

## Choices



The day came when I finally ran out of food for my son and me. There had been no rain for many days and the river had dried up. Desperately hungry, we only had a handful of meal and a little oil. I had no choice but to gather sticks to prepare our last meal before we perished together. While I was out collecting sticks, a man asked for water and bread. How was I to provide him food when I had so

little left? He told me not to worry and continue with what I was doing, but to make him a cake first. I decided to follow his instructions. Did I make the right choice? Read 1 Kings 17: 7-16 to find out.

*Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. Proverbs 3:9-10*



## A Vow Fulfilled

Judges 11

Circle the answers in the puzzle.

1. Jephthah went to battle against the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Jephthah vowed to \_\_\_\_\_ the first thing to come out of his house.
3. The first thing to come out of Jephthah's house was his \_\_\_\_\_ child.
4. Jephthah's daughter agreed to fulfil the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. She did it to honour her father according to God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex20:12).
6. Like Jephthah's daughter, we must always seek to love and \_\_\_\_\_ God.



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## Bright Gems for His crown

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### Face to Face

Thank God for watching over and protecting us from Covid-19. Words like masks, social distancing, circuit breaker, stay at home are frequently heard everywhere. We are now used to attending



worship services, prayer

meetings, group

meetings on Zoom. But this cannot make up for 'face to face' meetings in Church. Thank God, we who are pardoned, restored and preserved, can see Him face to face one day (1Cor 13:12b). Let us wait on the Lord, spend our time wisely in reading His Word, praying and encouraging one another in the Lord!

Ms Wendy Wong

### Going the Second Mile A Vow Fulfilled

by Mr Soo Shao Wei

JEPHTHAH's daughter was someone who went the second mile. Judges 11 tells us that Jephthah was leading the Israelites against the stronger Ammonite army. In verses 30-31, he vowed to sacrifice the first thing that came out from his house, if God gave him victory over the Ammonites. When Jephthah returned home victorious, the first to greet him was his only child. Verse 35 records how he tore his own clothes in sorrow, then explained how he had made a vow unto the LORD and needed to fulfill it. His daughter could have blamed her father for making the vow and tried to escape. However, she responded: "My father, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth" (Judges 11:36a). She was willing to be sacrificed so that her father's vow to God could be carried out, only asking for an extension of two months to bewail her virginity with her companions. Many commentators believe that



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## Current Issues

Jerome's Blogposts

### PRIVACY ATTACKED I AM SO POPULAR

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Dude I am always so jealous of this one guy in my class who has like more than a few thousand followers on each of his social media accounts...I thought I would never be like him but today is the day! I made both an Instagram and Facebook account and in just a few days, I have more than 1,000 friends on each account!!! 😊 Isn't that amazing? And I did that in less than a WEEK guys, who cares if most of them are strangers if I did not meet them in real life, right? 🙄

### MY MID-YEAR RESOLUTION!



Just like me in my previous post, I have realised that there are many hot-headed youths like me who fall into such love scams online...Knowing that I am not the only one makes it reassuring, but terrifying at the same time 😊 Since then I have placed privacy restrictions on all my social media accounts and I will be more wary when making friends online in the future (good thing I learnt these fast too!) The internet sure has made me wiser...but not without a huge cost definitely 😞. (And guys stop laughing at my previous post already okay it's shameful enough 🙄🙄🙄). Let us take heed to Matthew 10:16b to be "wise as serpents, and harmless as doves."

