

# NOT NEGLECTING TO MEET TOGETHER focus 2021

Year Theme 2021 – Rebuilding Our Faith



23 May 2021

## EVENTS

26 May (Wed)

7.30 pm Online  
Wednesday Bible  
Class  
Identify God's people  
– A Chosen people  
1 Peter 2:4-8  
– Seah Siow Hwee

30 May (Sun)

8 am Online Sunday Bible  
Class  
Be Strong & Courageous  
– Lim Cher Yam

11 am Live Stream Worship  
Divorce – even in the midst  
of a heart-rending divorce,  
we can find hope and power  
of Christ's resurrection.  
– Terry Harrison



## Gladiolus Place Devotions

7.30 pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mon

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**In-Person** 11am 23rd May  
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*Women possess a unique opportunity to encourage men to step up or stand up*  
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The account from Judges 4 tells us that Deborah fortified Barak with her presence (She came alongside of him because she knew what God was calling him to do; even though he was timid, insecure, and fearful); she turned his attention toward God (The man may be the head, but the woman is the neck that turns the head); and she delivered dignity to him (She made sure Barak received some of the credit for the victory.) That gives us an acronym: FTD – fortify, turn, deliver.

Everyone needs to be fortified, turned to God and delivered dignity (FTDed) and everyone needs to FTD. But if a man doesn't get FTDed by another man, it might hurt but it doesn't injure his manhood. If a woman doesn't FTD another woman, it might hurt, but it doesn't injure or assault her femininity. But when a woman doesn't FTD a guy, it more than hurts him: it actually injures something in him. **And this is why we have a generation of men who find it hard to step up and stand up to be the men that they need to be.**

God desires for His love and His will to be woven into every part of our lives, including our work and family. How can women encourage men to step up in fathering?

First, wives need to be aware that men feel important when they are being esteemed as professionally accomplished. Wives need to give affirmation to their husbands. Second, men have the misconception that mums are more naturally suited to caregiving than dads. Men need to be aware of how essential their roles as husbands and fathers are. When men take on their family responsibilities, it helps improve mothers' mental health and bring about relationship satisfaction too. Last but not least, dads need to know that their fathering uniquely benefits their children.

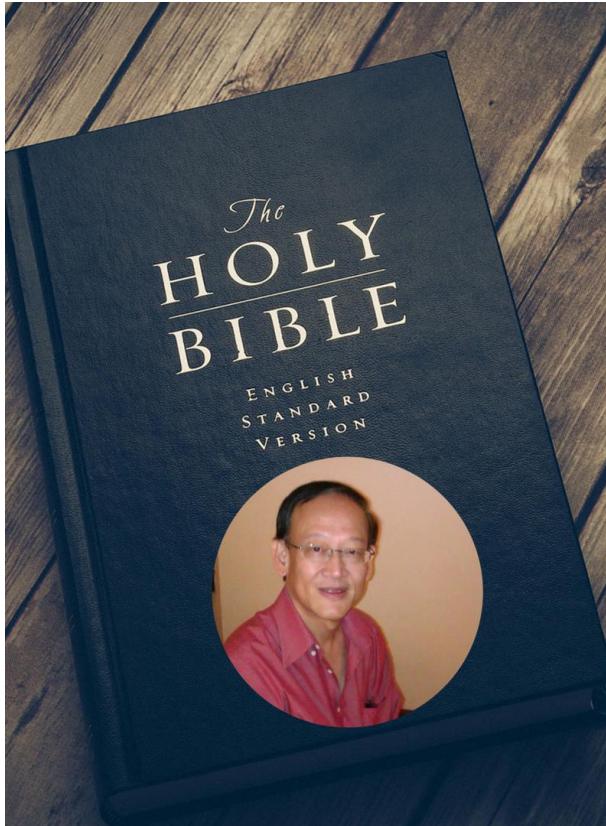
Just like Deborah, wives need to support their husbands by coming alongside of them; wives need to turn their husbands' attention toward God; and wives need to convey respectfulness towards their husbands.

Both men and women are challenged to stand up and step up in their faith in Christ and to encourage each other unto victory.

In-person Congregational Worship Service can receive up to 50 persons today due to the increase in number of local Covid cases and the tightening of safe management measures by the authorities from 16 May to 13 June. Registration will be required for those who intend to attend the Sunday worship in-person - please go to [www.ppcoc.org](http://www.ppcoc.org) to submit the form.

Alternatively, you may join us for worship by going to [www.ppcoc.org](http://www.ppcoc.org) and clicking on "Live Streams" under the Resources tab. You can also click on the Donate tab to find out how to make bank transfers to the church for REBUILDING PLEDGES and offerings.





