

Heaven Is Worth It: Lessons From The Life of Adoniram Judson

It takes a certain kind of man to choose the narrow path away from wealth, comfort, and reputation and sail into missionary obscurity —only to see six years pass with no converts.

Adoniram Judson (1788 – 1850), America's first overseas missionary, dared to dream big for the kingdom of God. In a day when missionary work was unchartered territory for many, Judson set his heart on reaching the people of Burma (modern-day Myanmar) with the gospel. But what he did not expect were the dark days ahead. No immediate

fruit awaited him, but unimaginable suffering.

The Call and the Cost

Before boarding the ship to Burma, Judson famously wrote a letter asking for Ann Hasseltine's hand in marriage. But it wasn't romantic in the way most would expect. He warned her father of the dangers she would face—poverty, loneliness, disease, perhaps even death. He wrote with clarity: "Can you consent to her exposure to the dangers of the ocean... to every kind of want and distress... to degradation, insult, persecution, and perhaps a violent death?"

By God's providence, Ann and her father said yes. And together, Adoniram and Ann sailed for a land they had never seen, to proclaim a salvation the land of Burma needed to hear.

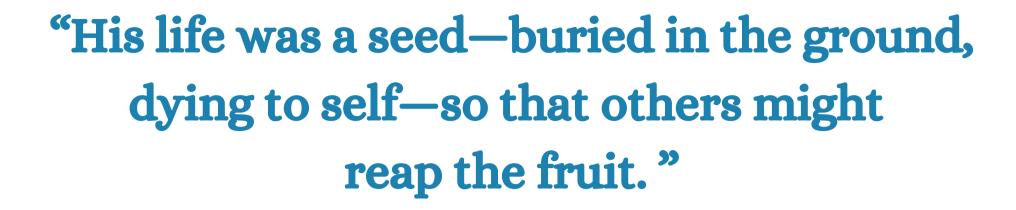
They dreamed of souls won to Christ, churches planted, and Scripture in Burmese hands. But dreams, in God's sovereignty, are often shaped by the fires of trials.

The Depth of Suffering

In Burma, Judson labored for six long years before finally seeing a single person come to Christ. The mission was slow, the ground hard, and the conditions harsh. He buried several children. Then, Ann died. Later, his second wife would also die. He was imprisoned in filthy conditions, surviving brutal beatings and near-starvation. At one point, overwhelmed by grief, he dug a grave and sat beside it for days—grieving, praying, and wondering whether his work was in vain.

Yet he did not give up.

With limited resources, health in deterioration he translated the entire Bible into Burmese—a translation still in use today. He also compiled a Burmese-English dictionary. And most of all, he kept preaching, kept loving, kept serving. Because Adoniram Judson believed that the unsurpassable joys of heaven was worth it.



The Legacy That Remains

When Judson finally passed, a handful of believers had grown into thousands. The church in Burma began to multiply. Today, millions of Burmese Christians trace their spiritual roots to his labor and ministry. His life was a seed—buried in the ground, dying to self—so that others might reap the fruit. Judson once said, "The future is as bright as the promises of God." He never saw the fullness of the fruit in his lifetime. But eternity will tell of the countless lives changed because he believed, endured, and obeyed.

The Call to Us Today

We may not be called to Burma. But we are called to live for something far greater than comfort.

The gospel invites us into a certain kind of life that lifts our eyes beyond temporary pleasures and toward eternal joy. Not all of us will cross the seas with the gospel—but all of us are called to cross the street with gospel. To love, to give, to serve, and be surrendered to God's purposes, willing to be spent for His glory.

So let's dream big, suffer well, and press on—not for applause, but for the glory of our King and the imperishable rewards and joys that await us.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY QUARTERLY EVENT

Ladies, You're Invited! 🗱 🦮

Join us for an enriching morning as we explore how we can discover the joy of using our gifts to serve the body of Christ.

Topic: Saved to Serve!

Date: Sat, 2 August

Time: 10.00am - 1.30pm (inclusive of

lunch)

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

Don't miss this time to fellowship and learn with other sisters-in-Christ!

Register <u>here</u>. Registration closes on 18 July 2025 or when registration is full, whichever is earlier.

For more details, contact women@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 onsite 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: Sun, 20 Jul

ATime: 11.45am - 1.15pm

Venue: Gospel Auditorium (L2)

Lunch is provided.

Connect with us − <u>Register</u> now! Registration closes on Sun, 13 Jul.

If you want to find out more, email Sue.

