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# LAP BULLETIN

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## Worship Schedule

### SUNDAY

9.30 am  
Worship  
(English)

11.15am  
Bible Class  
(English)

3.45pm  
Bible Class  
(Mandarin)

5.00pm  
Worship  
(Mandarin)

7.00pm  
Worship  
(English)

### THURSDAY

7.45pm  
Bible Class  
(English/Mandarin)

### Elders

Bro Jimmy Lau  
Bro Lee Tian Seng  
Bro Michael Yeo

### Deacons

Bro Benjamin Tan  
Bro Jerry Cheong

### Preachers

Bro Alvin Lin  
Bro Ernest Lau

### Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern



## BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

献血运动 Kempen Derma Darah இரத்த தான இயக்கம்

*Organised by Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ*

Date: 6 April 2019 (Saturday)

Time: 11am to 5pm

Venue: Main Hall  
@ Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ

20 Lim Ah Pin Road  
Singapore 547839



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# *Sermon outline*

## **Standing In The Gap: Lessons from the Life of the Apostle James**

*Sermon outline by bro Jimmy Lau*

### **Introduction: Standing in the Gap. Eze 22:30**

1. The conditions of Israel.
2. Reasons no one could fill the gap.
  - i. Perhaps no one felt qualified.
  - ii. Perhaps they felt the task was too great.
  - iii. Perhaps they were worried about not having adequate resources.
  - iv. Perhaps no one cares – let someone else do it.
  - v. Perhaps no one had faith that God would bless them.

### **Discussion: Standing In The Gap: Lessons from the Life of the Apostle James**

*Text: Matt 4:21 And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.*

*Matt 4:22 And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.*

### **Lesson no. 1: His Readiness To Answer The Call Of Jesus Christ.**

- ❖ Matt 4:22 They **immediately** left the ship and their father, and **followed** him.
- ❖ The response was immediate.
- ❖ James could have many reasons not to follow Jesus - job, family, prior commitments.
- ❖ Most people have prior commitments. Luke 9:59-62
- ❖ Some have other love. Matt 19:21-22
- ❖ SITG Lesson 1: James showed us the time to serve God is NOW. John 4:35

### **Lesson no. 2: His Readiness To Forsake Everything For Jesus**

- ❖ The response of James to the call of Christ: "*left the ship*".

- ❖ The boat represents his source of living, his job.
- ❖ He also left his father, mother, brothers, sisters, and friends.
- ❖ It isn't necessary that we need to leave everything behind, but when the situation calls for it, we must be willing to give 100% of our life to God. Luke 14:26, 27, 33
- ❖ Jesus Christ tells us in Matthew 10:37: *"He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me."*
- ❖ Sometimes, the people who might prevent us from following God are our unconverted family members, friends, acquaintances, and even church members.
- ❖ Other obstacles are our jobs and the world. Matthew 13:22; 2 Timothy 4:10
- ❖ SITG Lesson 2: James showed us what commitment is – putting Christ our top priority. Luke 9:62

### **Lesson no. 3: His Fiery Passion For Christ.**

- ❖ The sons of Zebedee were called the Boanerges – also known as the Sons of Thunder. Mark 3:17
- ❖ Reasons for the name: Perhaps, their Thundery temper. Luke 9:54
- ❖ What is Thunder? Thunder is the sound produced by rapidly expanding and contracting pockets of air associated with lightning.
- ❖ Characteristics of Thunder:
  - i. Thunder can be heard but cannot be seen.
  - ii. Thunder broadcast the works done by another.
- ❖ SITG Lesson 3: Let your works do the talking. Matt 5:16; Acts 9:36; 1 Tim 5:10
- ❖ SITG Lesson 4: Honour the works done by others. Rom 16:1-16; Php 2:19-29

### **Lesson no. 4: His Readiness To Seek A Closer Relationship With God And Christ**

- ❖ James is known to be one of the closest companions of Jesus along with John and Peter.
- ❖ He wouldn't be if he did not desire to be close to his Lord.
- ❖ James was the first apostle to die for the Lord. He wouldn't be a martyr for Jesus if he had not formed a deep relationship with Him. John 15:13; Rom 5:7
- ❖ SITG Lesson 5: Seek a closer relationship with God. James 4:8.
- ❖ SITG Lesson 6: A closer relationship with God will lead to service. Josh 24:15