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## 26TH MAY WEDNESDAY **BIBLE STUDY**

JOIN THE TEACHER, SIOW HWEI AT 7.30 PM

1 Peter 2:4-8 Identifying God's People -  
A Chosen People

For more info,  Pat @82005250 | <https://ppcoc.org/live-stream/>

## Online **BIBLE STUDY**

WITH: LIM CHERYAM

**BE STRONG & COURAGEOUS**

Introduction on the Book of Joshua

**SUNDAY 30TH MAY  
8AM**



<https://ppcoc.org/live-stream/>

For more info, please  Patrick @82005250

## Sunday Bible Class starting 30 May 2021

Joshua (Be Strong & Courageous)

Starts: 30 May 2021

Ends: 26 Sep 2021

Our current Sunday morning Bible classes on the Job series will conclude on 23 May, 2021. We want to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers who had a part in sharing the encouraging and enriching lessons from the Job series.

Beginning next Sunday, 30 May 2021, we will begin a new 18 lesson series based on the book of Joshua, entitled "Be Strong & Courageous."

### Introduction to the Book of Joshua

The book is named after its chief character Joshua, Moses' successor. Joshua's name means "the Lord is Salvation." Centuries later, Jesus was given the same name.

The book recounts the Israelites' entrance into the promised land under the leadership of the Joshua. The events of the book span over twenty-five years, starting soon after the death of Moses ([Joshua 1:1](#)) around 1406 BC, before the conquest of Canaan commenced. The conquest of Canaan took about seven years, and Joshua's final address and subsequent death came almost twenty years later.

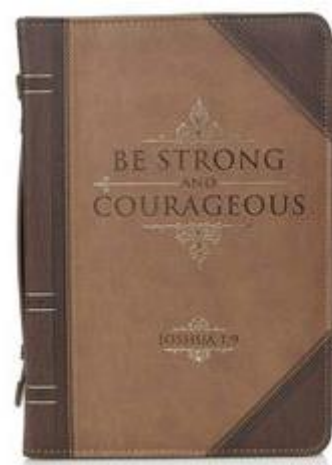
The book begins with the nation of Israel poised at the banks of the Jordan River, across from Jericho. It records the details of numerous military campaigns that defeated the inhabitants of the land. It is a story of contradictions. On one hand, God gave the land that He had promised to the nation. On the other hand, the people failed to possess the land completely, allowing some inhabitants to remain. While God fulfilled His side of the bargain, the Israelites did not finish the job and in later years the Canaanites became a damaging influence on Israel as years went by.

The book ends with Joshua's regathering of the nation for his final exhortation.

What can we learn from the book?

#### 1. Watch Israel Inherit the Land

Why did it require the slaughter of the land's inhabitants? This question has often been raised by Bible Students with understandable difficulty. Humans were banished from the garden of Eden because of sin, and there won't be any sin in the new Eden. The promised land is a taste of that perfection to come. The obedience and purity required for Israel to dwell with God in the promised land teaches us about what is required for man to dwell with God anywhere and in eternity.



## 2. Our Covenant-Keeping God

God's covenant with Israel which was established through Moses, requires total obedience in order to inherit the promised land God promised. This requirement is reinforced clearly in the book of Joshua (1:7-8).

This insight into God's unfailing character as a Covenant-Keeping God is an important theological takeaway from the book of Joshua - a take away which helps us understand our dependence upon the Lord for our own salvation.

As we watch God meticulously keep his promises to Israel, both in blessing for obedience and in cursing for disobedience, we are reminded that he keeps his new covenant promises with us just as well.

But in the new covenant, God has given us a perfectly obedient covenant mediator, a Saviour greater than Joshua, to lead us into a salvation greater than Canaan.

God is the ultimate promise-keeper. As faithful and present as He was with Israel, so He is with us. "Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (1:9).

## 3. Learn from the Faith of "Outcasts"

By giving the promised land to Israel, the Lord shows us the kind of salvation He brings. By keeping His covenant promises through Joshua, the Lord shows us the kind of Saviour He provides. By saving Rahab (representing the Gentiles and the Outcasts) by faith, the Lord shows us the kind of people He saves.

In this story we see the promised blessing of Abraham comes to the nations. Behind the walls of fortified and hardened Jericho is a Gentile prostitute who believes that the Lord is the God of heaven who has given Israel the land (Joshua 2). She believes and is saved. When the land is divided, the first person to receive an inheritance is Caleb, a Kenizzite, whose people were formerly Gentiles (Josh. 14:13; Gen. 15:19). They believed and are counted among God's people.

## Conclusion

As we read the book of Joshua, we take our cues from the New Testament authors, who commended the faith of people like Rahab, and praise God for bringing salvation all the way to us (Heb. 11:31; James 2:25). We learn that no one is too sinful and undeserving of God's salvation; that great faith often comes from unexpected quarters.

We will learn spiritual principles that can help us to be courageous and strong in the midst of opposition. We also learn important lessons from the successes the Israelites experienced because of their obedience to the Lord and from the failures they experienced because of their disobedience.