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Matthew 10:16b



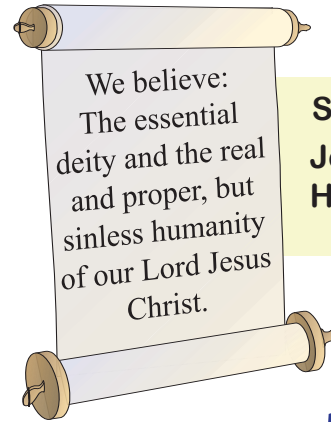
### I FEEL SO ASHAMED

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You would think that having many cyber friends from all over the globe makes you attractive right? Well that is exactly what I thought when a Facebook "friend" of mine (her profile picture is so gorgeous!) reached out to me for \$2,000, in return she will upload pictures of her that she said I would be interested in... WELL I am not stupid but she kept praising me, saying how handsome am I and finally she pulled the trigger - she would meet up with me after I help her with the money!! She made me an offer I could not refuse... and now here I am left with absolutely nothing and without my hard earned \$2,000... 😞😞



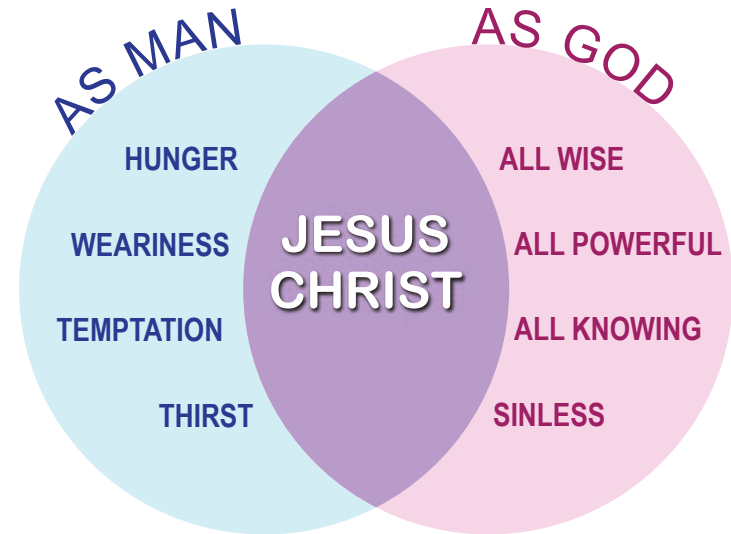
## Statements of Faith



We believe:  
The essential deity and the real and proper, but sinless humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### STATEMENT 3

Jesus is God, yet He was also Man when He came to earth.



As God the Son, He is equal with God (Philippians 2: 6) and sinless. While on earth as Man, Jesus experienced thirst (John 19: 28), hunger (Matthew 4: 2), temptations (Hebrews 4: 15), emotions (John 11: 35). Although He is sinless, He understands our difficulties and needs.



by Ms Tan Kah Hong



## Objects in the Bible



**Shackles**, also known as fetters or chains, were metal rings used to fasten a chain or rope to someone's wrists or ankles in order to prevent them from moving or escaping. They were commonly used on prisoners as a form of restraint or punishment. Manasseh, for example, was bound with fetters and carried to Babylon (2 Chronicles 33:11). Today, a similar object would be the handcuffs police use to bind the wrists of suspects.



The **Signet** ring was a ring typically bearing a design unique to the individual using it. It was used to indicate authority, honor, power and ownership. In Daniel 6:17, Darius king of Persia sealed the stone in front of the cave in which Daniel was thrown into with his 'signet' (signet ring), signifying that he had



authorised the decree. In 1 Kings 21:8, Queen Jezebel wrote letters in King Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, giving them the King's authority. Signet rings are still in use today. However, a more common alternative is the personalized signature.

*Lim* by Ms Eunice Lim

A Vow Fulfilled (cont'd)

Jephthah's daughter was not sacrificed as a burnt offering, but set aside or dedicated to serve the Lord in the temple. This is because God is a merciful and loving God. Jephthah's daughter put obedience to God first. She obeyed God's commandment to honour her father. Let us learn not to find excuses or blame others but always seek to love and obey God.



