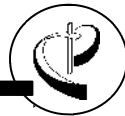




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DNA of Christ's Disciple



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We will defend our country with our lives....

So goes the SAF pledge which many a young Singaporean men promise in their national service days. On 1st July which was SAF Day, I was reminded of the pledge in my ex- army unit chat group:

"We, members of the SAF, do solemnly and sincerely pledge that we will always bear true faith and allegiance to.... the Republic of Singapore.... We will preserve and protect the honour and independence of our country with our lives."

On SAF day this year my daughter surprised me by posting in my family chat group a picture of me when I was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant some 40 years ago. It brought back nice memories. On my long walk that evening I reflected on the many occasions, over some 22 years since commissioning, I spent running around in the forests and hills in a number of countries. There were many long sleepless nights and exhausting days spent participating in numerous military war exercises. I remember as well the exacting physical and mental efforts getting through the many courses and appointments. Finally I rose to the rank of a NS Lt Colonel in 2002. I felt proud and honoured to have had the opportunity to do all that. Of course to this day my wife wonder what I saw in the NS role to spend all that time and make all the effort to learn and participate in military operations. (Still, she never attempted to stop me – God bless her soul!) For me, I saw it as a duty and a calling.

On SAF Day afternoon it dawned on me to ask myself : would I defend God's kingdom with my life the same way I had pledged to this country. What I gained in the army is at best a rank fading fast with the advancing years - compare to the eternal glory that awaits in God's kingdom. Could I say that I am as 'on-the-ball' and focused with the things of God as I had been with the 'battles' in the army?

During this unusual time when we cannot come together for worship, we can still be part of a worshipping community. We invite you to join us at our pre-recorded worship service at this website <https://www.cplink.org.sg/>. We hope you can also connect with our Life Groups. Please contact one of our Pastoral Staff if you like to join a Life Group. We are still meeting and connecting through various digital platforms.

Welcome!

We want to grow in Christlikeness through devotion and delight in God, nurturing devotion and delight in God, nurturing relationships and intentionally multiplying disciplinarians.

Paul urges us to endure hardship like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs - he wants to please his commanding officer [2Tim 2:3-4]. Let us not flag in zeal because we know we have a victorious commanding officer. Let's stay focused, fight the good fight, finish the race and keep the faith because what awaits us is the crown of righteousness worth far more than we can hope to achieve this side of glory.

God bless you.

~ Elder Ho Chye Hoi ~

A DAY ALONE WITH THE LORD RETREAT

Join us for the next
A Day Alone with the Lord Retreat
on 25th July. Please scan this QR code
to register here for one or more
retreats on July 25, Aug 29, Sep 26,
Oct 31, Nov 28, Dec 26.



Your Retreat Facilitators: Rev Keith & Mui Fong Lai

Since the CB, we have had 14 people do **A Day Alone With The Lord Retreat** in the comfort of their own homes. This will continue to take place on every last Saturday of each month in 2020. You will Zoom in with your Retreat Facilitators (Rev Keith & Mui Fong) for a briefing @ 9am to start you off with the day's guided retreat material. Then you will be left for the day with the material to spend time with the Lord. We will gather all the Retreatants of that day together again @ 5pm for a Debrief. This retreat will only last from 9am - 5pm. It is FOC and you may register for more than 1 retreat as this is after all a Spiritual Discipline of drawing near to the Lord.

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Colossians 4: 7-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✝ Congratulations to our Senior Pastor, Rt. Rev Keith Lai who has been elected as the new president of the National Council of Churches of Singapore (NCCS) on 9 July 2020, succeeding NCCS' current president, Bishop Terry Kee.
- ✝ In light of the COVID-19 situation, the Government authorities have given Churches and charity organisations permission to defer their ACM till a later date. We will keep you informed of the new date for the ACM.

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