

Thursday



Gay Friend

"Recently, I have found that my male friend is gay. He is a believer. Although he has communicated with a church pastor in this regard, the pastor's assistance for him is very limited due to a lack of professional knowledge. My friend knows that it is a sin. He is willing to face and change, but he just needs help. As his female friend, I was surprised when he shared this problem. I know it is a sin, and feel his pain and loneliness. I also need to accept and treat him from the viewpoint of grace and truth. He needs to return to God. He also needs a spiritual companion. Yet I am a Christian sister. Our boundary is hard to handle. I want to help him, but I do not know where to start. I want to get support very much."

(A listener named as "A Sister")

✞ Please pray that the Lord will give the sister the wisdom to help her Christian brother. Also ask the Lord to prepare a counselor for the brother and release him from the bondage of homosexuality.

Finance Apps

On Dec 4, 2019, the public security department struck a heavy blow to concentrate its efforts on the investigation and rectification of 100 illegitimate and illegal Apps, and their operating Internet companies. Numerous finance Apps were removed from the market for rectification. As at Sep 11, 2019, China Information and Communication Technology Academy recorded more than 130,000 Apps of the financial sector from 232 Android application markets. Its observation has found that 70.22% of the financial sector Apps has high-risk loopholes. Hackers can use these loopholes to steal user data, implant malicious programs, and attack the services, etc., posing a serious threat to the Apps security. Some of these high-risk loopholes may even lead to the risk of Apps data leakage.

("China Times", December 9, 2019)

✞ If the finance Apps are properly used, they will bring convenience, otherwise they will bring risks and endanger safety. Please pray that the relevant departments can establish a sound mechanism for software supervision; and guide financial institutions to strengthen the security management of their web portals.

Friday



Encountering Heresy

"I have just graduated from college. Furthermore, I encountered Korean heresy abroad. I had studied their doctrines for more than a month. I told my church after my return to home. (Originally they did their utmost to stop us from telling our church. They even used the Bible out of context to prove.) At that time, I also tried hard to justify their words as if I was brought into their mode of thoughts. I had still studied seriously for a day after I had returned to my homeland to work. Without knowing why on the next day, I realized that what I had studied was wrong. Then I checked it via Internet and I was shocked. Recalling my recent study, I found that it had gone wrong. Currently, I have been relying on God to remove the thoughts I have been indoctrinated. Sometimes people are really too weak when they are abroad."

(An Audience)

✞ Please pray for "the audience" so that he can understand the truth of faith and return to the right track. Pray that he will rely on the Lord to live a victorious life, establish a foundation for his faith and avoid being affected by paganism.

Guizhou Blessed

Originally Guizhou is a relatively poor province in China. There are numerous ethnic minorities, including Miao, Buyi, Dong, Tujia, Yi, Shui, Gelao, Hui, Yao and Bai etc. The most talked about cheerfully was that the British missionary, Samuel Pollard, went to the Shimenkan in northwestern Guizhou in 1905 and the gospel was spread among the Miao people. After that, there were also many missionary efforts. Until today, many regions and ethnic minorities in Guizhou are still outside the door of gospel. The efforts made by missionary predecessors need to be inherited and extended.

✞ Please pray for the evangelical ministries of many ethnic minorities in Guizhou. Even though the external environment is still unfavorable to the evangelical ministries, it is learnt that the Puyi believers are seeking the Lord's guidance to prepare for the development of the audio gospel ministry. Ask the Lord to give them the right message and keep them safe so that they will spread the gospel in Guizhou in the near future.

Saturday



Open Myself

"My personality is eccentric and unsociable. I am also a little bit arrogant. I have faced a choice of my work. It is the Lord who let me listen to your programs and help me make the right choice. Outsiders think that my work is very tiring and painful, but my heart is comfortable and peaceful. Moreover, I used to be bound by pornographic novels. The Lord has helped and healed me through the programs. But I have been embarrassed to share this aspect with others. I have dared not to tell even the pastor whom my church trusts. I am not scared until I have heard your program with the similar aspect. I should tell others in order to help them. Recently, I have dared to open myself to others. Other programs on secret love, original families and unbelieving husbands etc are related to my life and experiences. Your radio programs are very marvelous, like a passionate friend accompanying me."

