

even prayed out the words that the chosen maiden should say to him that will indicate that God has chosen her for Isaac. Drink and I'll water your camels too. The latter task goes beyond the normal hospitality that a maiden will provide; the servant only asked for a drink for himself; but not for the camels. The chosen maiden will say on her own, she will give the camels their drink too; this goes beyond the request and the additional sign that God has chosen her.

And the Bible records that before the servant had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder. I like these words, "before the servant had finished praying, Rebekah came out". While the prayer was still being prayed, the answer came. God answered immediately in this case. In the book of Ruth, there are three occasions which highlights God's hands working in the background. In Ruth 2:1-3, Ruth went out and gleaned in a field behind the reapers. **As it happened**, she came to the field belonging to Boaz. Verse 4 continues, **Just then** Boaz came from Bethlehem. In chapter 4 verse 1 records, **No sooner had** Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the next of kin came passing by. Very often, life circumstances and life situations work together for our good. People who are not so God conscious may see them as pure coincidences or even good luck. For believers who love the Lord, these are how the Lord engineer, plan life and bless for your good.

At the end Abraham's servant declared, "Praise be to the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and

faithfulness to my master. As for me, the Lord has led me on the journey to the house of my master's relatives." May we like the servant give thanks and praise to God who is kind and faithful to us and guide us to fulfil life's purposes. May we like Job declare, "He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold. My feet have closely followed His steps; I have kept to His way without turning aside."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Care Group & YACG - 9 Mar ; 13 & 27 Apr
- Psalmist Coffee House - 4 Mar & 8 Apr

TOD FAMILY CAMP 17 - 20 Mar, Sat-Tue

There will be no Sunday Service in TOD.

SUNDAY SPEAKERS

- 4 Mar - Pastor Jason
- 11 Mar - Deaconess Debbie
- 18 Mar - Rev Marion Parkes
- 25 Mar - Pastor Irene
- 1 Apr - Elder James
- 8 Apr - Pastor Kim
- 15 Apr - Pastor Jason
- 22 Apr - Elder James
- 29 Apr - Pastor Irene

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

My Feet have Closely Followed His Steps

Bible Class: The Tabernacle of David

YACG Column

Avoiding the Gospel of Comfort

COMING EVENT

SECOND CHANCES - Easter 2018

CG Outreach

Combined CG & YACG Meeting

CONTACT US at (6)03-40227530/60

BOARD OF ELDERS

Chairman: JASON YEONG
 Secretary: ANDREW SEOH
 Treasurer: ANTONY TONG
 Members: CHRISTOPHER LUM
 IRENE CHONG
 JAMES POH
 JAMY NG
 MAK KIEN LOONG
 TAN LAY KIM

ELDER

LIM WAH HENG

DEACONS

ANDY OON, BRYAN GAN
 PETER OON, TONY YAO

DEACONESES

CATHERINE TONG
 DEBBIE YEONG
 LYDIA SEOH, NGIAM LIAN AI

ENGLISH SERVICE PASTORS

IRENE CHONG
 TAN LAY KIM

LAY PASTOR

JASON YEONG

CHILDREN CHURCH PASTOR

CATHERINE TONG

CHURCH OFFICE

MAK KIEN LOONG
 TAN LAY KIM
 CHRISTINE YAP
 EMILY TAN
 OOI YU WERN

SETAPAK COMMUNITY CHURCH (A/G)

ONG BEE LENG (Pastor)
 LIM SHE QIN (Staff)
 CHONG LAI SAN (Staff)

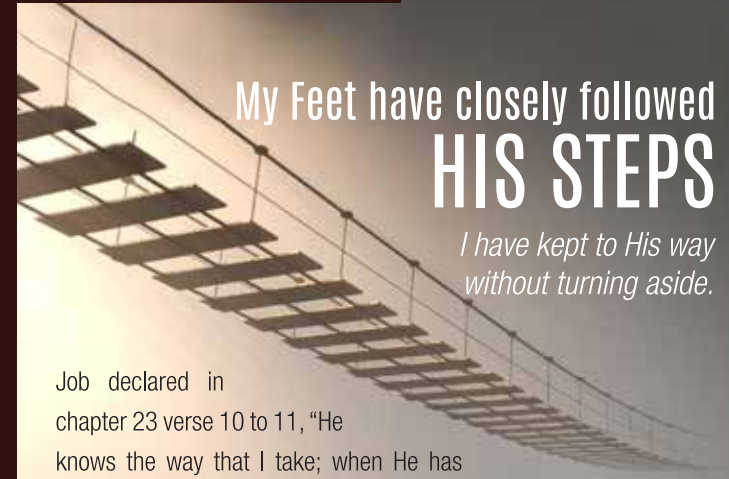
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

TABERNAACLE OF DAVID - English Services

WED	Intercessors Night	8.00 p.m.
FRI	Care Group	8.00 p.m.
	YACG Care Group	8.00 p.m.
SUN	Eagle-Lion Bible School	9.00 a.m.
	Celebration Service	10.15 a.m.
	Children Church	10.15 a.m.
	Youth Alive	10.15 a.m.
	Psalmist Coffee House	7.30 p.m.
	(1st Sunday of the month)	

SETAPAK COMMUNITY CHURCH (A/G) Chinese Services

WED	Senior Care Group	10.00 a.m.
	(2nd & 4th week of the month)	
THU	Prayer Meeting	8.30 p.m.
	(1st & 3rd week of the month)	
SUN	Celebration Service	8.15 a.m.
	Children Church	8.15 a.m.



