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▶ TUNE IN **FACEBOOK GROUP (LAP LIVE STREAM)**
SUNDAYS @ 9.30AM | THURSDAYS @ 7.45PM

**HYMNS FOR
SUNDAY WORSHIP**

1 PETER 2:21-24 - THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

Adapted from bro Roger D. Campbell

**PRAYER REQUESTS, BIRTHDAYS
& MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE**

NEWS & UPDATES

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Bro Ernest Lau

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Holy, Holy, Holy!

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Reginald Heber, 1826

Alt., *Hymn Tune & Service Book*, 1879

John B. Dykes, 1861

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Tho' the dark-ness hide Thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the crys - tal sea;
 Tho' the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim Fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly! There is none be - side Thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God o - ver all, and blest e - ter - nal - ly.
 Who wast, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love and pur - i - ty.
 God o - ver all, and blest e - ter - nal - ly.

Higher Ground

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Johnson Oatman, Jr., 1892

Charles H. Gabriel, 1898

1. I'm press-ing on the up-ward way, New heights I'm gain - ing ev'-ry day;
 2. My heart has no de-sire to stay Where doubts a - rise and fears dis-may;
 3. I want to live a - bove the world, Though Sa - tan's darts at me are hurled;
 4. I want to scale the utmost height And catch a gleam of glo-ry bright;

Still pray - ing as I on-ward bound, "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."
 Tho' some may dwell where these a - bound, My pray'r, my aim is high - er ground.
 For faith has caught the joy - ful sound, The song of saints on high - er ground.
 But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found, "Lord, lead me on to high - er ground."

CHORUS

Lord, lift me up and let me stand, By faith, on

heav - en's ta - ble - land, A high - er plane than I have

found; Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground.

Ivory Palaces

Henry Barraclough, 1915

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1. My Lord has gar-ments so won-drous fine, And myrrh their tex-ture fills; Its
 2. His life had al-so its sor-rows sore, For al-oes had a part; And
 3. His gar-ments too were in cas-sia dipped, With heal-ing in a touch; Each
 4. In gar-ments glo-ri-ous He will come, To o-pen wide the door; And

frag-rance reached to this heart of mine, With joy my be-ing thrills.
 when I think of the cross He bore, My eyes with tear-drops start.
 time my feet in some sin have slipped, He took me from its clutch.
 I shall en-ter my heav'n-ly home, To dwell for-ev-er more.

CHORUS

Out of the i-vo-ry pal-a-ces, In-to a world of woe;

On-ly His great e-ter-nal love, Made my Sav-ior go.

1 Peter 2:21-24 — THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

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The book of 1 Peter was written to Christians whose faith was facing severe tests. Some of them were suffering. One form of suffering that a number of them had to endure was persecution against them because they were followers of the Christ.

A portion of Peter's message was addressed to Christian bondservants. Peter reminded them,

*For what credit is it if,
when you are beaten
for your faults,
you take it patiently?
But when you do good and
suffer, if you take it patiently,
this is commendable before God*

(1 Peter 2:20).

From that reminder flowed words which many of us find familiar. They are a powerful presentation of the example of Jesus, recorded in 1 Peter 2:21-24:

(21) For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.

(22) Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth, (23) who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

(24) who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness – by whose stripes you were healed.

Those servants had to deal with unpleasant things, sometimes unfair things, in their daily lives. They needed some encouragement. To that end, Peter set forth the example of Jesus,

an example that applied specifically to those servants, and in principle, to all Christians of all eras. When it comes to the example of our Savior, what do we see in this passage?

Jesus' imitable example – "Imitable" is defined as "capable of being imitated or copied; worthy of imitation" [www.yourdictionary.com]. Two thoughts come to mind. First, it is possible for all of us, including those who are facing tough times, to imitate Jesus' example. Second, there is no better example anywhere for us to imitate!

The word "example" comes from a Greek word ("hupogrammos") which means "a writing copy, including all the letters of the alphabet, given to beginners as an aid in learning to draw them" [Thayer], also defined as "an underwriting, that is, copy for imitation" [Strong; both references are word 5261 via e-Sword]. For each one of His followers, Jesus is the pattern, that which is to be duplicated.

Jesus' sinless example – Note again the wording in verse twenty-two: "Who committed no sin . . ." Sin is lawlessness/transgressing God's law (1 John 3:4). Not once did Jesus violate the law of God in his thoughts, speech, or action. Not once did He leave undone what He should have done. Our Lord was not simply a good example. He was more than the very best example in history. His example was perfect! He was tempted in all the ways that humans are, but never sinned (Hebrews 4:14,15).

Jesus' example of self-control – This was a powerful point for the bondservants to observe. Some of them were mistreated/abused; so was Jesus. How did He respond when He was reviled? He controlled His tongue and did not revile in return. He did not try to get even. When He suffered while doing no wrong to those who abused Him, He did not threaten retaliation (2:23).

