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My dear readers,

This week we reproduce an article, "**SOMEONE CARES**," from the Bible League of America for our mutual blessing.

1. God understands

God knows all about your present weakness, distress, challenges, and trials. He knows what you are going through. He understands your innermost thoughts, desires, hurts and your fears. He has not forsaken you or forgotten about you. Jesus Christ, the Son of God went through great suffering Himself. And it is He who comes to strengthen and to comfort you in your loneliness and affliction. Listen to Him! He understands!

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

2. God's love

When you fully trust in God, you know that God's love will never fail you. Nothing can separate you from God's love. Circumstances may sometimes cause you to feel forsaken, but you never are. You may temporarily fail to enjoy the presence and love of God because of your disappointments, hurts, or fears, but God's love is still there! Circumstances don't change the reality of God's presence and love, even though you may change in your awareness of them. God remains lovingly faithful, and faithfully loving. God doesn't change!

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?...Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 8:35, 37-39).

3. Uncertainty

Perhaps you feel that God is punishing you for some wrong you have done. You may feel that you deserve all the trials you are going through. Is that how it is? It is true that God does not always intervene to keep disappointments, trials, loneliness, or sickness away from His children. But your trials and challenges, sickness and suffering can never pay for your sins. Only Jesus can do that. It is by His sufferings, not yours, that you are made right with God. And remember, God can graciously use even your suffering and sickness for your ultimate good, if you humbly and sincerely commit them unto Him.

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19)

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God ..." (Romans 8:28a).

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4. Trust

One of life's great blessings is to have someone you can trust. Completely! With everything! Between you and the one you trust, there is total openness, complete confidence. The one you trust will never fail you or leave you, no matter what happens. God is Someone like that. Someone you can trust. He has promised never to forget you or to fail you. He will not get weary of listening to you. He will not leave you when your trials increase. God wants to be your Friend. He wants you to trust Him. Completely! With everything!

"What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me"(Psalm 56:3-4).

5. Fear

Perhaps you are wondering just how serious your illness is (if you are sick). You may be fearing the worst. Or you may already know the worst. And that may make you afraid, afraid of today, afraid of tomorrow, afraid of what happens to you. Or you may be afraid of what will happen to your loved ones if you don't make it, if you don't get better. Does God understand those fears? Does He really care when you're afraid? Of course He does. That's why He promises that He will never leave you. He assures you that He will never forsake you, no matter how rough the way may be. Tomorrow may be uncertain, but the promises of God are not. Do not let the fear of the unknown take away the comfort of that which is sure!

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters ...Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort meSurely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever" (Psalm 23).

6. Thankfulness

Many people find it easy to be thankful when things go well. But they find it hard to be thankful when things go wrong. They quickly forget their years of good health and happiness after a few days of illness and sadness. They quickly forget their years of freedom after a few days of confinement. And thankfulness drains away along with their declining strength. Do not lose your thankful spirit when you lose your health or happiness. God has not left you; His love has not failed you. God still wants the best for you, no matter how little you may understand that right now. Do not focus on what you have lost. Learn to give thanks for what you have.

"I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together" (Psalm 34:1-3).

7. Discouragement

Hospitals and nursing homes are great places to have around when you're in need. But they are not like home! All the familiar things are gone, your normal routine is interrupted, your favourite foods are not available. And someone you hardly know tells you what you may and may not do. You feel dreadfully out of place – almost like a prisoner. You hurt, you weep, nothing seems to go right. And you simply don't know how long it will be before you are well again. God understands all of that, and He wants you to be honest with Him. He doesn't want you to hide how you really feel. He wants you to talk to Him about it. He promises to listen!

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance ... Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life" (Psalm 42:5,8).

*Lovingly in the Lord
Dr SH Tow, Senior Pastor*

Our Daily Walk
Daily Meditations and a Prayer for Each Day
By F.B. Meyer
11 February 2007

THE ALL-SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST

Isaiah 33:21,22 "But there the glorious LORD will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us."

VERSE 21 may also be translated "Jehovah will be with us in Majesty." The reference can only be to our Saviour, who is the Divine Vice-regent of the world. Through Him it was created, by Him it has been redeemed, in Him its government is vested. He is King of kings, and Lord of lords. His are the Glories of the Cross, of Victory over Death and Hell, of the Ascension, of Pentecost, of the Millennial Reign, of the Judgment Seat!

