

ASCEND

to intimacy

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A scenic landscape featuring a dirt road that curves through a valley. The road is flanked by trees, some with autumn-colored leaves. In the background, there are rolling hills and mountains under a hazy, golden sky, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

PHILIPPIANS 3:14

PSALM 24:3-4

I press toward the
goal for the prize of
the upward call of
God in Christ Jesus.

Who may ascend into the
hill of the Lord? Or who may
stand in His holy place? He
who has clean hands and
a pure heart, Who has not
lifted up his soul.

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COME UP HIGHER

Congratulations to you, the graduating students of Batch 18, School of Ministry, Autumn Term 2024.

I know the past 3 months have had many defining moments for many of you and as you graduate, I encourage you to keep pressing upward, onward, and toward the goal of the high call of God in Christ Jesus.

You have chosen for your graduation the theme, "Ascend to Intimacy".



In Philippians 3:7-8, Paul says, "But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain (KJV says 'WIN') Christ..."

Paul wrote this epistle incarcerated in a dark, smelly, and moldy Roman prison, bleeding and in chains, awaiting judgment. This was about 6 years before his own death. He had by now written most of the other epistles of the bible.

He had planted all the New Testament churches we read about in scripture. He had been severely persecuted for Christ's sake, beaten with rods, stoned, and left to die, whipped 39 times, not once, not twice, but thrice. He probably suffered more than any other person in the New Testament except for our Lord Himself. He had been taken up to the 3rd heaven and saw the beauty and glory of the coming kingdom. He had received the greatest revelations and truths we read about in the Scripture. And yet at this point in his life, he cries out "That I may win Christ!"

Paul, what's going on here? What are you talking about? What do you mean, that I may WIN Christ? How do we win Christ? Why would Paul feel the need to win Christ at this stage in his life? Hasn't he proven his total dedication and love for Jesus?

Then further down in verses 10-11, Paul cries out – “That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

What are you talking about Paul? What do you mean, “You want to know Him?” Don't you already know Him?

Here's a question – how many of you have ever been in love before? But the person you are in love with hasn't realized it yet. And so, you embark on this ambitious plan to “WIN” her love. You buy her flowers. You buy her chocolates. You buy her gifts. You take her out for a nice meal. Why? What are you trying to accomplish? You are attempting to “win” her love. You are trying to “woo” her. And I think this is probably the most exciting part of a relationship. You lose your appetite. You lose your sleep. You are in a daze. You toss and turn in bed because you are so “smitten.” You forget about everything else because the only thing you are concerned about is, “How do I win her love?” You are in love and



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nothing else matters. And I think Paul came to a point in his life where the only thing he was concerned was: “Gosh, how do I win Christ? How do I win His love?” Paul's entire life at this point, his ministry, his life, his very purpose for living was distilled and focused on one thing and one thing only – to WIN his Master's approval and love.

All else was meaningless to him. He said: “I count all things loss, and I count them as rubbish.” The KJV says “dung.”

Verse 13 Paul says: “Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended.” In other words, “I've not arrived yet.” Wow, if Paul hadn't attained the goal, where does that leave us? Then he says “But one thing I do...”

That's exactly what Jesus said to Martha about Mary. He said, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about MANY things.” Then Jesus goes on to say “ONE thing is needed...” If you can distill the Christian life to one thing, this is it – “How can I please my Master?” One thing. Just one thing. You stick to that and everything will pan out just fine. What was the One thing? “Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.” Could it be that the problem with most of us today is we are trying to juggle so many balls at one time and all God requires of you is just ONE thing.

What is it that will eventually win Christ? It is not how many sermons we preach. It is not how much we give. It is not how many meetings we attend. It's not about works. It is our total dedication in pursuing Him. It is the inner beauty of the spirit that attracts Christ to us. That is what wins Christ.

In the Songs of Solomon, Solomon describes 3 stages of relationship with the Lord. And since the Shulamite is the focus of his attraction, I will use the feminine pronoun.

01 Songs of Solomon 2:16
 “My beloved is mine and I am His.” This verse is a description of the early stages in the development of our relationship with Christ. And in this stage, the believer is possessive. The believer is inward-looking, and she sees Christ as someone who belongs to her. She sees the relationship as something she can gain from. And we have all been there. We have all used our friend, our master, to further our own agendas. But as she matures, she comes to the next level.

02 Songs of Solomon 6:3
 “I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine.” In the 2nd stage of our walk with Christ, the believer begins to realize that it is not Christ that belongs to her, but that she really belongs to Him. The order is now reversed. My beloved is now no longer mine. I am His. There is a maturing of our relationship with Him, and we begin to understand what really matters in life. But there’s still a degree of selfishness and possessiveness. Then she comes to the final stage of her relationship with Christ.

03 Songs of Solomon 7:10 “I am my beloved’s, and His desire is toward me.” At this stage in the relationship, she has become so selfless, so dead to this world, so pure and delightful that she has now become the object of His Desire. Now He is pursuing us.

It is not what we do that attracts Him to us. It is the inner beauty of the spirit; it is how we have allowed Him to change us. These are the things that attract Christ to us. It is the poise of our souls. At this stage, she loses all her



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possessiveness and understands that she belongs totally to God. Instead of “He is mine,” now it is “I am His.” And if you read Song of Solomon 7, you will discover certain things that have been developed in the life of the believer that makes the believer beautiful inwardly – purity, righteousness, meekness, and joy. It is the thought of allowing Him to beautify us with His glory. Staying in those difficult situations in our lives is crucial until His divine work has been accomplished in our hearts. That’s what the Shulamite did. She allowed Him to do whatever He desired in her life until the old nature is purged, and His new nature is formed in us. This is what pleases Him.



and it's the word "Oida" and what Oida means is "to understand through observation". So we have 2 words for "To Know" – Ginosko & Oida. Ginosko is relational and Oida is just knowledge. And whenever we are exhorted in the NT to "know" the Lord, the word used is "Ginosko" and that is important because our relationship with Him must be experienced, not just observing from afar.

