

Thursday



My Mother's Love

"My mother accepted the gospel because of my elder brother's serious illness. God blessed us very much and my elder brother was healed. But he has been mischievous, stirring up trouble and stealing. So my parents really have no solution. My mother has given up her work to concentrate on praying to God. This has lasted for ten years. However, my brother went to jail eventually because of repeated thefts. He finally refrained from the bad habit of theft a year later. He has lived a wandering life outside for a long time. My mother has kept fasting and praying. God has answered and saved him again and again. But he still refuses to repent. He has suffered from various illnesses, including hyperthyroidism and hepatitis B. In short, he has not been safe."

(Audience "Younger Brother")

⌘ Please pray for the mother and elder brother of the audience "Younger Brother". It is hoped that the greatness of maternal love and the Lord will move his elder brother confess his sins, repent, accept the Lord's salvation and start a new life of faith.

Cats Slaughtered and Eaten

Some internet users revealed that there was a vendor selling uninspected live cats at a market in Xintian County, Yongzhou City, Hunan Province. About a hundred of cats were slaughtered there. The incident drew the attention of the local government. It was found to be true after an investigation. The vendor involved had been seized. Assistance of cat lovers was sought to properly settle the live cats rescued from the market. In order to further crack down on illegal animal trading, search and rectification of all markets in the county have been carried out. The slaughter and sale of live cats have been strictly prohibited. The sources of the live cat purchase channel have been traced to cut off the sale chain.

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⌘ Please pray that the government will strengthen education to promote a civilized food culture. Also pray that relevant policies will be implemented to severely punish illegal activities of hunting, breeding and trading of wild animals for the purpose of eating; and to eradicate consumers' purchase and eating.

Friday



Can Sacrifices be Eaten?

"Can my children eat sacrifices? If I interfere with them, my mother-in-law and husband will not be happy. They think that the children belong to their family. After all, the children cannot help the temptation of delicious food and keep asking: Can it be eaten? I tell them in private that they cannot, and I will buy if they want to eat. Sometimes the children do not eat because they are afraid to make me unhappy. But sometimes they still eat. When I talk about this issue more, my mother-in-law will be unhappy. I am very distressed. The first bowl of dumplings we made is always placed on the altar to worship idols. These dumplings have been made by me and her together. So is this regarded as my indirect worship of Satan?"

(Sister Liu)

⌘ Please pray that the Lord will guide Sister Liu to maintain a good testimony in her family so that her mother-in-law and husband will witness her godliness and respect her willingly. Also pray that the sister can enjoy peace in the truth.

Finding Jesus

A group of interested people has published a book about a Muslim's conversion to the Lord, "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus". It is about the life testimony and religious discussion of Dr. Nabeel Qureshi, who has grown up in the States. It also helps many Muslims re-recognize their faith and find Christ. The book has been translated with Muslim religious terms for free Internet download. It is learnt that an authorization of the original publisher has been recently obtained to produce audio book. FEBC is responsible for the production of the Muslim radio program, "Grace and Truth". Our colleagues have also strived to obtain the authorization. They will share this life testimony through broadcast. They hope to reach Muslims more widely, lead them to think seriously about their faith, and let them find Jesus on the way of seeking Allah.

⌘ Please pray for the gospel ministry for Muslims and the spread of the book online, production of audio books, and the recording and broadcasting of the program. Ask the Lord to use Dr. Qureshi's writings. Although he has died young, his life testimony and faith pursuit still speak.

Saturday



Pray for My Family

"I once walked through the valley of the shadow of death. Currently I have peace and joy in my heart. Please pray for my eldest daughter's marriage. She is in love with a man who is an unbeliever. Please ask the Lord to prepare for her a man and let her know that she should not have pre-marital sex. Also pray for my youngest son. He is indulged in the use of his cell phone every day and he cannot control himself. Ask the Lord to let him have the ability to discern so that he will not be addicted. I am willing to entrust my children to the Lord so that they will become the tools the Lord likes. Please pray for the health and spiritual life of my mother and wife. Also pray for my three elder sisters and their families, and for the families of my father-in-law and my wife's elder brother. Ask the Lord to choose them. Also pray for the small church of our village."

(Brother Li)

⌘ Please pray for Brother Li's family so that the family can realize the Lord's love through his experience and life testimony. Ask the Lord to listen to the brother's prayers and bless his family.