My Feet have closely followed **HIS STEPS**

I have kept to His way without turning aside.

Job declared in chapter 23 verse 10 to 11, "He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold. My feet have closely followed His steps; I have kept to His way without turning aside." These words closely link with Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths".

A story from the Old Testament reveals a practical application. Abraham had instructed his senior servant to find a wife for his son Isaac from his own relatives. When the servant arrived in Abraham's country, he prayed, "Lord, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. See, I am standing beside this spring, and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. May it be that when I say to a young woman, 'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too'— let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master."

Such specific detailed prayers. Whenever we are to take on an important task or make a crucial decision, our prayer and leaning upon the Lord takes on more careful attention and reliance. Our prayers to heaven above should be defined and spelt out accurately. See how the servant

continued... →

The Old Testament contains a lot of types and shadows that find their fulfilment in the New Testament. It is said: The Old Testament is a shadow, and the New Testament is the substance." One of these "types and shadows" is the Tabernacle of David.

What then does the Tabernacle of David typify or symbolise for us in this 21st century?

- Firstly, in time of the Old Testament when it was set up, it was primarily as a dwelling place for the Ark of the Covenant which represented the presence of God (Psa 132:2-5). So, the Tabernacle of David is the dwelling place of God.

For the Tabernacle of Moses, God gave specific instructions to the size, material, colours and design of the tabernacle. Not for the Tabernacle of David. Nothing was mentioned. This is because the Tabernacle of David is a type and shadow of the dwelling place of God in the New Testament; which is you and I, the temple of the Holy Spirit. It is not limited to size (you may be S, M, L, XL or XXL etc), it is not limited to colour (you may be white, black, brown or yellow or a mixture of all), it is not limited to design (male, female, your looks)...ALL are invited to be and become the 'Tabernacle of David' in this day and age...God's dwelling place, the temple of the Holy Spirit; where He is enthroned and worshipped, 24/7.

- Secondly, it was the place where a new form of worship was introduced (which was not practiced in the Tabernacle of Moses). There, on Mount Zion at the Tabernacle of David, God was worshipped 24/7 (1 Chron 25:8-31) with music, songs and movements (bow, lifting hands, kneel, jump, twirl...dance). The worship was both structured and spontaneous; you can see this in Psalms where songs were composed and put to music and at other times they sing to the Lord 'new songs' and prophesied with instruments (1 Chron 25:1-3).

- The final fulfilment of the type and shadow of the Tabernacle of David would be found in Rev 21:3 when God literally comes and tabernacle with Man.

For a period of 40 years, God gave the people in the Old Testament a glimpse of New Testament and Heavenly worship. Who did He give this revelation to? A worshipper – King David to whom God has this testimony: I have found David, the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will. God seeks for true worshippers who will worship Him in spirit and truth (John 4:23).

A MAN
AFTER
My Own Heart
WHO WILL DO ALL MY WILL.

YACG COLUMN



lives. And the scary part is that we often don't realize it.

Why should we avoid it? Comfort is subtle.

Think of a man who is so comfortable in his life with little to no problems. In his relaxed state he becomes weak and dependent upon his routine. So too the Christian who is very comfortable in his life, can also become weak and dependent upon the securities of life instead of the Lord. And before we know it, we find ourselves asking, what am I really living for?

What happens if we don't? We forget about God.

When our lives get comfortable, we forget how desperately we need God. We begin to feel numb, soft and disconnected in our spiritual lives. Then we start to entertain the thought: Why rely on God when I have everything I want and need? As Christians, we can focus so much on the blessings that we forget about the God that provided them. With God out of mind, we begin to compromise our convictions. However, there is always hope if we decide to change and turn back to God.

How do we avoid it? Living life to the fullest.

Living life to the full requires us to be uncomfortable. It means choosing to live a life that is only possible with God taking lead. To avoid drifting with the waves of comfort, we must continue to examine our hearts and keep our eyes on Jesus. We must ask ourselves the hard questions: Am I growing in my spiritual life or am in the same place I was last year? Is there anything in my life holding me back from being fully devoted to God and his work?

God always wants the best for us, but what's best for us may not be what we want in the moment. We may want comfort and instant gratification, but God desires patience, faith and trust in Him.

Adapted from Relevantmagazine.com
Why Should You Avoid the Gospel of Comfort

Avoiding the Gospel of Comfort

It's a subtle killer of active faith

Are you comfortable?

We live in a time where comfort can quickly become an idol. Comfort can rob us of our strength and dependence on God. The truth is, we all desire some level of comfort, but comfort also has the potential to slowly deteriorate our spiritual

CG Outreach

HKL, Pediatric Ward

7 April (Sat), 2.30 p.m.

TOD members please confirm your participation with your respective CG Leader by 31 March.

13 April > Combined YACG & CG < 8.00 p.m.

COMBATING CONSPIRACY

Nehemiah 6

YACG & CG Grouping:

Paradigm + Overcomer + Deliverer

Encounter + Conqueror + Victor

Siao Group + Mighty Ambassador