



# Covenant

*DNA of Christ's Disciple*



2 Feb 2020

# Times

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## Humbly Submit to the Test of Faith

### *Lessons from the Five Loaves and Two Fishes - John 6:5-8*

Life is filled with many forms of tests.

John makes it very clear in John 6:5-6, that Jesus' challenge to Philip was meant to be a test of his faith. "Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" **He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.**"

The tests in life can be in the loss of loved ones, or financial or health losses. If I may crystalize most tests to one, it's fundamentally a test of faith. It's well captured in this statement, "What we really love and trust aren't truly seen until we are tested by loss." So whatever trying situation we find ourselves in, we do well by asking, "Will I choose to continue trusting the Lord, as I face this severe test?"

What our Lord was asking of Philip seems totally impossible and incomprehensible. "Will I keep faith in the Lord, even if I can't make sense of what's happening?"

Sharing how he has coped after his son's suicide last year, megachurch pastor Rick Warren urged Southern Baptist pastors to let their times of suffering be acts of ministry.

"Behind every public ministry, there is private pain. Pain is God's megaphone. There is no testimony without a test. There is no message without a mess. There is no impact without criticism. Your greatest ministry will come out of your deepest hurt. We mistakenly think that the world is impressed by how we handle prosperity, but the fact is the world is impressed by how we handle adversity."

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*Welcome!*

*God's blessings be upon you as you join us for a time of worship and fellowship here at Covenant. If you're a visitor, please refer to the back page for some helpful information that will enrich your time with us. We trust that you will be refreshed as you encounter Christ anew.*

*To be a God-fearing, Christ-centred, Spirit-led community, touching and transforming lives through holistic worship, healthy body life and passionate outreach.*

Out of the fiery furnace of tests, we come forth as gold refined for the Master's use and glory.

*"In the kingdom of the heavens, no suffering is unknown  
Each tear that falls is holy, each breaking heart a throne  
There is a song of beauty on ev'ry weeping eye  
For there is One who loves me  
His heart, it breaks with mine."  
("Little with Great Love" by Portal's Gate)*

*~ Ps Keith Lai ~*

. Are you aware which social media apps could be harmful to your child?

. What happens if you go "cold turkey" and ban devices at home?

. Are you able to manage the excessive usage when such devices become part of their school work and everyday life?

. How best can you still support your child in addressing his/her interest in devices whilst setting clear boundaries?



## **TALK: Social Media Awareness & Managing Tech Device Addiction**

Sat 15 Feb 2020, 3 - 5pm

@ Covenant House, 110 Race Course Rd, Lvl 2

Speaker: **Ms Desiree Tan**

Parenting Course Ministry Coordinator, ALPHA SG

**ALL are welcome! Reach out and invite your friends!**

For enquiries & registration please Whatsapp to

**Ivy Tan @ 9222 8023**

## Philemon

Read the Bible like a unfinished drama. We should not ourselves as actors entering into the story and bringing it forward -

- The gospel renews and revalues

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✚ Updated password for Wifi@Covenant is now **2020DISCIPLESHIP**
- ✚ **Mission Collection** today will be collected for *Trinity Theological College*
- ✚ **“Cultural Eats Strategy for Breakfast”** - workshop by Rev David Wong for ministry leaders, next Sat, 8 Feb, 10am - 2pm (lunch provided) @ CPC Basement. Please register with *Deacon Jenny Ho* at **9789 4895**
- ✚ **Happy Workout** next Sun, 9 Feb: 1:30pm @ Level 3. Join us and have great fun while keeping fit at the same time!
- ✚ **Dance Fellowship** - 16 & 23 Feb. 1.45pm @ L1. Get those muscles and joints moving to the music, join us!
- ✚ **Are you ready for the World Christian Movement?** EPMC is organising this course, 8 Sat afternoons from 3 - 6pm & 1 Sat on 9 May from 9-5pm:  
 Dates: Mar 7,14,21,28; Apr 4,18,25; May 2, 9  
 Venue: All Saints Presbyterian Church #01-01 Bible House, 7 Armenian St, S(179932)  
 Fees: \$70. Register by 26 Feb 2020  
 Enrol at: [www.epmc.org.sg/kairos](http://www.epmc.org.sg/kairos)
- ✚ **Important dates to take note** : 27 Nov to 1 Dec (Church Camp 2020). Camp speaker: Joseph Chean. More exciting details to follow, stay tuned!
- ✚ **We encourage you to bring your own water bottles if you do not wish to use the Church’s reusable cups at the refreshment area.**



## Worship Time

English Services	9am & 11am
Chinese Service	9.30am
Chinese Saturday Service	10am
Sri Lankan Service	2pm
Discovery Group (English)	9.30am - 11am
Sunday School for K1 to P6	11am - 12.30pm
Crèche for Nursery & below	11am - 12.30pm
Youth & Young Adult Fellowship	11.30am - 1.30pm



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### Ministry Team Leaders

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#### **Youth and Young Adult (YaYA)**

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Audrey Wong	9126 5329

#### **Freedom & Wholeness**

Alfred & Jenny Koay	9856 8733
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#### **Worship**

Ryan Kong	9752 9260
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#### **Chinese Seniors Alpha Course**

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#### **Day Alone with the Lord**

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