



Moving with the Spirit

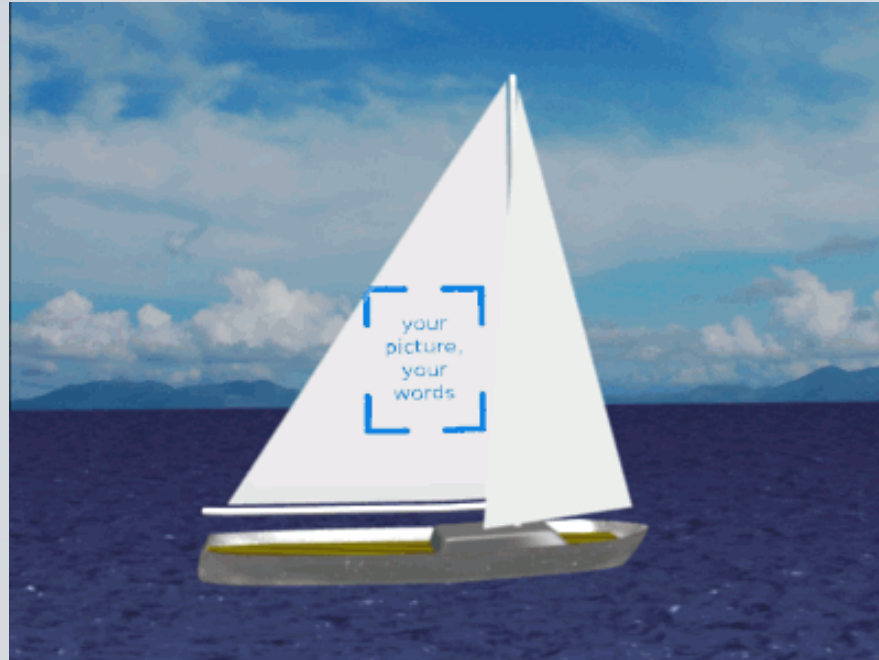


**Pasir Panjang Church of Christ
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God's Initiatives in PP

- Resources – Members, Teachers, Leaders
- Transforming mission mindset (Supporting>Sending>Stewarding)
- Mission Interest Groups - Philippines, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia, China
- SIBI Singapore – Teachers & students
- Visitors from the world over
- Care teams
- Acapella singing
- A vibrant youth ministry
- Training future leaders

An Allegory



Romans: 13:11-14

And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

Transformational Routes

Voluntary

HUMILITY

Purposeful
& Intentional

SELF

Involuntary

PRIDE

Brokenness

Deceitful Heart
(Jer 17:9)

Vs

Giving
Serving
Surrender
Stewarding
Fruit of Spirit

Better

Aromatic
Refreshing
Loving
(Joseph)

Bitter

Hardened
Cynical
Godless
(Pharaoh)

JESUS CHRIST

Ambition & Identity

Ambition



Identity

Unhealthy (phthonos)

- Rooted in pride, insecurity, vanity & selfishness
- Driven by recognition, outshining others
- Pained by the success of others
- Performance matters less, recognition counts

Identity



Ambition

Healthy (zelos)

- Ambition flows from identity in Christ
- Strong yet gentle, purposeful yet principled
- No focus on competition or outshining others

Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody - 1The 4:11-12

RIP - 1997

Lady Diana



The worst illness of our time is
that so many people have to
suffer from not ever being
loved

I would like to be a queen in the
hearts of the people

Mother Theresa



I am a little pencil in the hand
of a writing God who is sending
a love letter to the world

I do not pray for success,
I ask for faithfulness

We all know God- but does God know you?

Matthew 7:21-23

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

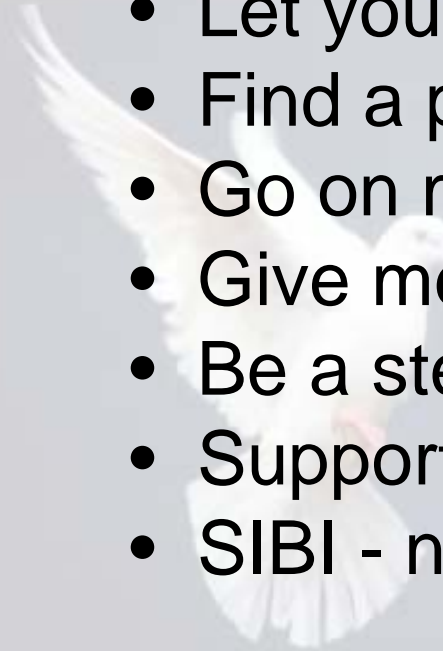
Acts 10:4 - Cornelius

... The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God."



PP's Responses

- Draw deep into a relationship with God (Ps 27:4)
- Allow Him to heal you
- Let your identity drive your ambition
- Find a place to serve
- Go on mission trips - lead one
- Give meaningfully
- Be a stewarding disciple
- Support a missionary & family
- SIBI - nurture & edify future leaders





Invitation