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CNY: A REMINDER OF RELATIONSHIP AND VALUES

LUKE 2:41-51

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His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast.



LUKE 2:41-51 (NIV)





43 When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know it;



LUKE 2:41-51 (NIV)





44 but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among their relatives and acquaintances. **45** So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.



LUKE 2:41-51 (NIV)





46 Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. **47** And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.



LUKE 2:41-51 (NIV)





48 So when they saw Him, they were amazed;
and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have
You done this to us? Look, Your father and I
have sought You anxiously.” **49** And He said
to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you
not know that I must be about My
Father’s business



LUKE 2:41-51 (NIV)



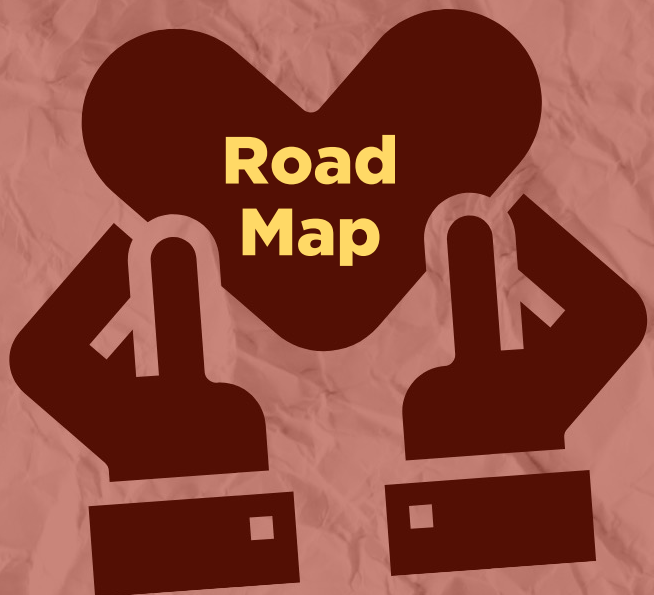


50 But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. 51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart.



LUKE 2:41-51 (NIV)





Road Map

- 1. A Reminder of Important Relationships**
- 2. A Reminder of Important Life Values**



1. A Reminder of Important Relationships

a) Biblical Emphasis on Kinship

- Kinship matters greatly to God.





And when they failed to find Him, they went back to Jerusalem, **looking for Him [up and down] all the way.**



LUKE 2:45 (AMPC)



a) Biblical Emphasis on Kinship

- young Jesus modeled respect and obedience in His relationship with His parents





Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son,"

JOHN 19:25-27 (NIV)





27 and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.”
From that time on, this disciple took her into
his home.



JOHN 19:25-27 (NIV) *



1. A Reminder of Important Relationships

a) Biblical Emphasis on Kinship

- Jesus modeled love and care in our family relationships.





“Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and that it may go well with you in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”

DEUTERONOMY 5:16 (NIV)



1. A Reminder of Important Relationships

a) Biblical Emphasis on Kinship

- Luke 5:11-32 (NIV)

- He taught the importance of love and restoration when relationships are strained in the family.



1. A Reminder of Important Relationships

a) Biblical Emphasis on Kinship

-Genesis 37-50



b) Biblical Example on Friendship





And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴ Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

1 SAMUEL 18:3-4 (NIV)



1. A Reminder of Important Relationships

b) Biblical Example on Friendship

- 2 Samuel 2:26

- David declared after learning of Jonathon's death "I grieve for you, Jonathon my brother; you were very dear to me".



1. A Reminder of Important Relationships

b) Biblical Example on Friendship

- Firstly, good friends are like family to us.
 - David referred to Jonathon as his brother.
- Secondly, true friends deserve our loyalty.



1. A Reminder of Important Relationships

b) Biblical Example on Friendship

- Thirdly, friends protect one another.
- Fourthly, true friendship is bonded by love.



1. A Reminder of Important Relationships

c) Celebrating Relationships during CNY





2. A Reminder of Important Life Values

a) Honour and Respect the Elders





“Honor your father and your mother...”

DEUTERONOMY 5:16 (NIV)