This story was told by Philip Yancey when he first visited the Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park. The Old Faithful is a geyser that has an intermittent discharge of water that is ejected forcibly because of pressure, and it is a famous landmark. He saw hordes of tourists surrounding the geyser with their cameras all pointed at the famous hole in the ground. A large, digital clock stood beside the spot, predicting 24 minutes until the next eruption. Philip was with his wife

If I were to ask you to define the phrase "eternal life," how would you answer that question? For some people, eternal life means everlasting; it is to live forever. But that's not what eternal life is, because people in hell will live forever too, but in a debased state and in torment. For some people, eternal life is making it to heaven. There's some truth in that but eternal life is more than just escaping hell. If that's how we think, then our definition falls short. This is how Jesus defines eternal life – "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." (John 17:3)

The word for "KNOW" in the Greek is the word "Ginosko." Ginosko is best translated to mean "to know personally, intimately, and experientially." It means to know with experience. Sometimes it is used in a sexual sense, like a man knowing his wife in an intimate way (Matthew 1:25). There's another word for "KNOW"

looking at the countdown in the dining room of Old Faithful Inn overlooking the geyser. When the digital clock reached 1 minute, all the diners left their seats, rushed to the window, cameras at ready, to see the geyser erupt. It was then that he noticed a crew of waiters who descended on the tables to refill water glasses and clear the tables. When the geyser went off, the tourists swooned, clicked their cameras, and applauded. But not a single waiter bothered to look out



the huge window. I think this describes our relationship with the ONE we call Faithful and True. We've "known" Him so long, become so accustomed to Him that we have stopped being impressed or amazed by Him. It's interesting that those in this story who had lost their wonder were "Kitchen people" – just like Martha. My advice – get out of the kitchen. Slow down. STOP. Sit at His feet and stay there and don't leave until He leaves. Never lose your hunger for the pleasure of His company, Jesus warned a church in Revelations that this was happening to them. He said to the church of Sardis, "You have a name that you are alive, but you are dead." Think about it – for these folks to maintain a reputation of being alive, they would have had to look "busy." To the casual observer, their works were probably quite impressive. But not to the Lord. He does not

look at our outward appearance. He looks at the heart. He judges our works based on their eternal significance, not on how we look to other people. His message to the Sardis believers – "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God." You can fool some people some of the time, but you can't fool all the people, all of the time. Stop with all the busyness and choose the good part – HIM.



So as you graduate and leave the Bible College, my prayer for you is that you will never lose the wonder of who Jesus is, and may UNION with Christ be the one single motivational thing in your life.

Reverends Yang Tuck Yoong & Daphne Yang

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A CONTINUED ASCENT OF



CLINGING, CLIMBING, AND CLAIMING



Across the road from where I live is a beautiful 1800s cottage smothered in IVY.

Back in 2017, when we moved in to this area, the Ivy was barely up to the window pane – yet by now it has made its way to the tip of the roof in a beautiful display of deep green in the spring, and a dazzling mahogany in the winter.

A slow journey of clinging, climbing, and claiming.

Just a few weeks ago I saw my friend's little girl chuckling beautifully as she clung to the bottom of her dad's ankles. With struggles and giggles, she climbed up his leg, claiming the place she so desired, to sit on his lap, safe in the arms of her papa. This was another victorious and beautiful quest of clinging, claiming, and climbing.

My prayer for you, precious Batch 18, is that your journey of ascending to intimacy will be beautifully expressed in a verse from Ephesians 4:15, “But holding the truth in love, grow up into Him in all things.”

First there is the clinging on as it expresses a “holding to the truth.”

Then there is climbing as it adds for us to “grow **up**.”

How much more then, on your unique journeys of the climb it is that you resolve to cling as you climb, to what is strong, to who is strong.

Then there is the claiming the prize – which is to grow up **into Him** – in all things.

I have seen you navigate this journey passionately over these 12 weeks. Time after time as you headed up the incline and ascended to the “more” of His measureless call into intimacy. As the ivy and little girl made their unique journeys of ascent – it was vital that what they clung to was strong. Imagine a tottery fence or even an elderly grandfather’s leg as the project for ascent – I don’t know if the journey would have ended in success! How much more then, on your unique journeys of “the climb” it is that you resolve to cling as you climb, to what is strong, to **Who** is strong.

As you climb to deeper vistas of intimacy with the Lover of your soul, how necessary it also is that as you cling to what is strong, you also climb upward:

“Set your affections on things above, not on things of the earth” (Colossians 3:2)

There is nowhere else worth climbing, and no one else worth clinging to.

And as you ascend through clinging and climbing, may you claim the prize of all prizes, **JESUS** himself, putting the triune God as “first things first” in **all**.



Claiming Christ as our first Love, not just in words but also in the output of our pilgrimage with Him, creates a life of strength, depth and first love encounters.

As you ascend to intimacy, as you appropriate a life of affection and devotion unto Him – His grace, His strength, His unfailing love, His guidance, His patience and His Spirit becomes an everyday “fresh feast” for our souls in each season. Not even a Michelin star restaurant can measure up to this kind of feast!

I am extremely proud of each one of you in your diligent ascent in desiring a deep cries to deep “Show me your face Lord, I can make it to the end, If I can just see your face.” As this chapter ends and your continued ascent unfolds – may you take hold of clinging, climbing, and claiming as you hold onto His truth, and grow upwards in an ascending pilgrimage into the fullness of Christ.

Cath Woolridge

Dean of Students, School of Ministry



EDITOR'S NOTE

Every term, the School of Ministry puts together a class magazine to capture the essence of this 12-week learning journey through the students' voices. In this publication, hear from the hearts of Batch 18 by reading their reflections and revelations. May these pages come alive and our readers be inspired to join us in pursuing the Kingdom of God in its fullness. The following chapters are selected to represent our heart at The Bible College of Wales. Be blessed.