(An audience named as "a fearful guy")

✞ Thank God for enabling the audience, "a fearful guy", to break through his weakness via the programs so as to overcome his bondage and turn over a new leaf. It is hoped that his experiences can help others.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Broadcasting Theme:** Greeting the new year, the broadcasting theme of Liangyou Radio is "Voice Resounding". The focus of this theme is God's non-stoppable love calling people to return to Him. Ask the Lord to bless the broadcast of each season so that the "sound" can penetrate into people's hearts like seeds which can be transformed into life to establish believers.

2 **Co-workers' Inheritance:** In 2019, a total of our three senior co-workers retired in succession. Ask the Lord to strengthen their work, and bless their lives and services after their retirement. Successors have been found to take up these posts respectively. Please pray that the new co-workers will adapt to their new posts and build a team of harmony, unity and tacit understanding with other co-workers.

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Dear Warriors in Christ,
Wish you New Year blessings!

Entering 2020, the broadcasting theme, "Voice Resounding", is pronounced as "Living Endlessly" in Putonghua (Shēngshēng bù xī). Both phrases have the same pronunciation! According to the subject of the theme, it is hoped that the "good news of the Gospel" will endlessly reach the hearts of the compatriots extensively. Now I sincerely hope that your life will please the Lord more in the new year.

In recent years, international political, economic and diplomatic situations have shown tension and difficulties. It is not easy for people in the world to live in harmony. Recently, a picture emerges in my mind:

"The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain." (Psalm 2: 4-6)

Yes, the Lord was laughing that day when the world's people were arguing! Let godly people know how to look to the throne --- God has installed His king, and His salvation is spread universally! Please pray that all people can repent very soon and "kiss His son"! For blessed are all who trust in Him.

In ancient times, on the day before the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land, Moses persuaded: "This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live." (Deuteronomy 30:19) There is a resonance between ancient and modern times; let us choose life!

Pray that in the 21st century, people can live in harmony! Again, please come together to listen to the message of "Voice Resounding" and "Living Endlessly"!

Rev Samuel Yiu
Radio Pastor

Sunday



In Temptation

"I am recently deeply troubled and flurried by a relationship with another man. Knowing that such thinking is not right no matter how poor the relationship is with my husband, I have struggles and I am lost. I pray before God for mercy and save me from such temptation. The fact is the more I want to break free, the more I can't let go. I understand that this sin disgraces my God and hurts my own family. And I also know the Bible says: "The wages of sin is death." Please advise and pray for me so that I won't give in and go astray."

(Lamb, Anhui Province)

- ⌘ Pray for sister Lamb, and may the Lord strengthen her will to stay away from temptations. Solely by the words of the Lord can she resist Satan from hurting and destroying her family. May she find a trustworthy pastor and a sister in Christ to pray with to keep her in the Lord.

Fallen Sewage Tank

On Dec 3, 2019, a sewage tank collapsed in Xucun Town, Haining City, Jiaxing, Zhejiang Province, killing 9 people and causing 4 seriously injured and 9 slightly harmed. When the sewage tank of Longzhou Printing and Dyeing Co. Ltd. (in a cylindrical shape, with a diameter of 24 meters, a height of 30 meters, and a volume of about 13,000 cubic meters) in the Haining Industrial Park collapsed, it hit some workshops of the adjacent Ducai Textile Company as well as Yilong Textile Company. Apart from the sudden flop of slabs in the factories, a large amount of sewage from the tank was instantaneously dumped into the factory buildings. Some workers in the factories were washed away by the dumped sewage while some workers were gripped by the fallen bundles of textile within. Serious casualties have been resulted.

(“China News Network”, December 10, 2019)

- ⌘ Because the accident involved sewage leakage, may the Lord help the relevant units handle well about the pollution and rehabilitation concerned. Moreover, pray that those seriously injured to recover soon while families of the injured and dead be greatly comforted with the care and assistance from various counseling and supporting institutions.

Monday



Fearful for Discipline

"I am a believer for ten years. I am a shallow person running a simple life. I can teach but I am not teachable. I am introverted, impatient, irritable especially at my kid's education. I can memorize easily what other people said but hard to what does in the Bible. I got upset when I saw gossipers in good health. I know that I won't have peace in the heart if I don't abide by His teaching. When the preacher says that our hearts are deceitful, I say God knows about me well. I have thought of leaving the church choir many times but am afraid of God's discipline. In the face of poor environment, I take things as they come. I am indebted to my husband who is thin but still has to earn the bread for this family of four. I'm willing to be an elite soldier; however, I turn out more like one of those stupid virgins."

(Sister Li)

- ⌘ I am grateful to Sister Li for knowing her own situation and weaknesses. May the Lord help purify her heart so that she can set her eyes solely on God's goodwill and serve Him with a joyous spirit.

