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SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will:

1. Be reminded that our destiny as a church is to be God's flowing river from His temple to our community in the East of Singapore.
2. Understand that the Presence of God has to permeate all that we are and everything that we do.
3. Learn how to flow with the missional call that God has given us.

SERMON SUMMARY

Elder Ee Yang shared about RiverLife's journey thus far. He gave a summary of prophetic words which had been released over RiverLife. Also shared how God's Words can be stolen and the importance of us holding onto the visions that God has given to us. We need a fresh revelation from God and a renewed vision to proceed as a Church. In this new year, may we be Presence-Centred in our being and Outward-Focus in our doing.

SERMON RECAP

Elder Ee Yang opened the sermon by sharing about the corporate journey that the elders of RLC took, over the last few years. He reminded the church that through the 30 years of RLC's history, God has poured out His presence in powerful ways, to allow us to grow from our humble beginnings. Elder Ee Yang also gave a summary of the prophetic words released over RLC.

In the process of re-digging wells, we have also found what the enemy has sown in our midst. The enemy is always opposed to what God has sown in our church, seeking to steal God's words by sowing discord and disunity, pain, disappointment and disillusionment ([Matthew 13:18](#)). When the Enemy takes away God's vision, we as a church languish.

It is Elder Ee Yang's personal conviction that we are to return to God's promises, to His revelation. We need to leave the past behind and embrace the future together as a church.



1. The importance of vision:

- Vision comes from revelation, and revelation comes from God's words (Matthew 13:11)
- Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained. But happy is he who keeps the law (Proverbs 29:18)
- Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets, so that whoever reads it may run with it (Habakkuk 2:2-3)
- We need a fresh revelation – a renewed vision. We need to hear from God once again.

2. The renewed vision from Ezekiel 47:1-12

- A picture of the millennium kingdom; the land, the city and the temple at the centre.
- The passage paints a River of life flowing from the temple into the Dead Sea, bringing life and healing to the land.
- It brings transformation (salt water to fresh water) (v 8-9),
- It brings life to what was dead – fish, sea creatures, new fishing industry and fishermen (v 8-9),
- It brings fruitfulness, trees with super productivity – bearing fruits every month, not once a season (v 7,12),
- It brings healing through the leaves (v12).
- This imagery can be broken down further into Mission (why we exist) and Vision (Where are we going):
 - **Mission:** We exist to behold Him and to reveal Him. In our being, we need to be Presence-centred.
 - **Vision:** Radiant disciple-making church catalysing kingdom transformation in our communities and the nations. In our doing, we need to be Outward-focused.

3. What does it mean to be Presence-centred, in our being?

- The world encamps around secular values like wealth, achievement, children, families.
- As Christians, we need to encamp around His glorious presence.
- God's presence is the face, and favour of God the Father.
- When we are presence-centred, divine life starts to flow out of us.

4. What does it mean to be Outward-focused, in our doing?

- We are called to bring God's presence into our areas of influence.
- As we go outward, God's presence will flow from a trickle to a gush (Ezekiel 47:3)
- As we go outward, God's presence will bring life to the dead areas around us. (Ezekiel 47: 4-6)



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Elder Ee Yang shared about how all of us need to hear from God once again for a renewed vision. Have you sought God for a fresh revelation for 2022? Does your personal vision align with RiverLife's renewed vision for 2022?**

Leader's Notes

This is a recap and reflect question for members to share. Members may still be feeling such episodes of languishing and feeling lost in 2021, and without a vision. This is a good time to remind members on the importance of a vision and not to let the enemy take God's revelation from us by sowing discord, disunity, pain, disappointment or disillusion in our personal walk with God, or within the church body. Members can use this time to share any personal convictions or revelations from God which they have received for this new year, and how our personal vision this year may align with RiverLife's vision to be a disciple-making church transforming our communities and nation.

Transition

In this new year, we must ask God for a renewed vision: for the presence of God to permeate all that we are and everything that we do. When we are presence-centred, divine life starts to flow out of us, into our spheres of influence.

- 2. What are you encamping around? Is your life pursuits encamped around God's presence, or around worldly values (e.g. accolades, wealth, possessions)?**

Leader's Notes

This is a reflect and response question. Elder Ee Yang shared that the world encamps arounds secular values like wealth and achievements – even seemingly legitimate blessings like children, and family. As Christians however, we must strive to encamp around God's presence. Leaders can remind members that even before our accolades and achievements, we are celebrated by God, and God yearns to communicate with us. Our being comes before our doing. The cell may discuss how we can prioritise God's presence over the other things the world offers.

Transition

When we are Presence-centred in our being, we become secure and confident in God's love for us. We are empowered to take on the challenges of life and we can witness how divine life starts to flow out of us.

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3. **How do we know if we are bringing God’s presence into our areas of influence? Share some practical steps how we can learn to flow with our missional call, so as we go outward in this new year.**

Leader's Notes

This is a reflect and response question for members to share their understanding about how we can bring God into the various areas of our lives, and what that may look like. Leaders can expand the question to break it down into impact on a personal level, and as a church corporately. Some outcomes of God’s presence saturating the various spheres of our lives may include witnessing how God brings transformation and life to the “dead” areas of our lives, or fruitfulness and increased productivity to areas which are languishing, or healing to areas of brokenness. Members can share concrete examples from their personal experience, to encourage each other.

Closing

As we strive to bring God’s presence , may we fulfil our destiny as a church to be God’s flowing river to our community in the East of Singapore and to the nations.

WORKS

Consider dividing the group into micro-groups for a deeper time of sharing as well as praying for the following items:

1. Sermon Application

- God to help us to align our vision with the church’s vision of being presence-centred and outward focused.

2. COVID-19 in Singapore

- Pray for God’s protection especially from the Omicron variant.

3. COVID-19 in the World

- A swift end to the COVID-19 crisis globally, if not a reduction in cases in third world nations, and a stable environment where humans and virus coexist.
- Healing and comfort for those who are sick and suffering.
- Protection and guidance for healthcare professionals at the frontline, giving them wisdom, courage, and strength to confront this crisis.

4. Opportunities for Outreach

- Ask the Lord to grant you opportunities to reach out to a non-believing loved one, friend, or colleague this week as we seek to mature in Christlikeness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Bible Reading Plan.** Our BRP takes you through the Bible in 2 years. We are continuing from where we left off in 2021. Even if you have not started with our BRP since last year, you can jump right in with us from 2022.
2. **Current Pulpit Series.** – Let the River Flow. This series is a continuation of our journey beyond 30 as a church and will help us discover our Heavenly Father's invitation to give ourselves fully to Him and experience rivers of living water flow from our hearts to our communities. The six-part message series kicks off with vision weekends exploring our future through the Scriptural image of the River. In preparation of next week's message, we encourage you to read through Ezekiel 47:1-12. You can find the series line-up in today's digital bulletin.
3. **Resumption of 11am Service.** Our 11am service had resumed on Sunday, 19 Dec to allow more RiverLifers to return to church for worship. Let's free up our car park lots for guests and visitors, our elderly and parents with young children. *If you can, do park your vehicles outside of the vicinity.* Our back gate will be opened for the convenience of those who park outside of church.
4. **Prayer Ministry.** If you require prayer ministry for any issues you face (eg. unforgiveness, demonic oppression, etc), you can sign up for RLC's RTF ministry: <https://bit.ly/rlcrtf>
5. **Bible Reading Plan.** You can access our 2-Year Bible Reading Plan 2021-2022 by visiting: <https://rlc.sg/brp2021>.

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