STUDENT TESTIMONIES

The following testimonies include the words that the students were asked to come up with. These words, specific and personal to each individual, characterises what God was doing in them during their time at the college.



Addison Goh

SINGAPORE

At the start of my journey at the BCW, God gave me the word **“Encounter.”** Throughout my time here, this word became a living reality as I experienced His presence in deeper ways, reshaping my faith, and purpose. Each encounter revealed more of His love, calling me to a life rooted in His truth and power. I truly hope Batch 18 will be a people who won’t settle for any plateau whether in career, personal goals, or spiritual walk. With eyes set on Zion and intimacy, may we ascend continually, striving for deeper encounters with Him that fuel our journey forward.

The Wilfred C Philip (WCP) Legacy Award was initiated by the son-in-law of Mr Philip. This award is in honour of his father-in-law for his passion to invest in men and women who have received the call to ministry, and to sow into the lives of devoted followers of Christ to see the Great Commission actualised in the nations.



Clara Tan Jia Hui

SINGAPORE

During my time at the BCW, I felt the Holy Spirit impressed upon me the word **“Freedom.”** This desire has been a significant journey in my life, and I see it unfolding since my arrival at the BCW. I am expectant and excited for breakthroughs now and in the future beyond BCW.

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Evangeline Poh

SINGAPORE

I had asked God for my time at the BCW to be life-changing. I came here with a list of questions to seek God with as to my future and next steps. However, when I got here, all these questions faded into oblivion when I rediscovered Jesus to be my first love. Re-encountering Jesus has transformed me. I am not a person with dreams, but now I realize that coming to the BCW is the fulfilment of a dream I never even knew I had. This is what Psalms 37:4 feels like.



Desabattula Havilah Beulah Grace

INDIA

“Restoration.” I evolved drastically with time in terms of maturity, wisdom, and prayer life. During this journey here, I found my real relationship with the Lord, He has given me back everything that I lost. It’s a wonderful place to be and to grow in the Lord and experience Him. I am completely surrounded with godly people. God is faithful in every area I need Him in, God restored His grace and presence in my life.

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Eduarda Medina Starke Lima

BRAZIL

My journey in the BCW started 8 years ago when my husband and I received the first word from God that the UK was our place. This year, God told us to get ready to come, so we sold everything in Brazil – our car, furniture, and apartment – and came with just a word, not knowing what to do next. But here, God has strengthened our faith in a way we didn’t even know was possible. He brought us to this place of growth and maturity, as He first told us before we came, and this is really what this place is doing inside of us: equipping us inside out to start our calling in the right place.



Gustavo May Lima

BRAZIL

“Growth” – this time here at the BCW has been a period of change and growth. Trusting God – I think the biggest growth here has been learning to trust God. Since we sold everything to come here and still don’t know where we’ll go after classes end, trusting God has been essential. This level of trust is taking me to a new level of faith and maturity in the Lord. God will do it – I think this is the phrase I’ve heard the most from the staff and the people around us, always reminding us to be sure that God will take care of everything and of us. Our time at the BCW has been far beyond what we imagined or expected, a wonderful season that is passing by so quickly!



Gustin Tjandra

INDONESIA

My journey to the BCW began as I left my marketplace in Japan, yearning for rest and to once again seek His face and hear His voice. Yet, the Lord had different plans – He enrolled me in “fast-track” programme! Through it all, God has been faithful. Despite the busyness, week by week, He drew me close in deep, intimate encounters with Him, and they were most precious. He led me to sit at His feet and gaze upon His beauty. God is our endless song. Truly, there is no greater thing than knowing Him. In Him, we find where we belong.



Judah Scott Lee

UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

“Surrender,” that is what I felt that the Lord was calling me - to a higher level as I left for the BCW. Since I have been here, that has been one of the themes that has been prioritized by most of the speakers, on our “Ascent into Intimacy.” So far surrender for me has been mainly in regards to more of my time being dedicated to the Lord, and to be honest this is going to be a process that will take a while to reach a point of absolute surrender. And I can’t wait to get there.



Loh Yu Yan Michelle

SINGAPORE

Attending the BCW has been a longstanding desire, and my journey coming here has been nothing short of miraculous. This season’s theme for me, is **“of legacy and inheritance.”** Through each lecture, I have gleaned invaluable insights from a rich array of instructors. Every new lecturer brought fresh perspectives to foundational truths and principles, as well as introducing concepts I had not encountered before. Their lives and legacies have challenged and inspired me profoundly. As I embrace them, I am more prepared to walk into my calling with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to God’s work.

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Mark Tan Cheng Wee

SINGAPORE

My time in the BCW has been nothing less than transformational and has led to a far more intimate relationship with God. I have experienced an abundant outpouring of His limitless love for me and encounters that have transformed my walk with God. The last few months have been Heaven on Earth! More of Him and less of me! His perfect plans will lead to my calling and destiny.



Megan Hong

SINGAPORE

The phrase God gave me for my time at the BCW is “**Anticipation for what He is about to do.**” Before I flew to the UK, I told Pastor Deborah, a pastor in my church, that I wanted to encounter God and learn how to translate what He downloads into my heart into words. Even now, I’m still anticipating how He will teach me. It’s been amazing to sit under anointed teachers at the BCW, and I’m excited to see what God will reveal next. I believe God wired me to live in this state of anticipation, always eager for what’s coming.

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Pedro Rodríguez Medina

SPAIN

I chose to study at the BCW before going to university to grow closer to God. While I’ve always loved plants and consider myself a gardener, I’ve come to realize that Jesus is the true Gardener of my life: planting love, pruning out what isn’t His will, and harvesting gifts like speaking in tongues. Though I’ve experienced grief and struggles, what truly matters is that Jesus has been constant: before the BCW, during my time here, and after. I just needed a place like this to fully recognize His hand in my life.

