

KUM YAN methodist church
english service

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Speaker

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Sermon

Unwavering Courage Through Suffering

Rev 2:8-11



from the pastor's heart

STEPPING OUT OF OUR COMFORT ZONE

In Matthew 14:22-33, we read that after Jesus fed five thousand people with five loaves and two fish, the crowd was so astonished by the miracle that they were unwilling to leave.

As evening approached, Jesus made His disciples get into a boat to go on ahead of Him to the other side, while He went up on a mountainside to pray.

The disciples' boat was buffeted by waves because the wind was against it. More than ten hours later, shortly before dawn, the boat travelled only several kilometres. By then, the disciples were tired, frustrated and helpless. Jesus went out to them. When the disciples saw Him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, crying out in fear. After Jesus assured them, Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," Jesus said. Then Peter left the boat, and walked on the water toward Jesus.

However, when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, called out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately, Jesus reached out and caught him. Then Jesus reproached him saying, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

By this, Jesus was actually highlighting the fact that Peter could have walked on water. There are three takeaways for us here.

1. Did Peter walk on water according to his own will or at Jesus' instruction? It was Jesus who agreed to Peter's request.
2. What was Peter's motive for walking on water? Was it to ascertain that the other party was Jesus? To show off to the other disciples that he was the special one and he was their leader? To prove his faith or his courage?

Neither of these would have been Peter's motive. Jesus would not have acceded to Peter's request if he had a wrong motive. The only plausible answer was that Peter loved Jesus and wanted to get close to Jesus.

3. Did Peter go to where Jesus was? No, he did not, but he did walk a short distance, or perhaps a few steps.

The Chinese New Year symbolizes a new beginning, a fresh start, where the old is gone. In reality, however, the New Year does not necessarily usher in new things or changes. Nonetheless, we can be sure of two things - we can have a new life in Jesus, we must be responsible for our own attitude (2 Corinthians 4:16, 5:17).

If you love Jesus, desire to draw close to Him and encounter Him, I encourage you to step out of your comfort zone to serve Him, do things for Him, even making attempts that seem 'overboard' or crazy to others. Instead of passively waiting for Jesus' call, do initiate action, but you should, of course, also seek Jesus' approval and godly wisdom, which He would grant you.

From Peter's experience, we know that when we fix our eyes on Jesus, we will have faith, but when we are attracted to the world, our faith will crumble quickly. Once we commit ourselves to Jesus, we will soon discover that whenever we fall and ask Jesus for help, He will come and pick us up. Through such encounters, our experience of Jesus, our knowledge of Jesus, and our trust in Jesus will grow deeper.

In this New Year, bless each of us to grow deeper and stronger in our Lord Jesus!

- REV HERMAN KAN



TIPS: ONSITE SERVICE TICKET REGISTRATION

Registration for tickets for our on-site services will be done via Eventbrite. Do take note of the following instructions for a smoother process:

Registration : Please list the name and contact details of *each* individual attendee you are registering for, even when doing a group order.

Cancellations : Only possible for entire orders, NOT for cancellation of individuals within a group order. For partial cancellations, call the Church Office or email kyenglishservice@gmail.com with specific info on which attendee(s) need(s) to cancel.

Waitlist : this feature will be disabled from February onwards, which means that if tickets are sold out, you'll have to check back from time to time to see if tickets become available.

Sales End – On Friday, 12nn, before the event. If you need to cancel, try to do so before this time as far as possible to facilitate opening up spots for others to come.

Factsheet – Remember to check out the “On-site English and KYdZ Church Factsheet” at this link: bit.ly/kumyan for details on our Safe Management Measures etc!

TRANSITION TO TRACETOGETHER

From today, all KYers will be able to complete your SafeEntry Check-in via the Trace Together App or Token **ONLY**.

This means that it will no longer be possible to check in by scanning SafeEntry QR Codes with your phone camera or the Singpass App.

Practical Tips to Note:

- Download the TraceTogether App from the App Store or Google Play Store, or collect a physical TraceTogether token if you haven't already done so. This will help to ensure smooth entry for Worship Services on-site.
- Switch on Bluetooth on your mobile device for as long as you are in Church, to ensure that TraceTogether functions effectively.

LATEST UPDATES ON WORSHIP SERVICES

We have received approval for up to 150 worshippers in 3 zones of 50 persons each in the Sanctuary, which was recently, successfully conducted for our Cantonese Worship Service.

Live performance elements are also now permitted during the worship service. However, other than those allowed to unmask for singing, all others are still not allowed to sing aloud during the worship service.

We urge each one to continue to be vigilant with adhering to safe management measures wherever we go. Let us also understand and familiarise ourselves with the rationale and guidelines provided by the authorities to minimise the spread of Covid-19 and protect our loved ones and communities:

Density : Worshippers are to be assigned to separate Zones holding no more than 50 persons each, and observe 1m safe distance between them at all times.

Intensity : Face masks must be worn at all times. Worshippers should not mingle with others across groups. Each Zone is to have separate entryways, exits, routes to the hall and/or staggered timings for entry and exit.

Duration: Services are to be kept as short as possible, and worshippers are to leave the premises immediately after service.

LOVESINGAPORE MORNING PRAYER

Sundays, 7am to 8am via Zoom

In this time of global pandemic and distress, united prayer is all the more critical and urgent. Morning Prayer continues online via Zoom, and Kum Yan anchors prayer on Sundays. Come! Zoom meeting info for this prayer meeting is available through the usual channels.

KY WATCH & PRAY

Wednesdays, 8pm-930pm via Zoom (KYHost)

This prayer movement that is open to all, started during the Circuit Breaker last year and continues weekly. See you at our next one!

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OUR VISION

To be a caring community, a lighthouse and home in the city; bringing hope and purpose through a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ to all peoples of all ages.

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ABCD	Orchard
Commonwealth	Queen Street
East Coast	River Valley
Full House (NE)	Stamford
Full House (W)	Sunset Way
Haven	Toa Payoh
Hazel	Victoria
Hougang	West Coast

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GIVING ONLINE

Detailed instructions and important information on giving online can be found on our website: <https://kumyan.org.sg/contact/give-tithe/>

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A/C TYPE: DBS Bank Current / Autosave Account
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