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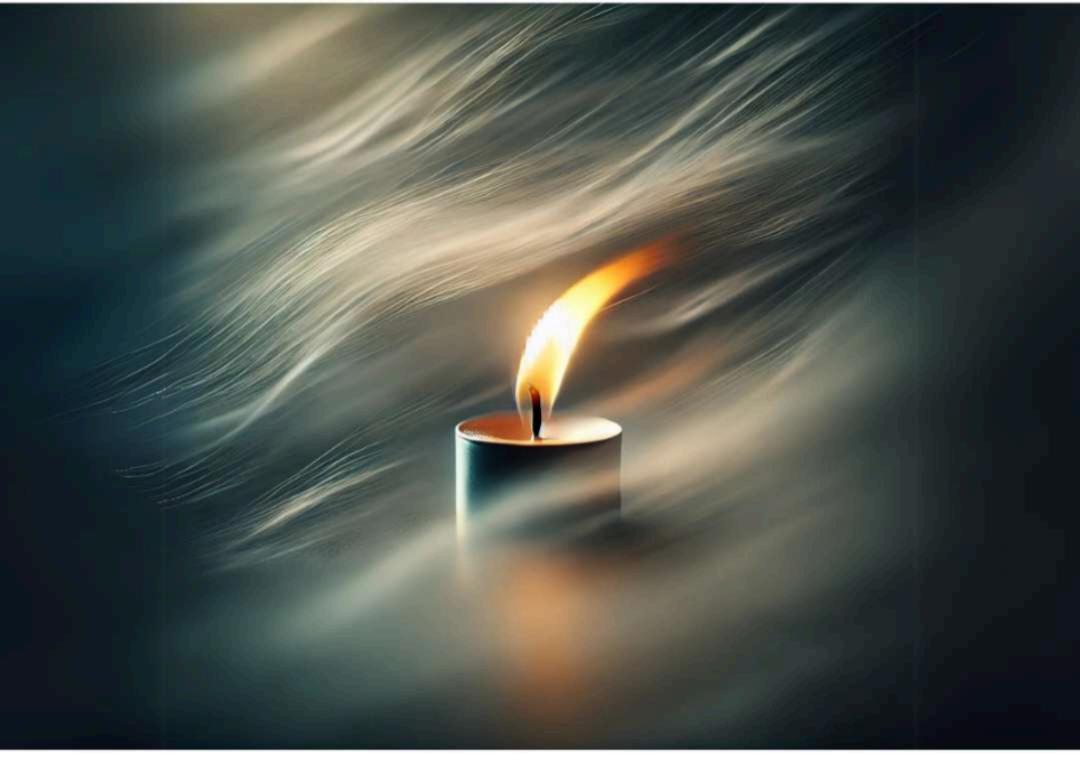
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### Caging generations INTO A LIFE-CHANGING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST.

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### The Deceit of Willpower

Article by Randy Pope, Founding & Lead Teaching Pastor Perimeter Church

*The following article is adapted from a sermon preached by Pastor Randy Pope at* 

#### Gospel Light.

The Bible tells us there are two kinds of people: the natural and the spiritual. The natural who have not yet come to know Christ, live under the rule of one nature—a sin nature passed down from Adam. But if you have accepted Christ, you possess the spiritual nature. Believers therefore possess two natures: the old sin nature and the new, glorious nature found in Jesus, the second Adam.

While the natural person remains bound to sin, a follower of Christ, has been given access to the transforming power of God. Yet, why is it that so many of us still struggle, feeling as if we are bound by the very chains Christ came to break?

#### Two Certainties About Spiritual People

Let me remind you of this truth: as believers, you are sealed with the Holy Spirit, as Ephesians 1:13 declares. Not only that, but you are also capable of being filled with the Spirit, as written in Ephesians 5:18. But here is where many of us falter. We strive, we fight, and we exhaust ourselves using only our own willpower. And when we inevitably stumble, we wonder why our joy, peace, and love seem so fleeting. The reason is simple, yet profound: we often rely on our own strength. But let me tell you today, relying on willpower alone is not enough to overcome the sin and trials we face. "The power to overcome comes not from within us but from the Spirit of God who lives in us."

#### The Deceit of Willpower

I urge you to see this clearly—willpower will fail you. We may muster all the strength we have, resolve with all the determination we can find, and still come up short. Why? Because we are not meant to rely solely on ourselves. The power to overcome comes not from within us but from the Spirit of God who lives in us.

The Bible teaches us to approach this through three vital steps: "know," "consider," and "present." First, know what God has done for you. Know that through Christ, you have died to sin and have been raised to new life (Romans 6:6-11). Second, consider this truth every day. Reflect on it, believe it, and make it part of your thinking. And finally, present yourselves to God—fully surrendered and ready to be used as instruments of righteousness.

#### Appropriating the Power of God's Spirit

We must come to a place where we stop fighting in our own strength and start living in the power of the Holy Spirit. Let me share a story about my daughter, Rachel. She battled deep depression, and no amount of willpower could lift her out of it. It was only when she repented and embraced God's truth that she found freedom. And my son, David—oh, how he thought he knew Christ until he realized he was living a lie. When he surrendered and truly committed himself to God, his life changed forever.

