



HOPEFUL IN TRIALS

We are in an unprecedented period due to the COVID-19 pandemic. You may have lost a loved one and wished you could have done a little more for this person whom you cared about dearly. You could even be losing hope over a relationship that is in a precarious position. But there is a reason for the trials of this season.

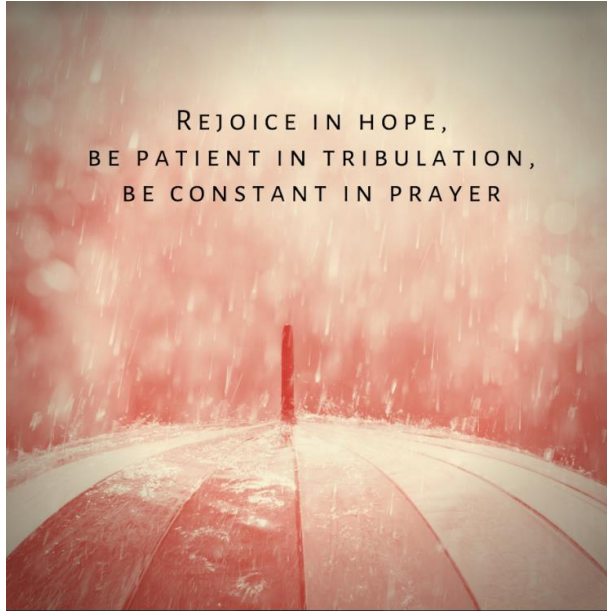
I remember the story of the butterfly as it moves through four stages: from egg, to larva, then pupa, before becoming a beautiful butterfly. At the third stage, the pupa needs to break through the hard shell of the cocoon. A small boy, seeing the pupa struggling through the cocoon, thought he would do the butterfly a favour by cutting the end of the cocoon with a pair of scissors. However, the pupa emerged, fell to the ground, and was unable to fly. The pupa needed to struggle through the hard cocoon to build strength for its wings, and emerge as a flying butterfly. Likewise, our trials are moments God uses to build strength and resilience for the larger part of our lives.

We are reminded in Romans 12:12: "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

As children of God, we can be joyful in hope, because our hope is in Christ, who is the basis of our rejoicing (1 Peter 1:6-9). In affliction, we are reminded to be patient. Most of all, we can come to our Heavenly Father who knows what we are going through. Thus, we should continue in prayer. Before we pray for God to deliver us from the trial, we should first ask God what lessons we can learn through the trials.

If you are in a seemingly hopeless situation, call your Care Group leader or a sister or brother who can pray for you. You were bought with a price, for an endless hope. If you would like to speak to someone, you can call our church helpline at 9117 6000.

Blessings,
Elder Eugene Cheng



GENERAL NOTICES

• THE BEAUTIFUL BOOK

The Beautiful book online series by Pastor Paul Choo will help you approach God's word with greater clarity and confidence. With his decades of experience in bible teaching and missionary work, Pastor Paul brings a unique perspective to unpacking God's word. Now with lessons covering all of the Old Testament, Gospels and Epistles. Start your adventure through the word of God today. Visit gospellight.sg > Resources > The Beautiful Book

• HELPING YOU WITH SIRS

In April, the government announced the enhanced SIRS plan (3 x \$3,000) to broaden support for Self-Employed-Persons (SEP) affected by COVID-19. If you are a freelancer, casual worker, service provider (from trainer or consultant to home based baker), you may qualify even if you have a salaried job that pays you \$2,300 per month or less. To help everyone understand the scheme better and how you can apply, we are holding a special briefing for Gospel Light members and their families. Please join us to learn about the scheme and how it may be able to help you through this difficult period.

Date : **Tue, 14 Jul**

Time: **8pm**

Click Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3iJQEpV>

Zoom ID: 894 9781 2698

Password: **ce**

• BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY: 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

Jesus is coming back! What will His coming be like? What about the sufferings, afflictions and persecutions we face daily? What about those who caused us all these pains? How is God just and righteous in all these circumstances? How then should we (re)order our lives in the light of Jesus coming back? Join us for a series of Bible Study sessions on 1 & 2 Thessalonians to learn more! We will be using the Precept New Inductive Study Series, "Standing Firm in These Last Days". Cost for study materials is **\$12.00**.

