

Thursday



### Enlightened By God

“My husband and I used to quarrel all the time. Basically, I did not even realize that it was my fault. The quarrels between my husband and me are all related to small matters caused by me. I am willing to rely on Jesus in order to change myself. Thank God. He has made me realize that people should not be impulsive all the time. When we quarrel, I have learned to change the subject so that this incident will not continue to develop. Gradually our relationship is becoming better and better. Currently I am pregnant. The child is a gift given to us by God. So I no longer think that this problem does not matter as I did before. God has made me change myself. Our marital relationship has become harmonious.”

(Sister Xia)

✞ Please pray for Sister Xia and her husband that they will often introspect themselves in Christ and change bravely. Pray that Sister Xia’s marriage can become a good testimony. Also ask the Lord to keep the baby growing healthily in her womb.

### High Amount of Betrothal Gifts

In recent years, the high amount of betrothal gifts has drawn great attention from all walks of life. The central and local governments have proposed various measures to rectify the situation. However, the problem still persists in some rural areas. The obvious regional and class differentiation has also become one of the most intense social problems in rural areas. The highest amount of the gifts is found in the Pan-Yangtze River Delta region, including Jiangsu (mainly southern Jiangsu), Zhejiang, Fujian and Jiangxi. The reasons for such problem are related to the urbanization policies and imbalance of the gender ratio. Moreover, the logic of market economics and consumerist culture all have a certain influence on the issue.

(“China News Weekly”, May 13, 2024)

✞ Ask the Lord to help the government and various sectors respond to the problem from a comprehensive perspective so that they can jointly find the solutions. Please pray that a betrothal gift will no longer be a burden on marriage, and that people will regain correct views and original values of love and marriage.

Friday



### Not Forsaken Me

“Once I lost my original faith and no longer love God. I have a lot of resentment, fear, feelings of being hurt, anger and bitterness. My husband is often unreasonable, selfish, indifferent, and controlling. I have used human methods to find a way for myself so as to escape from my own cross. Therefore, I have suffered a lot and my inner life has been hurt very much. Subsequently I have realized that my life direction is wrong and that returning to God is my only way out. I am grateful for God’s mercy and enlightenment. I have been stubborn and rebellious for so many years. I have stumbled countless times. But God has not abandoned me because of His mercy. When I seriously repent and deal with my own rebellion before the Lord Jesus, I taste the joy and peace in Christ again.”

(Sister Cheng)

✞ Thank God that Sister Cheng can return to God again. It is believed that her life will flourish in Christ after her struggle. Please pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen her heart.

### Superstitious Shui People

The Shui people are one of the ancient ethnic groups in Guizhou. They are engaged in farming. They believe in ghosts and witches. In 1884, French Catholic missionaries were the first one to visit them. By the early 20th century, the Shui people had 30 Catholic churches and there were about 5,000 Catholics. However, a movement in 1906 resulted in the murder of the church leaders of the Shui people and the scattering of believers. Evangelical Christian missionaries came into contact with the Shui people for the first time in 1910. Moreover, the Shui people believe in worship of ancestors’ spirits. They believe that people exist in the forms of spirits, ghosts or gods after death. Only ancestor worship is allowed within the closed community of the Shui people. Following Jesus is regarded as a great dishonor to their ancestors.

✞ Please pray that the Lord will show mercy to Shui people, and that they will be reconciled to God in Christ. Also pray that they are no longer deceived by demons. Some Shui believers try to record gospel messages in order to spread the gospel widely. May the Lord bless the ministry using these “audio gospel leaflets”.

Saturday



### Sins To Be Abandoned

“My daughter has already been cohabiting with her boyfriend. When she was a child, I brought her to my church on Sundays. Then she was leaving the Lord gradually. I have not taught my daughter properly. I ask for God’s forgiveness. I hope that the Lord Jesus will seek her personally and warn her not to commit promiscuous sins. I have also reminded her that marriage is established by God. But she does not listen. If her boyfriend is prepared by God, I hope that she will get married soon. If not, I will ask the Lord to stop them. I am so sad to see my daughter’s present situation. I also regret having been unable to influence and care for her with the love of Christ during her growth process. I always hope that my daughter’s life will be a good testimony. But now her condition has become like this. I owe God so much.”

