

Thursday



Distressed and Miserable

“A year ago, my husband forced me to sell our house for investment, and we lost nearly 10 million dollars” Although we won the lawsuit, the other party was hiding, and the court could not execute it. We couldn’t get the money and I am very distressed. I have no one to talk to. I don’t know where God leads! Where is fairness and justice? I wonder if a Christian should pursue legal responsibility. My husband, perhaps because of his character, he didn’t apologize for the investment failed but not even a word of comfort. I had warned him of the worst possible result. But he disagreed and also punched and kicked me. The bitterness in my heart is like Satan’s sword, which makes me miserable.

(Audience “Starry Sky”)

✚ Pray for the sister of what she encountered. Ask the Lord to let her forgive her husband’s wrong decision, may her be free from the blame. May the couple face the difficulties together and be as one as before.

Number Portability

“Number portability” is a new and popular vocabulary for 2019. More and more people are concerned and its attention received is increasing. For telecom operators, the full openness of “number portability” means a new level of user competition. In order to retain users, operators have implemented different policies for carrying numbers, say giving free data but users cannot transfer numbers with one-year contract period, stores cannot handle transfer request, and restraint from promotion activities after the transfer. Under the multiple difficulties of switching networks, the full operation of “number portability” all over China during the year is still facing great challenges. It is really hard to archive.

(“Tencent News”, May 15, 2019)

✚ “Number portability” is a way to protect consumer rights. Telecom operators setting up different limits to retain users are not in proper way. Instead, they should have a more positive attitude by upgrading their services to compete the business. Please pray for each operators to cooperate with the policies and respect the rights of the users in a proactive and positive manner.

Friday



Now Discouraged

“I am sorry that I cannot let my parent feel at ease. I used to pray that I could wait until 30 years old, but I am now discouraged. Many single sisters of my age are highly educated and work well, but there are really no suitable brothers. The situation is like this, how to adjust myself? I am worried and depression. I isolate myself, and I am not interested to interact with people honestly. I feel the pressure of marriage. It has been quite some years, I was bothered. I am far from God. I don’t feel like to read the Bible and to pray. I will also doubt myself: Is that a problem with my personality? Am I not gentle enough? Am I not good at interpersonal relationships, so that I couldn’t find the perfect match? I have lost my confidence. Should I consult psychological counseling?

(A Sister)

✚ Pray for “A Sister” and ask the Lord to let her understand that marriage is not the whole of life. Pray that she can build a quality life in the Lord.

Concerning the Dong

The Dong (a.k.a. Kam) population is more than four million, including the southern and northern Dong people who speak different dialects. They mainly live in Guizhou, and Guangxi, Hunan, and Hubei. As early as 1910, the China Inland Mission preached among the southern Dong. In the 1930s, the Liuzhou missionaries in Guangxi went to the north to carry out the gospel ministry, and led more than 80 Dong people to the Lord in Fulu Town in the northwest of Guangxi; there are still 1,000 believers for southern Dong. The Northern Dong is one of the least concerned people in China. To date, there are only 600 believers among the more than one million Northern Dong people, and the rest have never heard of the gospel. In the past few years, a small number of missionaries have served among southern Dong people and translated the Bible with local co-workers. But recently, under heavy pressure, missionaries have been forced to leave, and their followers have also been pressured to stop ministry.

✚ Ask the Lord to keep the Dong people: keep their faith, actively spread the gospel, receive broadcast training, and produce programs in their language to preach the gospel to their compatriots who do not know the Lord.

Saturday



Not to Wash Your Dirty Linen in Public

“There is a saying: don’t wash your dirty linen in public. I don’t know what to do now! My family is living together with my elder sister-in-law, but she has been making trouble and has a really bad relation with my mom. For example, she has smashed things today. My elder brother, who works in other city, knows it and he is trembling with anger. My mom is particularly painful. I want to move out and rent a house outside since my wife is pregnant. But my elder sister-in-law even want to drive my mom out of the house. Mom is going to guard the house. What should I do? Mom said that if I move, she will die. I am so worried and my wife has been forbearing this sister-in-law. Mom believes in the Lord, saying that it is to be patient, but this is not the way to go. My wife has been frightened by my elder sister-in-law which affects her pregnancy. She is about to produce, I am in a dilemma, what should I do?