And this Glorious and Transcendent Saviour is willing and eager to be the complement of our deficiencies and needs. We look around, and some of us, as we compare our lot with others, lament, even if we do not audibly complain, at our disadvantages. Others, whom we have known from childhood, seem to have all that heart could wish—a happy married life, a spacious and beautiful home, hosts of friends, buoyant health, opportunities of travel and enjoyment that are denied to us. We have been plagued all the day long, and chastened every morning. We have spent a shut-in, cloistered life. The bare necessities of life have been our only portion, and a sense of anxiety as to our future has haunted our dreams.

But we are not alone in this experience. When every one went to his own home, our Lord Jesus spent the night on the Mount of Olives. The birds had their nests, and the foxes their holes, but the Son of Man had no where to lay His head, but, like Jacob, was wont to make a stone His pillow. You are not singular, therefore, if your life is barren and lonely, for many of God's noblest saints have lived from hand to mouth, wandering in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth, being destitute, afflicted, and tormented.

Remember that such experiences are designed to bring into prominence what the glorious Lord is prepared to be and do. In mathematics we speak of the complement of a curve—that which is needed to make a curve into a complete circle. So Jesus is willing to complete our lives, however imperfect and ineffective they may be. He is able to compensate for all deficiencies, and to become in your experience "a place of broad rivers and streams." A river to intercept dreaded evil, and a stream to refresh and fertilise the drooping thirsty heart.

PRAYER – Be to us, O Glorious Lord, a place of broad rivers and streams; our Judge, our Lawgiver, our King, our Saviour. Make the wilderness of our lives a pool, and the dry land water springs. AMEN.

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

CHURCH THEME: WALK IN THE NEWNESS OF LIFE (Romans 6:4)

Our **worship services** begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm**.

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

Worship Services			WELCOME
Morning	Today: 11 /02/2007	Next Week: 18/02/2007	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We welcome Christopher to our morning worship service last week.
<i>Chairman:</i>	John Poh	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	
<i>Speaker:</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Rev Kenneth Harris	
<i>Message:</i>	Religion or Saving Faith?	Tbd	
<i>Text:</i>	Romans 9:30-33	Tbd	
<i>Organist:</i>	Anthony	Yanning	
Evening			
<i>Chairman:</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	John Poh	NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS • Lord's Supper: Next week, we will be observing the Lord's Supper. Please come with your hearts prepared. • Chinese New Year Carry-In Lunch – 18 February: For those who would like to contribute a dish, please inform Daniel. • Family Worship: Family worship will be held at the home of Evelyn on the 3 rd week of February. For those who interested to come, please see Pr Mok. Also, for those who like to open their homes for family worship for the months of March and April, please contact Pr. Mok. • Church Easter Camp: This will take place between 6 to 9 April. The speaker will be Rev Jack Sin (Maranatha B-P Church, Singapore). More details will be provided at a later date. • Areas of Service: For those who are interested to help in the kitchen ministry or post lunch washing-up, please see Daniel or Jonathan.
<i>Speaker:</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	
<i>Message:</i>	The Names of God – Jehovah Rohi	The Names of God – Jehovah Sabaoth	
<i>Text:</i>	Psalms 23:1	Jeremiah 11:20	
<i>Pianist:</i>	Anthony	Feng Qian	
Other Duties			
	Today: 11/02/2007	Next Week: 18/02/2007	
<i>Ushers</i>	Wah Soon/Joyce	Daniel/Constance	
<i>Sunday Sch:</i>	Yanning	Carol	
<i>Lunch:</i>	Constance	CNY Carry-In	
<i>Washing-up:</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers	
<i>Bible Study:</i>	BBK	BBK	
Appointments of the Week			
Fri 16 Feb	7.00 pm	Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 17 Feb	4.00 pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Spkr/C'man: Pr Mok	
Last Week's Worship Service Collections			
Offering:	£588.14	Lunch: £33.90	
<h2 style="margin: 0;"><u>Memory Verse</u></h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0;"><i>Previous Week (Feb07 Wk 1): 1 Peter 5:6-7</i></p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.</p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;"><i>This Week (Feb07 Wk 1): Romans 5:1</i></p> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>			