

## Slow to Speak

To minimize social interactions during the Covid-19 pandemic, we are having to spend more time at home – whether it is for work or for home-based learning. If we are not



careful, it is easy to get on each others' nerves. To prevent outbursts of anger, we must learn to be



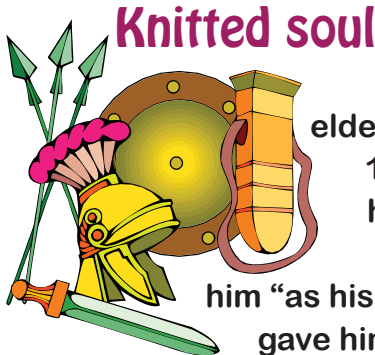
**swift to hear  
and slow to speak,  
slow to wrath.**

James 1:19b.

Listen to what is causing the unhappiness rather than jumping to conclusions, and then, resolve it in the spirit of love.

*Ms Wendy Wong*

## Going the Second Mile



### Knitted soul

*by Mrs Ng Mei Yin*

Jonathan was the eldest son of King Saul. 1Samuel 18:1-4 tells how, the moment he met David, he loved him “as his own soul.” He even gave him his own garments and weapons. When King Saul grew jealous of David’s popularity with the people and sought to kill him, Jonathan risked his own life and tried to talk to his father about David. When he failed, he warned David to flee for his life. As the rightful heir to the throne, he could have been jealous of David, made things hard for him and sought to kill him. Instead, he stepped aside, and protected and encouraged David. He did all he could for David.

Do we know how to be like Jonathan and love others in our lives? We are sinners so it can be difficult for us to love others. But now, thanks to God, because of His love, we can now live transformed lives. By His grace we can love others and reach out to help them.

# Phrases

Don't be so confident you will win the contest -  
afterall, pride comes before a fall you know.'

## Pride comes before a fall

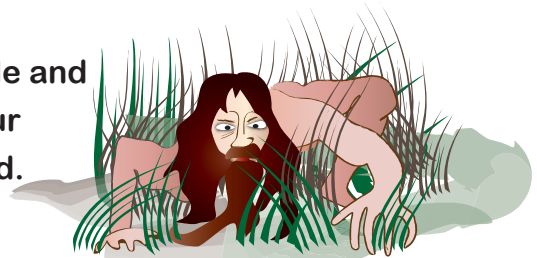


Pride can be either positive or negative. If you do well in your examinations, you and your parents should be proud of what you have accomplished. The bad kind of pride results from an inflated ego (*thinking too highly of oneself*) and boastfulness. Satan fell because he thought he was equal to God.

His pride led him to attempt to overthrow God and steal His glory. In the same way, Adolf Hitler fell because he trusted in his own 'wisdom' and effort. The Bible records many instances where great rulers and kings fell because of their pride. One example is King Nebuchadnezzar. He was initially blessed with power and riches, and was highly respected in Babylon.

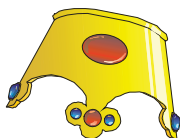
However, he took God's gift of success and wealth for granted. He allowed pride to rule his life and failed to acknowledge God as the provider of these blessings. As a result, he became like a wild beast feeding on grass.

Let us stay humble and accountable in our walk with the Lord.



Proverbs 16:18

*'Pride goeth before  
destruction, and an  
haughty spirit  
before a fall.'*



by Mr Tan Yang En

## Part 3

The operation to drain the fluid from the brain, insert a shunt to drain the fluid and remove the tumour was carried out. After the surgery was completed, the surgeon told Mrs Liao that the tumour was not completely removed because it was very near the brain stem and if he were to accidentally cut the stem it might cause irreparable damage to his eyesight. She was sorely disappointed that it was not completely removed and was fearful that



the tumour would grow again. She was heavy-hearted, but God encouraged her through Isaiah 41:15-16,

**“thou shalt  
thresh the mountains,  
and beat them small,  
and shalt make  
the hills as chaff.”**

This verse gave her the insight that sometimes, solutions come in stages, and that even if her “mountain” had been reduced to a “hill” metaphorically, God could nonetheless help to reduce it to chaff and completely remove it.



