

If we're irritatingly huffy and touchy, friends will find it extremely difficult to interact with us, as they may feel they've to tread on eggshells all the time. They realise that a hypersensitive person tends to misunderstand, misread and misconstrue the messages and intentions of others.

Some are easily hurt, perhaps because they've been deeply wounded in the past by others or were deprived of love. Unfortunately and ironically, that can transmute them into insensitive and hardnosed individuals. That's their way of insulating and protecting themselves from possible pain. To forestall any possible threat or hurt, they deliberately put up an inflexible front — pushing, hurting and dominating others. But it's a counter-productive coping strategy.

What we all need is the unfailing love of God. Only God, not people, can fulfil our deepest need. People who desperately search for that illusive, perfect and unfailing love in anyone else are bound to experience misery because no human is perfect. Everyone has his or her own foibles, schedules, priorities and needs, and will therefore be unable to meet the needs of others completely and satisfactorily.

We can never be genuinely fulfilled until we've been filled by God's love and Holy Spirit. Oswald Chambers is right when he wisely states that "No love of the natural heart is safe unless the human heart has been satisfied by God first" (*He Shall Glorify Me*, pg. 134).

Besides identifying our deepest need for unfailing love, Proverbs 19:22 also adds this caveat – "better be poor than a liar." Sometimes, people look for love at the wrong places. They substitute things or wealth for love. However, it's better to be poor and be fully and truly satisfied than to live in denial.

It's not wrong to desire love. But it's erroneous to assume that others should love us the way we want to be loved. Our need doesn't constitute anyone else's call but God's. Let's learn to contemplate on God's love. Psalm 143:8 urges us to "Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul."

The more we contemplate on His love, the more open we'll become to the possibility of unconditional love. Personalise it by inserting your name in it. Take ownership of it and you'll begin to sense a judgment-free love that is not only with you, but for you. No believer needs to be hypersensitive anymore.

Pastor Song Cheng Hock

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all guests who have come to worship with us this morning. If this is your first visit, please fill in the Visitor Form so that we can keep in touch with you.



DO NOT FORGET TO SWITCH OFF YOUR HANDPHONES!

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

PRIZE GIVING

Trophies will be presented by Mrs Lilian Tan after the Sunday Service to be followed by lunch fellowship.

The Bowling Fellowship was sponsored by the family of our late Bro. Daniel Tan.

Daniel Tan's Bowling Fellowship

Results:	Champion	Total Pinfalls
Team Champions	Men's Team	1243
Top Bowler:	John Tan	345
Ladies	Bernie (handicap)	319.8
Youth	Bryan (handicap)	314.4

CALLING ALL COUPLES



Pastor Neville would like to extend a special invitation to all married couples to come and enjoy a special DVD show called "FIREPROOF."

"We watched this show when we were in Brunei and we were truly touched by the story. It is the story of God's miracle restoring broken marriages, breaking evil bondages of that some of us may be experienc-

ing." - Pastor and Anne Tan

Please do reserve this date and come and join us.

Saturday at 7.30p.m. Supper will be provided.

PRAYER PAGE



1. **Please pray for Pastor Neville**, as he brings us God's Word this morning. Pray that we will all be responsive to God's word and to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

2. Pray for **Bro Aaron and his team** as they lead us in worship, and the AV persons/ushers on duty.

3. Please pray for good health and strength for **Pastor Song**, who had been down with flu (cough & body ache) in the past few days. Pray also for the Lord's blessing of strength and good health for Pastor Neville, Anne & family, Pastor Song's family, and all our members and their loved ones.

4. We are thankful to the Lord for the good progress **Auntie Alice** is making. Her scan and blood test results are good. Please continue to pray for God's peace and strength for her as well as for Auntie Catherine.

5. Pray for the little **Children**

Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there (Matt 19:13-15).

Praise God for the little ones in our midst. Bring them before the Lord for His blessing - that they will grow up in the fear and love of the Lord, grow in grace, faith and wisdom, and be protected from the evil one. Pray for their parents too - that they will continue to stimulate, encourage and inspire them with their faith and example.

6. **Remember those who are undergoing difficulties:**

- that the Lord's Spirit and Word of promise will comfort them
- that they will recall the Lord's past dealings with them and count their blessings
- that they may see their situation from God's perspective.
- for the Lord's empowerment to overcome their difficulties.

LOST AND FOUND (Excerpt from Our Daily Bread)

In Luke 15, people who were despised by their society came to hear Jesus. But some religious leaders complained, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them". To affirm how valuable these "sinners" are to God, Jesus told 3 memorable stories about a lost sheep, a lost coin, and a lost son. Each parable records the anguish of losing, the effort of searching, and the joy of finding something of great worth. In every story, we see a picture of God, the loving Father, who rejoices over every lost soul who is found.

Even if you feel far from God today, you are highly valued by Him. He's searching for you.

PASTORAL PRAYER. *Should you or someone you know need prayer, please speak to the pastor or send your email to chggod@churchofgodsg.com.*

Memory Verse:

Last week's: The days of the blameless are known to the LORD, and their inheritance will endure forever - **Psalm 37:18.**

This week: And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. - **2 Corinthians 5: 19b**