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## **Walk Together**

**Speaker:** Rev. Stephen Ng **Scripture:** Ephesians 4:1-16

#### Join us for our Celebration Service every Sunday @ 10.30am!

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Hello Shekinah! As Pastor Hock Cheng is on leave this week, he has asked me to contribute this article in the bulletin as Shekinah's intern. I want to share about what God has spoken to me about our church and I hope that this sharing may bless and encourage you!

One night, I was spending some time in quiet reflection and I began to think about why I am serving in Shekinah. I started to ask God why I am serving in Shekinah, especially in this period as I take on more responsibilities as a church intern and for God to show me "Shekinah's heart", what makes Shekinah special in His eyes. After praying about it, I went to do my Bible reading, not really expecting an immediate answer. However, God works in wondrous ways and gave me an answer almost immediately.

My Bible reading led me to Matthew 22, the parable of the wedding banquet. As I reread the parable, the Spirit drew my notice to the word "banquet". I was reminded that Shekinah is currently conducting our English service in the banquet hall of Park Hotel Alexandra. As I reflected on it, God gave me a revelation—that I was serving in Shekinah simply because Shekinah is Jesus' bride. I am called as a servant to help in the bride's preparations for the second coming of the bridearoom.

Furthermore, God spoke to me about Shekinah's heart in these two verses of the parable:

"So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find." So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests." (Matthew 22:9-10, NIV)

God's answer to me was that at the heart of Shekinah is evangelism, that in all that we do as a church God's heart for us is to reach out to people and invite them to this banquet hall. One advantage our church has is our location, where we have the opportunity to reach out to the neighbourhood and vicinity. As God spoke to me about this I felt myself growing in the heart for the lost, and as He has revealed this to me, I'm also trusting that God is the Lord of the harvest and He will bless our labour in the Lord. I'm really excited for what God has in store for us as a church and also in the nation of Singapore in the coming months, and I hope you will be too!

Let's advance together,



## Peace In The Lord

Contributed by Cheow Sheng

### **Scripture:**

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble, But take heart! I have overcome the world." - John 16:33

#### **Observation:**

- We will have difficulties and uncertainty in this world. The world will try to scare us and throw us off course with chaos and fear.
- We need to seek God and draw close to him for protection.
- In times like this, we are also consistently being tested.
- Jesus said that, in Him, one may have peace.

### **Application:**

- In a world full of uncertainty, we are consistently being tested. We need to stand united and pray even more.
- Sometimes I need to cut myself away from the world's overwhelming information, to ask God for His direction. Too much negative news can create anxiety and fear.
- We need to be faithful to God, and show that we do not live in fear.
- We also need to encourage the people around us.
- Jesus says, Take Heart! I have overcome the world.

#### **Prayer**:

Dear God, thank you for being here for us, and guiding us through uncertain times. Help us not to worry, but cast all our anxiety onto you. Help us not to live in fear, but to look to you for direction and security. Protect us from the evil one that is causing all these hopelessness and fear. Help us to have peace in our hearts for You have already sent your Son to overcome the world. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.



# THE LORD WHO IS GOOD

Psalm 27:13-14

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

#### Pray that the church will

- · Walk with confident trust in God
- Be patient and wait for God to bring victory
- Have an unshakeable trust and faith in God's goodness and might

#### Pray for pre-believers and nations

to encounter the goodness of God as He gives us the victory

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