

From the pastor's heart

After Jesus' resurrection, two dejected disciples were on the road to Emmaus probably to go home or to seek refuge. The Lord Jesus Christ who once turned their lives around had died. It seemed like they had lost themselves. In truth, our lives mirror that of the two disciples for we also face many of life's disappointments but how should we face them?

Confronted with loss we neither blame nor hide our feelings; rather we face it, acknowledging the pain and allowing our tears to wash over the emotions so that we see the limitation of the human spirit which is a true picture of life and a portrait of humanity. Let this experience bring us before God for not everything is within our control, in fact we have nothing at all.

When Jesus appeared before them, these two disciples began to listen to Jesus' teaching; a current of warmth flowed and their hearts burnt within them and the power of faith grew gradually. The Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus is Christ. They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem to tell the others this news. If we experience the resurrection power today, we will have the same response as the disciples then.

Let us make the choice to open ourselves to God and choose to actively respond to his love so that through us, the resurrection power of Christ may turn around every difficult situation.

Rev David Koh

□ FAMILY NEWS

◆ Be On Time: Honour God

We encourage brothers and sisters to be early or at least seated in time for service at 9 am. Honouring God by being on time and teaching our children to do so is our duty.

When punctual we affirm the worship leader and lessen disruption to other worshippers. Let us spur one another on to keep our appointment with God weekly by adjusting our schedules intentionally. See you by 9 am.

◆ Family Ministry

The Five Languages of Love – a 2-part DVD series on Relationships by Dr Gary Chapman

Sunday, 22 & 29 April

Time: 11.15am - 12:30pm

Venue: Room 202

It is extremely useful for those who are interested in improving their relationship with their loved ones, spouses and children. After viewing, we will follow with a short discussion or Q&A session.

◆ Rev David Koh had his operation on Apr 11 to clear up the tumour near his right wrist. The operation went well and he will be on two weeks medical leave. Let us continue to uphold our Senior Pastor before God for complete healing and joy in the Lord every day.

◆ Pastor Boon Chiau and wife, Rebecca, are away in Toronto visiting family until May 4. May the Lord bless their time of rest and reunion with loved ones. For the next two Sundays we will have guest speakers – Pastor George Annadorai and Pastor Ed Pousson respectively.

◆ Pastor Lilian will be away in China from Apr 22 – May for a teaching stint and her vacation.

◆ Church Building – Facilities/ Equipment

Total Needed	\$700,000
Received	<u>392,000</u>
Balance 14/04/07	<u>\$308,000</u>

You have given \$21,000 last Sunday. Have you given your share of \$500? Please remember this need, and do your utmost to give generously as the Lord enables you.

☺ There is Spaghetti and Porridge on sale for breakfast today. All proceeds will go to the Facilities/ Equipment fund.

□ COMING EVENTS

Jesus in the Marketplace of Ideas

17 April (Tue) 7.30 pm

Speaker: Stuart McAllister (Ravi Zacharias International Ministries)

Venue: Kum Yan Methodist Church

Jointly organized by Graduates' Christian Fellowship and Marketplace Christian Network.

Becoming a Woman of Worship, Worth & Wisdom

25 May (Fri) 7.30 – 9.30 pm and 26 May (Sat) 8.30 am – 5.30 pm

Keynote Speaker: Poppy Smith

Venue: Faith Methodist Church

Fees: \$40 (register by 15 April)

Email: godivaysip@faithmc.org.sg

□ MINISTRY NEWS

◆ Children's Ministry

Worship Time: 9 am

⌘ Pre-school & Toddler's program

⌘ Children's Church

◆ Missions

a) Continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in the field that the joy of the Lord will be their strength. May the resurrection power of Jesus Christ embolden them to face every difficulty with courage.

b) Katherine will be back on April 18 for a few months of furlough before her next assignment. Pray for journey mercy as she travels back.

□ CHURCH PRAYER AGENDA

We are left with only 4 pastors in 2007. Each pastor together with the respective congregation MC members are doing their utmost to carry out the ministries' work through God's enabling. Now with Rev David Koh down, the load on the other pastors would be even heavier. When God continually does new things in KY in 2007 - the devil also tries his best to thwart what God is doing. It's urgent for all of us to daily sustain all our pastors, LCEC & MC members; and all other leaders of KY in our prayer and intercession.

1. Remember Rev David Koh; our leaders John Kong; Jimmy Leong who are afflicted by cancer. Cover each of them daily with our intercessory prayer. Declare that "the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up". Thank God that His power has not diminished. Let God's glory be magnified as He heals our leaders.
2. Remember your Pastors and your leaders in prayer – verbally call out their names, thanking God for their faith and positive examples. Ask God to sustain them through life's struggles. Ask God to keep them strong; and help them to stand firm against the devil's schemes (Eph 6:10-11).
3. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, David, Paul – each of them had a personal encounter with God before they embarked on their great work for God. Ask God to give each of our pastors and leaders a special encounter with Him. Let each one be renewed in their love and commitment to God. Grant them fresh ideas, new leadership models which are relevant for the new work which God is doing in KY in this new season.