(Sister Yu)

✞ Sister Yu is worried that her daughter will sink into sins deeper and deeper. Please pray that God will awaken the gospel seeds in her daughter’s heart so that she will have a responsible attitude toward herself and will not regret the temporary pleasure of her sins.

### Gospel Broadcasting

- God’s Word, God’s Way:** The online bible study course, “God’s Word, God’s Way - a Spiritual Banquet”, finished successfully in April and May. Being authorized by our partner to use the materials; we had group discussion and sharing of message for each session. The number of students admitted is not large because we want to ensure the quality of group discussions. However, the enthusiastic responses from the audience show that they are very thirsty for God’s Words in their hearts and eager to be satisfied.
- Website access:** People have experienced difficulties in accessing the websites of Liangyou Radio and Liangyou Theological Seminary since mid-April. Many listeners have written to us to inquire. There are also some believers who have visited in person to inquire. While colleagues are busy responding to these inquiries, they are also working hard to investigate the causes and conduct tests. Ask the Lord to grant us wisdom and open an unobstructed way for us.

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Dear Warriors in Christ,

“For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.” (Isaiah 41:13)

When people believe in the Lord and serve God, who can say the sky will always be blue! If people follow the Lord with an attempt in vain to get blessings and happiness, they will probably be disappointed. Hymns also remind us that what we want should be the Lord, and that what we attempt to get is God’s promise of giving us help and His presence. But there is no absence of sufferings and hardship. When God gave callings to the prophets, Joshua and Jeremiah, God told them not to be fearful. It was not because there were no difficulties. But it was because the Lord had already won, and He also promised to “be present with people” and give them peace.

Recently, listeners have reported that our websites cannot be opened. Some listeners got into a panic and cried in front of the screens. Some confessed and repented, thinking that the website could not be accessed because they had done something bad. Of course, we immediately investigated and followed up. Some colleagues convened a prayer meeting. Others forwarded messages of peace to one another in the chat groups. Coincidentally, they had all read scriptures about God’s promises of giving peace. God has not removed difficulties and doubts but we can be touched by what He has told us, “Not to be afraid.”

No one can take away the peace God gives. The evil one may use different methods to intimidate us and divert our focuses. But we must remember: “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?” (Hebrews 13:6)

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Sunday



### Fountain of Grace

“More than ten years ago, I read a gospel leaflet by chance. I was so impressed by the content, and my wife and I started searching over the Internet for related materials. We listened to the gospel, listened to the sermons, and we also learned to sing hymns. Finally, we discovered Radio Liangyou. We then joined the church in a Christmas and started to serve God in different ways. We knew nothing about writing sermons and only slightly revised those written by others that had been found online. We felt like stealing things from others. Therefore, we enrolled in a theology program. What we have gained is not important but people we have blessed are. Let us help others by providing a channel of God’s grace instead of being a dead sea without outlets.”

(Brother Ma)

- ⌘ Pray for Brother Ma for his studies and application of what he has learned. May God bless brother and his wife’s service and use them as a channel of grace to help more people.

### Education via Humiliation

An internet celebrity claiming to be an experienced homeschooling expert has recently released multiple videos that have caught people’s attention. In one of the videos, the internet celebrity threw a box containing a boy’s beloved model toy on the floor and told the boy to break it himself with a hammer. The celebrity even hit the boy’s hand with a ruler. In another video, the celebrity got a girl to throw her toys and comic books into the rubbish bin. These behaviors have been criticized for educating through bullying and humiliation. An official of Jiayuguan Education Bureau responded that the internet celebrity addressed the netizens’ problems after retiring in 2023. The Education Bureau will intervene.

(“The Paper”, May 6, 2024)

- ⌘ Many parents want their children to be taught by professional education experts but fail to consider children’s psychological health. Pray that the Lord will guide parents to educate their children with love and teach them the word of God directing them to walk in His truth.

Monday



### Master the Meaning

“The latest session in the program ‘D Classroom’ is very helpful to me, in particular self-management. I have been working for some years but made no progress in my career and felt anxious. The program has made me understand more about God’s will and impressed me so much. Do not think that you must maintain and use the skill that you are good at. Choosing to play and invest in the skill that allows you to glorify God is more important. In addition, having no skill is also part of the God’s plan. This really has changed some of my thoughts. I think this program enables me to understand God’s will even more. Grateful for the help I have received.”

(Audience Wei)

- ⌘ Pray that Wei can figure out God’s will for his career and His plan for his life. Pray that Wei can make the most of what he has got.

