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TAPESTRY OF LOVE

Tapestry of Love: Weaving the fabric of family from a commitment to Christ, our husbands and children.

Proverbs 31:10-31 is a finely-woven tapestry of a woman's love for her family. It is a splendid display of how a mother can weave a fabric of family life from her commitment to Christ, her husband, and children. It describes her responsibilities and shows how she goes above and beyond, to fulfil them through her diligence. Let's take a moment to reflect on her capabilities as they speak volumes of what a mother can aspire towards.

I am intrigued by the way she fulfils her numerous roles, making it seem so seamless and

easy. She shows herself to be a resourceful helpmate, an industrious worker, a keeper of her home and beyond that, also extends her hand through cheerful giving and humble serving. As I reflect more on her, it dawns on me that the source of her remarkable abilities derives from these foundational gualities:

1. She is virtuous and trustworthy. (v. 10, 11)

- 2. She reveres her husband. (v. 12, 23)
- 3. She operates with wisdom and kindness. (v. 26)
- 4. She fears the Lord. (v. 30)

Mothers do strive to acquire these qualities. Often the contributions of mothers can be taken for granted, in the same way that we take God or each other for granted.

While preparing this note, I consulted my husband and he made a suggestion - that a Mother's Day note should in fact be written by her husband or her children as a gift to her.

So in a somewhat unexpected twist, he asked to take over...

The greatest affirmation and encouragement that a mother can receive is from her children, when they call her "blessed"; and from her husband, when he praises her. Although I have thanked my wife many times, I somewhat feel that this is still not frequent enough. Over the past few years, I have also realised that my expressions of gratitude have become less frequent. I wanted to write this as a much needed reminder to myself and create yet another opportunity to show my love for my wife.

Thank you, my dearest, for all the years together. Even in our most difficult and challenging moments, you have blessed and given your time and love to us. I'm so grateful to the Lord for bringing us together and I deeply appreciate what you have done and are still doing every day.

Men, do give your wife a loving hug and a truly special and memorable day.

Children, bless your mother with your heartfelt gratefulness.

To mothers, receive the fruit of your hands and praise from your works because you fear the Lord. (v. 30-31)

BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY!

Elder Thomas & Sister Pamela Teh



GENERAL NOTICES

BIBLE TRAINING SESSIONS

With the extension of the Circuit-breaker till 1 Jun, we want to provide more spiritual equipping opportunities for you during these "down times" at home. As such, we are planning additional Bible training sessions for you:

Christian Education Program Online

Formerly conducted on Sunday afternoons before COVID-19, we will now livestream the teachings on Saturday evenings at 8pm on our Facebook Live. It will run for a maximum of 30 minutes. Immediately after that, we will conduct an optional Zoom session for Q&A (Question & Answer) for another 30 mins. The theme is on "Following Jesus", covering the often neglected but very important truths of the Christian life. Pastor Jason will be taking these 7 sessions; join him in discovering the "secrets" of the Christian life!

Date: Every Saturday Time: 8pm CEP Q&A Zoom Link: https://bit.ly/2yAjjeH

Small Group Bible Studies

Pastor Robert Wong and Brother Gheng Mun will be conducting small group bible studies for all. These will be conducted on Zoom, and they last for 90 minutes each.

The Book of Ephesians

Instructor: Pastor Robert Wong Date: Thursdays from 14 May Time: 3pm - 4:30pm **Duration: 12-14 sessions** Maximum class size: 10 pax

Pre-requisites: commitment to stay the entire course

Register for Book of Ephesians at https://bit.ly/3aKoGVI or scan QR Code

The Book of 1st Peter

Instructor: Brother Gheng Mun Date: Wednesdays from 13 May Time: 3pm – 4:30pm **Duration: 10 sessions** Maximum class size: 10 pax

Pre-requisites: Participants are required to read through 1 Peter

Register for Book of 1st Peter at https://bit.ly/3aDOy5u or scan QR Code

• MEET YOUR PASTOR!

Pastor Jason would like to connect with you personally on Zoom this Sunday at 10:30am- 11:00am.

Click Zoom link: https://bit.ly/2SMySH4

It's a time to catch up, field questions and to pray for you and the church! So join in!

HUSBANDS/WIVES FELLOWSHIP

Our Family Life Ministry, led by Pastor Kay Hong & his wife, Sister May, is facilitating zoom support groups to encourage and strengthen marriages during this challenging period. Let's come together to encourage, and to be encouraged by, one another spiritually, so that we may deal with the tension/issues arising during this period better.