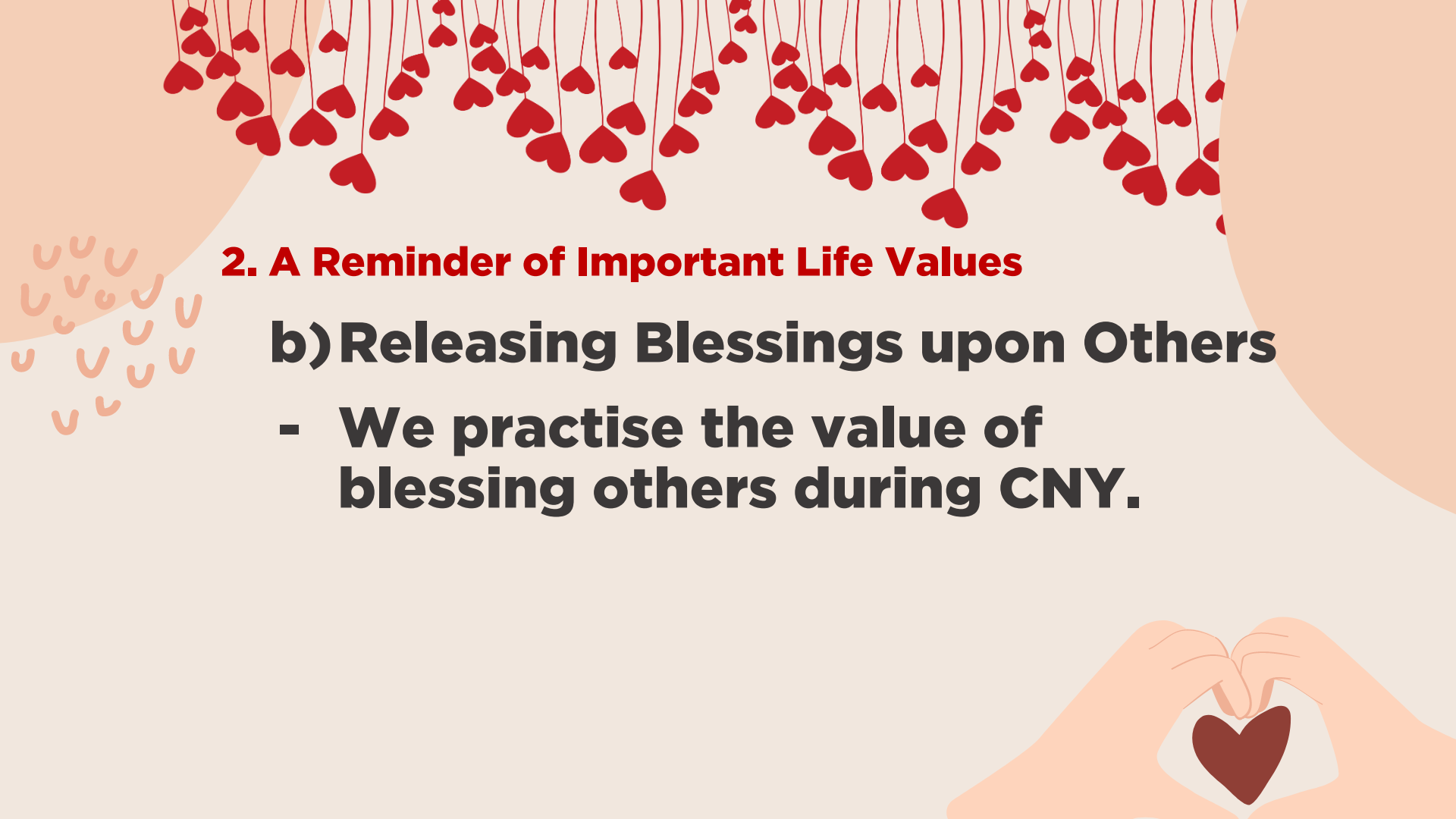


Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, ² older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.



1 TIMOTHY 5:1-2 (NIV)





2. A Reminder of Important Life Values

b) Releasing Blessings upon Others

- We practise the value of blessing others during CNY.**
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“do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased”



HEBREWS 13:16 (NIV)

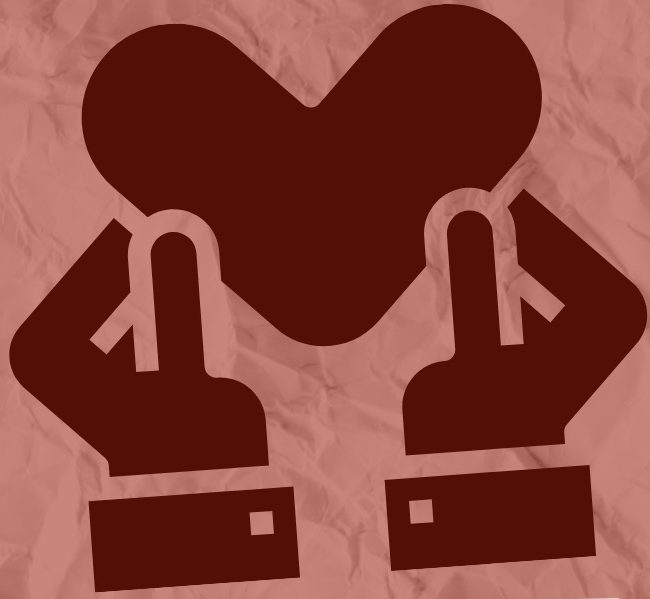




2. A Reminder of Important Life Values

c) Renewing Hope and Reset

- During CNY, we renew hope and reset.**
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Conclusion