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Rachel Hoe

SINGAPORE

“Heaven on Earth” describes my experience at the BCW. He revealed Himself to me every day – through my moments spent with Him, through His word, through the lectures and through my batchmates and the BCW staff team. Everyone I encountered reflected Christ to me in their own way and we all wanted more of Jesus together. He showed me His love never leaves me and that revelation healed the broken areas in my life. It has been the best time of my life thus far and I couldn’t be more thankful for all that has been sown for the BCW to happen.

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Rachel Lin

SINGAPORE

One word which God has given for my time here at the BCW is "**Re-alignment.**" Thus far, God has been drawing myself back to Him and restoring the joy of my salvation and the desire of simply wanting to be in His Presence. Beyond my time at the BCW, I believe that God is teaching me to be rooted in who He is as my Father. Through knowing my identity in Him, He will guide me towards the purpose which He has for my life. All I need to do is to simply trust in Him and surrender all to Him.

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Ruth Kuan

SINGAPORE

The Lord revealed to me that I am coming home to the heart of the Father and Wales is indeed the land beating with the heartbeat of the Father. God is a consuming fire and He has totally consumed my heart in the BCW. The one word which God has given me before my trip is "**Wonder.**" I have seen the wonders of His love and faithfulness in the teaching of His words, in prayers, and in my daily fellowship and breakthroughs with Batch 18. He has poured His love and affirmation not only to me intimately but also to many in Batch 18. Tears of wonder swell up in my eyes as I stand in awe of what He has revealed to me and how He faithfully performs His words. In obedience and humility, I want to love Jesus wholeheartedly and passionately live for Him. I am in wonder of a God who passionately loves me and who is in control. My heart is full that I am home to the heart of God. I am home, Father!



Samuel Isaiah Smith

UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

My experience at the BCW has been one of the hardest, most challenging, and grueling mental battles of my life. I have learned to worship in the whirlwind, pray in the process, and find joy during the chaos. My home pastor always says, "Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape." And that sentiment could not be more true. I love it here, I have made lifelong connections and friendships, I have grown in discipline and desire for the Lord and I have died daily so that my spirit may live and Christ be revealed in me.

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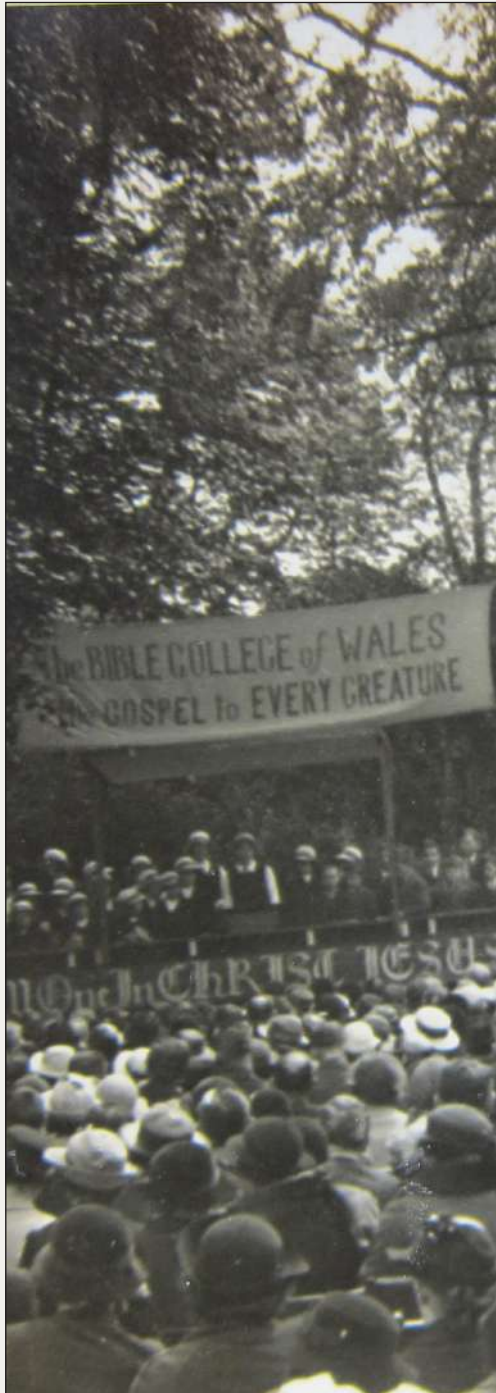
Taferine Chua

SINGAPORE

During the past seven weeks, my faith and trust in God have undergone profound tests. Throughout this journey, He consistently reaffirmed His love and guidance as my Father. Although I struggled with doubts about His provision and protection, I witnessed remarkable miracles and experienced His abundant grace. Each challenge deepened my relationship with Him, solidifying my belief in His unwavering support. This transformative experience has not only strengthened my spiritual walk but also inspired me to embrace daily time with God as a lifestyle. I hope this commitment propels me beyond my time at the BCW, guiding my future in faith.

ROOTS:

A GUIDE TO REVIVAL HISTORY & PERSONAL VICTORY



MEGAN HONG

One movement that speaks to me most in God's Great Awakenings is the Welsh Revival. This powerful movement has left a deep impact on me and here are three key points that I find particularly inspiring, and they have shaped my personal walk towards victory.

Firstly, history moves in cycles. The Welsh Revival shows us that God's Spirit moves at appointed times. As we learn from past revivals, we can prepare ourselves for the outpouring of His Spirit in the future. By understanding the patterns of revival, we can be better positioned to participate in what God is going to do next. Revival is not just about looking back but about being ready for God's next move.

Secondly, God chooses the weak to teach the strong. In the Welsh Revival, God used seemingly insignificant individuals to spark a movement that touched the world. This reminded me that no matter how small or insignificant we may feel, God can use each of us in mighty ways. We should never belittle small beginnings or feel disqualified because of our weaknesses. It is often through these very weaknesses that God displays His power most clearly.