Book Burning in Public

The county library of Zhenyuan, Gansu province did a "thorough clean-up" of its donated books and destroyed all "illegal publications and religious publications, especially books, pictorial publications and visual content that showed leanings". On Oct 22, 2019, a report on "book burning" was posted on the official county website stating that a pile of 65 'illegal publications' were incinerated under the personal inspection of the head of the Cultural Tourism Bureau. A photo showing two women burning books outside the main entrance of the library was attached. The news of book burning immediately prompted a wave of criticism from commentators and internet users who were reminded of the Qin dynasty, when books were burned, and scholars buried alive. Subsequently, this report on "book burning" was soon removed from the county's official website.

(“World Daily”, December 9, 2019)

- ⌘ Please pray for the industry of Chinese publications, especially those religion-related for they are experiencing their bitter winter in the meantime. Remember also the safety of those who are involved in running the business of religious publications.

Tuesday



Live for the Lord

"I am a Christian in China and your radio programs help profoundly on my spiritual growth. I am a real sinner; constrained by different aspects of life, family and money. I want to become an evangelist and live for the Lord. Many years ago, the Lord saved my mother from falling ill all the time. I therefore was raised in a Christian environment since young age. As my mother and sister wanted to see me baptized into the name of the Lord, I did it on Dec 9, 2007. I am now 34 years old and I am thankful to Radio Liangyou for the gospel teaching all along."

(Brother Peng, Shaoguan)

- ⌘ I am grateful to Brother Peng who has known the Lord in his family since he was a child. His mother has experienced the Lord's healing. May the Lord help brother Peng grow in the Lord without shackles and temptation from the environment.

Correct by Force

A youth psychological counselling center in Sichuan was reported illegally running a school. With catchy caring taglines "saving children, saving families, and correcting juveniles with problems" in disguise, the school will then use extreme corporal punishment, or "correct by force" so to speak, to frequently beat and insult these students causing them great harm physically and psychologically in the end. Some students accused the school for abuse, illegal detention, etc. After investigation by the Market Supervision Bureau, the school was charged for illegally engaged in educational business activities and its business license will be revoked in due course. The education department also ordered it to retire all students and put all its education and teaching activities to a halt. Simultaneously, the public security authority is investigating and obtaining evidence for its charges of abuse and assault.

(“CCTV Finance”, December 8, 2019)

- ⌘ It is widely agreed that children need discipline to correct their misbehavior. Labeling a child as "problem teenager" during the process of counseling is however bringing more psychological harm to the subject. May parents know how to choose a proper and professional counseling institution for their children, if necessary.

Wednesday



Near Blind

"A few years ago, my left eye got almost blind because of the sequelae of a series of brain tumor surgeries. I didn't know the Lord and was very hopeless that time. I preferred dying to living as the latter seemed to be a torture to me. After being saved, I understand that although God has dimmed my eye-sight, He let me see things clearer with the spirit of my heart. In the challenges ahead I hope I can do well to glorify the name of the Lord. There were times I felt weak and frustrated and I urged on my knees to ask the Lord to remove the disease. I was basically blind but by the grace of the Lord I am picking up some light now. As every breath we take is a gift from God, I thank Him for allowing me to testify His miracle."

(Sister Li, Shaanxi Province)

- ⌘ Grateful that by knowing the Lord Sister Li has risen from despair and overcome severe illnesses. Pray that the Lord will use her testimony as blessings for many others.

A Heroic Boy

On Nov 30, 2019, in the city of Hebi in Henan Province a 3-year-old girl fell into an abandoned well and was stuck at about 20 meters underground for nearly 4 hours. Fifteen firefighters went to the rescue, but none could fit in the only 30-centimetre-wide well. In view of the emergency, a volunteer from a civil rescue team asked: "My son is small and let him try it." After a simple physical test and a longer than 20-minute explanation from a fireman on the safety cautions, the 14-years-old boy was hung upside-down with ropes tied at his feet. He was lowered down into the well for trials starting first from two or three meters. He experienced slight contusion and hypoxia and was sent into the well six times to finally saved the girl. After four-hour rescue operation, the girl was taken out of the well to safely end the crisis.

(“CCTV News”, December 08, 2019)

- ⌘ Apart from praising the calmness and courage of the teenager, one should also ask why was there no safety protection for the abandoned well at the hotel's courtyard? Why was the 3-year-old child left unattended? Pray for a rise of public awareness on environmental safety across the country.