LOVE IN ACTION: COFFEE CONNECTS FOR GOFEED

Following Pastor Paul's sharing on the GoFeed Programme in the Philippines, **Coffee Connects** will be raising funds to support children in need.

This week, all proceeds will go directly to GoFeed — just \$10 feeds one child for a month!

Want to give more? A donation box will be available for additional contributions.

Let's sip with purpose and give with love—one child, one meal, one cup at a time.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CLOSURE

Children's Ministry will not be operating on Sunday, 29 June. We encourage parents to bring along your children to the main English or Chinese worship services. Streaming of the English services will continue at Hall 3 (Attic level) and L1 Foyer.

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:

171 onsite session (7 Aug, 7.30pm - 9.15pm at Gospel Auditorium (L2)

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

*Subsequent workshops will be conducted in Mar 2026

©Time: 8:30pm - 10:00pm

Duration: 4 sessions

To register, click <u>here</u>.

Registration closes Sun, 6 Jul.

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

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Conversational English focusing on Speaking Practice.

Dates: 18 Jul - 29 Aug (7 weekly sessions)

Time: 2.00pm - 3.00pm (lessons),

3.00pm - 3.30pm (refreshments)

Venue: Light 2 Auditorium (L3)

Please contact Sue @ 9776 1377 to register and for more details. Registration closes Sun, 13 Jul.

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, 6 Jul 2025

Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Course duration: 6 Sundays

Yenue: Attic Level, Eshkol Valley rooms

Click <u>here</u> to register

Registration closes Sun, 29 Jun.

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH 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, 6 Jul 2025

Course duration: 13 weeks

Time: 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Yenue: Attic Level, Eshkol Valley rooms

Click <u>here</u> to register.

Registration closes Sun, 29 Jun 2025

TIMOTHY & TITUS: BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY (BIBS)

Beginning Inductive Bible Study (BIBS) is an online platform where we study Paul's letters to Titus and Timothy using an inductive method. Examining what the Bible says, understanding its meaning, and applying it to life. Each week includes one to two hours of personal study and two hours of online discussion, with morning or evening sessions available. Our goal is to know God more intimately and follow Jesus faithfully through the Spirit's power.

77 Date: 18 July - 28 November 2025

(1) Monday evenings: 7.30pm - 9.30pm or

Friday mornings: 9.30am - 11.30am

Discussion Leader: Brother Michael Lau

Precept study guide NISS (\$15) is optional.

Enrol today!

Registration closes Sun, 29 Jun.

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. Classes will be conducted on-site. Register here. Registration closes on Sun, 29 Jun.

English

Date: Sun, 27 Jul & 3 Aug

△Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Chinese

Date: Sun, Sun, 27 Jul & 3 Aug

____Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

SILVER JOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. Silver Joy 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: Weds, excluding the 5th Wed of the month

Time: Refer to the table below

Yenue: Gospel Light Christian Church Upcoming events coming your way.

Date	Programme
02 Jul	Know and Deal with False E-Information and Inappropriate Content (Talk)
09 Jul	Rummikub Game (9.00am - 12.00pm)

Contact 9753 7964 for registration / enquiries.

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF LUKE

Join us as we begin our study of the Gospel of Luke on Tue, 1 Jul. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 1 Jul

ATime: 8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761

Prayer Meetings

"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.
SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEEKLY
PRAYER LIST



Bereavement
WE MOURN WITH MEMBERS
WHO'VE LOST LOVED ONES.
(ROM. 12:15) STAY UPDATED
ON CHURCH BEREAVEMENT
NOTICES.



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.



No Varsity service for the month of June

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 @Hall 1 (L2)
Every alternate Sunday 10.30am
For more info, please contact
9117 6000 / 9628 5061

Telugu @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Sunday at 5.00pm and 7.30pm

<u>Watch</u> our livestream service at 5.30pm



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, 10.15am and 12.00pm

PRIMARY

(Primary 1 - 6)

@ Light Auditorium (L3)

Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm*

*12.00pm service held at Eshkol Valley Premises (Attic)

Join our Whatsapp community
for regular updates

Contact us if you're interested to explore serving in Children's Ministry!



FULL GIVING DETAILS HERE



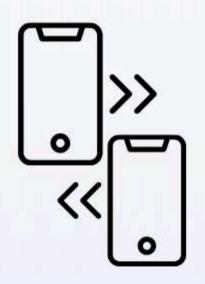
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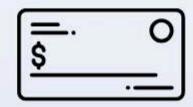
Scan With Your Bank App

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.