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TRANSITIONS

Life is full of transitions, and all of us have gone through some significant transitions at some point in our lives. For me, the transition from elementary school to middle school was huge. You see, I loved recess... with a passion. I wasn't such a big fan of school, but I loved playing soccer with my friends during recess. It's the only thing I vividly remember enjoying from my elementary school years. Well, other than the fact that I got third place in our school spelling bee when I was in third grade, but let's save that story for another issue. But again, the loss of recess in transitioning to middle school was a devastating thing for a young and fragile adolescent such as myself. However, after a couple of months, I quickly adjusted to life without recess, and by the time I finished sixth grade I hadn't even give it a second thought. The loss of recess seemed so incomprehensible to me in the beginning, but over time I discovered that there was so much more to life than just recess. In fact, I grew to love other activities such as orchestra and football during middle school. Now, I realize that this story may seem somewhat childish in a way, but the reason why I share this with you is because all of us have gone through similar transitions in our lives: the transition from middle school to high school, from high school to college, from singlehood to marriage, and so on.

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And some of you have gone through some extraordinary transitions in your lives. Some of them were pivotal in shaping the person you are today. Life is indeed full of transitions. And oftentimes, these transitions are opportunities for us to respond either positively or negatively. We can choose to face the challenges and uncertainties with courage or shy away from them because of fear. We can choose to strengthen and reinforce our character, or we can choose to forfeit our integrity by making unwise decisions.

Jesus gave this command to His disciples in Matthew 6:33, *"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."* In other words, *"Pursuing My kingdom and My righteousness should be your first and foremost priority in everything you do."* All of us have gone through various transitions in our lives, and the decisions we've made along the way have impacted us in good and bad ways. And the reality is, we can't change the outcomes of the past, but we can choose to place our priorities in the right place today and tomorrow by seeking His kingdom and His righteousness first. So, what are you going to choose? His kingdom or your preferences? And what priority will take first place in your life?

My hope and prayer is that we would be able to place our hope, our trust, and our confidence in Christ when that next big transition comes along.

Transitioning together,

Pastor Andrew Yi

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

PASTOR'S CORNER



I wanted to take this time to welcome the senior graduating class of 2010 to our ministry. Welcome and congratulations on your graduation!

There are a few of things I want to share with you as I have seen hundreds of people make this transition. As you are "promoted" to our ministry from youth ministry, it will not feel like a "promotion." Once again, you will be at the bottom rather than the top. You'll be the youngest, rather than the oldest. Things will be different, feel awkward and maybe even uncomfortable. Many of you will miss the "old days" of youth ministry. So, what do you do with that?

- 1. Celebrate what God has done in youth ministry in regards to your growth to becoming a devoted follower of Jesus Christ.** Thank God for your pastors, teachers, and fellow students for their influence in your life.
- 2. Don't look in the rear view mirror but look ahead to what God's leading you towards.** If we live our lives in a way that only lived for our memories, we would miss out on all that God has for us. Your adult life is just beginning, so look forward and embrace the future.
- 3. Take initiative and know that different can be good.** Sometimes God wants to stretch us from what we know to what we can be. So get involved and always have the posture that you want to learn and grow (disciple).

We are so excited to have you in our ministry and look forward to growing with you. Take advantage of the summer with the College Gatherings and STEP classes!

On the journey together,
PK

SENIOR CLASS OF 2010



R1: Jenna Repak, Susie Han, Jessica Kim, Rosemary Park, Yeaji Seo, Rachel Park, Hannah Lee, Caroline Chun, Susan Lee, Grace Song, Sally Oh, Grace Park. R2: Gloria Park, Danielle Park, Leta Ko, Liz Kim, Esther Park, Patric Han, Joseph Lee, Sean Kim, Sam Gong, Josh Kim, Stephen Jeon, Spencer Moon

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2010! We would like to welcome you to the English Ministry and hope the best for all of your future endeavors! To introduce some of the seniors, three members from the class, Sam Gong, Susie Han, and Danielle Park, answer some questions for us.

SAM GONG



What are some of your fondest memories/the best thing about youth group?

Some of the best things about youth group is just the presence of a second family to me. People are always there to surround you with love and care, no matter what.

What are some of your hopes/goals/anticipations for college?

I hope to not procrastinate, keep my priorities straight, make the right decisions and to continue God's work.

Share the best advice you've heard about college.

Don't skip your classes!

SUSIE HAN

What are some of your fondest memories/the best thing about youth group?

The best thing is that everyone is like your family whom you can lean on, trust to be there for you, or just to give you a good laugh.

What are some of your hopes/goals/anticipations for college?

Since I have yet to find what I really want to do in life, I am hoping to find myself through experiences in college.

Share the best advice you've heard about college.

A wise person once said, "branch out and let yourself see who and what is out there. Let college really be an experience."



DANIELLE PARK



What are some of your fondest memories/the best thing about youth group?

There are so many great memories I've had with BYG, it's hard to pick one. It's been a blessing just being surrounded by amazing people who yearn to serve and know Christ more. The best thing is the genuine care and love for one another. I LOVE BYG!

What are some of your hopes/goals/anticipations for college?

My hope and goal is to not follow the statistics, but grow in my walk with God. I'm really excited to meet new people, to start fresh and become a Baylor Bear with my dear brother (Josh Bob).

Share the best advice you've heard about starting college.

The best advice I've heard so far is to not procrastinate, keep my dorm room clean and to enjoy the college experience to its fullest.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday Afternoons, College Gatherings, 4:30 PM
- Fri, 6.18, Pathway & College Activity 7:00 PM
- Sat, 6.19, Women's Prayer Meeting 6:30 AM
- Wed, 6.30, Pathway Gathering, 7:00 PM
- Mon-Fri, 6.21-25, Vacation Bible School
- Thu-Mon, 7.1-5, Youth Retreat
- Sun-Wed, 7.11-21, Brazil Missions

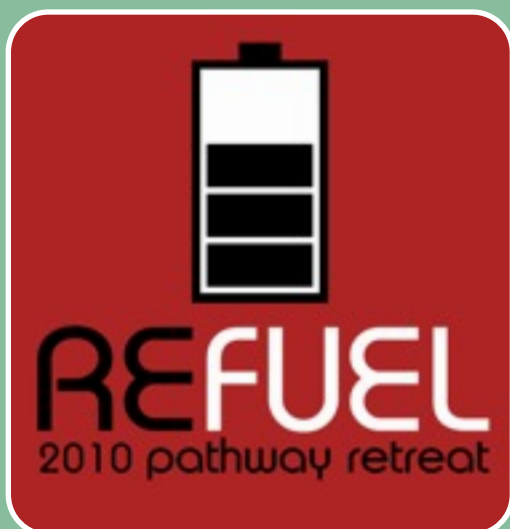
2010 PATHWAY RETREAT



We had an amazing time at our singles retreat. It was a time for our singles to get away for a weekend and from the daily grind of the weekly routine to reconnect with God and with one another. It was an incredible opportunity for our singles to laugh together, pray together, worship together, and to hear from God's Word.

We want to thank our retreat speaker, Rev. Sam Park from Community Church at Holliston, for coming and sharing God's Word with us. We also want to thank our Pathway leadership team for all the time, effort, and energy they invested in making this retreat so memorable. Our desire is that God would continue to work in and through our singles ministry. And our prayer is that this retreat would be a catalyst for even greater things.

May God continue to refuel, restore, and renew our passion for His sake and for His glory as we commit ourselves to following His leading in our lives!



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