

Please pray:

- ✳ **Cégep students' exam period:** The Cégep students will enter into their exams period this month. Let us stand with them during this time. May the Lord strengthen the students to study in Him, depend on Him and experience the Lord as their peace during this stressful time; may the students learn how to experience the Lord and cast their anxieties unto Him. May the Lord grow in all the students during their exam period.
- ✳ **University students' summer time:** The university students have entered into their summer vacation. May this summer be sanctified to the Lord. May this time be a time of recharging, resting, blending with the saints, reading and being constituted with the truth and growing in the Lord.
- ✳ **Montréal Brothers' Retreat (May 14):** May the brothers be released to attend this retreat; may we come fully unloaded and poor in spirit to receive a fresh and up-to-date speaking from the Lord; may this time be a time of encouragement and re-building; may the Lord gain what He is after in this retreat.
- ✳ **Situation between Russia and Ukraine and the situation in Europe:** (1) Pray for overflowing grace for the saints who are caring for the Ukrainian saints and refugees and that many Ukrainian saints would be supplied to rise up to preach the gospel of the kingdom to their fellow Ukrainians. (2) Pray for the saints affected by the war: may they see what the Lord is doing on earth today and function in the matter of binding and loosing the corporate God-man living and the shepherding that will end this age.
- ✳ **Gospel outreach and Bible distributions in the months to come:** (1) Let us prepare the ground of the hearts of the people during the months to come by many prayers, for the harvest to be ready at the time when we go out for gospel outreach and Bible distributions. (2) Let us beseech the Lord of the harvest to thrust out workers to reap the harvest. (3) Pray that the ones that we will come in contact with will be interested to meet with us, join the Bible studies, home meetings, personal appointments and activities. (4) May the Lord show us how to shepherd these ones. (5) May He give us key ones on the campuses and in the community. (6) May they become remaining fruit.
- ✳ **Pray for various local needs in Montréal:** saints, contacts, and those in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✳ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: Eph. 2:19-4:10.
- ✳ HWMR: Knowing the Truth, Being Absolute for the Truth, and Proclaiming the Truth in the Present Evil Age, Week 4.

Announcements

- ✳ There will be a brothers' retreat on May 14 for all the brothers who have a heart to carry the burden of the church and are willing to serve. For more information and registration, please contact the following brothers:
 - English speaking saints: ➤ Dennis L.
 - French speaking saints: ➤ Allan Y.
 - Chinese speaking saints: ➤ Martin Z.
- ✳ The July 2022 Semi-Annual Training will be held from July 4 to 9 in Anaheim, California. The registration deadline is **TODAY**, May 8, for both the live training and the video training. Please let the leading brothers know if you are interested in attending the live training in Anaheim. The registration list for the video training is posted on the church's bulletin board.
- ✳ For Children's meetings, all groups are meeting in person at 11am at the Meeting Hall. Only Group 3 and Young People will have zoom hybrid meetings for a few more weeks.
- ✳ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and provide us with your prayer burdens before Saturday of every week. Please email your prayer burdens to Allan Y. at allan.yeow81@gmail.com. Please note that due to limited space on the newsletter, we may not be able to publish all the prayer burdens that are sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✳ May 14: **Montréal Brothers' Retreat.**
- ✳ May 27-30: **International Memorial Day Blending Conference.**
- ✳ July 4-9, Anaheim: **Summer Semi-Annual Training.**
- ✳ October 6-8, Anaheim: **International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones.**

Please refer to the church's website where more events are listed.

This Week's Activities

Sunday May 8 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: The Lord's Table and prophesy meetings.
Monday May 9	✳
Tuesday May 10	✳ 7:30-9:00pm: Various prayer meetings by districts (English, French and Chinese) by conference calls.
Wednesday May 11	✳
Thursday May 12	✳
Friday May 13	✳ 6:30-9:00pm: Various home meetings by districts (English, French and Chinese) on Zoom.
Saturday May 14	✳
Sunday May 15 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10am-12pm: Lord's Table & Prophesying meetings.

FORGIVENESS AND RESTORATION

Scripture Reading: Matt. 18:21-35, 15-20; Luke 17:3-5.

II. RESTORING THE BROTHER

B. The Reason for Telling (cont'd)

Today many of God's children do not obey the teaching of this portion of the Word. Some people always speak of others' wrongdoings, continually publicizing them. Some do not tell others, yet they never forgive and always harbor grudges in their hearts. Some forgive but do not try to restore. But this is not what the Lord wants us to do. It is wrong to speak of others' faults; it is wrong to keep silent yet be unforgiving in the heart; and it is equally wrong to forgive but not to exhort.

The Lord did not say that it is good enough for us to forgive the brother who has offended us. The Lord also showed us that the offended one has the responsibility to restore the offending one. Since it is not a small thing to offend someone, we have the responsibility to tell the one who has offended us for his sake. We must think of some way to restore our brother and gain him back. When we speak to him, we must be proper in our attitude and pure in our intention. Our purpose is to restore our brother. If our intention is to gain him, we will know how to point out his fault. If our intention is not to restore him, it will only worsen the relationship. The purpose of exhortation is not to ask for recompense or to justify our own feelings; it is for the purpose of restoring our brother.

C. The Proper Attitude in Telling Others

If our intention is pure, we will know how to do this step by step. First, we must have the right spirit. Next, the words we speak, the way we speak to them, including our attitude, countenance, voice, and tone, must all be right. Our purpose is to gain him, not just to inform him of his fault.

If we are simply trying to rebuke him, our rebuking may be right, and the strong words we use may be justified, but our attitude, tone, and countenance may never achieve the goal of gaining him.

It is easy for us to say good things about a brother; it is easy to praise a person. It is also very easy to lose our temper with a person. We only need to let go of our emotions, and we will lose our temper. But pointing out a person's fault and, at the same time, restoring and gaining him is something that can be done only by those who are full of grace. One must forget about himself completely before he can be humble, meek, free from pride, and willing to help those who are at fault. In the first place one must be right himself.

You should realize that the Lord allows a brother to offend you because He has shown favor to you and has chosen you. He has put a great responsibility upon you. You are His chosen vessel, and God is using you to restore your brother.

If a brother offends you in a small matter and you forgive him, the matter is settled; there is no need to do anything further. But if a brother offends you to such an extent that it becomes an issue, you cannot close your eyes and say that there is no problem. The problem is there, and you cannot ignore it. If the problem is not solved, it becomes a burden to the church. The church is often weakened because of these burdens. The life of the Body is drained through these burdens, and the work of the ministers is wasted through these burdens. Before God we need to learn to deal with every problem when it arises. If a person offends us, we should not close our eyes and try to ignore it. We must deal with it properly. However, our spirit, attitude, word, countenance, and tone must all be proper. This is the only way to gain our brother.

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