### **Lesson no. 5: His Readiness To Serve Jesus.**

- ❖ James initially thought that greatness is measured by status and power. Matt 20:20-21
- ❖ James learned later that true Greatness is found in Serving. Matthew 20:27
- ❖ SITG Lesson 7: No matter what your position in life is, you can serve God. Luk 19:2; Act 10:1
- ❖ SITG Lesson 8: True Greatness lies in serving others. Matt 20:27; Gal 5:13



## Conclusion

- ❖ God is searching for those He can use; men and women to stand in the gap.
- ❖ Are you the man or woman that God is looking for? Or must He look for someone else.
- ❖ Are you ready to stand in the gap and build the wall? Remember: God has a calling on your life. And He has given you resources and opportunities to serve Him. Will you be His servant? Will you follow His call? Will you step out in faith? Stand in the Gap today!



*Jdg 21:6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day.*

To avenge the heinous crime committed by some Benjamites, who gang raped and murdered a Levite's wife, the children of Israel went to war with the tribe of Benjamin. Only six hundred Benjamite men survived the war and went into hiding. All the women and children of Benjamin were slain.

It was at this point that the children of Israel realised they could have overdone in meting out justice: they almost wiped out the entire tribe of Benjamin. They regretted their action and their deep concern now was to find wives for the six hundred surviving men so that the tribe could be revived. They had sworn not to marry their daughters to any of the Benjamites. But they would not match them with the Canaanites too seeing it was an abomination to God.

The congregation then resolved upon a plan to seek virgins for the six hundred Benjamites. First, they went to Jabeshgilead, destroyed all the inhabitants and left four hundred virgins alive and gave them to the Benjamites. Then, they asked the remaining Benjamites to go to Shiloh where a festival was held and the virgin daughters of Shiloh would come out to dance. Each Benjamite would simply seize and carry off a woman to be his wife.

What can we learn from this episode of revenge and repair? First, the children of Israel were angry with their brethren Benjamin. They determined to punish them for their heinous crime. Their wrath knew no boundary and they almost exterminated the entire

tribe of Benjamin. They realised they had gone too far. They repented and sought ways to repair the damage. They took care to provide wives for them, that the tribe might be built up again, and the ruins of it repaired.

Have you ever been so angry with someone that you wished him dead? Perhaps you hated a colleague so much that you wished he got the sack. Hatred can cause one to do or wish the damnest thing.

I like this quote: *“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”* – Martin Luther King Jr.

Isn't it obvious? Only light can drive out darkness. The second part of the quote is less obvious: only love can drive out hate. The human reaction is to return hate with more hate: *“An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”* Someone jokingly said: “If everyone were to return eye for eye and tooth for tooth, we will all be toothless and blind.”

Most hatred is based on inaccurate information, or on stories told about injustices of old. If we are going to try to drive out hate, we need to bring in love. The children of Israel hated the Benjamites that they almost exterminated them. They realised their mistake and repented of it. They went into repair mode. They sought to repair the damage they had done. They learned to love their brethren.

I know it is easier said than done. But our Lord has set an example for us. While on the cross, He prayed: **“Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do”** (Luke 23:34).

Our Lord has also shown us how to love our enemies: **“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you”** (Matt 5:44).

There are 4 simple steps:

1. **Love your enemies** – Return hate with love. Hate will only produce more hate.
2. **Bless them that curse you** – It means to speak well of them even when they speak evil of you.
3. **Do good to them that hate you** – Help your enemies. Give your enemy every proof that you love him. Be ready to do them a deed of kindness.
4. **Pray for them** – Pray for their need in your private and public prayers. Let them know you know their problems and you are praying for them.

**“Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head”** (Rom 12:20).

Let us make the effort to repair a broken relationship.

# WEEKLY NEWS

## **Business Meeting**

Date: 24 March, Sunday

Time: 12.15pm

*The agenda of the meeting is pinned on the noticeboard.*

## **Health (Pray for smooth recovery)**

1. **Bro Zachary's** recovery from abdominal cramps
2. The health and lung biopsy results of **Justina** (*sister-in-law of sis Tuan Sang, sis Kia Sang, bro Jimmy and bro Jeng Sang*)

## **Travelling (Pray for safety)**

1. **Sis Eunice** will be away on a work trip in the Netherlands from this evening till 18 April
2. **Bro Tian Seng & bro Jong Wah** will be travelling to the Philippines from 11-18 Mar. Bro Tian Seng will be speaking at 2 gospel meetings held in Villa Celia COC, Bacolod, and Maguikay COC, Cebu.
3. **Bro Alvin, sis Mary Ann, & sis Ellen** will be travelling to JB on 17 March for sis Ellen's graduation. They will be worshipping with Skudai COC.
4. **Bro John Goh, bro Jun Wei, sis Ser Ern, sis Sharyl & bro Cornelius** in Vietnam for mission trip till 11 Mar.