Gospel Broadcasting

1 **Towards a new normal:** FEBC Hong Kong is going towards a new era, a new environment and a new normal. We all need to make new arrangements and new attempts in various aspects of operation, production and management. The minds of the colleagues are required to be renewed frequently to test and approve the Lord's good will in order to move forward. They need to look up to Heavenly Father's timely supply. Please pray for us.

2 **Bachelor of Ministry Program:** LTS launched the "Bachelor of Missionary" program in January 2021 to equip believers serving churches. It is suitable for church leaders and preachers. At the same time, it allows the current LTS graduates to be further equipped to enhance their knowledge, and studying and serving abilities. It is hoped that they will become more holistic spiritual leaders and that the effectiveness of pastoral care of the Mainland churches will be increased.

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

The world was created when God said and ordered. The voice of God, whether it is thundering or whispering, shows his power and love.

God appears to people through sound as a medium. It is familiar to the people of Israel. Even the centurion knew that the Lord's words were powerful. When he asked Jesus to heal his servant, he said, "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed." (Luke 7:6b-7) God values words and reminds people not to boast and speak conceited nor arrogant words; but to be careful with their tongues and bless others.

Someone once thought that the popularity of video shows would make radio disappear. But decades later, the audio broadcast still has its charisma. In China, audio-based "podcasts" have become popular. People use fragmented time slots to enrich themselves with their senses of hearing. Many people have also become hosts and shared their experiences and thoughts. According to the PodFest China's "Chinese Podcast Audience and Consumption Survey" (May 2020), Chinese podcast audiences were young and highly educated. Among the interviewed audiences, 88.5% of them were below the age of 35, 86.4% had a bachelor degree or above, and 68.2% lived in first-tier and new first-tier cities, mainly in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Hangzhou.

The voice ministry of the gospel broadcasting can become an outlet for God's Words. It is a ministry that cannot be underestimated. FEBC has seized this trend and sent colleagues to produce programs specifically for the podcast and exchange reflection on faith in life with the young people on podcasts. Please pray for this new ministry called "BreakPod". Ask God to use it.

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Sunday



Losing my Son

"The pain of losing my son is so excruciating that it is like my sins that even my belief can't be of help. Since his death, I have locked myself up. I do neither scripture reading nor attending any church gatherings, for fear that someone would raise his name before me. My son was baptized since early childhood. He however stayed away from God due to his work in Angola. He was an interpreter and he drank too much until he lost his life to GI bleed at the end. The poor medical services in Angola couldn't save the tragedy. I do not dare to unfold to others of his death. We were the only Christians in the family and I pray with tears every day. Even at the expanse of my own soul, I pray that the Lord would put the name of my son in the Book of Life. If a person earns the world but loses his son, what shall I use to change back the life of my child?"

(Audience "Despairer")

- ⌘ Pray for Sister "Despairer" and ask the Lord to fill her and comfort her with His love. By the grace of the Lord, may she overcome her pain and brave to live anew.

Heart-warming Move

Because of the repeated epidemics in Hebei, many people have echoed the government's call of "Celebrating CNY locally". Despite the inability to return home for Spring Festival, they were not uncared for. In Jinan, Mr. Xin the owner of a youth hostel, provided free beds for the non-locals who could not go home to celebrate. Anti-epidemic materials, such as masks and alcohol, were given whilst all the guest rooms were sterilized every day. To support the good deeds of Mr. Xin, some people would leave a message when booking a room saying that their payment was used to subsidize Xin's expenses for his generosity. In addition, some people also sent in eight cartons of milk as New Year blessings for these guests.

("CCTV Net", February 5, 2021)

- ⌘ It is beautiful when there are tolerance, respect, mutual help and love in the society! Pray for the openness of everyone in accepting the unlikeness and to watch over each other in times of adversity. May God's love be poured upon everyone to let more to believe in the Lord.

Monday



Internet Fraud

"I was born in a Christian family, but I chose an unbeliever husband and left God for a long time after marriage. I have been a full-time housewife. But unfortunately, my husband lost RMB 2 million dollars in business; I therefore wanted to help make some money at home. I started to invest in stocks since July last year and was victimized by Internet fraud, causing me a loss of more than 300,000 dollars. I was overwrought as most of the money was borrowed. I am sorry for my greediness. I am a sinner and have offended both God and my family. Now I can't face my husband and the in-law's family who are all Buddhists. I have lost my direction. I've been seeking God and He shows me His presence. Thank Lord and may He make a way for me."

