



29 MAY 2022 | ELDER LEE EE YANG | HUNGERING AFTER GOD | 1 SAMUEL 9:16-20

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Be reminded of the importance of hungering after God and to desire His anointing
2. To be mindful of what the stumbling blocks to His anointing are in our lives.

SERMON SUMMARY

1. Anointing is the overflow of the divine life of God through a consecrated servant of the Lord
2. God's anointing is required to fulfil God's destiny for your life
3. Anointing gets imparted by association but it grows by desperation
4. 4 things that kill the fire of God – offense, disappointment, busyness and materialism.

SERMON RECAP

1. Anointing is the Overflow of The Divine Life of God Through a Consecrated Servant of The Lord

Elder Ee Yang shared about the importance of anointing and how it makes a difference in the roles we play. In [Psalm 23:5](#), God anointed David with oil and his cup overflowed. We live our life out of the fullness and overflow of God's anointing and empowerment.

2. God's Anointing is Required to Fulfil God's Destiny for Your Life ([1 Samuel 9:19-20](#))

All of us has been given a measure of influence. What has God called you to rule over? God has put greatness in your heart – not just to survive but to reign ([Romans 5:17](#)) and to do great exploits for Him. We must be mindful to only chase the things that matter for eternity, and not to focus on wood, hay and stubble. To fulfil God's destiny requires His anointing and empowerment. We must be mindful that we still need God's anointing even when we are successful.

3. Anointing Gets Imparted by Association, But It Grows by Desperation ([1 Samuel 10:5-6](#))

Elder Ee Yang shared about how he associated himself with servants filled with the Holy Spirit as he desired to be imparted with the anointing. He also spoke about whoever walks with the wise becomes wise and to choose carefully who we hang out with ([Proverbs 13:20](#)).



He shared from the examples of David and Saul in [1 Samuel 19](#) and how they were different – Saul came out of every spiritual encounter not having the hunger and desire to know God. David was hungry for God and the things of God. He was a man after God’s own heart. Our lives are changed by the hunger for God as a result of our spiritual encounters. David was not perfect and had sinned gravely. However, he repented before God and sought His forgiveness (hunger for God).

4. Four Things That Kill the Fire of God

- a) *Offense* – Offense is the bait of Satan. It is important for us not to hold offenses as they are stumbling blocks to us fulfilling our God-given destinies.
- b) *Disappointment* – Some of us are disappointed when things have not happened resulting in disappointment with God. Elder Ee Yang encouraged us to be patient and discern God’s perfect timing in all things, saying that delays are not denials.
- c) *Busyness* – Busyness in itself is not a bad thing. However, it must come from a place of intimacy. If we are busy without intimacy, we are serving on empty. Are we too busy to pray or read the Word? If yes, we are too busy. Let us lay down our cares and worries before Him.
- d) *Materialism* – This happens when we allow earthly things to possess us. We need to come back to our identity as a child of God and allow God to fill the God-shaped void within us.

We need the anointing of God to fulfil His destiny for our lives. When we allow God to draw out the dreams He has given to us and walk in His destiny, He assures us that the ‘donkeys’ have been found. Anointing hints to others who we are and that we are vested with the empowerment of God. It reveals our identity as a child and a consecrated vessel of God. Identity is a revelation – when we are made aware of who we are and our assignment, we can stand firm and trust in God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Both David and Saul were men anointed by God, yet they led very different destinies. David hungered for God and the things of God, but not Saul. What does a person hungry after God look like? What is the posture of our hearts with regards to hungering after God? [10 Mins]**

Leader's Notes

This is a question for members to compare these two individuals and to draw out their differences. It is also a time for members to reflect about where they are in their walk with God. Do we hunger for Him and is our hunger for Him a priority in our lives? Members can also share about examples of godly people they have met in their lives – how do they live? How does the way they live reveal to us about life’s priorities and about God’s anointing?

Transition

As we reflect about Saul and David, we can also look at the posture of our own hearts. Let us also reflect more about the anointing of God.

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2. **The anointing of God is an overflow of the divine life through a consecrated servant of the Lord, and it grows by desperation. Share with the cell what pointers about the anointing resonated with you. [15 Mins]**

Leader's Notes

This is a question for members to ponder and share about hungering after God and His anointing. Members can share about various aspects (eg. where is an area of their lives they can be an influence for God in? What is the importance of being a consecrated servant of the Lord? What is the reason God desires for us to walk in the anointing with Him? How do we grow in the anointing? What does it mean to be desperate for the things of God?)

Transition

As we explore more about the anointing of God, let us also look at what are the hindrances that may prevent us from walking in God's anointing.

3. **God's anointing is required to fulfil God's destiny for our lives. Elder Ee Yang preached about the anointing of God and 4 things that kill the fire of God. As a cell, share your experiences and/or other beliefs that have hindered your walk with God. What is one action step you would like to take in growing in your walk with God? [15 Mins]**

Leader's Notes

This is a question for the cell to share and reflect on the aspects of our lives that may distract us from the things of God. We also need to be mindful that it is a spiritual battle and we need to hold fast to God and to support each other. Some other questions to consider: How can we as a cell come together to find the Biblical balance and encourage one another in our walk with God? How can we as a cell encourage each other to grow in His anointing? The cell can also break into smaller groups to pray for one another and to keep each other accountable.

Note: God's anointing is given so that we can walk in God's will and destiny for our lives – to glorify Him and to further His kingdom here on earth – see Luke 4:18. The anointing is not given so that we can show how powerful our ministry and life is. We must constantly examine our motives for desiring the anointing.

Closing

As we reflect and identify what are the things that hinder us, may we support each other as we grow and step into our God-given destinies.