Lastly, how ready are we to lay down our lives for God? The Welsh Revival challenges us to count the cost of following Jesus. True revival requires sacrifice, obedience, and a willingness to surrender everything to Him. Personal victory comes when we choose to lay aside our desires and ambitions, embracing the call to serve God with wholehearted devotion.

GUSTIN TJANDRA

The Welsh Revival stands out to me because it was characterized by the manifest power of the Holy Spirit within the body of believers rather than being centered around a charismatic leader. This fact was enlightening to me as it highlights that God's power is not confined to any specific format or central figure. It reminds me that God is infinitely creative and cannot be boxed into human limitations. This perspective encourages me to believe that revival can occur in diverse ways, even in contexts like Japan, where it may not follow a traditional model of a prominent preacher or institution. The realization that our prayers are never in vain and that the Holy Spirit's manifestation can be powerful and transformative offers great hope.



Our prayers are never in vain and the Holy Spirit's manifestation can be powerful.

I have also learned that revival is not merely a spontaneous event but a process that requires significant preparation and sacrifice. The Welsh Revival did not just appear out of nowhere; it was ignited by Evan Roberts, who, after returning to his hometown of Loughor in 1904, prayed with a small group of 17 young people at Moriah Chapel, marking the beginning of the revival. This movement was preceded by foundational revivals in 1738, 1821-1822, and 1859, illustrating that a grand revival often builds on earlier spiritual movements. Roberts' intense dedication to prayer over several years before the Welsh Revival underscores the need for a dedicated individual to serve as a catalyst for such transformative events.



Lastly, the global ripple effect of the Welsh Revival is profound. While I initially thought that these significant revivals operated independently, I was surprised to learn that the Welsh Revival indirectly influenced the Azusa Street Revival, which then sparked a global Pentecostal movement. From a small gathering of around 34 people at Azusa Street, the Pentecostal movement has grown to over 600 million Christians worldwide. This underscores the idea that our efforts, no matter how small they may seem, can have far-reaching impacts. It is a reminder that our role is to faithfully carry out what God has asked us to do, leaving the results in His hands.

JUDAH SCOTT LEE

Azusa Street Revival spoke deeply to me in these three areas: Hunger, breaking barriers, and impact, especially through the light of Rev. William Seymour.

The insatiable hunger and dedication in Rev. Seymour's life for the things of the Lord, especially for the baptism of the Holy Spirit is impactful. It is said that he spent hours a day for almost five years to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This is the hunger that I pray the Lord places in me to know His ways.

The next point is breaking barriers. All those years praying outside of the service because he was not allowed to enter due to discrimination against the colour of his skin, Rev. William Seymour continued steadfast in the Lord. God knows no discrimination of persons, and does not act differently towards different races. God touched down and enacted revival, despite of the flaws in people then, and broke through the barriers of that time. As a result, this revival was key in crumbling the stigmas that African Americans and Caucasian Americans could not worship God together.

Finally, the impact that the Azusa Street Revival made can be measured in many ways: historically, physically, and spiritually. The Azusa Street Revival may not be very recognised today, but its impact has rang out over the decades. It birthed the Pentecostal, Church of God, and the Assemblies of God churches in the United States of America. Through these denominations have come forth many mighty exploits, performed in partnership with the Lord for His glory. Countless lives have been saved as a result of the Azusa Street Revival.



LEGACY OF OUR INHERITANCE



ADDISON GOH

One legacy I would build to impart to the next generation is a life of intentional service and community impact. In a world that often focuses on individual success, I believe it is vital to encourage future generations to prioritise serving others – whether through time, talents, or resources. This legacy would emphasize giving back to communities, helping those in need, and fostering compassionate relationships that reflect love and care. I chose this legacy because service creates stronger, more empathetic communities. It teaches individuals to look beyond their personal goals and recognize their responsibility toward others, fostering a culture of kindness and support. A life of service not only uplifts communities but also instils humility, empathy, and gratitude in those who give. By passing on this legacy, I hope to inspire future generations to lead purposeful lives, understanding that true fulfilment comes not from personal achievement but from making a positive difference in the lives of others. This approach to life will continue to create ripple effects of goodwill and impact, ensuring a lasting, meaningful influence on society.

PEDRO RODRÍGUEZ MEDINA

One legacy I would aim to build and impart for the next generation is the legacy of compassionate leadership. In a world that often values power, achievement, and competition above all else, I believe it is crucial to model and promote a style of leadership grounded in empathy, understanding, and a genuine desire to serve others.

I've been hurt, left out, ignored and criticized. I acknowledged that that may hurt a lot, so I always make sure to be empathetic towards people to not feel the same way that I've felt. Sometimes I've felt misunderstood and felt like nobody cared about my opinion or likes, or because they don't understand my feelings in a specific situation. Therefore, I always make sure to listen to people. God sent us here not to be served, but to serve Him and others, and I'm willing to do it.



CLARA TAN JIA HUI

True intercession stems from a profound relationship with God; a deep intimacy and revelation of who God truly is, and what is on His heart. It involves a desire to seek and know Him more, to love what He loves, to pursue what is always in His heart, and to live according to His will. When we embrace this legacy, we live with a clear sense of purpose and vision. Our actions become infused with a deep sense of conviction, boldness, courage, and wisdom; we are fuelled by a burning desire to see God's will accomplished on earth which drives us to act with unwavering faith, confident that it will be accomplished on earth – no matter how long it takes. We are empowered to take steps and make decisions that reflect God's love and justice, fully trusting in His timing and sovereignty. The legacy of intercession will also influence our involvement and desire to spread the gospel and yearn for revival. We will desire to reach out to those who have not yet heard the message of salvation. By building and imparting a legacy of intercession to the next generation, we will also bring to remembrance the miracles the Lord has done through past intercessors (and also honoring them) and believe that the Lord will do great and mighty new works (Isaiah 43:19) through the new generation.