(Audience "One Sister")

- ⌘ Pray for "One Sister" that her faith in Him will be strengthened. The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, and a stronghold in times of trouble. May Sister be brave to come before God in repentance; apologize to her husband and admit she has been conned.

Bag of Tricks

Located in the southwestern border of Pu'er City, Yunnan Province, adjacent to the Golden Triangle, there is a serious problem of cross-border drug trafficking. To hide drugs, criminals have used backpacks, shampoo, coffee, etc. to prevent them from being discovered by border guards. Recently, the city's public security unit cracked two consecutive drug smuggling cases. They used the hollow section of oil pipes and the interlayer of books to store drugs. More than 3kg of drugs were seized, and two suspects arrested. Since last year, a total of 84 drug cases have been intercepted at the Pu'er border in Yunnan, arresting 60 suspects and having a seizure of nearly 500kg of various drugs and 150 tons of precursor chemicals.

("China News Net", February 4, 2021)

- ⌘ For the impact of the drug problem, I ask God to help the government to combat drug crimes. Pray for those who are bound by drug addiction and may they be helped by the gospel. Pray also that more people are willing to offer timely and practical assistance.

Tuesday



Finish Reading the Bible

"After having finished reading the entire Bible, I am confused about what to do next! I haven't read the Bible for many days since then, just occasionally popped into some radio programs or articles from official site of Christianity. Several times when I opened the New Testament, I quitted after flipping through for a few chapters. I struggle: Don't we Christians have to read the Bible and pray every day to get close to God? What's wrong with me then, or am I too busy? This is only an excuse, as I believe there is a will there is a way. Every night after work, I also have to do housework and tutor my children. I am so tired and have not much time to pray. With God, do I simply want to get it over at the end of the day? How can I make a change?"

(Audience "Companion")

- ⌘ Pray that Sister "Companion" can refresh her relationship with God, to experience the sweetness of His words and the fullness of peace and joy in His presence. May Sister "Companion" be attracted again by God's words of love.

Environmental Beautification

After realizing the importance of sustainable ecological development, implementation of landscaping plans of Beijing's sub-center is in full swing during recent years. More than 100 key greening projects are well under way, adding about 250,000 mu of greenery including parks, forests, country parks and wetlands. An example is the Central Green Forest Park. It's located in Tongzhou District, Beijing, which was used to be an old canal and the site of a chemical plant. After ecological restoration and large-scale landscape construction, it has become a good place for citizens to relax. This year, a series of projects will continue to further improve the pattern of green space of the Beijing's sub-center.

("Xinhua News Agency", February 5, 2021)

- ⌘ Nature is God's creation. Pray that everyone knows how to cherish our resources and care for each plant. The government's planning is not just cosmetic measures; various environmental protection policies will stay on to allow a harmonious coexistence between human and nature.

Wednesday



Feeling Lonely

"I'm 27 years old. I am poor in socializing. When I mix with youngsters I can never be as cheerful and talkative as they do. Even in front of young kids, I am still at a loss for words. Days around Spring Festival or holidays are therefore nightmares for me because there will be many family gatherings with relatives whom I find hard to cope with. While they are having a jolly time talking and laughing, old or young, I feel alone and left out. Seems that I have nowhere to rest my soul; no one to talk to and nothing I can tell... I am still seeking the answer from the Bible. Being so dull and aloof, I am doubtful if someone will ever be attracted to me! Besides, I wish my family all become Christians."

(The audience "Distressed")

- ⌘ Pray for audience "Distressed". May she learn to accept herself and open to communicate with others. Remember her family and may all the members be saved and called upon the name of the Lord.

Keys to Better Education

At the National Education Work Conference held a few days ago, the Minister of Education Chen Baosheng delivered a speech, emphasizing the need to manage schoolwork, sleep, mobile phones, reading materials, and physical fitness of primary and secondary school students. Schoolwork at primary level should all be finished at school; For middle and high school, all homework should be relevant to the syllabus. About sleep, sufficient sleeping time for children is required for the well-being of their physiological development. When comes to mobile phones, students are prohibited from bringing mobile phones into the classroom. Regarding the reading materials, students are recommended to read those on the list provided. Finally, in terms of physical fitness, schools are required to comprehensively improve the physical and psychological quality of students.

("The Paper", February 7, 2021)

- ⌘ Pray for educators and parents. May the Lord grant them wisdom to help build correct values system and deliver the textbook knowledge to the next generation so that these children can obtain good living habits and grow to become physically and mentally strong.