

Worship Service – September 21, 2014

*Worship Song	Together with Band	
Opening Prayer	Presiding Pastor	
Bible Reading	Luke 7:1-10	Solomon Berhanu
Prayer	Harold Goneh	
Announcements	Rolando Sanchez	
Offering Prayer	Pastor	
Offering	Together	
Special Song	Worship Band	
Message	Great Faith Timothy Hong	
*Benediction	Presiding pastor	
* <i>Please stand</i>		

Today's Sermon Outline

Great Faith

Luke 7:1-10

Great faith is available to all people

Here the centurion was a Roman soldier who had a high military rank. But in terms of a religious background, he was just an ordinary person. He was not one of the disciples of Jesus. He did not belong to any prominent Jewish religious group in those days. He was not even a Jew. He was a Gentile whom the Jews despised. However, he was capable of great faith.

If such a person could have great faith, we all can have great faith. You can have great faith too. The Bible proves this, through many examples of people with great faith such as Abraham, Rahab, and Ruth, that regardless of man's condition or background, a person can have great faith. So even if you have nothing distinctive about you do not exclude yourself from becoming a person of great faith. You also can be a person of great faith like the centurion here.

Loving people

The great faith of the centurion came from his love for others. He cared so much for his servant that when the servant got sick, he tried to do everything he could to heal the servant. And he found that there was nothing he could do. At that time, he came to earnestly seek Jesus' help. His love for other people led him to great faith.

When you love people, you want to help them by all means when they get sick or have problems. And when there is no way to help the person, you cannot but turn your eyes unto God. If you want to have great faith, turn your heart from loving things to loving people, from loving yourself to loving others. Loving people brings you great faith in God.

Humility

The centurion's great faith came out from his humility. At that time the Romans ruled the Jews. He was a Roman military leader. He could have look down on the Jews whose social status was inferior to his. But he humbled himself before the Jews and respected them as God's chosen people. He tried to attain faith by learning from them. He tried to get help from their faith. And he became a man of great faith. If you want to have great faith, respect other believers and humbly ask them to help you out when you need it. By doing so, your faith can be strengthened when it becomes weak. And your spiritual capacity can be broadened far beyond your own gifts, resources or talents.

The authority of the word of the Lord

Finally, the centurion's great faith came out of recognizing the authority of God's word. When Jesus was coming near his house to help him as he had prayed, he sent some people and said to Jesus through them: "*Lord, don't trouble yourself....But say the word, and my servant will be healed.*" The centurion publically recognized the authority of Jesus' word. He believed that only by His word, Jesus could reveal supernatural power. Jesus called such faith great faith. Great faith comes not from seeing miracles but from trusting the word of the Lord (John 20:29). Even though many people deserted Jesus, His disciples remained faithful by holding on to His words (John 6:66-68). Great faith comes from nothing but trusting in the word. Do you want to have great faith? Build up your faith only upon the authority of the words of the Lord.

Application

1. Why can you have great faith even if you have nothing distinctive in what you have and who you are?
2. How can taking care of people with love lead you to great faith?
3. What must you do to build up great faith together with other believers?
4. What is the most important base upon which you must build up your faith?

Announcements

Lunch preparation

This week – Martha Velasquez & Volunteer, Next week (9/28) – 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. Each ethnic group shall have meeting with its coordinator to plan the event at the lunch fellowship time today. All coordinators shall submit their plans to Rolando Sanchez by next Sunday (Sep 28).

Week	Ethnic Group	Coordinators
1 st (Oct 5)	Korean, Indian, Pakistani (Opening service)	Kiwang Song
2 nd (Oct 12)	North American (USA, Mexico), Filipino	Susan Michaels/ Lynnne Atonson
3 rd (Oct 19)	African, European	Ildvert Mbongue
4 th (Oct 26)	Spanish (Central & South American, Caribbean	Rolando Sanchez/ Lidia Lopez

Monthly prayer service

will be held coming Friday at 8:00 PM. Please try to join in the prayer service.

Church cleaning on Sundays (Sep 21- Oct 26)

Leaders shall discuss cleaning matter with their group members today.

Place	Group	Leader
Fellowship Hall	Spanish	Rolando Sanchez
Sanctuary	College & Youth group	Aldrick Lim
Bathroom & Hallway	Filipino	Lyle Atonson
Sunday school rooms & Offices	Korean	Kiwang Song

Ushers of the Month of September

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

Last week’s offering

Title	Jovita Alegre//Lyle & Lynnne Atonson//Bong & Priscilla Caronongan //Andy Eugene//Bertha M. Fernandez//Maximo & Bertha Fernandez//Gail Hill//Timothy Hong//Lydia Hong//Aldrick & Jessica Lim//Raul & Lydia Lopez//Alex & Analís Lucas//Marta Velasquez//David Yupe//Destiny
Lord's Day	Kim Boksoon//Jovi Dumlao//Jose & Martha Espinoza//Romulo & Isabel Espinoza//Timothy Hong//Joseph & Jennifer Song//Susan Song//Oscar Torres
Thanksgiving	Gail Hill//Aldrick & Jessica Lim//Roberta Smith
Mission	Gail Hill//Lydia Hong//Ramos Carlos Lopez//Raul & Lydia Lopez
Others	Lyle & Lynnne Atonson//Rose and Nestor Dumlao

Weekly Bible Reading Chart

Date	Old Testament	Check	New Testament	✓
9/22(Monday)	Song of Songs 4-5		2 Corinthians 13	
9/23(Tuesday)	Song of Songs 6-8		Galatians 1	
9/24(Wednesday)	Isaiah 1-3		Galatians 2	
9/25(Thursday)	Isaiah 4-6		Galatians 3	
9/26(Friday)	Isaiah 7-9		Galatians 4	
9/27(Saturday)	Isaiah 10-12		Galatians 5	
9/28(Sunday)	Isaiah 13-15		Galatians 6	

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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