BOOK

Intercessor, Rees Howells

REVIEW

TAFERINE CHUA

"Meeting the Risen Lord" – This chapter shows the deep life transformation of Mr. Rees Howells' life. He was critically ill due to typhoid fever and was near death. However, God healed him. The whole experience had allowed Mr. Rees Howells to commit himself wholeheartedly to the Lord. Mr. Howells later had another personal encounter after hearing Maurice Reuben's transformation story. Mr. Howells was certain that God is truly a Person he wants to give his life to. He began to be faithful and committed in his journey with God.

My heart and mind were drawn to Mr. Howells' faithfulness and commitment to the Lord – the Lord came through in his life after healing and meeting Him. It may have been a struggle for me to walk in faithfulness with God when life throws me a curveball but for Mr. Howells, at every God-encountering moment he was always seen yielding to Christ and trusting God wholeheartedly with faith, especially in moments of his lack.



RACHEL HOE

In Chapter 2, Mr. Rees Howells was born again. From what was written, he seemed to have led a rather blameless life where he did nothing wrong. Yet, that was not enough. He needed to be born again. It impacted me because I know the term by knowledge but the book described it very well when it says: "Life is correspondence with the environment...death is failure of correspondence." Adam died spiritually because he lost correspondence with God due to sin. Therefore, there is a need to be born of Him. It isn't enough to just believe as Mr. Howells said. It left an impact because it also made me question if I was truly born of Him and of His Spirit. It isn't enough to live blamelessly and say we believe in Him but we need to be born again. I am alive in Him and born of His Spirit! We die and resurrect with Him!



SAMUEL ISAIAH SMITH

One key principle of intercession is the principle of obedience. Mr. Rees Howells is depicted as a man of extreme obedience that seems to stem from a life of consecration and discipline before the Lord. When it comes to intercession, this obedience is paramount for what is prayer, if not talking to God? And what is intercession if not targeted prayer? Hence, in this targeted prayer, you are hearing from the Holy Spirit, and to accomplish what He is asking you to do or say – we must have obedience. This obedience comes from hearing the Word of the Lord and having your ear tuned to the Spirit of God.



RACHEL LIN

One of the most significant chapters of the book is on Welsh Revival (chapter 4). In page 14, it reads "As enthusiasm abated, there were bound to be many who had depended more on feelings, and not yet learned to have their faith firmly based on the word of God. The devil took advantage of this, some became cold and indifferent, and the spiritual conflict began." It has impacted me in my reading as I am reminded of the importance of discipleship. In Matthew 28:19, it tells us to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." As with every move of revival and with souls added to the Church and God's Kingdom, it is important that they are established and rooted into the Kingdom. Through discipleship, it allows us to hold on to the truth/word of God and live out His teachings. This ensures that during times of trials/challenges, we are built on a firm foundation and that we will not fall away (Matthew 7:24-27). In addition, it reminded me of the importance of ensuring that my heart is open to His word and is of good ground so that I am able to bear fruit (Parable of the Sower).

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*Give us clean hands,
give us pure hearts.*

JEWISH



LOH YU YAN MICHELLE

One aspect of the Feast of Tabernacles is found literally in its name – “tabernacles.” In Exodus 25:8 it says, “And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.” This shows that even after the fall, God still wanted to dwell with man. Hence, we as Gentile Believers ought to learn to host presence of God in our lives. It says in 1 Corinthians 6:19 that, “your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit,” and so we must guard the Holy Spirit that is in us. The Holy Spirit is likened frequently to a dove and doves are very sensitive. Therefore, we need to be mindful to not “quench the Spirit” (1 Thessalonians 5:19-22). May the heart of the Gentile Believer always seek to do only what is pleasing to the Lord so they can continually host the Holy Spirit in them.

The other aspect of the Feast of Tabernacles is the prophetic link with Jesus’ wedding feast. The wedding feast is a celebration of the bride and bridegroom coming together. I believe Gentile Believers should yearn to have great joyous expectancy for Jesus to come. In anticipation of the consummation between the bride and Bridegroom, individually we ought to be “not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:27). As we always sing, “give us clean hands, give us pure hearts,” may we desire to truly walk in that posture.

RUTH KUAN

Revelation 21:3 – The final fulfilment signifies the end of time harvest, where Israel and the nations of the world reconcile, gathered together where God will tabernacle with us as one body. This understanding draws and motivates my desire for Him to empower me to do His Kingdom work and also quicken my prayer for all of Israel to be saved for His Holy name’s sake. To provoke them to jealousy by our love and concern towards them which will ultimately draw them back to the Messiah.

It is indeed a joyous celebration, it’s a wedding which we are already participating in and His promise on His return for the millennium reign and the wedding feast. Jesus Christ, who is the Bridegroom, will be dancing and rejoicing; He also longs to see His bride with the same excitement and anticipation towards Him. Let’s fix our gaze on Him.



In 2021, I had a dream of my husband and I as the bride and the bridegroom in the wedding banquet. There was so much joy and laughter and we started dancing with all the guests in a circle – seemingly an image of Sukkot! I am in wonder and stand in awe. It was so prophetic and yet a mystery. It has postured me to have greater intimacy with God and seek Him passionately. I desire to help, encourage, and draw people to this power to abundant wholeness. Be excited and anticipate this grand wedding dance with the Lover of our souls.

DESABATTULA HAVILAH BEULAH GRACE

The temporary nature of this earthly life and the importance of depending on God are the two principles from the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot) of how God delivered Israelites from the slavery when they depended on Him. It is even for the Gentiles too. But a Gentile Believer needs to understand two important things: Why are we here and what are we doing here?

When a Gentile Believer knows the meaning of Sukkot, and understands how temporary this earth is, they will separate themselves from worldly beliefs, then they will receive the gift of eternal life by accepting Jesus Christ. After all, it's not about us, it's about who He is, what He came to do, and what God desires us to do.



