



06 FEB 2022 | PASTOR LIONEL GOH | LET'S EMBRACE GOD'S KAIROS MOMENT! | LUKE 18:35-43, 19:1-9, 37-44

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Flow with the Holy Spirit so as to recognise Kairos Moments in our lives.
2. Embrace Kairos Moments without fear and hesitation.

SERMON SUMMARY

When God's Kairos Moment comes, we need to embrace it. Then we will experience the Lord's blessings in our Church and lives. When we choose to ignore or reject God's Kairos Moment, we forfeit both divine blessings and protection. God's Kairos Moment is here in RiverLife. Let's embrace and flow with God's Holy Spirit to fulfil our destiny.

SERMON RECAP

God's Kairos Moment is here in RiverLife Church. It may be a trickle now, but it will get stronger.

1. Understanding the Biblical Concept of Time

- Chronos: Time in general as measured by the calendar and clock.
- Kairos: God's appointed time for His purpose to be accomplished. It is a window of opportunity – with a time limit – that comes with a call for action.

2. The Blessings of Embracing God's Kairos Moment

- The Blind Beggar, Bartimaeus ([Luke 18:35-43](#))
 - Bartimaeus wasn't bothered by the people around him and how they were trying to keep him quiet. He was focussed on getting healed by Jesus.
 - He seized the opportunity (Kairos Moment) and was healed.
 - It is easy for us to be spiritually insensitive and let God's Kairos Moments pass us by.
- The Rich Taxman, Zacchaeus ([Luke 19:1-10](#))
 - When we are excited and passionate about God, He draws near to us ([James 4:8](#)).
 - That day, Zacchaeus received salvation and restoration to the community.

3. The Tragedy of Rejecting God's Kairos Moment

- Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey ([Luke 19:37-44](#))
 - Jesus was fulfilling Zechariah's prophecy ([Zechariah 9:9](#)), but the Jews, the Pharisees, and the Sanhedrin, rejected this Kairos Moment.
 - Thus, they forfeited the protection and blessings of God by their unfaithful actions and brought judgment upon themselves.

4. God's Kairos Moment is here!

- Various members have received Rhema from God recently.
- God is inviting us to embrace His Spirit!
- God invites us to swim in His River and fulfil our destiny in Him!

5. How can we engage with God's Spirit?

- Surrender ourselves to the Holy Spirit.
- Get to know the Holy Spirit as an intimate friend.
- Flow with Him and obey what He prompts us to do.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Have you ever embraced a Kairos Moment (or Divine Opportunity) from God? Share what happened and how you were blessed by God? [10 mins]**

Leader's Notes

In the Biblical examples given by Pastor Lionel, both Bartimaeus (the blind beggar) and Zacchaeus (the tax collector) embraced a Kairos Moment and received blessings from Jesus. They took advantage of what is happening at that moment because they knew that the opportunity would not come again.

Kairos Moment is the moment for decision or action. Embracing a Kairos Moment is not simply recognising it but also deciding to act at that opportune moment. Therefore, do we have any experience where we embraced the Kairos Moment (or Divine Opportunity) from God and were blessed by Him? It doesn't have to be a big dramatic moment with a huge (miraculous) blessing, a simple blessing is a blessing too. Also, blessing doesn't mean gains, but it could be a change of heart or perspective (like Zacchaeus who had a change of heart and decided to give his possessions to the poor).

Sharing with one another your experiences will spur one another to embrace Kairos Moments without fear and acting without hesitation.

Transition

When we live and flow with the Holy Spirit, we will recognise the Kairos Moments happening in our lives. Embrace them – it is God's blessing to you.



2. What do you think God is doing for RiverLife in this new season? How have the recent sermons and topics helped in your spiritual growth? [15 Mins]

Leader's Notes

This is question for members to reflect on the messages they are getting from the pulpit as well as from God this season. God is leading RiverLife into a new direction this season and our response to His leading is important. By embracing the Kairos Moment upon RiverLife and going where He leads us, we receive His blessings and protection.

Leaders can encourage members to review and relate how we have applied the recent sermons in our lives and how we have grown spiritually through practicing what was taught.

Transition

Apply what we have learnt in the sermons and courageously embrace God's Kairos Moment. Let's go where He leads us and fulfil our destiny.

3. Do you sense that God is inviting you to draw closer to Him in 2022? What must you do so that Jesus will not pass you by? [15 Mins]

Leader's Notes

If you sense God inviting you to draw closer to Him in 2022, embrace that Kairos Moment. Make the decision to be open and intimate with Him. When we draw near to God the blessings are endless.

This article is very useful on how to draw closer to God: [Draw Near to God - Bible Verse Meaning and Promise \(crosswalk.com\)](https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/questions/draw-near-to-god-bible-verse-meaning-and-promise.html)

These four point are extracted from the article above:

1. Draw near with a true heart ([Psalms 24:3-4](#))
2. Draw near with confident faith ([Hebrews 10:22](#))
3. Draw near with a clean conscience ([Hebrews 10:22](#), [Romans 8:1](#))
4. Draw near with a clean body ([Hebrews 10:22](#), [John 13:10](#))

Closing

Don't miss the blessing of drawing closer to God! It is our goal as believers to have an intimate relationship with God and to genuinely experience His love for us, be filled with it, and let it overflow to those around us.



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

- A strong desire and longing for God to flood our lives and draw closer to Him than ever before.
- To flow with the Holy Spirit and readily embrace Kairos Moments.

2. COVID-19 in Singapore

- Pray for the COVID-19 situation during this CNY period as the cases surge.
- 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. **Cradle Roll.** Our Cradle Roll is now open for kids aged two and below from 9am to 10.30am every Sunday. **NO booking of tickets is required.** In order to protect the health of our little ones, parents, do refer to the updated guidelines in our [e-bulletin](#).
2. **Upcoming Classes.** For any enquiries, please contact Karen Koh at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg.
3. **Water Baptism Class, 19 Feb, 9am-3.30pm, Faith Chapel.** This course is for those who wish to learn more about the significance of water baptism and get water baptised. Register for this class at rlc.sg/baptism-class by Sun, 13 Feb. Our upcoming Water Baptism Service will be held on Sun, 13 Mar.
4. **Joining The Family, 26 Feb, 10:30-12:30pm.** This course is for regular worshippers who wish to be rooted here in RiverLife as a member and take ownership of our vision, mission and values. Sign up online at rlc.sg/jointhefam by Sun, 13 Feb.
5. **Spiritual Growth Resources.** *Let The River Flow* is really an invitation from the Lord to us as a church family to see the life-giving power of God's river flow in and through us. To help us in the next step, we will be launching *Spiritual Growth Resources* - a curated list of recommended resources for various spiritual stages. You may access this list of recommended resources from next Sunday – so do stay tuned for more information!

6. **Service Ticket Returns.** Due to the capacity constraint, if you have booked tickets but are unable to attend – we ask that you kindly return the tickets (as early as possible) so that more RiverLifers have the opportunity to worship in-person. To return your tickets, go to the EventBrite confirmation email and click “View and Manage” or write in to inform us via “Contact Organiser”.
7. **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.
8. **Bible Reading Plan.** You can access our 2-Year Bible Reading Plan 2021-2022 by visiting: <https://rlc.sg/brp2021>.
9. **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>

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