Husbands Fellowship

Day: Every alternate Sunday starting from 10 May Time: 3pm

Click Zoom link: https://bit.ly/35AtE6d

Wives Fellowship

Day: Every alternate Sunday starting from 17 May Time: 3pm Click Zoom link: https://bit.ly/3b4XTU4

• THE BEAUTIFUL BOOK

In a new online series, Pastor Paul Choo challenges us to rethink our assumptions about the Bible. God's masterpiece is readily within our reach everyday but many find it a chore, or think it's confusing and complicated. This series aims to turn the discipline of reading the Bible into a delight! We need God's word to be transformed, not just informed, and we need to read the Bible because it's the most important thing we can ever do.

This can be accessed at **gospellight.sg > Resources** > The Beautiful Book

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY

We will be conducting our Bible Study "live" online via Zoom. Please download Zoom on your device (computer or handphone), and click on the following link: https://bit.ly/3cgZmYR

We will be revising what we have studied so far in 1 John. We will also start on a new passage in 1 John 3:5-8. In this passage, John asserts Christ's redemption mission to take away sin as being contrary to the practice of sin. He then goes on to make a distinction between the two classes of humanity, one class comprising those characterised by their abiding relationship with Christ, and the other class comprising those characterised by the practice of sin as the ruling principle of their lives. John then states the divine provision for deliverance from sin. We encourage as many of you who are available to join us online to learn these important truths.

Class starts at 8pm SHARP.

By: Brother Jerry Koh Date: Tues, 12 May Time: 8pm







WAYS TO HELP DURING CIRCUIT BREAKER

(A) Migrant Workers Support (Target Amount: \$15,000)

(1) Telugu Brethren housed in Tuas dormitories - Provide supplementary items like personal hygiene products, soap, shampoo, tea and coffee for our Telugu brethren from the Telugu Christian Gospel Church (TCGC, led by Pastor Jacob) - Assistance to transport these items to the dormitories

(2) Touch International

- Provide food items to migrant workers housed in various sports halls

To volunteer for the befriending roles, meals provision and/or transporting of items, please email <u>shine@gospellight.sg</u> or call 9117 6000.

To give towards these causes, you can:

1) PayNow via QR Code



* State *Mercy Fund* in the UEN/Bill Reference No. section.

2) PayNow via our UEN: S88SS0082AGF1

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3) Internet Bank Transfer

General Fund Account Name: Gospel Light Christian Church Account No.: 033-021695-5 Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank * State **Mercy Fund** in the Remarks/Comments section.

We will not accept cash, cheques or ATM transfers for these causes.

Collection date: Revised to Fri 8 May - Sun 17 May as many Gospeliters responded and gave immediately to these causes. We will only be collecting funds from Gospeliters.

(Any funds received outside this period which states Mercy Fund will go toward causes supported by the Mercy Fund, which includes supporting members with financial difficulties)

(B) Safe Sound Sleeping Places or S3Ps

- Housing female Singaporeans (about 6) in our building at 39 Punggol Field Walk during this period

Providing meals on standby basis
Befriending/ supporting them

(C) Connecting with Seniors

- Befriending Senior Gospeliters and reaching out to them via phone calls to provide spiritual and emotional support

SERVICES AND PRAYER MEETINGS

English Service - Sunday 9am: https://bit.ly/33X72MN Chinese Service - Sunday 9am: https://bit.ly/3akSf0v Filipino Service - Sunday 2pm: https://bit.ly/3dABVen Telugu Service - Sunday 7pm: https://bit.ly/2xma2WL

Bahasa services will be suspended until further notice.

Youth services will be suspended until further notice. (Youths will gather in CG every Saturday. For more details contact Yu Fei @ 91285331)

Young Adults will be suspended until further notice. (For more details contact Luzerne @ 92701730)

Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm: <u>https://bit.ly/35HS8uy</u> Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am: <u>https://bit.ly/3drPHPn</u> Youth Prayer Meetings – Saturdays 3pm: <u>https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3</u>

CHURCH OFFERING UPDATES

With the suspension of church services, you may give your offerings electronically in the following ways: 1) PayNow

Under the UEN/Bill Reference No. section you can:

- State "NA" Offering will go towards General Fund
- State IFL or Missions To designate the offering

(a) Via "Scan and Pay"

• Scan the QR code below:



(b) PayNow UEN

You can also opt to key in the UEN: S88SS0082AGF1

2) Internet Banking

- Add payee as Gospel Light Christian Church
- Account Number: 033-021695-5
- Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank
- Under the Remarks section, you can leave it blank for the offering to go towards the General Fund or indicate IFL or Missions if you want to designate the offering.

3) Cheque

- Crossed cheque made payable to "Gospel Light Christian Church"
- On the reverse of the cheque, write **Gospel Light Christian Church** and the respective bank account numbers:
 - General Fund 033-021695-5
 - Missions Fund 001-042653-2
 - Punggol IFL Repayment 015-902803-8
- Deposit cheque at any POSB or DBS bank.