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## **EXCERPT FROM MINISTRY READING (THE KINGDOM CHAPTER 24): FROM REJECTION TO GLORY (1)**

### **A WAY ON THE STORMY SEA**

Although our life is in the wilderness and our way is on the sea, we should not worry. In the wilderness the Lord provides food to eat. Our way, being on the stormy sea, is quite risky. We must remember, however, that the Lord is on the mountaintop in the heavens praying for us (v. 23). Also, He comes to us walking on the sea, with all the waves under His feet. Although we may be frightened by the tossing waves, they are under His feet (v. 25). He walks over all the waves. Since He treads over the waves, why should we be afraid of them? The Lord Jesus rebuked Peter because he had little faith. As the kingdom people, our life is in the wilderness, and our way is on the sea. For both our living and our way, we need living faith.

Let me tell you a story that Brother Watchman Nee related to me. The first local church in China was raised up in Foochow in 1922. The brothers met outside of Christianity and outside of denominations. Nearly all of them were students, many still in high school. Brother Nee was about nineteen years of age and was helping take the lead. They began to meet in a small home and eventually had the need to rent a larger place to contain the new converts. Few among those Chinese students had much money; most were quite poor. In one of the meetings the leading brother stood up and said, "Brothers and sisters, here is a Chinese long gown for winter use, which has been offered by a brother. If this can be sold, the price will go toward the payment of the rent for the new meeting place." He did not say who offered the long gown but simply brought it to the meeting and announced that it was available to anyone who needed it. Two sisters were sitting there. One received the burden to buy it as soon as the announcement was made. On the other side of the room she saw a brother who was quite uncomfortable due to the winter cold. There was, of course, no heat in the room. The sister saw the brother in need and had the burden to help him. When the responsible brother announced the price of eight dollars, she spoke with the sister sitting next to her asking, "Why don't we buy this long gown for that brother?" The sister immediately responded, "I had the same feeling, but I have just four dollars." Both sisters had the same feeling and the same amount of money. Right away they stood up, went to the front, and bought the long gown for eight dollars. Then they asked that it be given to the brother who was uncomfortable from the cold. Who do you think that brother was? He was the brother who had originally offered the gown! Thus, both the need for the hall and the need of the brother were cared for by the Lord. We have seen the faithfulness of the Lord in many such experiences.

To illustrate further, when I came to this country, I had very little money. I was not sent here and supported regularly by a mission. As some of the brothers from Taipei could testify, I came to this country without the promise of any support. You may ask, "How then was the work started?" It simply started. The work started in this country in 1963, and we were burdened to publish the little magazine called *The Stream*. Although we had almost no funds, the brothers transcribed the messages, polished them, and were prepared to put them into print. As the time came to print them, we looked at one another. There was no need to discuss money; we all realized we did not have enough. By the Lord's mercy I had two hundred dollars, and I contributed that toward the cost of printing. Eventually, the account contained four hundred dollars. That was the beginning of the publication of *The Stream*.

### **Announcement:**

1. 2020 semi-annual training continues until 7/7. Today message 9 is opened to public and will start at 11:00 AM.
2. 2020 Chinese-speaking perfecting training is scheduled for 7/18-25. 7/18, 19, 25 are dedicated for serving one training and 7/21-24 are for students training. Registration website: [www.mswe1.org](http://www.mswe1.org), due date is 7/9. For detail, contact brothers David Wang and Teng Peng.
3. District prayer meeting on the coming Tuesday 7/7 is scheduled at district prayer meeting on-line locations starting from 7:30-8:00 PM. We encourage the saints to separate time to attend.
4. Corporate pursuing this week: "The Kingdom" messages 23 & 24.
5. A summer college internship between NY/NJ will take place 7/9-8/8. Please contact brother Vedens for details.
6. A couple weeks ago we played a video regarding the church life in DC and the financial needs of purchasing a meeting hall. Saints who have the burden to offer for this purpose can write check to the church in Piscataway and note as for DC's meeting.

### **Prayer Burdens:**

#### **Chinese-Speaking Perfecting Training -**

Releasing more saints to register and participate the students' training and the serving-ones' training.

#### **NY/NJ Summer Intern (7/9~8/8)-**

- A. Pray for the Lord to uplift the whole atmosphere, and may students all join with an exercised spirit.
- B. Pray for all the preparation and coordination among the serving ones.
- C. Pray that the Lord would use this opportunity to perfect and equip the students, and prepare them for the new school year.