#### A Call to Action

Will you continue relying on your strength, or will you surrender to God? Will you choose today to know, consider, and present yourself daily to the Lord? Will you resolve to know who you we are in Christ, to present yourself daily as an instrument of righteousness, and to invite the Holy Spirit to work in you in ways you cannot imagine? This is where true victory lies, not in the deceit of willpower, but in the life-changing power of God's Spirit.



### PARENTING WORKSHOP: THE FIRST 7 YEARS

Parents of children aged 0–6, this workshop is for you! "It takes a village to raise a child"—and that includes nurturing their spiritual growth. Why do some children embrace the Gospel while others stray? Studies show early environments shape a child's character and faith.

Join us for a practical, hands-on session by the Family Life and Children's Ministries to explore how parents can build a strong spiritual foundation for their kids.

Date: Sat, 1 Mar
Time: 10.00 am – 12.00pm
Venue: L3, Light Auditorium
Children welcomed. Lunch will be provided.
Click <u>here</u> to register.
Registration closes Sun, 23 Feb.
For enquiries, WhatsApp Edwin at 9234 8139.

Invest in your child's spiritual future!

### CHURCH COMMITTEE & SUB-COMMITTEES

In preparation ahead of the church ACM (29 March 2025), it is now the time to begin our nomination process for potential Church Committee leaders for 2025.

We are looking for **godly**, faithful and qualified candidates with the following professional experience:

a. Finance (Accountancy / Treasury)
b. Governance (Risk Management / Audit / Compliance)

c. Human Resources (HR Operations / Talent Management / Learning & Development)
d. Building and Security (Building Operations and Maintenance/ Mechanical and Electrical/ Fire Safety/ IT/ Logistics)

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- e. IT (Infrastructure/ Cybersecurity/ Governance)
- f. Land Lease Renewal (Property Valuation)
- g. Internal Auditors (Internal Control/ Accountancy/ Regulatory Knowledge)
- Click <u>here</u> for more details on the requirements to serve.

Gospeliters may submit their own names or recommended names to <u>shine@gospellight.sg</u> by 9 Feb 2025 and state the position that the individual is recommended for.

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING (ACM) Our Annual Congregation Meeting will take place on Date: Sat, 29 Mar Venue: L4, Shine Auditorium Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm, with breakfast from 9.00am onwards at L1 foyer \*For Members and Associate Members only.

### **NEW CHILDREN'S SERVICE LAUNCHING** 9 FEB 2025

We're excited to announce a **third children's service** for kids aged 36 months to 12 years (preschool and primary), supporting families attending the afternoon English service.

Time: 12.00pm – 1.15pm (Check-in counters open at 11.45am)
Venue: Attic Level, Eshkol Valley

Seats are limited and allocated on a firstcome, first-served basis.

With this expansion, we need more volunteers to minister to these precious young hearts. If you feel led to serve, register today!

Let's nurture the next generation in Christ together!

#### BAPTISM

Those who have believed in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour are encouraged to be baptized. Attendance at Baptism Class is a prerequisite. Submission of written testimonies with completed application forms is a must. Classes are conducted on-site. Register and download application forms <u>here</u>. Registration closes Sun, 23 Feb.

Baptism Class (English) Date: Sun, 6 Apr Time: 1.30pm – 2.30pm

### Venue: L2, Hall 2

Baptism Class (Chinese) Date: Sun, 6 Apr Time: 12.00pm – 1.00pm Venue: L2, Hall 2

Baptism Date: Sun, 18 May Time: 1.00pm Venue: L4, Shine Auditorium

#### **CHURCH CAMP 2025**

Come spend time with the family of God from 10 - 14 June 2025.

Click on the respective camp FAQ :
English / Chinese.

Click here to register.
Normal registration 1 Feb to 28 Feb 2025

The Church Camp booth will no longer be available on Sundays.

For assistance with registration or inquiries, please: Image: Markowski Strate Stra

#### **Call us at 9639 6874**

CHURCH CAMP SUBSIDY If you feel led to be a blessing and subsidise brethren who are not able to afford camp fees, please write to benita.teo@gospellight.sg.

#### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### **COFFEE CONNECTS CLOSURE**

Please be informed that Coffee Connects will be closed on 2 Feb and 9 Feb for CNY. Here's wishing you 新年蒙福,主恩满溢,喜樂平安.

#### **KITCHEN CLOSURE**

Please be informed that the Kitchen will be closed on 2 Feb and 9 Feb for CNY.

### **CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH (PHONICS)**

- Short and long vowels
- Duration: 10 lessons

Date: 7 Mar - 16 May (Fridays)
Time: 2.00pm – 3.00pm (lessons);
3.00pm – 3.30pm (refreshments cum more speaking practice)
Venue: Attic Level, Hall 3

Material fee: \$5

Please contact Sue @ 9776 1377 to register and for more details. Registration closes Sun, 23 Feb.

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### **FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH CLASS**

Foundations of Faith (previously known as New Believers) class. A strong foundation is crucial for any building or structure. The same goes for our spiritual life. However, not many of us have the privilege of receiving proper grounding in the faith.

