families, our lives? Let us humble ourselves and dedicate this season to seek period of prayer and fasting as our sincere offering unto the Lord.

This year's theme is To Live Is Christ, based on the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians. Tune in daily to the LoveSingapore 40.Day website (to be launched on 23 June) for the prayer entries. PDF of the said prayer guide will be posted on the website daily from 1 July.

TIP: Find a fasting and prayer buddy so you can be accountable to each other along the way too!