

Weekly Prayer Letter

Week of 13 September 2020

God Delights In Our Obedience

Matthew 1:18-25

Joseph the husband of Mary was a righteous man; he wanted to divorce Mary quietly when he found out that she was pregnant before the consummation of their marriage. Joseph did not want to expose Mary to public disgrace; only wanted to dissolve the betrothal. But in a dream, he was told by the Angel of the Lord that the child was conceived by the Holy Spirit. He was told of the purpose of this miracle birth and to name the Child, Jesus. Only then did Joseph accept Mary as his betrothed wife.

Joseph's righteousness was consistent throughout the growing years of Mary's Son, Jesus. Joseph had never doubted the origin of Jesus whom he had raised as his own child and he acknowledged the identity of Jesus when the latter told him that He had to be in His Father's house as recorded in Luke 2:49. Joseph taught Jesus the skill of carpentry and gave him the inheritance of the family business when he died. Joseph had always treated Mary as his lawful wife and they had raised a family of six other children.

Though God spoke to Joseph only three times according to the Gospel account, his obedience to the instruction of God was evident in the way he had treated Jesus throughout his lifetime. God takes great delight in our obedience because it expresses our love for Him; it demonstrates our submission to His sovereignty; and it is an exercising of our faith in Him. Let us obey God absolutely in order to fulfil His purposes in us for His glory.

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Prayer Pointers

1. Pray for spiritual nourishment for the Pastors, Pastoral & Admin Team, LCEC members, the Ministry Chairs, Small Group Leaders and all who serve in the leadership capacity so that their faith in God will grow and their love for God will be deepened.
2. Pray that the Lord will strengthen the Media Communications team who has been working tirelessly to produce two online services on a weekly basis and that He will impart to them innovative ideas to achieve excellence in their work to the glory of God.
3. Pray for a greater measure of faith for the volunteers who serve at the Mandarin Service at ACJC on Sunday, that the joy of the Lord will be their strength.
4. Pray God's protection for the worshippers who gather at the School Hall of ACJC that the Lord will set a wall of fire to surround them and to keep the virus away from them.
5. Pray that the Lord will stir the hearts of the intercessors to stay faithful and persevere to seek the Lord and labour with Him in prayer during this time of uncertainty.

We Are Here For You!

- Perhaps you are going through a challenging time, and you need someone to pray with you, our pastoral team is here and ready to journey with you.
- Even though we may not be able to be with you in person, we can still reach you via telephone and other means.
- You may submit any Prayer Requests online via our church website at <https://www.faithmc.sg/care-help/prayer-requests/>.