#### **Children and Children Service**

- A. Children enjoy online meeting, meeting with others.
- B. Parents have the burden to take care of their children in God's will.
- C. Pray for a planned fellowship with children's parents.

### **Meeting Attendance:**

Small Groups (6/26~6/27): 157  
Lord's Table (6/28): 142  
Prayer Meeting (6/30): 39

## God's Faithfulness — Overflow from The Semi-Annual Training

**(Sharing 1)** We should not understand God's faithfulness in a natural way. God never says He will be faithful in caring for our welfare and keeping us away from afflictions. What is God faithful to exactly, according to His own words? It is said in the New Testament that 1) if we confess our sins, God is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9); 2) that God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord (1 Cor 1:9); 3) that God is faithful, who will not allow that we be tempted beyond what we are able (1 Cor. 10:13); and that 4) God is faithful to sanctify us wholly and preserve us completely (1 Thes. 5:23-24). Concerning God's faithfulness to sanctify us, Message Three of the ongoing semi-annual training specifically talks about how faithful God is in turning us from idols so that we may drink of Him as the fountain of living waters. Although we oftentimes fail Him, our failure in fact opens the way for Christ to come in and dispense Himself into our being. As 2 Tim 2:13 says, "if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself." God has a way to deal with us and cause us to mature and become the New Jerusalem. Therefore, He is faithful in leading us into His economy and fulfill His eternal purpose.

**(Sharing 2)** Thank the Lord! Great is His faithfulness, and His Compassions are new every morning. Just learned about a young college saint passed away in sleep recently in Taiwan, I lamented that our years were really not in our hands. Faced with the uncertainty of tomorrow, it's fair to that we have no tomorrow, we only have today. Seemingly the start of every day is so ordinary, but some people just cannot meet it. Around two weeks ago, when I got up in one morning, my heart started to pump very fast, I got so dizzy that I started to vomit. Thanks to the sisters' care and timely help, I was able to go to the hospital. The doctor said it was Benign paroxysmal positional vertigo (BPPV). And I just realized that it's a blessing to call on the Lord's name everytime we wake up, otherwise we will fall into Satan's stratagems. Thank the Lord, "It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, for His compassions do not fail." (Lam 3:22) May we cherish every day that the Lord has given us, and when we have today, remember Him who created us, and open ourselves to Him to receive His divine dispensing! Amen!

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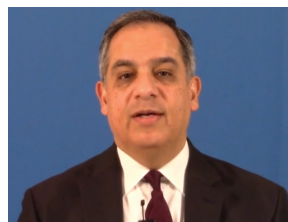
### 2020 European Parents Conference: Raising Up the Next Generation for the Church Life

Recently at the European Parents Conference, there has been a series of messages related to the raising up of the next generation for the church life. The first message began with speaking on our marriage. We have to realize the need for a holy marriage for the church life. If we are to have a vital church life, we must first be vital in our marriage. The church life cannot be a performance - it is just the extension of our family life. Before the Lord can gain the children, the Lord needs to gain the parents. In the story of Hannah and Samuel, it was actually Hannah who first participated in the Nazarite vow and then consecrated her son to do the same. In time, Samuel entered into her mother's consecration. There are two levels of consecration for Samuel to be an age-turner who was used by God. The first level of consecration was Hannah's consecration. The second level was Samuel accepting his mother's vow and voluntarily consecrating to God all the days of his life.

In the third message, the burden was to see the responsibility of the parents in leading their children into the knowledge of the Lord. I was touched that the Body life begins with our family life. If we want to have a proper Body life, this starts with our family life. We must be those speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5). The Lord is taking the way of building up the believers in their homes. When brothers Lee and Nee spoke about home meetings. Their burden was not only home meetings in other people's homes. Rather, home meetings should first be with our own family. This message touched upon many practical points on how to have a family meeting with our children day by day. In having such a practice, where we speak to them of the Lord and allow them to speak to us what is on their heart, we would have a way to nurture our children and lead them to the knowledge of the Lord.

While we are in the third month of being restricted at home, may we continue to look to the Lord and receive His mercy and grace to have a marriage life and family life that would be foundation of our church life.

I really thank the Lord for releasing such timely messages and would encourage all the saints to listen to the messages. There is nourishment and encouragement in each speaking.



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