MARK TAN CHENG WEE

The part of greatest significance of the Seder Meal was when Jesus fed bread to Judas Iscariot. In Passover tradition, it is common practise to say "I honour you" as bread is offered to the person next to you. This practise conveys a deeper significance as it meant saying "I love you," "I forgive you," and "don't do it again." Typically, the one on the left is fed, who is also lower in seniority. In this case, Jesus offered bread to Judas not only as a signal to the other disciples on who was going to betray Him, but as an opportunity for Judas to turn from sin. Jesus was conveying to Judas that He loves him and forgave him for all sins. Most importantly, Jesus was telling Judas, don't do it! Referring to the betrayal that was about to take place. To this point, Jesus and the disciples had been together for some time and they had several Passover meals already, thus the message from Jesus to Judas would be clear. Unfortunately, Judas allowed Satan to enter his heart and betrayed Jesus. As I reflect, this act at the last supper is representative of our daily walk with Christ. God pours out unconditional love upon us, forgives us of all sins, and offers many opportunities to turn from sin so that we may be saved, even up to the very last moment. Such is His grace and unconditional love. However, He also gave the ability to choose and if we sin, there will be no redemption.

THE KINGDOM, THE CHURCH, THE CITY TRANSFORMATION

ADDISON GOH

As someone who believes in being called to the marketplace, I feel that God has entrusted me with the opportunity to support missions and the work of His Kingdom through financial stewardship. I desire to influence this sphere by practicing ethical business principles and creating wealth that can be directed toward mission work and supporting the underprivileged. My goal is not merely to succeed in business for personal gain, but to create opportunities for others, to model Christ-like leadership in all my dealings, and to build a foundation of financial support for the Gospel to be shared in hard-to-reach places. This includes raising funds for mission trips, supporting church ministries, and partnering with other like-minded believers in Kingdom work.

Within the local church, I believe I am called to disciple others, particularly through the cell group leading. My desire is to impact this area by fostering a deeper understanding of the Word





of God, helping others to grow spiritually, and equipping them to live out their faith practically. I aim to create an environment where people feel safe to explore their faith, ask questions, and grow in their relationship with Christ. I hope to inspire others to become disciples who also make disciples, further expanding the reach of God's Kingdom by focusing on personal spiritual growth and

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community building. By sharing my testimony and walking alongside others in their faith journey, I believe God will use this sphere of influence to shape lives for His glory.

GUSTAVO MAY LIMA

Showing people in the church how we should live and carry ourselves with authority is a key

part of understanding our role as Christians. Many times, we don't recognize the influence we actually have, and this lack of awareness allows things in society to impact us more than they should. When we truly understand the authority we carry as followers of Christ, it changes the way we

interact with the world around us. We can approach situations with confidence, knowing we have both the responsibility and the power to make a difference. This is something I believe we need to emphasize more within our churches, so people are not just reacting to society but actively influencing it with the values we stand for.



Another area I see that needs attention is helping leaders within churches to lead in a more direct and healthy way. Sometimes, leadership in the church can feel disconnected from the way leadership works in the marketplace, but there are valuable lessons that overlap between the two. It's important for church leaders to understand the significance of what they are doing, not just for the church community, but for the skills they're building that can apply beyond the church. By fostering healthy leadership practices in the church, we can help develop leaders who are capable of positively impacting both their spiritual and professional environments.

GUSTIN TJANDRA

(This is in context of Japan)

Japan is known for its strict hierarchical structures and a culture of long working hours. Because of the long work hours, people are usually too tired to even think about going to church. In addition, Japan is not a Christian country, so church attendance is relatively low compared to other countries. In fact, Japan is the second largest unreached people group in the world, according to Operation World. As a result, Christians in the workplace might be the only Ekklesia that the Japanese will encounter in their lifetime. I would like to raise Christians who understand that the church is not only a building where one congregates on Sundays or for prayer meetings, but that they are the church for the society they live in. Bringing themselves as 'churches' into the workplace is a high and holy calling. They should not delay their destiny because they might be the only people who can demonstrate Christ's love to their Japanese co-workers in their lifetime.



RACHEL HOE

The Lord has placed children on my heart and my desire is to train them up and disciple them in the ways of God, and to see them fulfil their God-given purpose and potential. I have a heart for unwanted children or orphans, and I want God to use them so mightily. When I was 15, the Lord impressed upon my heart through a vision to start a school. I am still asking the Lord for more direction and awaiting His timing while preparing myself. I desire for the Lord to make me a principal of schools. I want to talk to education ministers. I want to be able to create a safe environment for children to be loved and trained. I want to shape nations through godly education. This sounds big but I learnt that all it takes is a yielded vessel for a big God to work through.

BOOK
REVIEW*Practice of the
Presence of God***GUSTAVO MAY LIMA**

Sometimes we end up turning our relationship with God into just a moment, making it more religious or formal than it needs to be. We need to focus on the simplicity of a relationship with God. This book has shown me that things can be much more practical than we often imagine. It reveals that our walk with the Lord can be simpler, highlighting the reality of a God who is near, not distant. It reminds me that I don't need a "ritual" to talk to God, but rather a continuous practice of relationship with Him. This practice leads me to a deeper intimacy, helping me better understand what God desires. It's not about checking off religious tasks but about consistently nurturing a close, personal connection with Him. This ongoing practice transforms my view of God from someone who is far away to someone who is present in the ordinary moments of my life. Through this relationship, I learn to trust Him more, and to walk in greater alignment with His will.

In essence, it's a call to live out our faith daily, in simple, practical ways, knowing that God is always with us. This is what deepens our understanding of His purpose and draws us into a more meaningful, personal relationship with Him.