The Foundations of Faith class aims to ground you in the essentials of the faith as well as inculcate the spiritual disciplines of bible reading, prayer and devotional time with God so that you will be rooted and built up in the faith.

This class is open to new believers as well as those who need grounding in the faith.

Sundays - Commencement date: Sun, 16 Feb 2025

Course duration: 13 weeks Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm Venue: Attic Level, Eshkol Valley rooms

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Thursdays - Commencement date: Thu, 20 Feb 2025

Homemakers \*for ladies only

Course duration: 13 weeks

**\_**Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

Classes will be conducted via Zoom.

Click <u>here</u> to register.
Registration deadline: Sun, 2 Feb.



#### **SEEKERS CLASS**

Are you seeking for peace and direction in life? Does God exist and does He really care about me? Is Christianity just another religion? How can Jesus help me?

Perhaps these are some of the questions that have been bugging you. Why not enrol in the Seekers class and find answers to these and other questions concerning Christianity?

**Commencement date: Sun, 16 Feb 2025 C**Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

### Course duration: 6 Sundays Venue: Attic Level, Eshkol Valley rooms

### Click <u>here</u> to register Registration deadline: Sun, 2 Feb.

### **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 (6 Mar, 7.30pm - 9.15pm at GLCC, L2 Gospel Auditorium) 3 online sessions via Zoom (13,20,27 Mar,

8.30pm - 10.00pm) \*Subsequent workshops will be conducted in July 2025 Time: 8:30pm – 10:00pm Duration: 4 sessions

To register, click <u>here</u>.
Registration closes Mon, 10 Feb.

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

### PING PONG MINISTRY

Invite friends, neighbours, colleagues or family members who love playing ping pong to join us! The team led by Cyril Ong will be hosting sessions during the following day and time:

Mon and Thu: 7.30pm - 10.00pm
 Sat: 10.00am - 12.30pm
 Venue: L3, Foyer

To find out more, please contact: Cyril Ong - 9005 3446 Eddie Anwar - 9487 7808



### **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: L1, Connections Corner
 Upcoming events coming your way.

#### Register to join us!

Date	Programme
5 Feb	Chinese New Year Lunch Gathering - 农历新年午餐 *Fully booked.
19 Feb	I can do it (Health Promotion Talk)

#### Contact 9753 7964 for enquiries.

### **RUMMIKUB CLUB**

Silver Joy will be playing Rummikub in Feb. Invite your friends, neighbours, family members who are Rummikub fans to join Sister Linn and Sister Vivienne. Great opportunity to introduce the game to those who are new as it is great way to connect. Join the team to build bridges for Gospel opportunities as He leads.

Commencement date: 11 Feb 2025 Date: 2nd & 4th Wed of the month (except public holiday)

### Time: 9.00am – 12.00pm Venue: L1, Connections Corner

Contact 9753 7964 for enquiries.

### EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

This Tue, 4 Feb, we will go through John 17:1-26 (the High Priestly Prayer) again. We will also study John 18:1-11 to learn about the betrayal and arrest of Jesus. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 4 Feb 2025
Time: 8.00pm
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

#### Passcode: 211761



"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16



Wednesday 8PM | HALL 3 (ATTIC LEVEL)



Sunday 7.45AM | CRY ROOM SHINE AUDITORIUM LEVEL 4



Prayer List we can only move forward as a church by prayer. <u>Subscribe</u> to our weekly prayer list



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### WORSHIP SERVICES

English @Shine Auditorium (L4) Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm <u>Watch</u> our livestream service at 10.15am only

Chinese @Gospel Auditorium (L2) Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am <u>Watch</u> our livestream service at 10.15am only

Filipino @Gospel Auditorium (L2) Sunday at 2.00pm <u>Watch</u> our livestream service at 2.00pm

Youth @Gospel Auditorium (L2) Saturday at 4.30pm Subscribe to our announcement channel on <u>WhatsApp</u> or <u>Telegram</u>.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

Varsity @Light 1 and Light 2 (L3) Sunday at 2.30pm \*no service on 5th week of the month Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel

> Bahasa @Reception Room (L1) Every alternate Sunday 10.30am For more info, please contact 9117 6000 / 96285061

**Telugu** @Gospel Auditorium (L2) Sunday at 5.00pm and 7.30pm <u>Watch</u> our livestream service at 5.30pm

### CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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#### **PLAYGROUP**

(12 - 35 months) @ Hall 3 (Attic) Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am

#### PRESCHOOL

(36 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 <u>Whatsapp community</u> for regular updates

<u>Contact us</u> if you're interested to explore serving in Children's Ministry!



### FULL GIVING DETAILS <u>HERE</u>



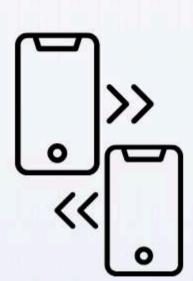
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> Internet Banking Transfer DBS Bank 033-021695-5

> Cheque Make Payable to: "Gospel Light Christian Church" Write "<u>Offerings</u>" 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.