Worship Service – September 14, 2014

*Worship Song ……..... Together with Band
Opening Prayer ……..... Presiding Pastor

Bible Reading ……. Job 19:20-27 . …..…… Solomon Berhanu
Prayer ……....……..……..... Bertha Fernandez
Announcements ……..…..…… Rolando Sanchez
Child Dedication …….……Pastor
(Joseph David Fernandez Jr., Natalie Anahi Fernandez
Parents: Joseph and Kelly Fernandez)
Offering Prayer ……..... Pastor
Offering …….. Together

Special Song ……. Worship Band

Message ……..….. **My Redeemer Lives**
…… Timothy Hong

*Benediction ……. Presiding pastor
** Please stand*

Today's Sermon Outline

My Redeemer Lives

Job 19:20-27

Comfort from the Redeemer

By being inflicted with painful disasters, Job fell into a pit of despair: *I am nothing but skin and bones; I have escaped with only the skin of my teeth (verse 20).* However, in such pain and despair Job was suddenly inspired by a vision. It was the vision of a Redeemer: "*I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth."* In ancient Jewish culture, a redeemer was a wealthy and noble person who was a relative of a helpless poor widow and who took care of all her needs and restored the honor of the widow's family.

So, by these words, Job confessed that God was his Redeemer who could take on all of his miseries. As soon as he realized that he had a Redeemer, his heart was filled with comfort and peace.

Job realized it not by studying or meditating hard. He came to know it by the inspiration of God's Spirit. It was God's grace which let him know that there was a Redeemer for him.

As God did with Job, He also assures us that He is our Redeemer when we are in the deepest despair and that He will vindicate us from all suffering. God has sent His son, Christ, to us as the Redeemer. In the midst of adversity, the Holy Spirit inspires us to see the Redeemer. In His Grace, we may realize that the Redeemer Christ takes care of all our needs and vindicates us from all sufferings.

In your time of affliction, hold on to the Redeemer, and keep persevering. The fog of despair will pass away and your heart will be filled with comfort and peace from the Redeemer.

Hope in the resurrection

Job also could persevere from adversity with the assurance of the resurrection. In verse 26, Job confessed, "*And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God."*

Job knew that he was going to die. He knew that his physical body would decay and go back to dust from where it came. But he believed that he would see God with his own eyes. His assurance of resurrection gave him hope in the midst of total despair. All the incomprehensible adversity of his present life faded away when the Redeemer's resurrection assured him of *his* resurrection.

With the assurance of the resurrection, Job also had hope of eternal life. He knew that he might die in his trials. But he also knew that his life on earth is not the end. Job was convinced that although he suffered a lot from his earthly trials there was a glorious eternal life after death (verses 26-27). This assurance set him free from the agony of his trials on earth.

True believers have the final victory which is eternal life through the Redeemer Jesus. Our souls will remain in rest and peace even in trials and in afflictions here on earth because of the assurance of our resurrection and eternal life.

In John 14:1-3 Jesus says, "*Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms.-- And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."*

Application

1. Have you ever tried to find an answer to the question, "Why do good people suffer?" How can you find comfort in the midst of adversity?

2. How does the assurance of the resurrection of Christ help you to overcome hopeless despair in adversity?

Announcements

Lunch preparation

This week – Lidia & Raul Lopez

Next week (9/21) – Martha Velasquez & Volunteer

Prayer requests

*For healing- Suja John (Left eye infection), Noel (Lymph tumor), Jyoti (Cancer, Kamran's mom in India).

Annual ESF international festival

will be held on all Sundays in the coming month of October (Oct 5, 12, 19, 26). Please invite people to the festival ahead of time. Invitation flyers are available today. Please contact brother Rolando to get the flyers.

Weekly prayer service

will be held on every Friday at 8:00 PM. Please try to join in the prayer service as often as you can.

Special thanks

to Susan Song for her donation of a new glass lectern.

Volunteers for church cleaning

Dates	Group	Leader
Sep 8-14	African	Ildvert Mbongue (312-730-6186)
Sep 15-21	Youth	Aldrick Lim (781-414-1973)
Sep 15-21	English	Gail Hill (630-337-5330)
Sep,29-Oct,5	Hope	Sang H. Lee (312-685-8663)
Oct 6-12	Asian	Kiwang Song (248-464-9595)
Oct 13-19	Spanish	Rolando Sanchez (773-727-0387)

Ushers of the Month of September

Offering ushers	Erlyn Balano, Martha Velasquez, Jovie Dumlao, Matthew Parks
Welcome ushers	Analis Garcia, Priscilla Caronongan, Lynnie Atonson
Kitchen	Lunch preparation group

Last week's offering

Tithe	Maximo & Bertha Fernandez//Lydia Hong//Lidia Lopez//Alex & Analis Lucas//Leiva Rolando Sanchez//Moses Sanchez//Elijah Sanchez//Oscar Torres//Gail Hill//Susan Michiels
Lord's Day	Kim Boksoon//Shcerie Dorsey//Timothy Hong//Susan Song//Kiwang Song//Gail Hill//Maria Kim
Thanksgiving	Lyle & Lynnie Atonson//Gail Hill
Mission	Rene & Lynn Corachea//Jovi Dumlao//Ramos Carlos Lopez//Lidia Lopez//Susan Song//Gail Hill

Weekly Bible Reading Chart

Date	Old Testament	Check	New Testament	√
9/15(Monday)	Proverbs 28-29		2 Corinthians 7	
9/16(Tuesday)	Proverbs 30-31		2 Corinthians 8	
9/17(Wednesday)	Ecclesiastes 1-3		2 Corinthians 9	
9/18(Thursday)	Ecclesiastes 4-6		2 Corinthians 10	
9/19(Friday)	Ecclesiastes 7-9		2 Corinthians 11:1-15	
9/20(Saturday)	Ecclesiastes 10-12		2 Corinthians 11:16-33	
9/21(Sunday)	Song of Songs 1-3		2 Corinthians 12	

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Worship services:

Sunday 11:30 AM

-Main Worship Service for All

Prayer services

Fridays 8:00 PM

Sundays 9:30 AM - Room 105

Bible Study

Shepherd Group –Wednesday 8:00 PM

Open to all – Saturday 10:00 AM

Cell groups –By appointment

Hope group – Sunday 10:00 AM

Cell Groups

According to arrangement of each cell

Campus Ministry

Wednesday- At Truman

Youth Ministry

Sunday – 1:30 PM

Children's ministry

Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM

ESF Band Practice

Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

Missionaries

Nancy Campo – Campus ministry in Peru

Miguelina Martinez- Campus ministry in Dominican Republic

Suri Kumar – Campus ministry and Hindu ministry in India

Jordan Custorio – Campus ministry in Philippines

Richard Shaffer – Campus ministry in USA

Paul Uzoma –Campus ministry in Benin, Africa

Samuel Lebbie – Campus ministry in Senegal, Africa

Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia

Chan Park – Church planting ministry in Croatia, Europe

Ministers

Senior pastor -Timothy Hong

Hope group ministry- Sang H. Lee Youth group ministry- Ki Wang Song

Assistant pastors – Harold Goneh, Kurt Schwartz, Solomon Berhanu