## **Welcome to the Family of God**

We rejoice over the baptism of sis Joy (bro Marcus's friend) on 4 March! Let us give her a warm welcome into the family of God.

Her particulars are as follows:

Name: Anna-Joy Batangatang Oliveroz

Birth date: 27 May 1984

Email: annajoyoliveroz@gmail.com

## **Guests last week**

1. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
2. Jason Lam (*sis Sarah's husband*)
3. Stephanie Gostelow (*bro Martyn's wife*)
4. Adriel Yeo (*sis Julia's nephew*)
5. Kelvin Kuan (*sis Eunice's friend*)
6. Joycelin Tok (*bro Gideon's friend*)
7. Lay Lay (*sis Lydia's helper*)
8. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

### Youth Fellowship

Date & Time: 10 Mar, Sun @ 1.30pm – 3pm (TODAY)

Venue: LAP Main Hall

*Come join us for ice-breaker games, singing & a Bible lesson!*

### CHURCH OF CHRIST BOARD GAMES COMBINED FELLOWSHIP EVENT

16 MARCH • SAT • 1 - 5 PM

LAVENDER CHURCH OF CHRIST  
20 KALLANG AVENUE  
LEVEL 5, PICO CREATIVE CENTRE  
SINGAPORE 339411

*Try not to get BORED!*



### Evangelism Sunday Tracting

Date: 23 Mar, Sat

Time: 4.30pm

Meeting Point: Blk 302 Hougang Avenue 5

*Join us to spread the gospel!*

CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS

## DO I NEED THE BIBLE?

SPEAKER: PETER CHIN

31 MARCH 2019, SUNDAY | 9.30AM |

20 LIM AH PIN ROAD SINGAPORE 547839

*Come and join us to find out the answers!*



# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Thursday Bible Class

"True Worshippers of God" (John 4:19-26)

by bro Peter Chin

## Next Sunday Worship

**The Unjust Steward**

by bro Ernest Lau

## Birthdays this week

10 Mar (Sun) – Daniel

14 Mar (Thu) – Shanice



Please send any news & prayer requests to [limahpincoc@gmail.com](mailto:limahpincoc@gmail.com)

## Overseas:

- **Bro Long Jun** in China
- **Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Jonathan & sis Joan, sis Farah** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Kevin** in New York for studies
- **Bro Siang Yee** in UK for studies

## Health

- **Sis Suan Kiang's & sis Linda's** health

## Pregnancy

- Sis Christine (Apr'19), sis Mae (May'19), sis Deborah (Aug'19)

## NSF

- Bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict, bro Titus, bro Shawn

## MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		10-Mar-19	17-Mar-19	24-Mar-19
Song Leader		Benedict Yo	Jeshua Lin	Alvin Lin
Opening Prayer Leader		Danny Poo	Victor Lee	Low Chong Ping
Preacher		Jimmy Lau	Ernest Lau	Joseph Lee
Lord's Supper Text		Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Gordon Loo	Ong Jun Wei	Titus Goh
	Prayer: Bread	Justin Kwan	Paul Lim	Henry Chee
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Wong Sek Hoong	Michael Yeo	John Goh
	Prayer: Offering	Marc Wee	Gavin Cheah	Andy Lin
	Assistant	Alvin Foo	Zachary Ling	Ng Wei Xiang
Foundation Class		David Sum	Ng Wei Jie	Ong Jun Wei
Announcer		Timothy Ng	Amos Yang	Benjamin Tan
Greeters		Grace Ler Wu Wenyu	Constance Lau Lim Poh Im	Eunice Chua Ludina Carrido
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Benjamin Kwan	Jeshua Lin	Timothy Ng
Speaker		Alvin Lin	Michael Yeo	Jerry Cheong
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Nicodemus Oey	Farand Lim	Kenneth Quek
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			Jimmy Lau	Jeshua Lin
Opening Prayer Leader			Lee Tian Seng	Peter Kwan
Teacher			Peter Chin	Peter Chin
Closing Prayer Leader			Marc Wee	Nicodemus Oey