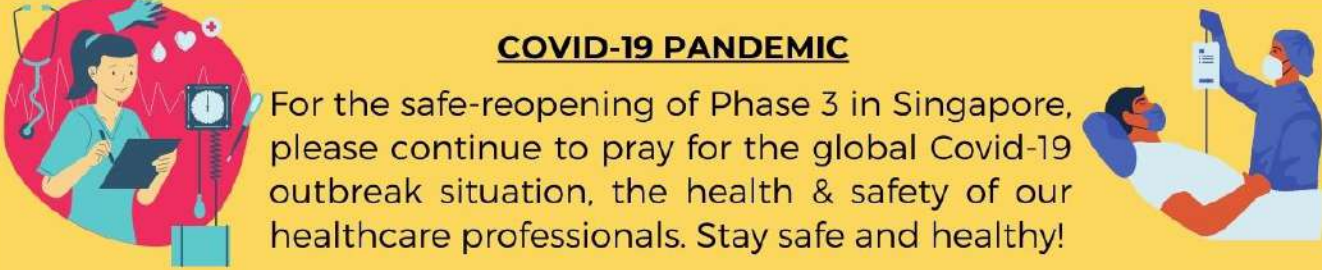
Showing self-restraint is not a sign of weakness or lack of courage. In fact, it is just the opposite. It is the strong and brave ones who control their fists, their tongues, and the urge to take matters into their own hands and settle a score. When we are under pressure, when we face fiery trials (1 Peter 4:12), even when others mistreat us, how will we respond? Hopefully, we will imitate the Master. I know our tongue is only one part of the equation, but it is a crucial one which, in reality, reveals our heart. Let these thoughts sink in: "If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless" (James 1:26).

Jesus' example of commitment – Jesus was betrayed by His "own familiar friend" (Psalm 41:9). He was falsely accused and berated by Jewish leaders. Civil leaders pronounced His innocence, yet by failing to release Him, treated Him unfairly and unjustly.

He was mocked, spit upon, smacked in the face, and savagely beaten. In the end, metal spikes were driven into His hands and feet to bind Him to a wooden cross. He endured that cross (Hebrews 12:2) and all that preceded it. In all of it, He "committed Himself to Him who judges righteously" (2:23). In short, He left it in the Father's hands. I need to learn from my Lord.

Jesus' selfless example – He "Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree . . ." (2:24). He suffered so you and I can escape the suffering of hell. He bore our sins when we were not capable of bearing them. By His stripes we were healed when we were sin-sick, helpless, and hopeless. It is pretty clear, is it not? Jesus did not do any of those things for Himself. He did them for others. Are we listening and learning?

Prayer Requests, Birthdays & Men-to-Serve Schedule






COVID-19 PANDEMIC

For the safe-reopening of Phase 3 in Singapore, please continue to pray for the global Covid-19 outbreak situation, the health & safety of our healthcare professionals. Stay safe and healthy!



HEALTH

- Sis Baby's, sis Yeoh's, sis Rosalind's, sis Swee Inn's & bro Winston's health
- Sis Suan Kiang's, bro Eddy (JCOC)'s health
- Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's recovery from fractured ankle

<h3><u>OVERSEAS</u></h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro Kenneth Liong & sis Iris in San Francisco • Sis Farah in UK 	<h3><u>PREGNANCY</u></h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro Samuel's wife, Alexis (Dec'20) • Sis Sarah (Mar'21) • Sis Sheila (Mar'21) 	<h3><u>NSF</u></h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bro Zachary • Bro Wei Xiang • Bro Cornelius (ECOC) 
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	<h3><u>THIS WEEK</u></h3> <p>8 Nov (Sun) - Charlie & Nove 11 Nov (Wed) - Mary 13 Nov (Fri) - Shermin</p>	<h3><u>NEXT WEEK</u></h3> <p>18 Nov (Wed) - Kim Choo 20 Nov (Fri) - Chin Siang, Peck Lian, David Sum, Farah & Rolly</p>
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MEN-TO-SERVE (SUN)	8 NOV	15 NOV
SONG LEADER & OPENING PRAYER	JONATHAN YANG	ERNEST LAU
SERMON TITLE	SELF PRAISE VS GOD'S PRAISE	YEARNING FOR HOME
PREACHER	BENJAMIN KWAN	ONG JUN WEI
LORD'S SUPPER, GIVING & CLOSING PRAYER	ERNEST LAU	GAVIN CHEAH
MEN-TO-SERVE (THU)	12 NOV	19 NOV
BIBLE CLASS TOPIC & TEACHER	GENESIS 44 ERNEST LAU	GENESIS 45 ERNEST LAU



Bereavement

Our deepest condolences to the family of **sis Magdalena Tamale** who has gone to be with the Lord on 31 October 2020.

Please continue to keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of bereavement.

Health

Bro Ah Lek (husband of sis Christine) will be going for a colonscopy on 26 November as there is blood detected in his stools. He will go for a subsequent doctor's review on 8 December. Please keep him in your prayers, that the review results will be favourable.



Donation for Baonaang church of Christ

We have raised a total of \$9,260 for the project.
We thank all the members who had donated generously for this cause!

Upcoming Events

A yellow poster for the 48th Commencement Exercise. On the left, there is a circular logo for Four Seas College of Bible and Missions with a globe and the motto 'LIVE LOVE SERVE'. Below the logo, the event details are listed: 'Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 @ 3pm'. At the bottom left, it says 'Live stream via FSC FB' with the URL 'https://www.facebook.com/fourseascollege/'. The main title '48TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE' is at the top in large, bold, red letters. Below the title are six circular portraits of graduates, each with a name tag below it: Rolly Cecilia Parada, Nove Angcoy Aguilar, Levi Dan Lopez De Castro, Emmanuel Soriano Licodini, Chessa Olmedo Boliboli, and Alarico Alves. At the bottom, the text 'Class of 2020' is written in a large, red, cursive font.



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Class of 2020

JESUS CHRIST

WANTED

• DEAD OR ALIVE •

a Gospel Meeting organized by Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ

HIS CRIMES

Timothy Ng, 26 Nov, 8:00 p.m.

HIS IDENTITY

Ernest Lau, 27 Nov, 8:00 p.m.

HIS SYNDICATE

Benjamin Tan, 28 Nov, 8:00 p.m.

HIS RETURN

Benjamin Kwan, 29 Nov, 9:30 a.m.

GREAT REWARD

PROMISED FOR THOSE WHO FIND HIM

Streaming live from www.facebook.com/lapchurchofchrist