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WELCOME TO RIVERLIFE!

Pastoral Address on Resumption of Onsite Services

Sun, 25 Oct | During English Service

Our Senior Pastor will be delivering his pastoral address concerning the pilot partial resumption of in-person services. The address will be live streamed next Sun, 25 Oct during the English service.

Let's all look forward to hear from Ps Ben next week as he shares his heart for us, as a church, and our plan for the next few months.

NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SERIES: **A Counter-Cultural Life**

MESSAGE TITLE: **The Price of Doing Good**

BIBLE TEXT: **1 Peter 3:13-17**

Read the Bible text beforehand to prepare yourself and your household to encounter the living Word.

CATCH UP ON OUR LATEST UPDATES

RIVERLIFE WEEKLY

Issue 27: Evangelism and Disciple Making

Read the full note at rlc.sg/wkly27

RIVERLIFE

— P R A Y E R  R O O M —

Wednesdays, 8pm to 9.30pm

Live streamed from Worship Centre

Tune in at this link: rlc.sg/rpr-watch

Tips to engage during our time together: rlc.sg/rpr-engage

While Israel wandered in the wilderness, Scripture tells us that Moses pitched a Tent of Meeting for man to seek God. It was a place of encounter, where the pillar of cloud would descend and the Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend (Exo 33:11). It was also where Joshua, Moses' young assistant, would be marked by God's presence.

This is the heart of the RiverLife Prayer Room: to be a space set apart for intimacy and encounter, for every generation to collectively and corporately behold God, to minister to His heart, and to let Him mark our lives for His mission and His return.

We invite you, with your family or community, to set apart time and space amid the busyness of your week to pause, realign, and set our hearts to behold Jesus together. Christ, minister to His heart and allow Him to set us apart for His Kingdom's work.

ADVISORY ON RESUMPTION OF IN-PERSON ACTIVITIES

1. CELL MEETINGS

- Cell groups may resume in-person meetings in multiple homes with 5 guests per home. Five excludes the host(s).
- Guidelines pertaining to visitors to households should be followed.
- Cell members who are unwell should participate virtually rather than in-person.

2. WORSHIP SERVICES

- Ps Ben will update us in his pastoral address next Sunday.
- Details on partial re-opening of the respective services will be shared in due course.
- Online services will still continue to be available.

Read MCCY guidelines on resumption for religious organisations:

rlc.sg/mccy-guidelines

This advisory was first disseminated on 6 Oct via our WhatsApp and Telegram channels

JOINING THE FAMILY

"Many Christians don't realise that joining a church is a vital step of discipleship. When you join a church, you are not joining a social club; you are publicly declaring your faith in Jesus and joining yourself to a group of Christians in life and mission".
- Godwin Sathianathan

Sat, 7 Nov | 10.30am-12pm | Online via Zoom

Participants are required to complete a pre-recorded video session prior to joining the live online session on Zoom.

Do you sense God calling you to RiverLife? Are you looking to make RiverLife your home church?

Joining the Family is a course on what it means to be a son and daughter of this house. You will learn God's heart for the Church and His call for us to identify with a local body of believers. You will discover how to take ownership of the mission, vision and values of this house. The course ends with details on the application process to become a RiverLife family member.

Sign up online at rlc.sg/jointhefam by Sun, 1 Nov. For more information, please contact Karen Koh at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg.

Note: This course is a pre-requisite for Associate Membership. Getting water baptised in RiverLife does not confer church membership though water baptism is a requirement for membership.

RIVERLIFE BIBLE READING PLAN

We're into the 7th month!

Download weekly reading schedule at rlc.sg/brp.

The mark of a growing disciple is the discipline to self-feed. During this unprecedented time, the Lord is redirecting His people to pause and rediscover Him and His ways afresh. This is the heart behind our Bible Reading Plan - that we, as a church will delight the Father when we are growing in our love for Him and allowing His Spirit to move us in obeying His Word in our lives.

The more we know God and obey His Word, our faith will be unshakeable regardless of the situation around us.

The *Bible Reading Plan* comprises a daily passage with reflection questions to guide you in meditation. You can also journal what God's Spirit is prompting you to do in applying the Word.

Join us to read through the books of Nehemiah and 1 Peter and the various themes that these books address.

ONLINE GIVING

Contribute your tithes and offering digitally:

1. PayNow

Log in to your bank's existing mobile banking app.
Scan this **QR code** on the right.



2. Interbank Transfer

RiverLife Church Bank Account: **DBS Autosave 029-902431-0**
Bank Code: 7171 / Branch Code: 029

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ENGLISH ADULT
ONLINE SERVICE

SPEAKER
PASTOR JOACHIM TAN

MESSAGE SERIES
A COUNTER CULTURAL LIFE (PART 7 OF 13)

MESSAGE TITLE
ATTRACTING THE PROMISES OF HEAVEN (1 PETER 3:8-12)

INTRODUCTION

1 Peter 3:8-12 (NIV)

1. THE SITUATION

Life was challenging and extremely difficult for the believers that Peter was writing to in the book of 1 Peter.

1 Peter 1:6

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer **grief in all kinds of trials**.

1 Peter 2:20

1 Peter 3:14

2. THE PROMISE

Even in the midst of extreme life challenges, Peter wrote some wonderful promises to the suffering New Testament believers.

1 Peter 3:10 & 12

For, “**Whoever would love life and see good days** must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. (v10)

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. (v12)

3. THE LIFE THAT ATTRACTS THE PROMISES OF HEAVEN

The person who manifests godly Christian attitudes. (v8)

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. (v8)

The person who values forgiveness and blessings over revenge. (v9)

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. (v9)

4. THE CHOICE

1 Peter 3:12

For the **eyes of the Lord are on the righteous** and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the **face of the Lord is against those who do evil.**

- In the Bible, the phrase 'the eyes of the LORD' always relates to God's watchfulness over His special people.
- 'The face of the LORD' on the other hand, often refers to God's judgement.