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Lamentations was written by the prophet Jeremiah, after the fall of Jerusalem in 587BC and after "the sharp pains of defeat had dulled into the chronic ache of captivity." And yet in the midst of this languishing distress, Jeremiah uplifts the captive Jews that the Lord's love and His mercies are NEW every morning. What inspiring encouragement this is, that the people in chains needed. When Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego entered into the service of the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar, they possessed strengthened resolve in the Lord their God.

His faithfulness is carried through all generations

As we enter into 2016, the Lord would say to us, "See, the former things have come to pass, do not remember the former things or consider the things of old; I am about to do a NEW thing which I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them" (Isaiah 42:9, 43:18-19). And God's love and mercies are NEW for you every morning. What better way to start the morning each day with the peaceful assurance that God watches over us, that He is our keeper, the shade at our right hand, will keep us from all evil and promises to keep our going out and our coming in everyday (Ps 121:5-8).

What better way to start the morning each day with this song on our lips, "NEW, every morning it's new, the love of God to me is wonderfully NEW."

Each morning has a

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Psalmist Coffee House will be closed for January and February**
- **8 & 22 January FRI Care Group**

SUNDAY SPEAKERS

- **3 January - Deacon James Poh**
- **10 January - Ps. Irene**
- **17 January - Elder Lim Wah Heng**
- **24 January - Ps. Jason Yeong**
- **31 January - Ps. Kim**

SUNDAY COMMUNION

- **17 January by Ps. Bee Leng**
- **14 February by Ps. Bee Leng**
- **6 March by Ps. Bee Leng**

T.O.D. FAMILY CAMP

- **12 - 15 March 2016, Sat - Tue (school 1st term break)**
Refreshing Springs Resort

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

WEDNESDAY

10.00 am | Chinese Senior Care Group (fortnightly)

8.00 pm | Intercessors Night

FRIDAY

8.00 pm | Care Group (fortnightly)

SATURDAY

2.30 pm | Youth Alive

SUNDAY

Chinese Worship Service | 8.15 am

English Worship Service | 10.15 am

English Children Church | 10.15 am

Young Adults College Group | 1.30 pm (1st Sunday of the month)

Psalmist Coffee House | 7.30 pm (1st Sunday of the month)

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"NEW, every morning it's new, the love of God to me is wonderfully new. NEW, every morning it's new, the mercy of the Lord is wonderfully new. Great is His faithfulness, constant is His love, great is His saving power, coming from above, NEW, every morning it's new, the love of God to me is wonderfully NEW."

This familiar song is from Lamentations 3:22-23, [paraphased] "The steadfast love of the Lord and His mercies are NEW every morning, great is your faithfulness. They never cease and never come to an end".

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WHY IS READING THE BIBLE SO IMPORTANT?

Many Christians begin each new year with a plan to read through the entire Bible over the course of that year. Some reach that goal, but most don't. Then there are others who don't even bother to read God's Word at all. Is this issue really a big deal? Why is it so important to read Scripture on a regular basis?

KNOWING GOD

First and foremost, the Bible is essential for knowing God and His will for our lives. The book of Romans tells us there are certain things we can know about God from general revelation. Without Scripture people can know about God's power and divine nature by examining creation (Romans 1:20). They also know God's law because it is written on their hearts (Romans 2:14-15). However, there is a vast difference between knowing about God and personally knowing God. Apart from God's Word, mankind would never learn the all-important message of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

KNOWING GOD'S WILL

The message of eternal salvation is a vital and dominant theme in Scripture, but the Bible reveals much more - including how God would have us live. Through the recorded examples of biblical figures we can learn what pleases God and what does not. His Word also gives direct instruction to believers on how we should act in every circumstance.

God's inspired and inerrant Word was given for many reasons: to teach us, rebuke us, correct us, and instruct us in righteousness; it was also given so that we may be complete and equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17). By reading the Bible on a consistent basis, you can find direction for your life and learn how to best serve the Lord who gave His life for you.

KNOWING GOD'S WORD

How can we present ourselves approved before God? We need to diligently study His Word so that we acquire an accurate understanding of it and then faithfully act upon the truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

Making God's Word your authority in every area is vital for defending against the many spiritual attacks facing Christians. "Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15).

Don't forget to spend time in prayer. Thank God for giving you eternal life and His Word. Ask Him to teach and guide you so that you will become even more faithful in following Him.

Commit to read and study God's Word regularly in order to better know God, His Son, and His will.

2016 Bible Study & Discipleship Schedule

1. How I read my Bible (Rerun)

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| • Lesson I : Introduction | 10/01/2016 |
| • Lesson II : The Big Picture & Context Rule | 17/01/2016 |
| • Lesson III: Key - Compare & Contrast | 31/01/2016 |
- (After Sun Service)

2. **Harvest Training** (compulsory for leaders) 23/01/2016 (Sat)
by Ps. Suzie Emang of SIB (9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

3. **Alpha Team Training** (Full day) 20/02/2016 (Sat)

4. Alpha Sunday & Envisioning

Dates
21/02/2016
(Sunday Service)

5. TOD DNA (5 Sessions/Weeks)

28/02/2016 to
03/04/2016
(After Sun Service)

6. Alpha Course

16/04/2016 to
09/07/2016
(Saturdays)



BIBLE READING FOR JANUARY 2016

Title:

Ruth & the Kinsman Redeemer

Outline

Ruth's Noble Choice:

"I Will Go" (1:1-22)

Ruth's Lowly Service:

"Let Me Glean" (2:1-23)

Ruth's Tender Plea:

"Take Your Maidservant" (3:1-18)

Ruth's Marital Joy:

"She Bore A Son" (4:1-22)

http://executableoutlines.com/pdf/ruth_so.pdf

Boaz foreshadows Jesus Christ, the ultimate kinsman redeemer who will redeem a bride for himself—the church.

- Stephanie van Eyk