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Leading generations

INTO A LIFE-CHANGING
RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.





Dancing in the Rain

Article by Melanie Lim

Marie Kondo, the secular icon, offers a simple yardstick for life's clutter: "Does it spark joy?" If not, toss it. Imagine applying this to life's challenges. We'd probably be quick to discard our hardships!

As a cancer patient, this impulse resonates deeply. I've often longed to banish my unwelcome intruder. But Scripture offers a radically different prescription. James presents a view contrary to Kondo's worldly one. He says: "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds". (James 1:2).

Instead of pursuing comfort, James urges us to embrace trials.



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Understanding the Call to Joy

What is James teaching us about finding joy in the midst of trials?

- 1) Trials are inevitable. Notice that James says "when" we face trials, not "if." Hardships are not random storms—they are woven into the fabric of the Christian journey.
- 2) Joy isn't reserved for after the trial. James calls us to embrace joy when we first meet the trial, not when it's over.
- 3) This isn't toxic positivity. James isn't asking us to deny our pain. The Greek word for “count” (hegeomai) means "consider" or "lead". When emotions pull us to despair, we

must intentionally steer our thoughts toward joy.

4) It's "all" joy. James doesn't suggest that we just look for silver linings in the storm. He tells us to consider the entire trial as an opportunity for joy—a shower of blessing.

Unearthing the Cause for Joy

This call to joy seems paradoxical. James explains:

“...for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing... Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.” (James 1:3-4, 12)

Here, James gives us three profound reasons to find joy in trials:

1) Production of Steadfastness: Trials test us, strengthening our spiritual “muscles”, as we endure under pressure.

2) Process of Perfecting: As steadfastness is developed, it yields spiritual maturity. Like fire refines gold, trials purify our faith over time.

3) Promise of Life: Those who faithfully persevere through trials will receive the crown of everlasting life—a promise from God Himself.

Trials are not just proof of faith. James reveals that they serve a divine purpose—becoming a catalyst for our spiritual transformation.

Unlocking the Conviction of Joy

In a world obsessed with comfort and convenience, James offers a radical alternative: embrace life’s storms, as the very winds that carry us to His harbour of abiding faith and lasting joy.

This sharply contrasts with the prosperity gospel, which falsely promises health and wealth as the reward for faith. James makes it clear that trials are not signs of faith's failure, but rather, the very forge where faith is strengthened and refined. God uses trials as tools to lovingly shape us into His likeness, building a resilience far more precious than comfort could ever yield.

True joy isn't tied to our circumstances, but to a deeper conviction—trusting in our Father's perfect design, even when His chisel feels sharp.

These truths bring new meaning to my cancer journey. Rather than fixating on wishing the storm away, James has taught me to dance in the rain. Each treatment, every uncertainty, is an opportunity to trust God, build endurance, and take a step closer to the completeness James promises to those who persevere.

My steps aren't always steady – I stumble and falter – but it's a dance nonetheless. A dance of perseverance, hope, and joy – not

because the storm has passed, but because I trust in the purposes of He who calms my heart and anchors my soul.

Melanie leads a woman's life on life missional discipleship group. She also serves as part of the Women's Ministry core team.



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

YEAR-END LOVE GIFT

We are collecting our year-end love gift for overseas mission workers and local workers via our General Fund account.

Collection Start Date: **Sun, 20 Oct 2024**

Collection End Date: **Sun, 3 Nov 2024**

** Love gifts received after 3 Nov 2024 will go towards the general offering.*

You may give in the following ways:

i) Internet banking - PayNow and internet bank transfer. Indicate **"Love Gift"** or **"LG"** at the bill reference section.

ii) Cheque - Indicate **"Love Gift"** or **"LG"** on the reverse of the cheque.

iii) Offering boxes - Enclose your offering in a sealed envelope and indicate **"Love Gift"** or **"LG"** on the envelope.

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If you would like to specify the recipient of the love gift, please indicate as follows:

- 1) Indicate **"LG overseas"** for overseas mission workers
- 2) Indicate **"LG local"** for local workers

YOUTH WHATSAPP CHANNEL

You can now stay updated with all announcements, activities and latest events on our newly launched Youth WhatsApp Channel!

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

JOB RECRUITMENT

TECHNICIAN

Are you good with your hands and have training in electrical engineering? If so, join us to look after the house of God.

For more details about the above job position, please visit our website at [Careers](#) or [Email](#) Benita Teo.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

VOLUNTEER TO BLESS OUR MIGRANT WORKER COMMUNITY!

Volunteer for our Migrant Worker health screening at Westlite Woodlands. We need a team of 6 doctors; 8 to 10 nurses plus 25 non-medical volunteers. A volunteer briefing via zoom will be conducted on Thu, 24 Oct at 8.30pm.