Commencement date: **Starting Mon, 3 Aug**

(Course Duration: 12 weeks)

(Please note there will be no class on 10 Aug due to Public Holiday)

Time: **7:30pm - 9:30pm**

Instructor: Brother Michael Lau

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

Register at gospellight.sg > Connect > Events

Registration deadline: 26 Jul

• MEET YOUR PASTOR!

Click Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3dMA1Xy>

Zoom ID: 893 9733 5138

Password: **Pastor**

• CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMME

God wants to guide us by making us wise! This is so that we don't need to make decisions that depend on extraordinary events, or hunting down elusive answers as we surrender our decisions to Him and align it with His word. In our new CEP Series: Blueprint "Finding's God will", you will find out how we can be the anxiety and regret-free decision-makers that God wants us to be.

Date: **Every Saturday**

Time: **8pm**

Series Name: Blueprint (Finding God's Will)

Speaker : Pastor Seethor Chee Keen

18 Jul: Key Steps

25 Jul: Case Study (Part 1)

Join us on [Facebook Live](https://www.facebook.com/gospellight)

CEP Q&A Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/2yAjeH>

Zoom ID: 827 5751 0829

Password: **CEP**

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY

We will be revising what we have studied so far in 1 John. We will also start on a new passage in 1 John 5:6-10. In dealing with the historical appearing of Jesus Christ, John calls attention to two historical events connected with His coming (v. 6a), indicates that the Spirit who bears witness is the truth (v. 6b), declares the perfect agreement of the witnesses to Christ (vv. 7-8), and insists upon the trustworthiness of the divine witness (v. 9). In verse 10, John sets forth the contrasted results of the human responses to the witness. 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, 14 Jul**

Time: **8pm**

Click Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3cgZmYR>

Zoom ID: 262 770 7942

Password: **GLCCEBS**

• HUSBANDS & WIVES FELLOWSHIP

The Family Life Ministry started the Husbands & Wives fellowship during the Circuit Breaker period to connect with and encourage couples in Gospel Light. Praise God that the series has ended and we will be moving on to serve families in other ways. Thanks to all who participated. We are extremely glad to have connected with you.

Meanwhile if you have any needs, please either contact your CG leaders or connect with us at 9025 7599 (Pastor Kay Hong)/ 9859 4684 (Sister May).

CLASSES AND TRAINING

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Registration ends this Sun, 12 Jul. Membership in Gospel Light is only for baptized believers of the Lord, and must be of age 16 and above. Attendance at both membership classes 1 & 2 is a prerequisite for membership application.

English

Date: **Sat, 1 & 8 Aug**

Time: 9am – 10am

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

Chinese

Date: **Sun, 16 & 23 Aug**

Time: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

Register at gospellight.sg > Connect > Events



WAYS TO HELP DURING THIS SEASON

To volunteer for class facilitating roles, befriending roles and/or transporting of items, please email shine@gospellight.sg or call 9117 6000.

(A) Migrant Workers Support

(1) Telugu Brethren housed in Tuas dormitories

- Assistance to transport these items to the dormitories

(2) Touch International

- Provide assistance to transport items to various sports halls

(3) Conversational English for Migrant Workers

- Assist in facilitating Zoom classes for the Migrant Workers Outreach.

(B) Connecting with Seniors

- Befriending Senior Gospelers 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 (19-25 y/o) – Sunday 2pm (Topic – *Philippians: What is Gospel Fellowship?* For more details contact Luzerne @ 92701730)

Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm: <https://bit.ly/35HS8uy>

(Zoom ID: 812 885 158) Password: Wednesday

Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am: <https://bit.ly/3drPHPn>

(Zoom ID: 858 855 0326) Password: Sunday

Youth Prayer Meetings – Saturdays 3pm: <https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3>

(Zoom ID: 659 128 5331) Password: Gospel

EVENTS FORECAST

July	August	September
Expository Bible Study	Expository Bible Study	Expository Bible Study
New Believers Class	Inductive Bible Study	Inductive Bible Study
Small Group Bible Studies	New Believers Class	New Believers Class
Christian Education Programme	Small Group Bible Studies	Seekers Class
	Membership Class	Marriage Prep Course
	Seekers Class	
	Christian Education Programme	
	Marriage Prep Course	

For details. Please refer to gospellight.sg > Connect > Events > 2020 Calendar

GIVING ONLINE

With the suspension of church services, you may give your offerings 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"

- Open up your bank app and select "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**
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.