### Uncertainties about Traffic Accident

At the intersection of a road in Chongchuan District, Nantong City, Jiangsu Province, a dump truck collided with a coach. The coach was travelling in its lane, and the dump truck came from the right. The two vehicles then collided and slid to the left together. It was said that the coach was arranged by the school. According to parents, the coach was carrying nearly 40 students of Tonghe Primary School in Nantong and on the way to a campus art show in Chongchuan District. Eight persons were injured, including one in critical condition, one having serious injuries and six minor injuries. Parents inquired about their child’s rescue after watching the footage of the accident. Members of the public also went to help and donate blood. Local Nantong people asked about the causes of the accident while the Officials have not yet released results of the investigation.

(“Shangguan News”, March 12, 2024)

- ⌘ Pray for speedy recovery of the injured and for the family who has lost their relative. May the wisdom of God guide the investigators to find out the truth preventing similar incidents from happening again. May children and parents in Nantong be comforted and encouraged and their wounds be healed.

Tuesday



### Grow Together

“With resentment and bitterness taking root, I found it so hard to forgive people. Feeling helpless and insecure, I lost joy and hope in life. Not fully trusting the Lord, I was unable to entrust my burdens to Him. Under such chaotic condition, I discovered Radio Liangyou by chance. Listening to the hosts’ friendly voices, I felt so warm, so welcoming. The host talked about the Bible. The content was familiar to me and comforted my lonely heart. Since then, I have been listening to the programs for more than four years. Happy to hear your voices, I have prayed for the hosts. May God consider all of you worthy of double honor for preaching the gospel to all. Growing up with the radio and walking the path to Heaven together with you have given me a lot of strength. I know that all this is the grace of God.”

(Sister Zhu)

- ⌘ In times of darkness and helplessness, Sister Zhu got back on her feet because of the Radio. Everything has happened by the grace of God. May God continue to use the Radio to help more people grow and renew.

### Internet Celebrity Snacks

Sharing short videos is becoming increasingly popular. Videos of kids’ snacks have captured the children’s love of bright colors and curiosity, and attracted many children and parents to buy. Many parent networkers shoot videos with hashtag “family time” eating all kinds of strange snacks with their children. The colorful snacks and sweets with unique shapes attract the kid audience to buy. Internet celebrities have sold the snacks at different prices online. There are also safety risks such as variable quality, unclear ingredient lists, lack of supervision, etc. Many children lack food safety awareness and parents have to help them choose safe and clean food to protect their health.

(“Beijing Evening News”, May 6, 2024)

- ⌘ May God give parents wisdom to tell what is right and wrong, teach their children right and healthy values and not to blindly follow the trends and choose unhealthy snacks. May God help the relevant government departments regulate these Internet-acclaimed food products.

Wednesday



### Amazing Grace

“I have become a Christian since I was small. However, I married a non-believer. Our values clashed and our marriage crashed. I then thought about God again and remembered His love. Going to church, I felt happy and hopeful. The doctor said it was unlikely I could ever have children. My husband was not the head of the family. For some time, everything just turned negative in my life. I prayed every day but nothing became better. Then God is so amazing that He has given me two daughters. Thank God for saving me from destruction. The change in my life has affected my husband. He is a Christian and God’s servant now.”

(Sister Shang)

- ⌘ Sister Shang had a difficult time once in her life yet God has not abandoned her. God has given her more than what she asked for. May God continue to guide this family to become others’ blessings.

### Intelligent Coal Detection

The China Brand Fair 2024 showcased the new batch of intellectualized coal mining machines, which have made coal-digging more intellectualized. The coal can now be transported to the surface after being extracted from the mine. In China, these types of oversized intelligent scrapers have the largest transportation capacity of 8,000 tons per hour and an estimated lifespan over 100 million tons. Being the high intellectualized conveyor equipment for shaft mining with the longest designed life, the scrapers can tackle a series of technological challenges such as handling all types of heavy and large volume loads, increasing load carrying capacity of traction pins and adjusting automatically the dynamic chain tension.

(“China News”, May 11, 2024)

- ⌘ May God give wisdom and creativity to the developers of technology products enabling the mining sector to make further progress. Further protect the safety of miners and reduce mining accidents while enhancing efficiency. May the use of technology benefit both humans and the society.