**EVANGELINE POH**

The book challenged me to believe that true happiness is found in doing God's will – that our pleasure or pain is irrelevant. The level of purity in this concept is not frequently witnessed or practiced today. More often than not, we hear preachers or other Christians share about the costs and pain involved in choosing God's will above our own which all sounds rather miserable. Personally, I often think that verses like John 10:10 where it says that God came to give me a rich and satisfying life

means that God is interested in my happiness and does not want me to be unhappy. Of course I accept that there are trials and testings which I have to go through but majority of the time, I am called to be happy and that is something I believe to be a gift from God. It never occurred to me to link that happiness directly to doing the will of God. This is a much simpler and purer way of living and removes all the other complicated elements of life which often clouds the human mind.

This brings me to the next point of how Brother Lawrence makes everything so simple. Just do everything out of love for God. To test the purity of his motives, he even says that he does not want the gifts so that he can be 100% focused on the Giver (page 14). So often, I am distracted by the gifts of God rather than God himself.

Communicate with God all the time, stay in His presence and everything else will take care of itself. Brother Lawrence says "thinking often spoils everything" (page 17). This is true especially in today's

world where overthinking is a real problem. I learnt from Brother Lawrence that it is possible to exercise our will to reign in these unnecessary thoughts and say to myself I am just going to focus on God – His love, His provision and His ways. Even in the way we pray, Brother Lawrence advocates simple prayer, no need for sophisticated words, just share with the Lord the words that come to our hearts (page 61). The only necessary exercise of our will is to choose to always be in God's presence. So simple yet so challenging to practice.

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EDUARDA MEDINA STARKE LIMA

"Many things are possible for the person who has hope. Even more is possible for the person who has faith. Still more is possible for the person who knows how to love. But everything is possible for the person who practices all three virtues."

When I read this, God truly spoke to me about the moment I am living in right now, about how much faith and hope I need to have in Him, and even more, how much I need to love. He

emphasized that this "love" also includes loving Him. He brought us here to the BCW to have this time of contemplation and to seek Him deeply in intimacy, and through this, be led to a new way of loving Him more. Even when I can't see my tomorrow or understand what's happening, the love I have for Him brings me all the hope I need, along with the faith He desires for me in this moment. This isn't a test to pass, but rather a new step of faith, and even more, a new place to grow in His love.

My prayer after reading this book is that I can be so close to God during and after

this process that all this three virtues will be deeply rooted in my life. So when the next time comes that I need faith, I can remember God's goodness and how faithful He has always been.



I have a

dream

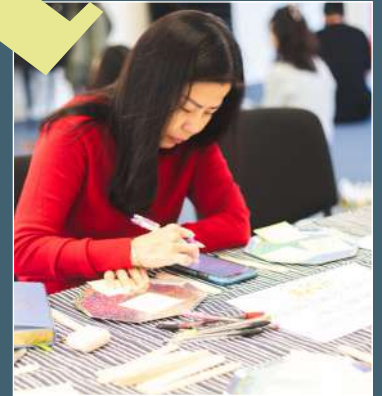
SAMUEL ISAIAH SMITH

I have a dream...

The church will not be a building but a body, I dream that denominations will not become demonization against brothers and sisters in Christ, but I pray that even as Paul and Peter faced one another's rebuke, in Christ we will still remain, may the walls of division amongst race, class, and age crumble at the roar of a Joshua generation. I dream of a sending church not a hoarding church, a planting church not a buying church, a sowing church, a growing church, and a knowing church. I dream of a saving church that reaches from heaven and yet willing to step into hell.

A church of His presence and power, that loves the lost and crowns the found, that robes the addict, recuses the adulterer, reconciles the prodigal.

I dream of a perfect bride made of imperfect people redeemed by an Almighty God. I dream of a spotless bride, an international bride, a redeemed bride, a joyful bride, a triumphant bride, a faithful bride, a bride with a lamp full of oil, and a heart full of love. A bride who is unashamed of sharing her love to her Groom, unafraid of sharing her wedding date. I pray this dream does not remain only when my head hits the pillow but continues when my feet hit the ground.



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RUTH KUAN

I have a dream

An adventure with My King Jesus

A wonderful and exciting adventure of
awe and wonders

I know my life is not my own

Only Jesus and me

Forsaking all

Just Jesus and me

No turning back but pressing on

To the adventure with Jesus and me

Stretching out with open arms

Sinking deep into His presence

Draw me closer to the wonder of Your
embrace O Lord

My first love

I can feel Your love

You call me by my name "Ruth"

Let's go on an adventure

Just you and Me

And my response is "Yes Lord"

I will follow You all the days of my life

EDUARDA MEDINA STARKE LIMA

I have a dream...

That there will be a day when I can see
Him face to face.

That there will be a day when I will be able
to look into His eyes of fire.

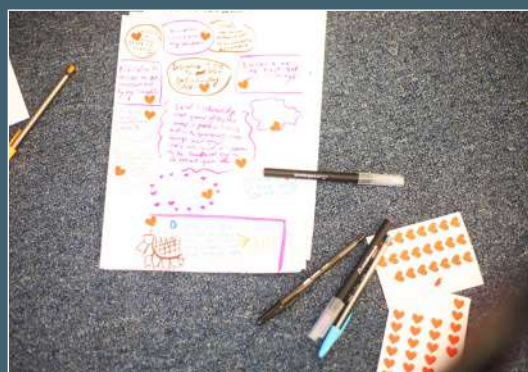
The fire that consumes me,
The fire that surrounds me,
The fire that has loved me most!

But while this precious and glorious day
has not yet come, my dream is to spend
my life for my Savior, doing what He has
called me to do:

To change atmospheres with His Spirit.
To preach the simplest and purest gospel.
To restore identities from lost to found,
From broken to fulfilled,
From abandoned to child of God.

My desire is to taste and see that He is
good every second of my life, even knowing
that this will never be enough.

I have a dream, that my life can be at His
feet every day I have here on this earth,
until I come home again.



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