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Sermon: A Great Family Reunion by bro Ernest Lau

HYMNS FOR TODAY

Growing Closer 

OUR NEW CONVERT - BRO LAWRENCE SIA

by bro Farand Lim

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Come, We That Love the Lord

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WE'RE MARCHING TO ZION

Isaac Watts, 1707

Ref., Robert Lowry, 1867

Robert Lowry, 1867

1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join
 2. Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our God; But
 3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred sweets, Be -
 4. Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear be dry, We're

in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac - cord,
 chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King
 fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields,
 march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground,

And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur-round the throne.
 May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.
 Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.
 To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.

(1.) And thus sur-round the throne, And thus sur-round the throne.

REFRAIN

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on, We're
 We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

march - ing up-ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.
 Zi - on, Zi - on,

Blest Be the Tie

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SM
John Fawcett, 1782

DENNIS
Johann G. Nageli, 1832
Arr., Lowell Mason, 1845

1. Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love; The
 2. Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent pray'rs; Our
 3. We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear; And
 4. When we a - sun - der part, It gives us in - ward pain; But
 5. This glo - rious hope re - vives Our cour - age by the way; While
 6. From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin, we shall be free; And

fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
 oft - en for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 we shall still be joined in heart, And hope to meet a - gain.
 each in ex - pec - ta - tion lives, And longs to see the day.
 per - fect love and friend - ship reign Thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Oft We Come Together

TRUE WORSHIP
Tillit S. Teddlie, 1944

Tillit S. Teddlie, 1944

1. Oft we come to - geth - er, Oft we sing and pray; Here we bring our
2. May we keep in mem - 'ry, All that Thou hast said, May we tru - ly
3. May we all in spir - it: All with one ac - cord, Take this cup of

CHORUS

off - 'ring On this ho - ly day. Help us Lord, Thy
wor - ship As we eat the bread. Help us Lord, Help us Lord,
bless - ing, Giv - en by the Lord. Help us Lord, Help us Lord,

love to see, May we all in truth and spir - it Wor - ship Thee.
Help us Lord Thy love to see,



Christians are to love another (Jn 13:34) and care for one another (1 Cor 12:25). This is especially pertinent during this period when we are unable to physically assemble together.

Growing Closer will be a series of interviews aimed at giving brief insights into members of the brethren, starting with those new to the family. By getting to know one another better, it is hoped that we can grow closer together and to love one another.

To encourage and to be encouraged. (1 The 5:11)

We start off this series with a virtual chat with **bro Lawrence Sia** who was baptized in Nov 2019.



Interview conducted by bro Farand Lim



Farand:

Hi Lawrence, to start with, can you briefly introduce yourself?

**Lawrence:**

I'm Lawrence, I was a Taiwanese, I spent some time in Taiwan, then later on finished my degree in the Philippines, and moved to Singapore after that. I used to be an IT Project Manager, later on I ventured out in my own business with Precious. We quit our jobs and now spend most of our time with our family with flexible work schedule. Our kids are Tiffany and Xavier. Tiffany is studying P1 in Red Swastika School, and Xavier is studying N2 in Paper Scissors Stone Montessori.

Farand:

What sort of business are you running? And how long have you been in Singapore?

Lawrence:

We are distributing cellular nutrition, and I've been here since 2007, turning 13 years in October

Farand:

Your background is actually really interesting. Extended period living in Taiwan, Philippines and Singapore. Is there a particular culture/country you identify with? What languages do you speak? How would you compare living in Singapore with the other countries?

Lawrence:

Haha, yeah, it is really a big mixture. For food and culture, I'm still toward the Taiwanese side, other than that, I love Singapore, that's why we've decided to stay here permanently. Yes, I can speak Mandarin, Tagalog and English, for Hokkien – it is roughly 60% due lack of practice. Living in Singapore is really good, I love the efficiency of government. And the best part is I feel safe to stay here.

Farand:

Where do you get your Taiwanese food fix in Singapore?

Lawrence:

Usually I buy ready made from food stalls, still like the street foods 士林 (Shilin), or any 炸雞排 (Fried chicken cutlet)

Farand:

Haha that's quite mainstream.. Was hoping for a more obscure secret tip

Lawrence:

Hahaha, don't really have a lot of choices, but of course Din Tai Fung is also good

Farand:

How has the circuit breaker been for you and the family? How are you coping personally and with the kids?

Lawrence:

Circuit breaker actually gives us both challenges and opportunities. We chose to focus on the opportunities, which is making our business more "online proof". It is also fun to become a teacher, a fitness instructor, a barber, and a baker during this time 😊 a lot of unexpected circumstances, but overall still a big blessing from God ☐

Farand:

The teacher, fitness instructor and barber are all for the kids?

