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PARADOX

Sunday, April 4th was truly an amazing day. It was a day when we looked back on the Cross of Jesus Christ, and the sacrifice He made in giving His very life for us. It was a day when we celebrated His victory over sin and death in overcoming the grave. Jesus Christ, the greatest paradox in the history of mankind, came down and He turned everything upside down. He modeled the paradoxical life, and He's calling us to follow His lead as a devoted Christ-follower. A. W. Tozer described the Christian in this way:

"A real Christian is an odd number. He feels supreme love for One whom he has never seen; talks familiarly every day to Someone he cannot see; expects to go to heaven on the virtue of Another; empties himself in order to be filled; admits he is wrong so he can be declared right; goes down in order to get up; is strongest when he is weakest; richest when he is poorest and happiest when he feels the worst. He dies so he can live; forsakes in order to have; gives away so he can keep; sees the invisible; hears the inaudible; and knows that which passes knowledge."

Christ is calling us to follow Him on an incredible journey in this upside down way of life. He's asking us to deny our rights, our conveniences, our preferences, and even our very lives in order to find fullness of life. This is the essence of the paradox of Christ.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI-SUN - 5.7-5.9.10	SAT - 5.8.10	SAT - 5.15.10	WED - 5.26.10
Pathway Singles Retreat	Men's Prayer Meeting, 6:30 AM	Women's Prayer Meeting, 6:30 AM	Pathway Gathering, 7:30 PM

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April 4th was truly an incredible day and we believe that God was honored and glorified, not only through our service, but all throughout the world as His people gathered together to worship the risen Christ.

For me, this day holds a special place in my heart. This past Easter Sunday marked the one year anniversary of our Second Service. We launched our 11:30AM service a year ago on Easter Sunday. We didn't have all the answers, and we really didn't know what to expect. In some ways, it seemed a too risky, but we believed that God was leading us in this direction, and we've been blown away by His faithfulness ever since. I still remember the hours of planning and preparation in the days leading up to the launch, but more than anything, I've cherished those times where we came together as the body of Christ in committing this launch in prayer.

Our God is indeed an awesome God. He's been faithful beyond all measure, and He truly deserves all the glory. And I want to encourage all of us to continue in praying for worship services, and especially for the volunteers that help make each Sunday a reality. And maybe you can even take a moment as you finish reading this article to lift up a simple prayer of thanksgiving for His amazing grace and faithfulness in our church and in our lives.

Your Pastor,
Andrew Yi

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"I discovered an astonishing truth: God is attracted to weakness. He can't resist those who humbly and honestly admit how desperately they need Him."

— Jim Cymbala; *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*

PASTOR'S CORNER



Time flies. I can't believe it's already May! So much has happened in 4 months (Holy Week, Good Friday, Easter, Launch of Starting Point, Do Justice Dallas, etc.). It seems like just yesterday when we were ringing in the New Year. With so many things going on, time just seems to fly by.

That's why I want to just take this time to thank all the volunteers who give so selflessly to God and His church. There is just no way that we can do what we do week in and week out without you. We have almost 60% of our ministry serving as volunteers in many different capacities and I think that God is honored by it. I know it's a lot of hard work, dedication, and sacrifice to be a volunteer, and so we want to thank you.

If fact, I believe God loves the smell of our sweat. I know that's a strange thought, but I think it's true. **We need to work like it depends on us and pray like it depends on God.** God loves the sound of our voices when we are singing praises to Him. But I also think he loves the smell of our sweat when we are serving Him. **Service is how we love God with all of our strength.**

So, let's keep going strong and **"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up"** (Galatians 6:9). I'm praying for you and can't wait to see how God uses you to accomplish His glory.

Time flies. I guess we're having fun! :)

Your Pastor,
PK

PRAISE TEAM

This month, we wanted to take a moment to recognize and thank the Praise Team for all of their efforts every Sunday in leading our congregation in worship. We also asked several members to share their experience serving on the team.

VOCALS

David Lee: Serving is a great opportunity to get plugged into a community and meet people. I thought about how I can use my ability to serve and the Praise Team seemed to be a good fit. I've been blessed to see others faithfully serving. There are a lot of people that serve day in and day out and it's great to see such commitment and dedication. I'm also blessed by the way everyone is trying to do a better job leading worship. At the end of the day, that's what we're here for - to lead people to worship God - and we need to constantly work harder. It's a privilege not to be taken lightly.



Sharon Park: I had no plans to join the praise team, but God had something else in mind! I feel like I did not choose to join the ministry, but the ministry actually found me. Looking back, I know God knew all along how to use me for His glory, even when I had not yet discovered my joy for worship. Worship is definitely the biggest blessing of all because I connect with God best through the language of music.

INSTRUMENTS



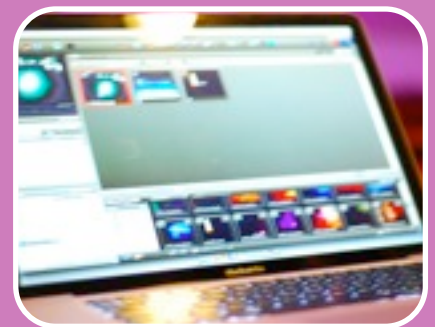
Michael Ogawa (bass): I wanted to become more involved at church, but as a newcomer, I was hesitant to take on a direct leadership kind of role. Thankfully, God provided this opportunity for me to spend time worshipping Him through a different medium, and providing me the avenue to allow others to see His love in this way. Being part of the praise team has helped me become more disciplined, requiring me to set aside hours during the week to practice and prepare for Sunday. It has taught me to live with a servant's heart by learning to making sacrifices, and beginning to love doing so. I have been blessed in knowing that regardless of how well or poorly I play, I am doing this to serve Him.

Grace Choi (keyboards): I initially hesitated since I play during the weekdays. But I knew that God would be pleased if I served Him in the best way that I could, and it's been a great experience ever since! I think it makes me pray more for the service and for the congregation. I definitely become more mindful of different elements of the worship service on the weeks that I'm serving.

MEDIA/SOUND TEAM

Robby Yu (presentation): Back in 2003, I saw the need for a person to do PowerPoint. I wasn't gifted with musical abilities, but I was creative enough to put a decent presentation together. Since then, I've done what I could for presentation media. I have been blessed to see how God has worked in the team over the course of the years. I feel like every year, there's something new being added to make the worship experience that much better. Hopefully, we can continually add more elements and people to make the worship experience better each year.

Leigh Parker (sound): I think it was Pastor Andrew and possibly Daniel Bae that asked me to join the team. I wanted to help out because it seemed like there was a need so I said, "Why not?" I've always served in my church since i was a kid so it's something that I truly enjoy doing. I think I've been blessed through serving by being around talented people who are willing to use their talents for God so willingly. It's really cool to see how dedicated the team is in doing the best that they can each and every week.



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