



10 JUL 2022 | DAVID & GRETA PETERS | DAWN IS COMING | PROVERBS 4:18; ROMANS 4:3; PSALM 23:1,3

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Reflect on the condition of our hearts and to awaken the dawn of a new day
2. Be reminded of the three keys to awaken the dawn - worship, reading the Word of God and prayer
3. Be encouraged to pray for dawn to come and to walk in the light of increasing brightness

SERMON SUMMARY

These past few years have been a long night, especially since COVID-19 started. Many of us have been in a spiritual night. However, after every night, there is a dawn. We are to awaken the dawn of a new day, through worship, reading the Word of God, and prayer. Once the dawn is awakened, we will journey into increasing light.

David and Greta Peters shared a prophetic word for 2022 which is found in [Proverbs 4:18](#). We, who have placed our faith in Christ, are the righteous ones – the ones who are walking on a path that shines brighter and brighter until full day (noon). David and Greta Peters encouraged RiverLifers to step out of the night season into the new season of increasing light.

SERMON RECAP

Greta Peters started the sermon by giving a prophetic word for the global church, which includes RiverLife Church. She exhorted that the Lord is saying for 2022 to “awaken the dawn for the new day”. The theme of the word is threaded around the word “joy”. We belong to the Kingdom of God and one of the characteristics is joy in the Holy Spirit regardless of the state of the world. Some of us have lost our joy and God wants to restore that joy of salvation to us. She encouraged RiverLifers to choose joy despite our circumstances and God will continue to fill us with His joy that the world cannot give.

In the days ahead, God is going to manifest Himself as the God of Light. Light brings life and when God’s light shines in our hearts, we receive true life. For 2022 and beyond, there will be increasing revelation of light. Jesus is the light of the world and God wants the world to know that and that is why He is urging us to awaken the dawn of the day.



There are three keys to awaken the dawn:

1. Worship:

- [Psalm 109:1-2](#) says that our worship awakens the dawn.
- There is incredible power in worship.
- Whatever our situation, sing over it because praises bring down strongholds, releases breakthroughs and shifts atmospheres.

2. The Word of God:

- Feed on God's Word, meditate on it and declare it over our lives.
- [Psalm 19:7-9](#) says that God's Word awakens our souls and brings light to the eyes.
- Light brings hope ([Ephesians 1:18](#)) and we are to be carriers of light and hope, testifying Jesus to those who sit in the darkness of despair, fear and hopelessness.

3. Prayer:

- The prayer of the church is a catalyst for God's work to be done and for the Kingdom of heaven to break out on the earth.
- Revival will birth from prayers.
- Keep praying that in God's mercy and might, He will pour out His Spirit on all people across the world.
- Pray also that the morning light will break upon us with fresh visitation of Jesus in Singapore and other nations.

David Peters exhorted RiverLifers with his prophetic word that "dawn is coming". The past three years have been a long night, since COVID-19 started. The good news is that night never lasts forever. There is always a dawn after every night. Once dawn comes, the characteristic of that new season is joy. While the world might go into a long night, the church is coming out into a new dawn.

The prophetic word for 2022 is found in [Proverbs 4:18](#). In [Romans 4:3](#), we are the righteous ones who receive Jesus into our lives and ask Him to forgive us of our sins. Our Father God then takes all our sins and unrighteousness off us and place them on Jesus and He takes the perfect righteousness of Jesus and imparts it to us so that when God looks at us, He sees us as totally righteous because of our faith. The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn that shines brighter and brighter to full day (noon).

[Psalm 23:1,3](#) says that the Lord guides us along right paths. Valleys are part of the pathway of life. Jesus is not only the Shephard of green pastures and still waters, He is also the Shephard of any valley and He will get us through our valleys. At the end of our valleys, He will prepare a feasting table in the presence of our enemies, anoints us with favour and provision, and goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives. Ultimately, we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

In the natural world, dawn causes birds to sing. In the spiritual world, songs cause dawn ([Psalm 57:8](#)). By faith, we declare the season to change by singing and declaring to the dawn and praying that dawn will come and eventually we will walk into the new season of increasing light. Once dawn breaks, light comes gradually. When we keep walking in faith, the sun will shine brighter and brighter.