## Seeing God in nature around us



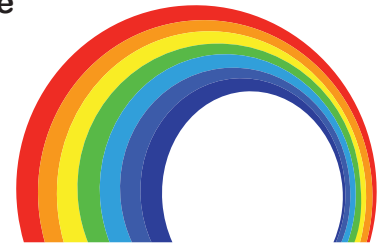
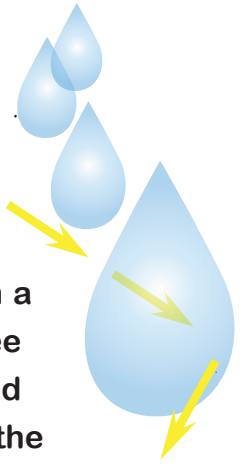
PHYSICS



When we look through a kaleidoscope, we see beautiful colours and shapes. Light entering the

kaleidoscope is reflected off the different coloured crystals in it. In a completely dark room, we will not be able to see anything at all because no light is entering our eyes. Without a light source, such as the sun or the lamp, we will not be able to see. What about the rainbow that we sometimes see after the rain? It is made when light rays are bent as they pass through a raindrop.

After creating heaven and earth, God created light. Truly it is good.



by Mr Paul Ling

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.  
And God saw the light, that it was good:  
and God divided the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:3, 4

# Story of Missionaries

## Mary Slessor

The wails of twin infants rent the air as they were tossed into the dense forest and left to die, like numerous others before them, by order of the king. Meanwhile, 7000 kilometers away, Mary Slessor was preparing for the month-long voyage to Calabar in Nigeria to preach the gospel. Mary quickly realised that things were far worse than she had imagined. The people were very superstitious and practised both cannibalism and the killing of twin babies. The kings were feared and revered so much that when one died, people would be killed and buried with



Why should I fear? I am on a Royal Mission. I am in the service of the King of Kings.'

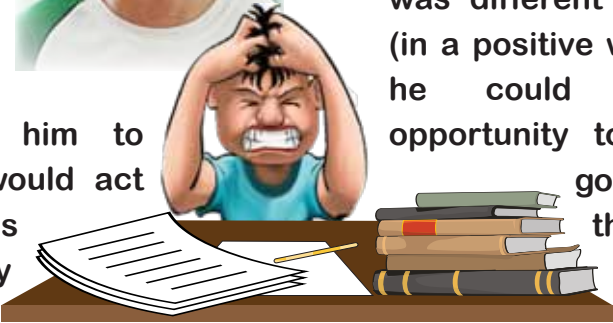


him, to serve him in the afterlife. How would these people submit to God if their allegiance was to their king? Defying the king's orders, Mary set out to rescue twin babies and adopt them as her own. Her courage and love for the children impressed the locals. Gradually, they came to understand that Mary was obeying the voice of a greater, more powerful King - the true and living God. As they opened their hearts to Jesus Christ, they abandoned their wicked practices. May we learn from Mary not to fear or please man, but rather, seek to please the King of Kings.

by Ong Chong Eu

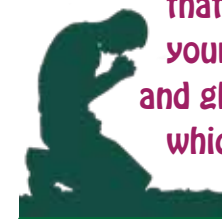
## GemSTORY

In primary school, Chong Eu struggled with his homework assignments - whenever they were too difficult for him to handle, he would act out his frustration by pulling on his hair, shouting, screaming, and crying. It was a trying time for both Chong Eu and his parents. Nonetheless, his parents would counsel, encourage and help him get through it, always with God's word and prayer. Eventually, the situation improved when he attended tuition classes, which enabled him to understand the concepts better and improve his grades. Another turning point in Chong Eu's life was when he was convicted of his sinfulness one day and cried to



God to save him. From then on, he resolved to behave himself differently - instead of goofing around childishly, he decided to behave in a way that would make people wonder why he was different from others (in a positive way), so that he could have the opportunity to share the gospel with them. He felt blessed and joyful in living his life in a purposeful manner. God also blessed and guided him through his lower secondary life. His desire and prayer is that God will grant him the courage to share the gospel more boldly with his peers, so that he might lead others to Christ.

Let your light so shine before men,  
that they may see  
your good works,  
and glorify your Father  
which is in heaven.



Matthew 5:16