

WHEEL

*So I went down to the potter's house,
and there he was working at his wheel. (Jer 18:3)*

DON'T WASTE THE LOCKDOWN



For over a year now, the Covid19 pandemic has interrupted our normal way of life and imposed varying forms of restrictions upon our activities. At the time of writing this article, Malaysia has just entered into the 4th Movement Control Order and a total lockdown on all non-essential services. Every trial is designed as a stepping stone for us to step into a higher level of our spiritual experience. I am writing to remind ECCM members not to waste this season but to let it propel us into a new spiritual level for ourselves and for our ministries.

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When the pandemic started around March 2020, many of us were confronted with fears, intimidations and anxieties which surfaced because of the lockdowns and restrictions. God opened the opportunity for me to pray daily with a few brothers every morning. Instead of looking at those fears, the daily times of prayer allowed me to lift my eyes away from those negative situations to focus on the Lord.

This daily lifting of my heart away from those fears to the face of the Lord allowed me to see God's miraculous provisions of His grace and delivering me from my fears. Instead of 2020

being a bad year, I experienced an amazing year of unprecedented spiritual growth. One pastor that I know, took the opportunity to deliver gifts and parcels to members who were in lockdown. This loving gesture impacted many of the church members who were touched that the pastor overcame the fear of the virus and took the time to drive to their places of residences just to deliver a gift for them.

Another pastor took the opportunity to learn about video editing and now his sermons are nicely produced with nice graphics and interesting captions. One of my prayer partners took the opportunity to enrol in a ministry course with a Bible school and graduated with a certificate over the lockdown period.

In the 16th Chapter of Acts, Paul and Silas were in prison because of the gospel and instead of being discouraged over their circumstances, they took the opportunity to glorify God even in the midst of the lockdown and as a result the jailor and the whole family came to know the Lord.

I am using these examples to encourage ECCM members to use this lockdown for good and bring something positive out of these challenging times. Let us not waste this opportunity for God to do something wonderful for our lives and ministries.

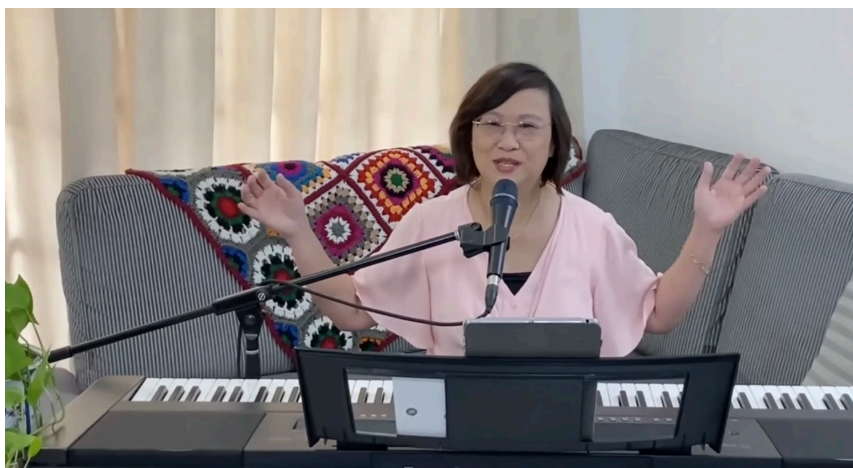
REV. RON HEE
Vice - Chairman

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STRENGTH TO ENDURE

On 21st March 2021, pastors and leaders came together for ECCM gathering which was held via Zoom. We begin with Pr Michelle leading us in worship, 'Lord, we bow before You in worship.' A refreshing time for everyone and it was encouraging to see leaders from various churches coming together in worship and prayer.

*Lord, We Bow
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This was followed by our Chairman, Rev. Eu Hong Seng who encouraged churches to stay together and persevere through this unprecedented times. Highlighting the importance of networking and reminded churches to always be in a learning position and to lead forward by finding strength to endure. ECCM is committed to provide platforms for learning and encouragement for all leaders and pastors of the local church.



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Our recent gathering has been a great blessing to all. We want to thank you for your participation and to friends who missed it, we have prepared write-up up highlighting the main points and made available a YouTube link <https://youtu.be/O5tgdp4o09A> for you to have access to the message by our guest speakers.

We desire all pastors to be equipped and encouraged. If you know of any friends in ministry who are in need of fellowship? Please do encourage them to be a part of ECCM by registering as a member. Get in touch with our office and we will be glad to assist. May God continue to bless you, your family and church. May God lead us with Strength to Endure!

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PR. JUSTIN SEGAR
Executive Pastor

LOOK UP TO THE SKY AND SEE THE STARS

- By Elisha Satvinder at ECCM Gathering

The story of Abraham coming out of Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the promised land of Canaan is intriguing. Abraham moved into the unknown not knowing fully what lies ahead. We too can be in situations where we are not certain of things that is happening around us; nevertheless we learn that Abraham obeyed and by faith made his home in a foreign land. **One thing we can learn from this is that “God will supply when He ask us to do something”**. Abraham learned to trust God in his everyday life and we can do likewise.

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While the promise of a descen-
dants beyond the stars above
and sand below is exciting, the
stark reality hits Abraham and

Sarah, they are past the age of bearing children, the future promise and the present reality is disconnected and filled with dissappointments. Leaders of today are not exempted from dissappointments but we can take courage that, **“it is in our impossible situation that our miracle resides”**. It was through the barren womb of Sarah and the past age of Abraham that God brought forth a nation. We all need to connect to God by Faith and draw strenght to endure as the same God of Abraham who said “Do not be afraid, I AM your shield”, is with us.

