



GROWING IN CONFLICT

It was reported by the Ministry of Social and Family Development that a 30 percent increase in enquiries relating to family and marital conflicts surfaced during the Covid 19 circuit breaker period. Anecdotally, the increased conflicts are also occurring in Christian homes. As followers of Christ, we need not see conflicts as bad. Here are some perspectives on conflicts to hopefully help you navigate them differently.

Conflicts are inevitable because we are fallen. The bible says that “all men have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23). Therefore, unless you live alone on an island, conflicts are an inevitable part of life. And more so in a marriage where two sinners come in constant and intimate contact with one another.

Conflicts are opportunities to grow. Rather than see conflicts as disappointments, we should see conflicts as opportunities for growth. The bible says, “Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another” (Pro. 27:17). We often use this verse to refer to a friend intellectually helping another friend. But when a piece of iron comes into contact with another, sparks fly! As Christians we must learn to see conflicts as opportunities to grow in our patience, gentleness and self-control.

Respect each other. Often in conflicts, we become upset. We can feel our blood pressure rising! Before long, the conflict descends into a shouting match. But conflicts and disagreements do not give us license to disrespect another person. Our hurt does not justify us hurting others. Shouting and anger tantrums are learned behaviour. But the Bible says, “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” (Pro. 15:1).

Model forgiveness, grace and humility. Grace is unmerited favour. It means to give something to someone who is undeserving. That is how Christians are saved! By grace. God gives us the free gift of eternal life even though we do not deserve it (Eph. 2:8). And what better way to model the love of Christ by extending grace, offering undeserved forgiveness, and showing humility in conflicts.

Pray, pray and pray! Last but not least, remember to pray, pray and pray (1 Thes. 5:17). Someone wisely said, “a family that prays together, stays together.” I have found this to be so true in my own life. Often during conflict we are so focused on winning that we forget that there are no winners in a family conflict; only people who grow through them and losers. Praying together as a family knit our hearts together. Pray for unity, humility and grace!

Conflicts are inevitable part of family life. The world sees conflicts as largely negative. But for followers of Christ, conflicts are opportunities to grow. And to model grace, forgiveness and humility of our Saviour.

Elder Jeffrey Pang

Are you facing struggles in your marriage or family? Our family life ministry would like to connect with you. (Call: 9117 6000 or email: shine@gospellight.sg)



• CHIT CHAT! (NEWCOMERS EVENT)

Are you new to Gospel Light? Did you discover us through a friend, our online services or social media? We'd love for you to get to know us better! Chit Chat is an informal social session on Zoom where you get to mingle with our Pastor, Elders and leaders. Ever wondered what kind of church we are and where are our roots? What does our mission and vision statement mean? Save the date and we look forward to a great time of chit chat!

Date: **17 Oct**
Time : **11:00am**
Meeting ID: 844 8742 8726
Password: **chitchat**

• CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Migrant Workers Outreach through Conversational English is looking for volunteers to serve as facilitators to help migrant workers build confidence in spoken English @ Workplace.

Classes will be conducted via zoom on **weekdays and Saturdays from 7:30pm – 9:00pm.** Those keen to explore please contact Sue @ 9776 1377 for more details.

• KNOWING DEPRESSION

The Biblical Counselling Ministry (BCM) will be conducting 4 talks from 18 Sept. Registration is not required. All are welcome to join.

9 Oct, Fri: 8pm – 9pm (Speaker: Theresa Bung)
Zounselling - What's this!!!!

16 Oct, Fri: 8pm – 9pm (Speaker: Irene Louis)
Coping during Challenging Times

Click Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/3aY5IC7>
Zoom ID: 852 5205 3451
Password: **talks**

Our Biblical Counselling Ministry provides counselling services to Individuals, Couples, Families and Children. Reach out to us at bcm@gospellight.sg

• CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMME

God has called us to advance the gospel for His glory. But many struggle with either a fear of rejection or fear of failure or simply don't know how to start a conversation about the gospel. In a new 4-part series, Pastor Jason will be equipping us to make us effective soul-winners.

Series Name: "How to Share the Good News!"
Speaker: Pastor Jason

Date: **Sat, 3 Oct**
Time: **8:00pm**
Topic: **Getting the Bible**

Join us on [Facebook Live](#)
CEP Q&A Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/2yAjeH>
Zoom ID: 827 5751 0829
Password: **CEP**

• GOSPEL LIGHT CATECHISM!

What kind of church is Gospel Light? Who are we really and what do we believe in? Although we have a statement of faith, it is too brief to communicate clearly our beliefs. The Pastors at Gospel Light have written this modern version of a catechism for the church: <https://bit.ly/3hXgw0v>

• MEET YOUR PASTOR!

Click Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/2SMYSH4>
Meeting ID: 836 428 872
Password: **Pastor**

• WEEKLY MEETINGS

Access the following weekly meetings at gospellight.sg > [visit](#) > [weekly-meetings](#)

1. Meet Your Pastor
2. Prayer Meetings (Wed & Sun)
3. Christian Education Programme Q&A Segment

CLASSES AND TRAINING

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

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.
*Registration ends today, **4 Oct**

English

Date: **Sat, 24 & 31 Oct**

Time: 11:00am – 12:00pm

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

Chinese

Date: **Sun, 25 Oct & 1 Nov**

Time: 11:15am – 12:15pm

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.



EXPOSITORY STUDY – 2 JOHN

At this lesson, we will go through what we have studied last week, 3 John 1-4, as well as cover a new passage in 3 John 5-8. The central message which John writes to convey relates to the Elder's concern for the furtherance of the gospel amid the circumstances in which Gaius found himself. In verses 5-8 he deals with the missionary obligation in relation to the life and activities of Gaius.

We encourage you to join us online to study God's Word. Newcomers are welcome.

By: Brother Jerry Koh

Date: Tues, **6 Oct**

Time: **8pm**

Click Zoom link:

<https://bit.ly/3cgZmYB>

Zoom ID: 262 770 7942

Password: **GLCCEBS**

WAYS TO HELP DURING THIS SEASON

To volunteer for the following roles, please email shine@gospellight.sg or call 9117 6000.

(A) Migrant Workers Support

(1) Facilitators for Conversational English

- Help migrant workers build confidence in spoken English @ Workplace.

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>

• **Youth Service- Saturday 4:30pm - 6:30pm:**

<https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3>

(Zoom ID: 659 128 5331) Password: Gospel

(For more details contact Yu Fei @ 91285331)

• **Bahasa services will be suspended until further notice.**

• **Young Adults (19-25 y/o) – Sunday 2pm**

Topic – Kings and Prophets (1 & 2 Kings) 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/3drPHPh>

(Zoom ID: 858 855 0326) Password: Sunday

• **Youth Prayer Meetings – Saturdays 3pm:**

<https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3>

(Zoom ID: 659 128 5331) Password: Gospel

If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg

EVENTS FORECAST

October	November	December
Expository Study 2 John Inductive Bible Study Small Group Bible Studies Membership Class BCM Talks Chit-chat Newcomers	Expository Study 2 John Inductive Bible Study Small Group Bible Studies Membership Class Church Anniversary	Christmas Outreach Christmas Service

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: **S885S0082AGF1**

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.