

CELL MEETING GUIDE 16 TO 22 DECEMBER 2024

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EDIFY ONE ANOTHER THROUGH HIS WORD

Sermon Title: Giving Thanks Even When It Does Not Make Sense

Sermon Date: 15 Dec 2024

Reference Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Speaker: Elder James Lee

SERMON RECAP

Giving thanks when we are going through a difficult time is...difficult. But the bible tells us that we are to give thanks in EVERYTHING (1 Thes 5:16-18).

1. What Does It Mean To Give Thanks In Everything?

- It means to give thanks for things which accord with God's nature and commands.
- We should not be giving thanks FOR the bad things that happen to us, but we can give thanks IN the midst of going through something bad. (Eg. Giving thanks that He will see us through)

2. Why Should We Give Thanks When It Does Not Make Sense?

- The Thessalonian church was suffering serious persecution when Paul said to them to give thanks in everything, for it is God's will for us.

- Giving thanks
 - i. Helps us to be aware of His loving presence.
 - ii. Enables us to hold on to the promise that He will give us strength and carry us through.
 - iii. Enables us to anchor ourselves in the truth that God has a purpose.
 - iv. Helps us to submit even when we don't feel like it.
 - v. Helps us to trust and depend on Him even when we don't understand why.

3. How Do We Give Thanks When We Don't Feel Like It?

- Giving thanks is an act of obedience to God, in spite of how we feel.
- It is not denying how we feel and being unauthentic.
- As we choose to give thanks to God and let God's peace fill our hearts, all anxiety and fear and worry will begin to fade.

SHARING

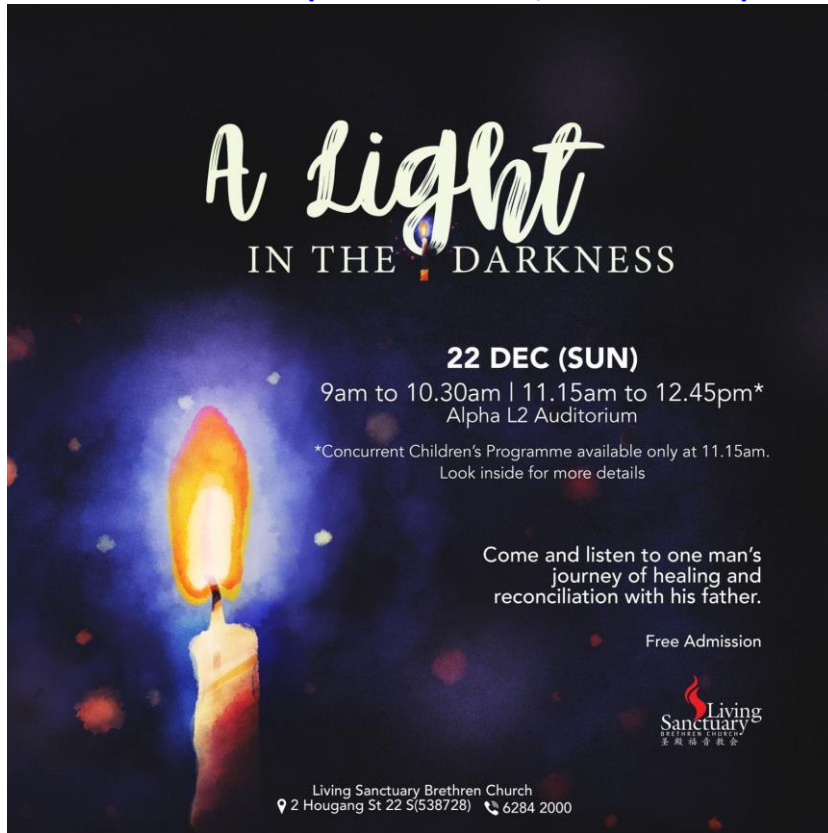
1. In this Christmas season, share your thanksgivings to the Lord in the midst of difficult situations.
2. What were some promises or truths of God that you held on to this year? How has He seen you through.

PRAY

- Christmas Evangelistic Services: For pre-believers to receive Christ into their lives in the Children, Youth, Chinese and English congregations respectively.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Services (This Sat & Sun, 21 & 22 Dec)

A poster for a Christmas service. The background is dark blue with a glowing candle in the center-left. The title 'A Light IN THE DARKNESS' is written in a white, elegant script. Below the title, the date '22 DEC (SUN)' is printed in bold. The service times are listed as '9am to 10.30am | 11.15am to 12.45pm*' and the location is 'Alpha L2 Auditorium'. A note states '*Concurrent Children's Programme available only at 11.15am. Look inside for more details'. A quote says 'Come and listen to one man's journey of healing and reconciliation with his father.' The text 'Free Admission' is at the bottom right. The Living Sanctuary logo is in the bottom right corner, and the church's address and phone number are at the bottom center.

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(English)

A poster for a Christmas service in Chinese. The background is a light blue gradient. The title '最棒的礼物' (The Best Gift) is written in large, bold, dark blue characters. Below the title, a paragraph of text explains the purpose of the gift. The service dates and times are listed for December 22nd (Sunday) and December 25th (Wednesday). The location is '圣殿福音教会 | 阿拉法1楼礼堂' and it is '入场免费' (Free Admission). The Living Sanctuary logo is in the bottom right corner, and the church's address and phone number are at the bottom center.

最棒的礼物

一件礼物可以增进人与人之间的友谊、可以向对方传递一份关爱。
让我们在这圣诞佳节献上一份为您而准备的礼物。

12月22日 (星期日)
上午9.00至10.30 | 上午11.15至中午12.45
12月25日 (星期三)
下午1.30至2.45

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(Children)

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