(Audience “Helpless Brother”)

✚ Pray for the “Helpless Brother”. Ask the Lord to give him strength, be a strong man in the Lord, protect the mother and wife, and have the courage to express that the family needs respect for each other to live well.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Broadcast Response:** The changing situations since the beginning of the year have probably helped raise the listener and response rates significantly. The “Liangyou Index” is even at its record high over the years. May God use the radio and various online portals to give daily bread to listeners yearning for Scripture, and back up the afflicted churches through our diversified programs.

2 **The Ways of the Pastors:** This face-to-face mentorship program that offers a two-year course where participants meet for eight days and seven nights two times a year is very well-received by mainland pastors and ministers. By the grace of the Lord, our Phase 4 students have completed their studies in April and have been safe on their trips to and fro. Please pray that our mainland pastors caught in these difficult times are still standing firm for the Lord to tend their flocks faithfully.

China News and Prayer

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

It’s already Summer. No matter in the south or in the north, the temperature is over 30 degree Celsius. Everyone is looking for ways to survive the heat.

Religion policy is tightened, churches in China are finding ways to continue their Sunday Services. Pastor and disciples are struggling in their faith under pressure. May we pray for them wholeheartedly, and pray that our Lord will protect His lamb and churches, and keep their faith in Him.

Pastors from the mainland are still in thirst of God’s teachings. Graduates from our Liangyou Theological Seminary are so willing to learn and be better equipped in their preaching, teaching, counselling and leading skills.

To better facilitate the training program, we make use of different medium to broadcast our messages. We have the LTS App, two WeChat public accounts, and two different websites. In June, we will launch a new 32GB OTG-USB with all LTS programs, 185 selected Sermons and notes. It can be used online and offline.

“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel.” (Eph 6:18-19) Please pray for the churches and disciples in the Mainland, especially for the pastors. May we all have the courage to preach the truth and to lead people towards Christ the Lord.

With hopes always!

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Sunday



Difficult to Forgive

"Let bygones be bygones – it's easier said than done. The moment I saw the cruel and unkind message from my father, all the sunken hatred and hurts between us cropped up. And due to this irresponsible man and his doings on me, my gratefulness to God has greatly subsided but replaced with resentment and jealousy, mostly. Resented being born in such a family; and envied those born in a family with loving parents. To overcome my emotion, perhaps as my aunt advised – to pretend my father is dead! I admit and feel sorry for being an unkind person too, so I can't figure out why God made me."

(Sister Doudou)

✚ Pray to God to heal the wounded soul of Doudou. By the grace of the Lord, may she let go of her father's wrongs but to resume her life with forgiveness, acceptance and the love of our Lord.

Strictest Updating

A joint notice on the verification of personal financial information has recently announced by a number of banks in China. Unlike any other, this time they required their customers to provide personal identity information such as name, gender, nationality, occupation, contact information, address, ID number as well as the valid term of certificates etc., which has greatly out-numbered the items they used to. It is the most demanding one ever. This large-scaled investigation has been carried out since the beginning of March, mainly for suspicious customers who with only one mobile phone number, bear cards with different names of cardholders. They need to submit explanation; or if there shows a great deal of repetitive use of the same contacts, the bank will stop its service to the related accounts lest people take illegal control over these multiple bank cards. Further action will be taken from the bank until all the customers' personal information required by the card center is well fulfilled and verified.

(“Securities Daily”, May 15, 2019)

✚ Pray to the Lord that the implementation of such a demanding update on bank customers will bring honest and positive impact to the society and general public.

Monday



Feeble Minded

"Because the Word of God hasn't been taken root, my heart is feeble. I invited my family to pray for the niece of sister Cui, Yaoyao – 25 years old whose two or three-year-old daughter has brain tumor and is now in Beijing hospital. The doctor there said the girl can only live for two more years and asked the family to pray for His healing urgently! Please also pray for the marriage of my son Liu. He and his girlfriend had engaged on February 8 in lunar calendar this year. His fiancé however, is hesitating about the wedding. May the God open the way; I am tired and overwrought by this matter. I prayed in front of God for an hour yesterday morning. Today, I am too worried to pray. May God remove my doubtfulness and misgivings in my heart."

(Sister Don, Shandong Province)

✚ May the Lord remember Yaoyao, the daughter of sister Cui. Pray to God to heal her brain tumor and let the family unite in one spirit with the Lord in face of difficulties. Pray that, with God, sister Don is strengthened and her son's marriage is blessed.