Joshua is an excellent book to study if one wants to learn how to live out our Christian lives in light of God's divine and glorious mission. God's people are on a mission and He has more to accomplish than just make our lives comfortable. We need to not only learn how to live our lives properly under the divine guidance of our Lord in this world but also understand that there are battles we need to face and overcome in order to expand and establish God's kingdom in our own journey to "the promised land.". Every battle that is faced in this book provides some wisdom and instruction on how we ourselves are to depend upon God and accomplish His great will here on earth.

**- Lim Cher Yam**



# IMPACT COUNSELLOR

## PRESENTS PARENTPLUS PROGRAMMES JUNE 2021

### ParentsPlus Children's Programme

Why is it important to have a 'connected' relationship with your child before they enter their teenage years? Do consequences for misbehaviour really work? Is there a connection between misbehaviour and routines?

If you are parents of children between the ages of 7 to 12, do join us for this series of four webinars!

#### Session Details

5 Jun, Sat, 10am – 11.30am: **The Best Way to Play with Children**  
12 Jun, Sat, 10am – 11.30am: **Establishing Routines and Rewards**  
19 Jun, Sat, 10am – 11.30am: **Supporting Learning & Self-Esteem**  
26 Jun, Sat, 10am – 11.30am: **Discipline Plans**

**Cost: S\$40 per individual/couple for four sessions**

(Payment information will be provided upon registration. **Closing date: 2 Jun 2021**)

**Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions!**

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#### Facilitator



**James Tan**

Professional Counsellor and Parenting Coach

James is a professional counsellor and parenting coach with a keen interest in helping couples build strong marriages and do well in positive parenting. James has counselled many families since 2013.

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If you are parents with children between the ages of 1 to 6, do join us for this series of 4 webinars

#### Session Details

5 Jun, Sat, 10am – 11.30am: **Pause for A Cause (Pressing the Pause Button)**  
12 Jun, Sat, 10am – 11.30am: **Getting Children to Do What You Ask**  
19 Jun, Sat, 10am – 11.30am: **Encouragement and Talking about Feelings**  
26 Jun, Sat, 10am – 11.30am: **Praising Good Behaviour, Ignoring Misbehaviour**

**Cost: S\$40 per individual/couple for four sessions**

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#### Facilitator



**Amy Tan**

Amy is an inspirational speaker with close to 20 years of experience in mentoring and counselling children and families.

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# ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER

23 May 2021

## Family News, Concerns & Prayers

### COVID-19 Safe Management Measures – Update (17 May)

Due to the increase in number of local Covid cases in the community and the tightening of safe management measures by the authorities, the following will be implemented from **16 May to 13 June**:

- In-person congregational worship service will be limited to a maximum of **50 persons**.
- Registration will be required for those who intend to attend the Sunday worship - please go to [www.ppcoc.org](http://www.ppcoc.org) to submit the form. Submission is open from Monday and closes on Friday 12.00 noon. Successful applicants will be informed by the church staff by Saturday.
- The government has announced that work-from-home is the default mode of work and employers must provide the necessary facilities and direct their workers to work from home wherever possible. For employees who are unable to work from home due to the nature of their work (e.g. their work can only be done with equipment that is confined to the workplace), they can continue working on-site.
- **Hence the church office will be closed! Please contact Beng Chuan (HP 96393008) or Patrick (HP: 8225250) if you have any needs.**

### Letter to All Members of PPCOC

17th May 2021

Dear Brethren,

Again, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your unselfish prayers, sympathies, and financial help during this difficult time (loss of my husband Dakila).

I am now serving my stay-home-notice in a hotel in Manila, Philippines. I would like to share with you my evening thoughts:

As Christians, we have to take the lead regardless of our circumstances in life. Our failure to keep our composure may cause difficulty or be a stumbling block in leading people to Jesus.

If we claim to love God and we walk according to His purpose, we need to believe in Him. His plans for our life will surely be accomplished. We are confident and secure because we know that our life is in God's hands. 🙏

All praise and honor belong to our Lord Jesus!

With love and prayers

Manilyn B. Padua

### Update on India Mission Fund Collection (Covid Relief)

A total of \$3740 has been collected. In addition, the church leaders has committed \$2000 from church funds to support this India Relief effort. The funds will be disbursed to our India Mission partners and will be used to help purchase food, medicines, oxygen concentrators and other needs as required.

Please send donations to PPCOC Missions Fund Account:

**DBS 063-001495-8 or PayNow to UEN: S76SS0008AMFD.**

**Indicate India Covid Relief.**

**Closing date: 23 May 2021**



### Update for "Help our Migrant Worker" Fund Collection

Our thanks to donors to the MW Fund. A total of \$8900 has been collected for the carepacks.

## SUNDAY GIVING

FACTS  FIGURES

**16 May**

**GF - \$12,504**

**11am Worship – 38**



## WAYS TO GIVE

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