

Grace and peace to you and your loved ones!



Is it just me, or has each day become much shorter? There seems to be so much more to do but the hours fly by so quickly. I can't help but wonder, "Have I really become that much busier? Or perhaps I have become less productive?" One morning, before launching into the day's activities, I remember crying out to God for more time. And if that was not possible, then my request would be for Him to abridge time for me so that more could be accomplished. Suddenly, the words from Eph 5:16 rang out in my heart ... redeem the time!

The impact of these words didn't hit me until much later when I discovered that the time to be redeemed is *kairos*, not *chronos*. In our fast-paced society, the enemy has deceived many of us into working harder and longer. Yet, however efficient one is, the work never ends and more time, more *chronos*, is needed. But that is not God's plan for His people at all. In trying to maximize the *chronos*, we have sadly missed the *kairos*, God's appointed times and seasons in our lives. As such, we miss the opportunities, the leadings and the purposes of God.

I began to understand why the Lord spoke these words into my heart. In these final days, there is a quickening in the spiritual realm. Indeed, there is still much to be done but God doesn't need more time. God is not rushing to meet a deadline. Instead, He is calling His children to know the seasons, understand the times and not miss His *kairos* in their lives and situations. When we move in God's appointed times, we move in tandem with His purposes in these last days.

In my enthusiasm and desire to serve God, I naturally want to do more in less time. With this revelation, however, I realise it is not how much I do for God, but if what is done falls within His purposes and timings. It is not about having my schedule full of preaching and teaching engagements, but if these are appointed by Him that it will yield a tremendous harvest. After all, God's *kairos* does not only mean an appointed time for me to speak His Word, but also an appointed time for the people to receive His Word. Each of us will still have 24 hours in a day but the one who is willing to watch and wait for God's prompting will be the one who redeems the time.



On a lighter note, I found space in my schedule for a Sunday Times interview in response to the Government's new perks to



encourage couples to have more babies. Serene and I decided that it was an opportune time to announce that baby No. 7 is on the way, due March09. Many were surprised to see us in the papers on 24 Aug and to discover another addition to the family! And by the way, we don't benefit from the pro-working mother incentives at all. As we shared with

the journalist, we don't have babies because the Government pays us to have babies. We have many children because they are a heritage from the Lord. And as He has blessed us with these, He will also provide for them – all glory to God!

Ministry brought me back to my alma mater when I spoke at Anglo-Chinese Junior College's AC Passion on 4 July. It was very heartwarming to see the youths worshipping the Lord and desiring a closer walk with Him. I thank God for the privilege of speaking into



these young lives. Then on 17 July, I spoke at Grace Methodist Church's Sunday services, bringing the message, "Walk the Word. Win the War." It was also a reunion of sorts as I reconnected with my cousins whom I have not met for many years.

I had the honour of addressing the staff of Prison Fellowship International at one of their devotions. It was an encouragement to have had Rev Henry Khoo (former Chaplain of Prisons) present with us. Even as I pen this update, Rev Khoo (3<sup>rd</sup> from left in picture) is currently in Singapore General Hospital, recovering from a rather serious operation. We are all standing in prayer with and for this dear servant of God, believing that God will heal him completely and sustain him for His purposes and glory!



Once again, I brought the teaching "Building a Household of Faith" to Wesley MC and to a new venue at Christalite Methodist Chapel. At these teachings, I always cherish the opportunity to stir the hearts of young couples, challenging them to raise godly families.



Across four Sundays in August, I taught on "Godliness" at Ang Mo Kio MC's 9:15 service. Then on 30 Aug, I spoke at their Music & Worship Ministry's Worship Seminar, presenting three topics: "Lined Up for Battle", "3-Dimensional Worship" and "Carrying His Presence".

Serene was invited to speak at Barker Road Methodist Church's Heart2Heart Women's Fellowship on 22 Aug. Already encouraging Christian mothers through her website [www.BuildingUpMoms.com](http://www.BuildingUpMoms.com), she was able to share face-to-face across the 3-hr dialogue session. This was Serene's very first solo speaking engagement and I believe it will not be the last. Praise God!



On the home-front, our needs continue to be met by Jehovah-Jireh, The-Lord-Who-Provides. We give thanks for His grace and favour upon the lives of our little ones. Like everyone else, we too have our



challenges and struggles as we train the children and school them at home. There is not a moment we do not acknowledge the enablement and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. At the same time, there are many times we cry out in desperation for help, not knowing what else to do or where else to turn. People often ask, "How do you manage?" The truth is, we don't know. All we know is that the Lord carries us as we rely on Him day by day. God knows we fail time and again, time and again. Thanks be to God for new mercies to meet the challenges of each new day.

In His love and for His glory!

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