Gaokao Immigrant

Shenzhen's education bureau announced they would disqualify 32 students of a Shenzhen private school for taking this year's National College Entrance Exam (NCEE) in the city after they were found as "Gaokao (NCEE) immigrants". They need to return to their own originated city for the exam. The school involved is required to severely punish those responsible and will have its high school enrollment quota cut by half in 2019. The Education Department of Guangdong Province stated that they would put more stringent control and management on high school education and college entrance examination registration to avoid the existence of "Gaokao immigrants."

(“People's Daily Shenzhen”, May 14, 2019)

✚ To get into good university, these Gaokao immigrants would pick provinces where very low school enrollment score is required despite their very high admission rates to colleges. The root cause of this phenomenon lies in the different admission rates to college across the country. It is thus hoped that relevant units can work out a fair and just educational environment for all the Gaokao candidates.

Tuesday



It's Awful

"I am 39 years old. My self-esteem is exceptionally low. As getting stuck in the mud, I desperately seek the face of God. But when I pray, I am like mumbling alone, without seeing His presence at all. The feeling kept on even when I prayed with my wife, occasionally. I thus become frustrated and worried if I have ever been reborn, or am I destined not to get saved? Thoughts as these keep haunting me... I am stupid and inarticulate. I conceal my fears only to myself. I am awful and problematic. I have poor relationship with the people around me, except those of my own family."

(Brother Yam)

✚ Pray for brother Yam that he can open himself to his wife and church pastor. Let them share his disconcertment; get to the cause and brave to seek necessary help.

Shared Dads

An app about "shared dads" has recently gone viral on social media. After entering the program page, the user's whereabouts will be located. Users can select their own father figure, choosing from options including business, warm men, sports, art and humor; or even request kinds of service the "dad" to provide. On this "shared dad" renting platform, one could also find their nearest perfect "Daddy". However, after selecting the choice of dad and at the point of finalizing the purchase, users will be directed to a brand advertisement after all. The brand involved responded that the concept of "shared dad" is not feasible, and the company only wants to bring out the indispensability of the role of fathers through public channels. The company's ad may have violated the provisions of the Advertising Law that prohibits companies from promoting fake services to deceive or mislead consumers to spoiling the good atmosphere of the society.

(“Southern Daily”, May 16, 2019)

✚ Pray for the development of marketing in this new media era. Pray that their creative advertising would not, for the sake of boosting public's attention, override the importance of integrity and virtues to the wellness of social atmosphere.

Wednesday



To a New Environment

"Three years ago, I was encouraged by a church teacher to take a course in theology. I had no solid expectation toward the course, but sure to know it could free me from my original workplace where there were lies, deceits, hypocrisy, and slackers of all sorts. The theological class started their enrollment while I was thinking of resigning from work; I was looking forward to returning school as the environment would be much relaxed and pleasant. This might be an excuse of me for wanting not to work, instead of wanting to study theology. I enjoy my study very much, feeling as relaxed and comfortable as in paradise. I nevertheless am not sure about what I need or what God needs from me... or is it His will that I take the theology class?"

(Sister Zhao, Beijing City)

✚ Pray for sister Zhao to let her understand what dedication is; and let her realize what is God's calling and commitment. Seminary is not a refuge. May the Lord show mercy and teach her to seek guidance before the Lord.

Passenger Regulations

Announced by Beijing Municipal Commission of Transport, the Beijing "Passenger Regulations" as well as "Actions Note" went into effect on 15 May. It stated all the DON'TS for passengers on public transport. For examples, not to eat or drink, occupy more than one seat, promote sales, take e-cigarette, hang around on escape routes etc. To better the enforcement of the Regulations, an "Actions Note" was designed and attached. The Note: 1. The act of uncivilized ride will be recorded in the violators' credit record. 2. Violators who do not stop when asked may be requested to get off and their misbehavior will be reported to traffic police department for follow-ups. 3. Violators with poor credit record can restore their social credit score by actively participating in the rail transit volunteer service. 4. Violators can apply for information review if they reckon their personal credit records incorrect.

(“China Daily”, May 15, 2019)

✚ Pray that the public would welcome the introduction of the mentioned regulations and be able to comply with them.