

MENTORING FOR CHRIST-CENTERED HOMES

Christ's Resurrection 2023 Newsletter



Christ's Resurrection and Life Transformation



As you celebrate Christ's resurrection what comes to your mind? For me what comes to mind is the power that raised Him from the dead is the same power in us that can transform our lives! This is based on Ephesians 1:19, 20: *and what is the surpassing greatness of His **power** toward us who believe.* *These are in accordance with the working of the*

strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,

Where can we see God's power at work? The power is seen in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In addition to raising Him from the dead, Christ also ascended to heaven and sat down in the place of authority at God's right hand. Consequently, He is also Sovereign (Acts 2:25-36). No authority or power, human or the spirit world, is greater than that of Jesus Christ, the exalted Son of God.

How can one experience Christ's resurrection power for life transformation? After my mentor Dick's repeated encouragement to Sun Koo and me we decided to take a month of sabbatical. It began with a time of contemplation. Contemplation is a time set aside to wait on the Lord to listen to Him more clearly through His Word, songs, and His Spirit. At first, I was fearful as to what God wants to say to me. But after half of a day into it the Lord guided me to review the different stages of my life. For me the best way to describe this experience is like being led by a master painter to a gallery displaying his paintings showing my life in various stages. He pointed out to me the various people and circumstances that were part of my life journey. As I began to realize this I began to appreciate once again my parents, siblings, schoolteachers and staff, supervisors at work, mentors, my wife, and son who were all appointed by Him. They were there to help shape my character, learn how to relate to people and to follow the path of life that He has planned out for me. He also showed me how He used difficult life circumstances to humble me and to prompt me to share my fears, shame, and regrets. As He reminds me of this, I understood that all along He knows perfectly what was going on in my life. Not only this He was profoundly involving people and circumstances to influence me to become the person He designs me to be. Having come to this realization it powerfully assures me of His love for me. This allows me to be restored to His love. Going into the sabbatical I had a felt this need. Having served the Lord for the past forty years I have a deep sense of needing to be restored and to be renewed by His love. Please don't misunderstand me it's not that I am running dry because I have neglected to feed my soul on His Word, pray or taking time to rest from serving people. I was simply desperate to be renewed and healed by God's love. So, what did I do after I got renewed and restored by God's love? I reestablished my identity as a beloved child of God and not based on what I do, what my title is or what I own. In addition, my love for people was rekindled. How did I know this? During the sabbatical the Lord began to bring to my mind the people that I have neglected to cherish and to be thankful for due to my selfishness. They include those who have invested their lives in me. In response, I have started to go to them and to apologize for not appreciating them and spending time with them. For those who have

gone to be with the Lord I am reminded of their acts of kindness and encouraging words. This has prompted me to emulate them as an expression of my gratitude towards them. Furthermore, as I serve people during and after the sabbatical, I can sense that the Lord allowed me to touch them with His love. Can you see how a fresh appreciation of how the Lord knows me best has resulted in sharing the love He has for me with others! *Johnny and Sun Koo To*

陳燕姐妹在德國信主得救。之後，只能與德國人在一起讀聖經、敬拜。一直沒有合適的中文環境。三年前，陳燕參加了MCCH的婦女會幕禱告，用中文「默觀禱讀」。現在她能用中文學習聖經，並深深愛慕神的話語，如魚得水！

在MCCH同工葉惠媛傳道CCF教導下，陳燕成為一位學習努力，靈命快速成長的學生。感謝主！

背经心得分享：

背经时要不断地重复背诵经文和默想经文，比一般的读经有更多的得着。并且也能更多经历神的话语在我们心中运行的大能，在此我就举两个例子：

1. 因为，他们虽然知道神，却不当作神荣耀他，也不感谢他。他们的思念变为虚妄，无知的心就昏暗了。—— 罗马书1: 21

这句经文让我看到，我们为什么有时候会有负面的情绪，比如沮丧灰心，自哀自怜，郁闷不乐等等，这些都是我们的‘’思念变为虚妄，心昏暗‘’的时候产生的。就是我们“不当作神荣耀祂，也不感谢祂”的时候。现在，如果我的情绪有开始低落的时候，这节经文就会出现，带我走出低落，把我的思念又转向神。感谢主，我现在忧郁和负面情绪越来越少了。

2. 我也知道在我里头，就是我肉体之中，没有良善。因为立志为善由得我，只是行出来由不得我。—— 罗马书7: 18

记得刚信主的时候，在没有做到应该要做到的事时，常常拿‘’立志为善由得我，只是行出来由不得我‘’来安慰自己，却不知道上半节经文。通过背经，让我看到，原来我们行不出来，乃是“在我肉体之中，没有良善”。看到了自己的败坏，只有彻底投降，投奔主耶稣了。因信靠耶稣的贖罪稱義让我看到，原来我们行不出来，乃是“在我肉体之中，没有良善”。看到了自己的败坏，只有彻底投降，投奔主耶稣了。因信靠耶稣的贖罪稱義。

（神稱我們為義人）

因此‘’惟有神的恩赐，在我们的主基督耶稣里，乃是永生。



MCCH Tabernacle Prayer

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因为周六早晨要参加我所在的教会晨更，不能每次按时参加弟兄帐幕晨祷会。为此杜牧师特别增加了一次在周五早晨的弟兄帐幕晨祷会。这样安排不但很适合我的晨祷时间表，而且更好的帮助我生命成长和操练敬虔。有许多时候只有我和杜牧师两个人，我们可以进入在主里面更深层的交通和督促，不是仅仅停留在

表层上的交通。谢谢杜牧师为我生命成长所付出的爱心和宝贵的早晨！

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