Date: Thu, 31 Oct

Time: 4.00pm – 8.00pm

Venue: Westlite Woodlands

The team will rally in church (39 Punggol Field Walk) at 2.00pm. Set up time at Westlite is 3.00pm.

[Register](#) as a volunteer today!

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

BULLETPROOF MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Who should attend? Pre-Marriage prep and married couples who want to work on their marriage. We would like to emphasize that it is a 4 session commitment and a subsequent 1:1 journey of several months with an assigned marriage mentor couple. **Registration is limited to 10 couples (first come first serve).**

Workshop format:

1 onsite session (7 Nov, 7.30pm - 9.15pm at GLCC, L2 Gospel Auditorium)

3 online sessions via Zoom (14,21,28 Nov, 8.30pm - 10.00pm)

*Subsequent workshops will be conducted in March 2025

Duration: 4 sessions

[Register](#) today!

Registration closes Mon, 14 Oct.

For more enquiries, contact Ken at 9783 0984 or Caroline at 9616 8403.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

SILVERJOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. SilverJoy isn't just a place for seniors to gather, it's a spiritual community of friendship and support. Invite your pre-believing friends, neighbours or family members.

Date: 1st & 3rd Wed of the month

Time: 9.45am – 12.30pm

Venue: Connections Corner (L1)

Upcoming events coming your way. Join us!

Contact 9753 7964 for enquiries.

Date	Programme
16 Oct	Photo Frame Decoration *call 9753 7964 to register

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

We will take a break and class will resume Tue, 29 Oct . The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 29 Oct

Time: 8.00pm

Join [Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761

Prayer Meetings



**“We do not make requests of you
because we are righteous, but
because of your great mercy.”
Daniel 9:18**



**Wednesday
8PM | HALL 3
ATTIC LEVEL**



**Sunday
7.45AM | CRY ROOM
SHINE AUDITORIUM
LEVEL 4**



**Prayer List
[EMAIL](#) US TO RECIEVE
OUR WEEKLY PRAYER
LIST**



WORSHIP SERVICES

English @Shine Auditorium (L4)

Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm

[Watch](#) our livestream service at 10.15am only

Chinese @Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am

[Watch](#) our livestream service at 10.15am only

Filipino @Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Sunday at 2.00pm

[Watch](#) our livestream service at 2.00pm

Youth @Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Saturday at 4.30pm

Subscribe to our announcement channel on

[WhatsApp](#) or [Telegram](#).



WORSHIP SERVICES

Varsity @Light 1 and Light 2 (L3)

Sunday at 2.30pm *no service on 5th week

[Subscribe](#) to Varsity announcement channel

Bahasa @Reception Room (L1)

Every alternate Sunday 10.30am

For more info, please contact

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Telugu @Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Sunday at 5.00pm and 7.30pm

[Watch](#) our livestream service at 5.30pm



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

PLAYGROUP

(12 - 35 months)

@ Hall 3 (Attic)

Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am

PRESCHOOL

(35 months - 6 years)

@ Eshkol Valley Premises (Attic)

Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am

PRIMARY

(Primary 1 - 6)

@ Light Auditorium (L3)

Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am

Join our [Whatsapp community](#)
for regular updates

[Contact us](#) if you're interested to explore
serving in Children's Ministry!

Giving Online

FULL GIVING DETAILS [HERE](#)



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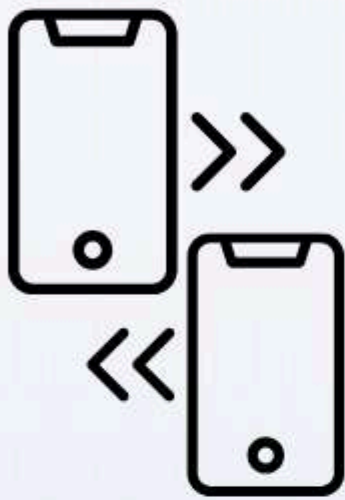
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**Scan
With
Your
Bank
App**

All offerings will be directed to the “General” fund. State “Missions” in the UEN/Bill Reference No. section if you wish to designate the offering to our mission work.

Giving Online



**> Internet Banking Transfer
DBS Bank
033-021695-5**



**> Cheque
Make Payable to:
“Gospel Light Christian Church”
Write “Offerings” behind.**

For internet banking transfer,
indicate “General” or “Mission” to
designate where the offering goes to

For cheques, you can further
indicate on the reverse: “General
Fund” 033-021695-5 or “Missions
Fund” 001-042653-2.

Cheques can be deposited at any
POSB or DBS bank into the church’s
accounts.