# Current Issues

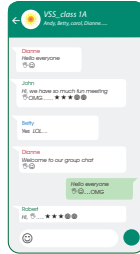
Vicky's  
Blogpost

## “SPEECH SEASONING”

### MY NEW COOL FRIENDS!

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The first week in my new Secondary School was great! I got to know a bunch of new friends in my class through Orientation Week. They are all really cool and popular! We added one another as friends on Facebook and followed one another on Twitter. My friends also taught me these cool acronyms like OMG (Oh my God!), LOL (Laugh out Loud), CYA (See You!), POS (Parents over Shoulder) and said I should use them in posts or texts to sound cool! They're so nice, I'm glad I met these nice friends in school.



### KAYPOH PARENTS

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Got called out by my parents today for using 'OMG' in my texts. My mum saw my WhatsApp chat group messages because my phone screen wasn't locked while I went to the toilet. Ugh! So much for privacy. I mean, they didn't scold me. My parents just told me that I shouldn't use OMG because it uses God's name in vain. But I'm just annoyed that I have to be restricted like that. Shouldn't I have more freedom? I'm already a teenager after all!

### SELF-REFLECTION

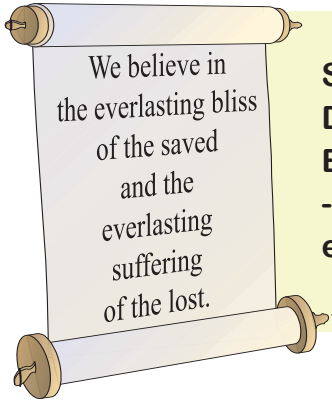
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Scrolled through my old Facebook posts yesterday and saw the number of 'OMG's and even vulgarities I used in my posts last time. It was cringe-worthy. Made me wonder why I used to use such words in my speech and words! I was even rebellious towards my parents' concerns over such language I used. I believe my parents had prayed for me to repent from my worldly ways. I came to realise how I had wasted much time on these bad habits. We should take heed to God's word in Colossians 4:6

“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.”

I'm glad I have grown out of that phase of using words with the intention of making me sound cool, and now I know I should use my words to glorify God instead!

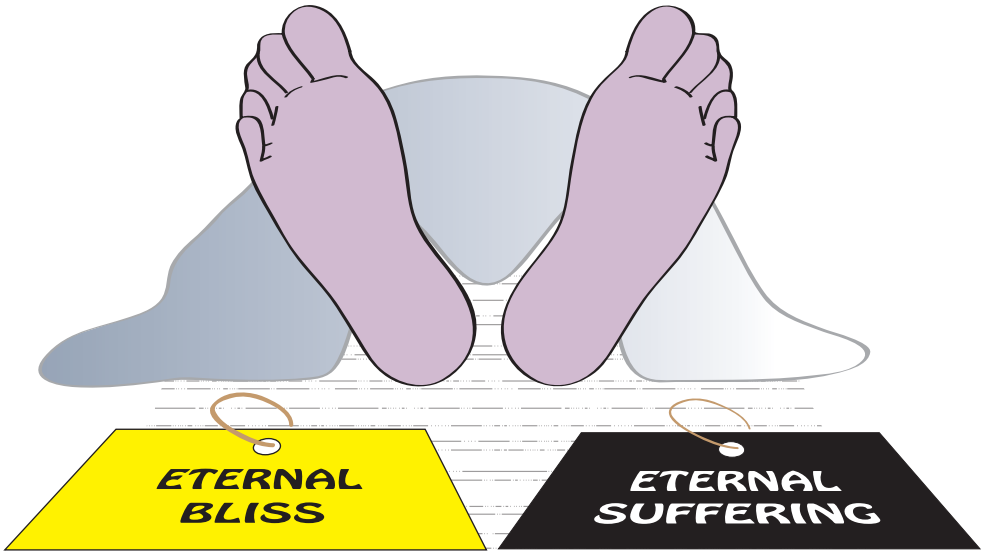
# Statements of Faith



## STATEMENT 8

Death is not the end -

Everyone will still be around after they die - forever (eternity). Where we spend eternity is extremely different.