**Rev. Elisha continues to teach us that in the midst of it all our greatest miracle remains; looking up to the sky and taking hold of God’s promise.*

Please log in to <https://youtu.be/O5tgd4o09A> to listen to the full message.

STRENGTH TO ENDURE - THE BENEFITS

- By Doug Kelley at ECCM Gathering

God can use adverse circumstances to His benefit. We learn from the ten plaques of Egypt and can't help but notice Pharaoh's grip on authority and divisiveness. People today are coming under the same struggle of not letting go and are divided on many fronts, from politics and through various issues concerning COVID-19 pandemic. We as leaders of the church, need to continually find the benefits amidst the adversity and stay focussed in this current situation.



We are reminded from the Bible that just as Moses navigated deliverance and in another instance Aaron standing between the living and dead; **GOD desires to save and draw people towards HIM.** *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28) God wants us to benefit by putting our trust in HIM all the way and through it all. God promised to protect us*

and we must not separate issues of faith with what is happening daily.

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10 Benefits

1. The church to help move people into the right direction in Christ.(Prov 9:10)
2. Move the church out of the building and reach people from all backgrounds. (1 Peter 2:10)
3. Believers must choose between fear and faith; exemplify faith and not fear through the trying times. (Romans 14:23)
4. Time for a course correction. Gives us time to consider our ways.(Haggai 1:5)
5. Revealed the weakness of human authority. Place our trust in God all the way (Psalms 20:7)
6. Preparation for the last day. We the church to stay focused on the Lord and to endure through the test of time.
7. Learn new methods of communication. We are to keep improving and remain in learning posture.
8. More time with family. Cherish family and relationships bonding.
9. Exercise Fasting & Prayer. Set aside time intentionally. (Matthew 9:15)
10. Exalt the great physician. There is no greater reward for the church then to see Jesus be lifted up. (Ps 46:10)

Let us receive STRENGTH TO ENDURE from our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Rev.Doug Kelley continues to teach on how we can still benefit inspite of adversity.*

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WHY WE NEED TO PRAY FOR HEALING

By Rev. Ng Wah Lok



Healing is a difficult theological topic and there are many different views on this subject. Some hold extreme positions, such as there is no more healing in the New Testament so we do not need to pray for healing.

The other extreme is that God will heal every sickness wherever we pray, so we do not need to see doctors or take medicines. The balance is somewhere in between. In this short article, I will like to present my perspective on healing based on biblical scriptures.

1. We are instructed to get leaders to pray for us whenever we are sick

James 5:14-15 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

This is the clearest teaching on healing in the New Testament. We are instructed to pray for healing whenever we are sick.

2. Jesus ministry on the earth included healing

Matt 4:23 Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people (NKJV).

Crowds often gathered to follow Jesus because he healed many from their sicknesses.

3. The Great Commission Jesus gave to us includes praying for the sick

Mark 16:18b...they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover.

Most people think that the Great Commission of Jesus is limited to preaching the gospel, making disciples and baptizing them. That is clearly given in Matthew 28:19-20. But the Mark's gospel expands the Great Commission to include praying for the sick (Mark 16:15-18)

4. The atonement work of Jesus on the cross includes healing

Isa 53:5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

The human being consist of 3 parts: Body, Soul and Spirit. The atonement work of Jesus saves the complete man. When we receive Jesus as our personal savior, our spirit is immediately conscious of God because the Holy Spirit dwells in us and we can communicate with God. The soul which consist of the mind, will and emotions is sanctified by the word of God which is an ongoing process all throughout our lives. On the third aspect of our physical body, all believers will be given a new resurrected body at the second coming of Christ which has no sicknesses nor death (Rev 21:4).

5. Many do not receive healing because they do not make a desperate effort to pray and ask God to heal them.

In the healing of the paralytic (Luke 5:16-26), we find that the paralytic 's friends made desperate efforts to reach Jesus including getting him to see Jesus through the roof. The widow with the issue of blood had to press through the crowd just to touch the hem of his garments (Matt 9:20) despite she was weak all through her life. When Peter was sinking into the sea, he had to cry out “*Lord save me*” before Jesus stretched out his hand to lift him out of the water (Mt 14:29)

Many people do not receive healing because they do not see the need to pray and ask God to heal them simply because they trust doctors more than they trust God.

6. Praying for healing does not mean you do not see doctors and abstain from medicines (2 Kings 20:1-7)

King Hezekiah was a godly king but at one stage, he was seriously sick and the prophet Isaiah told him to set everything in order because he was going to die. But Hezekiah asked God for an extension of his life and God answered his prayer. So Isaiah instructed Hezekiah to apply herbs to his boil. Hezekiah followed the instructions and he was healed.

2 Kings 20:7 Then Isaiah said, “Take a lump of figs.” So they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

Conclusion

In 2002, I wrote the song “Healing Water Flows” which is basically a prayer for healing. I wanted the song to encourage people to pray and release faith in Jesus for healing

and also for unbelievers to discover salvation through the name of Jesus. At that time and even today, there are very few songs on healing.

I hope my song and this short article on healing will encourage all of you to pray for healing whenever you are sick. And if needed, also see a doctor and take proper medicines. Let us live healthily until our old age.

Healing Water Flows

<https://youtu.be/vU7HCV8f770>

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