Lawrence:

Haha yeah, mostly for them 😊

Farand:

Also, what do you bake?

Lawrence:

Haha, something like Famous Amos cookies

(side note: Lawrence did mention he might bring the cookies to church after the circuit breaker period 😊)

Farand:

Outside of the circuit breaker, what usually occupies you, besides work and family?

Lawrence:

I love playing table tennis, tennis, bowling and billiards. I watch some shows during my free time too.

Farand:

What shows are you watching nowadays?

Lawrence:

Supergirl, Dragonball Super Manga, or any good movies together with the kids

Farand:

Moving to more spiritual things - Could you describe your journey to baptism?

Lawrence:

When I was young (still in Taiwan), my mom was with Jehovah's Witness, so somehow, I had some exposure to Bible stories and about Jesus. But later on, our life was not really good, that is why we moved to the Philippines. At that time, almost everyone in the household was busy with their

own stuffs, so we didn't have the chance to worship or have any form of Bible study. I stayed in the Philippines for 13 years then moved to Singapore. I came to Singapore alone, main reason was just to look for a better career opportunity, I didn't think much about the spiritual side at that time, because my career is good, life in Singapore is also good, spiritual growth was not something relevant to me. There is even a time I consider myself "Free Thinker".

After a few years in Singapore, that was the time I met Precious. Precious was a member of Church of Christ in Pasir Panjang, and even in the Philippines, she was already with the Church of Christ. Sometimes, I went to church with her in Pasir Panjang, but I still didn't understand the purpose of worship and spiritual growth, although she was frequently sharing with me the importance of salvation.

Being a Free Thinker, I was open to learn more about anything, that includes the Bible. Since I wanted to learn more, I started to include "searching the truth" in my prayer. I wanted God to lead

me to the truth, and I was even asking for “signs” from God. One day, I saw a post from my cousin, who was a pastor from a mega church in the Philippines. His post said “Don’t say God has been silent if your Bible has been closed”. It really touched me, and that’s the time I decided to read the Bible and learn more. In Pasir Panjang Church of Christ, they arranged a weekly Bible study session for me with some of the church leaders, then after few months, I had a clearer picture about the Bible.

On the journey of my Bible study, we had a guest at our place, Jozel. He is a family friend of Precious, and he introduced Stephanie and Ernest to us. After a few months, we decided to give it a try to have our Sunday service in LAPCOC.

In our first visit in LAPCOC, I had a good feeling about the church. Although the building is not as fancy as PPCOC, but the people are very warm, and I can feel the presence of the family in LAPCOC. On top of that, I started some great Bible study sessions with Ernest, I’ve really learnt a lot from him, and he was able to answer all my questions. After his series of Bible study, I had my Bible study with the elder Jimmy. After a few sessions, I decided to be baptized and follow Christ. Thank God, He really guided me to the right people for me to find the truth.

Farand:

Thank you for the thoughtful reply. It's heartening to know that you had wanted to learn more and read the Bible on your own accord. When you got baptized, was it a particular event that sparked that decision or something that you were building up to for a while beforehand?

Lawrence:

I think it was both, I really want to be baptized before 2020, and that moment Uncle Jimmy really touched on it.

Farand:

As a father of 2, has Christianity changed the way you parent? What's the one thing you would want them to learn about Christ/Christianity?

Lawrence:

Yes, we put God at the center of our family. I want them to be God fearing and living in Christian values. Actually that is one of the reasons that I wanted to study more about the Bible, because I know it is really tough if the parents have different values or beliefs. Children will be confused. Good that God gave me the chance to catch up ☐



BEREAVEMENT

Our deepest condolences to the family of **sis Linda Poo** who has gone to be with the Lord on 26 April 2020. Please continue to keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of bereavement.

OVERSEAS

- Bro Kenneth Liong & sis Iris in San Francisco
- Sis Shuan Kwee in Hong Kong



HEALTH

- Sis Baby's, sis Yeoh's, sis Rosalind's, sis Swee Inn's & bro Winston's health
- Sis Suan Kiang's health
- Bro Soo Ping's recovery from his spine surgery
- Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's recovery from fractured ankle

PREGNANCY

- Sis Cynthia Lee (Jun)
- Sis Melissa (Aug)



NSF

- Bro Titus
- Bro Shawn
- Bro Zachary
- Bro Wei Xiang



THIS WEEK

8 May (Fri)
- Timothy

NEXT WEEK

10 May (Sun) - Eunice
11 May (Mon) - Wee Sin
14 May (Thu) - Kenneth Liong
15 May (Fri) - Ellen
16 May (Sat) -
Sew Hua & Reuben