The saved will be with the Lord  
in everlasting bliss and happiness.

The unsaved will be in hell and everlasting suffering.

by Mrs Shelly Lim

# Faith of our Fathers

## Charles Spurgeon



often called the 'Prince of Preachers', was an influential preacher in London in the 1800s. As a teenager, he was lost in despair and dreamed of hell. Then during a snowstorm, when he took shelter in a chapel, the preacher specifically addressed him as he preached Isaiah 45:22.

**Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.**

At that moment, Spurgeon saw that Jesus Christ was the only one who could save him from his despair and hell, and was saved, aged fifteen.

Feeling an urgency to lead souls

If I am asked what is my creed, I reply, "It is Jesus Christ".

to Christ, Spurgeon was tireless

in preaching. His vigour and oratorical skills earned him a reputation and, at twenty, he was asked to pastor New Park Street Church. There, he preached up to thirteen times each week, sometimes addressing crowds of 23000 without needing

amplification. The church soon had to expand to accommodate the growing congregation. All the while, Spurgeon battled Bright's disease, gout, rheumatism, neuritis, and depression. However, he had an unwavering belief and faith in God's sovereignty. He stated: 'If I am asked what is my creed, I reply, "It is Jesus Christ".'

Spurgeon showed that hope in God and our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ will outlast all adversities.

*by Shermyn Leong*





### Dragonflies

are one of the most commonly sighted insects in Singapore. They can be easily identified by their large compound eyes, outstretched wings, and elongated colourful bodies. Dragonflies play a crucial role in the ecosystem. These agile predators have great manoeuvrability and can catch prey, such as mosquitoes and midges while flying. Certain dragonfly species even mate while flying.

Today, aeronautical engineers use supercomputers and wind tunnels to study the perfect aerodynamic design and flying mechanisms of birds and dragonflies. However, the scientists have yet to engineer



and construct a machine as sophisticated and complex as the animal designs created by God.

Truly, we know God is real because we can see His handiwork.

*by Mr Clement Ng*

**..the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead...**

Romans 1:20

# Choices

My father was King Solomon. After the death of my father, I was anointed king. I had to make a decision regarding a request by the northern tribes to reduce taxes. Initially, I sought counsel from my father's trusted elders, who advised that lower taxes would be fair and beneficial. However, I also asked



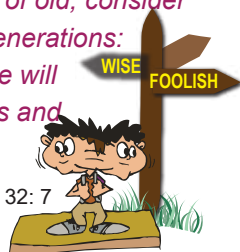
opinions from my younger friends and peers, who told me to raise taxes. I decided to trust my friends and go with their advice.

Did I do the right thing? To find out, read 1 Kings 12.

*Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders and they will tell thee.*



Deuteronomy 32: 7

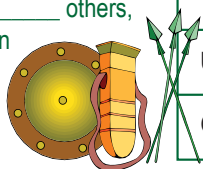


## Knitted Soul

1Samuel 18:1-4

Find the answers hidden in the puzzle.

- Jonathan loved David as his own \_\_\_\_\_.
- King Saul, Jonathan's father, grew \_\_\_\_\_ of David's popularity.
- Jonathan was the rightful \_\_\_\_\_ to the throne.
- Yet, Jonathan \_\_\_\_\_ his own life to protect David
- Thanks to God's love for us, we can likewise \_\_\_\_\_ others, just as Jonathan loved David.



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