For some of us who have lost sight of light and are walking in the night, God is going to restore direction and clarity. For some of us who are in dawn, trust God and take another step into a greater level of brightness and deeper intimacy with Jesus. The world will keep stumbling in darkness but the church is meant to be walking in increasing light.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. David and Greta Peters shared that many have been in a spiritual night and that we are to awaken the dawn of a new day and journey into increasing light. Where do you feel you are currently? Are you in a season of spiritual night, dawn or increasing light?**

Leader's Notes

This is a recap and reflect question for members to ponder on where they are in their lives currently. Members can share their own experiences (e.g. challenges, disappointments, anxieties, victories, favour, etc.) in this current season. Members who are seeing the break of dawn or increasing light in their lives can encourage other members who are in a spiritual night through the sharing of their personal experiences. Leaders can encourage members who are in a spiritual night not to give up hope, but to awaken the dawn of a new day. Leaders can also encourage members who are already in the dawn to pray and declare increasing brightness in their lives.

Transition

As we desire to walk out of the spiritual night, let us take a look at three keys that would awaken the dawn of a new day.

- 2. Greta Peters shared that there are three keys to awaken the dawn of a new day - worship, the Word of God, and prayer. Which are the key(s) you need to embrace more in this new season?**

Leader's Notes

This is a reflect and response question for members to share about what they have learnt about the keys of worship, the Word of God and prayer. Leaders can ask members to share which of the three keys mentioned in the sermon that spoke to them the most, which of the key(s) they feel are lacking in their lives, and which of the key(s) they would like to focus on in their daily walk with God. Leaders can suggest practical ways for members to consider, for example, set aside time for personal worship to God, read the same passage of scripture as a cell every day (e.g. using RLC's Bible reading plan) and find prayer partners within the cell to pray for one another. Encourage members to set goals towards embracing these keys, rather than setting a law (legalistic ritual) that can lead to disappointment if one fails to keep at it.

Transition

As we desire to grow in intimacy with God through worship, reading His Word and praying, let us walk, as individuals and together with one another, in the light of increasing brightness.



3. How can the prophetic word from Proverbs 4:18 apply to us as individuals as well as to us as RiverLife Church?

Leader's Notes

This is a reflect and response question for members to consider how is the prophetic word applicable to our lives as individuals. Leaders can encourage members to not only apply the prophetic word individually but also to declare as RiverLife Church, that dawn will come and that the sun will shine brighter and brighter. The cell can break up into smaller groups to pray for RiverLife Church and for one another to be dawn carriers to our family, friends and even to the nations who are in darkness.

Closing

As we seek to step out of the night, let's declare that dawn will come and that the sun will shine brighter on our path. Let us encourage each other to awaken the dawn through singing worship songs, reading of His Word and prayer.

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

- We will remember that constant reflection is key to our spiritual growth and maturity.
- God will show us the aspects of our lives that need strengthening in 2022 and for the Holy Spirit to guide us to continue to apply the lessons we have learnt from God in 2021.

2. COVID-19 in Singapore

- Praise God for the decrease in community cases.
- Pray for God's protection especially from the Omicron variant.

3. 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.
- Comfort and change to come to USA in the midst of a spike in mass shootings all over the country.

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

Digital Bulletin: rlc.sg/bulletin

- 1. Current Pulpit Series – Rebuilding the Altar.** 2-31 July. This series seeks to lead people to rebuild the altar of God in their lives.
 - 3 July – The Altar of Awakening
 - 17 July – The Altar of Identity
 - 24 July – The Altar of Repentance
 - 31 July – The Altar of Worship
- 2. Joining The Family.** 30 Jul, Sat, 10.30am – 12.30pm, In-person at Faith Chapel. Sign up online at rlc.sg/jointhefam by Sun, 17 Jul. For enquiries, please contact Karen Koh at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg.
- 3. 40.Day Prayer 2022.** 40.Day is an annual national prayer initiative by LoveSingapore. The theme for this year's prayer guide is "to live is Christ", a journey through the book of Philippians. The prayer guide is can be accessed one day at a time at this link: <http://www.lovesingapore.org.sg/40day/2022>. Prayer entries will be posted one day at a time starting from Friday, 1 July. Let us join the body of Christ in Singapore in seeking the Lord.
- 4. Call for Musicians and Vocalists.** The Worship & Music ministry is on the lookout for musicians and vocalists – keyboardist, electric guitarist, bassist, drummer and singers. If you are interested, you can sign up at rlc.sg/serve. Do note that an audition will be required before joining the ministry.
- 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](http://rlc.sg/bulletin) for more details.

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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.
 - RCS is looking for 20 Food Collection Helper/Driver that is able to help with the loading/unloading of fresh food items at blocks where we are reaching out to. Commitment: Minimally once a month for 6 months, Saturdays, 12-4pm. Contact: rlcares@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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