

Worship Service

February 12th, 2017

*Worship Song	Together with Band
Opening Prayer	Presider
Bible Reading	Isaiah 40:26-31..... Robert Stewart
Prayer	Angelito Garcia
Announcement	Samuel Lebbie
Worship dance.....	Analiz & Brendy Garcia
Offering Prayer	Presider
Offering	Together
Special Song	Worship Band
Message	The Source of Strength Timothy Hong
Prayer of Blessing	Presider

Today's Sermon Outline

The Source of Strength

Isaiah 40:26-31

Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens

This word was given to people who were living with difficult trials and became really weary of their suffering. They felt that God did not care about their suffering and had abandoned them. Then God encouraged them through the prophet Isaiah to lift their eyes and look to the heavens and try to figure out who created all the stars.

Why? Because by doing so, they could turn their focus from themselves and their difficult condition to God who is almighty, who is in control of everything, and has solutions for every problem they face. And so they could regain hope and strength by trusting in God's sure deliverance.

To give us strength when we are weak, God encourages us to turn our eyes from ourselves to Him (Psalm 19:1). If you look at your weakness, you will get weaker. But if you focus on God who has unlimited strength, you can find strength yourself. If you focus on the troubles in your life, you will get tired and sick, but if you focus on God who is always in control of all things, you will find that He still cares for you and you will regain strength from His care.

Keep acknowledging God's goodness

In their difficult circumstance, the people were complaining. "*My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God*"? Sometimes, you may feel that God does not care about how much you are suffering. You may feel that God is not doing anything to take care of your troubles. Then you may complain the same way: God, how long should I suffer? Why don't you do anything for me? But complaining does not help us at all. While we are complaining, our spirit is weakened, our faith is weakened, and we feel more miserable.

So, this word encourages us to stop complaining about what God doesn't do, and to start acknowledging who God is and what He does for us: *Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increase the power of the weak* (verses 28-29).

By constantly acknowledging who God is and what He does for us, we can put our trust in God who never forsakes us in our troubles (Proverbs 3:5-6), and we can regain strength.

Hope in the Lord

This text also shows us another way to provide strength in all circumstances. It is to hope in the Lord. The word "hope" in this text means to wait on the Lord with trust in and confidence of His deliverance. How can "hoping in the Lord" strengthen us always? While we are waiting with hope in the Lord, God uses our troubles to discipline us and strengthen our faith.

It is like an eagle's discipline of her eaglet: "*...like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on its pinions*" (Deuteronomy 32: 9-11)

When God calls you to be His child, He has a wonderful plan for you. His plan is to make you an eagle. He may use circumstances which are uncomfortable or even painful. However, He will always protect you and make you strong, in the same way as an eagle does for her eaglet.

So, when you are in trials, wait on God's deliverance. Even if your trials are severe and long, hope in God who watches over you, who never forsakes you. God will make you an eagle. You will soar over all your troubles.

Application Questions

1. Why does God encourage you to turn your eyes from looking at yourself or your troubles to looking up to Him?
2. If you acknowledge who God is and what He has done for you, what will happen to you?
3. How has God used trials in your life to make you strong?

Announcements

Welcome New Comers and Visitors

We welcome all new comers and visitors at our worship service today. Please join us in our lunch fellowship which will be held in the fellowship hall right after the service.

Lunch Preparation

This week – American, European, College Group

Next week – Spanish Group

*Today's fellowship cleaning turn is African and American group (Leader- Samuel Lebbie)

Prayer Request

*For traveling mercies: *Bertha & Bertita* -Peru

*For recovery: *Erlinda Morales, Jovie Dumlao* from eye surgery.

* For healing of *Rosanna Pascual*- severe muscle pain.

Church News

*Kamran returned to Chicago from a month long trip to India last Thursday (Feb 9).

*Erlyn Balano has moved to a new apartment. The address is 4737 N. Monticello Ave. Apt 2, Chicago, IL 60625

*There will be a baptism ceremony for new believers on February 25 (Sunday). If anybody wants to be baptized on that day, please contact Samuel Lebbie (312-951-3552).

Groups for Fellowship Hall Cleaning on Sundays (February)

Date	Group	Leader
Feb 12	African, American	Samuel Lebbie
Feb 19	College and Youth group	Moses Sanchez
Feb 26	Spanish group	Analís Gomez Garcia
Mar 5	Asian group	Lyle Atonson

Ushers of the Month

Offering Ushers	Tony Bokhari, Patricia Grass, Lina Morillo, Lyle Atonson
Welcome Ushers	Haroon & Anayza Wilson, Analís Gomez, Rosanna Bukhari

Last Week's Offering

Tithe	Lyle & Lynn Atonson//Tony & Rosanna Bokhari//Eryn Corachea//Rene & Lynn Corachea//Juanita Evans//Charles Gaines//Angelito P. Garcia//Patricia Grass//Mary Hong//Lydia Hong//Alex & Analís Lucas Garcia//Lina & Ender Carvajal Morillo//Angelica Sanchez//Moses Sanchez//Elijah Sanchez//Bob Stewarts//Wasam Aburghef
Lord's Day	Erlyn Balano//Jovie Dumlao Sotelo//Rose & Nestor Dumlao//Maximo & Bertha Fernandez//Timothy Hong//Alex & Analís Lucas Garcia//Andrea Martin//Ildevert, Denise Mbougou's family//Rosalia Nazvaez//Andrea & Lucia Pascual//Bethsaida & Jada Rodriguez//Maria Marta Velasquez//David Yupe//Sockar Canaverad's Family//Christine Alegre
Thanksgiving	Erlinda Alberto//Erlyn Balano//Charles Gaines
Mission	Tony & Rosanna Bokhari//Byung, Sung & Brian Cheon//Angelito P. Garcia //Analís Gomez//Bob Stewarts

Weekly Bible Reading Chart

Day/date	Old Testament	Check	New Testament	Check
Mon 2-13-17	Numbers 1		Matthew 26:36-75	
Tue 2-14-17	Numbers 2		Matthew 27:1-10	
Wed 2-15-17	Numbers 3-4		Matthew 27:11-44	
Thu 2-16-17	Numbers 5		Matthew 27:45-66	
Fri 2-17-17	Numbers 6		Matthew 28	
Sat 2-18-17	Numbers 7-8		Mark 1:1-8	
Sun 2-19-17	Numbers 9-10		Mark 1:9-20	

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Worship Services:

Sunday 11:30 AM

Prayer Services

Sundays 9:30 AM - Room 106

Friday 8:00 PM

Bible Study

Shepherd Group – Wednesday 8:00 PM

Saturday 10:30 AM

Cell Groups

Friday according to arrangement of each cell

College Student Ministry

Bible study – Church, Sunday 1:30 PM

Campus group- Truman, Friday 1:00 PM

Youth Ministry

Sunday – 1:30 PM

Children's Ministry

Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM

ESF Band Practice

Sunday 10:00 AM & 1:30 PM

Missionaries

Nancy Campos – 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 the Philippines

Richard Shaffer – Campus ministry in USA

Paul Uzoma –Campus ministry in Benin, Africa

Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia

Chan Park – Church planting ministry in Croatia, Europe

Jung H. Suh – Campus ministry in Iowa, USA

Hae Taek Kwon – Campus ministry in New York, USA

Ministers and Staff

Senior Pastor – Timothy Hong (773-802-1112)

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