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

- For us to grow in desiring God more and more of His anointing to walk in His destiny for us
- For us to be alert and not let our circumstances affect our walk with God

2. COVID-19 in Singapore

- Pray for God's continued protection from the virus
- Pray for lives and businesses that have been impacted by the pandemic

3. Russia-Ukraine War

- Pray for a swift end to this war and for the principalities that are influencing this situation to be broken
- Protection for the people of Ukraine especially those who are believers

4. Mass Shootings in USA

- Pray for God to comfort the families of the affected families
- Pray for a change in the gun laws in US to facilitate a safer environment in the USA

5. 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

Digital Bulletin: rlc.sg/bulletin

1. New Sermon Series – In Step with The Spirit. 29 May – 19 June.

Our Father calls us to deep communion and intimacy and to walk as Jesus did – in step with the Spirit. In this series, let's learn to listen to the Lord to know his heart and character, and respond to His leading and nudges.

- May 29: Hungering for God
- Jun 05: Pentecost Sunday
- Jun 12: Hosting God's Presence
- Jun 19: Hearing God's Voice

2. Annual General Meeting 2022. 12 June, 2.30pm, Victory Chapel.

We would like to invite all Leadership Members to attend this year's Annual General Meeting. If you are unable to attend, kindly submit your completed proxy form at the Information Counter on Sundays (by 5 June) or to the church office (by 10 Jun at 2.30pm). Leadership Members may submit questions relevant to AGM via email (agm@riverlife.org.sg) or post (6 Loyang Besar Close, Singapore 509026).

3. Discipleship at Home with SuperLife Primary.

- *Session 1, 11 June 4pm – 6pm, Victory Chapel. Speakers: Ps. Ben & Ps. Dinah Lee.* Learn why discipleship at home is important, what it means to put God first in our families. Know your role as your children's disciple maker and how you can partner your church in this. Registration: rlc.sg/famd1.
- *Session 2, 12 June, 9am – 10:30am. Speaker: Amy Loh.* Be equipped with handles on how to put God first. Learn examples on creative Bible reading and influencing your children in God's ways. Registration: rlc.sg/famd2.

4. Spiritual Parenting for Young Couples (SPYces). 3-31 July, 1.45pm – 5.00pm.

This course is for parents with adult children who are married or soon-to-be married. This course will help you to walk with your adult children as spiritual parents. Registration: rlc.sg/spyces. For more information, contact Christine Tan at christinetan@riverlife.org.sg.

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5. **Call for SuperLife Volunteers.** If you have a heart for children and a desire to disciple them in their spiritual journey, come be a part of the SuperLife team. Sign up at rlc.sg/serve. Immediate needs:
- *SuperLife Primary Teacher* (Serve twice a month. Facilitate small group discussions after each Bible lesson, connect and pray with the children, be involved in SuperLife Ministry events, etc.)
 - *Special Needs Chaperone.* (Serve twice a month. Provided 1-1 support to children with special needs and help facilitate an inclusive environment between children with and without special needs.)
6. **F&B Related Ministries Recruitment.** We're looking for RiverLifers who love connecting with new people and enjoy cooking and serving. Team members will serve once a month. For more details Karen Koh (Welcome Lounge) at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg and Jonathan Cho (The Café and Volunteers Corner) at jonathancho@riverlife.org.sg.
7. **Technical & Production (TAP) Ministry Recruitment.** The TAP ministry comprises five teams – audio, graphics, lighting, sound and video – and they all work as one in partnership with the Holy Spirit to support an atmosphere that allows the congregation to encounter God. We are now opening up recruitment for this ministry. If you desire to take the next step in your walk with God through starting to serve, we invite you to sign up to explore serving in one of the five TAP teams. You may sign up online at rlc.sg/serve or refer to our [digital bulletin](#) for more details.
8. **Missions from Home.** In order to find out more information concerning our mission initiatives in the nations and how you can participate, visit our new mission website. (rlc.sg/mfh)
9. **RiverLife Community Services (RCS).** In 2021, RCS focused on providing relief to families who were badly affected by the pandemic. We believe that in this season, God is calling RCS to build loving families and strong communities. Listed below are opportunities where you can serve or give to RCS:
- You can serve as a volunteer in one of our programmes to befriend and build relationships with children, youth, mothers and lower-income families. Find out more here: rlc.sg/rcs2022.
 - You can sow by contributing financially too. Your giving will go into initiatives such as grocery distributions and various programmes that will help our beneficiaries build resilience and break free from the poverty cycle. Find out more by writing to RCS at office@rcs.org.sg.
 - RCS is also looking to partner with organizations (donations of essential items – toiletries, wearables, etc). To find out more, write to us at volunteer@rcs.org.sg.
10. **RiverLife Podcast.** The RiverLife Podcast allows you to listen to RiverLife content anytime, anywhere! The link to go to is rlc.sg/podcast or simply search **'The RiverLife Podcast'** on Spotify.

11. **Spiritual Growth Resources.** We have put together a curated list of recommended resources for the RiverLife family. These resources (books, articles, podcasts and videos) are recommendations for the various spiritual growth stages as you seek to grow deeper in the River of God this year. You can access them at rlc.sg/resource. This list will be continually populated throughout the year.
12. **Cradle Roll.** Our Cradle Roll is open from 9am to 10.30am every Sunday for children 24 months and below. *NO booking of tickets is required.*
13. **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>
14. **Bible Reading Plan.** You can access our 2-Year Bible Reading Plan 2021-2022 by visiting: <https://rlc.sg/brp2021>.
15. **Testimony.** If you have a testimony to share, you can write to us at stories@riverlife.org.sg to share with us your testimony as an encouragement to others.

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