

At ZGM, what we build must help our people grow in the Lord and must result in revival. We have prayed for a long time for revival. Let me define revival. Revival takes place when people discover God. Let this be a season when we rediscover how we worship God, how we relate to God and to others. Let this be a season where we do go back to the basics and our first love, which is God. Going back to the basics is quite simple. Do the simple spiritual disciplines regularly and faithfully. Come to worship gladly. Keep Jesus in your heart always. Going back to basics will help you to be Built to Last.

PASTOR RAMYLAL FERNANDO

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the new members named below to the ZGM family:

1. Sis Chia Moi Eng Rose
2. Sis Lim Mui Imm Carol
3. Bro Ng Char Boh
4. Bro Ng Kiat Mui
5. Sis Tan Boon Chuan Sandee

May they experience the blessing and guidance of God abundantly in their spiritual journey and the warmth and fellowship of the church family.

DEAR VISITORS

Welcome to Zion Gospel Mission!

On behalf of the leaders and members of Zion Gospel Mission we warmly welcome you to our church. We hope that you'll be blessed by your visit this morning as you find out more about Jesus and meet some of His people.

We warmly invite you to our regular Sunday service from 11.00am to 12.30pm. We also have a Chinese service from 9am to 10.30am.

If you would like to find out more about our church activities do contact the church office at 6281 1979.

SERMON AUDIO & POWERPOINT SLIDES

Listen to last Sunday's sermon online. It's now available at www.zgm.com.sg

TUESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Join us every Tuesday for Prayer @ CT Hub 2 from 8 - 9.30pm.
Experience God through prayer and be touched by Him.

Vision : Every Life for Jesus
Mission : We are a Spirit-led community that Exalts Christ by Equipping disciples to Engage the world.

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PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our theme for Year 51 and for the next few years is “Built to Last.” We have been talking about this throughout 2019. We will be talking about it in the next few years too.

As I thought through what I should write for this Anniversary Pastoral Letter, the Lord took my mind on a journey through His Word. I looked at the various types of famous builders in the Bible. I looked at Noah, Moses, Solomon and Nehemiah. Noah built an Ark. Moses was the chief instructor of the building of the Tabernacle. Solomon built the great Temple of Jerusalem. And Nehemiah rebuilt the broken down walls of Jerusalem. They are well known in the Bible for what they achieved. From what we know of these four individuals, it is safe to say that none of them were skilled architects, engineers or builders. But they built structures with great precision and detail that people marvel about.

What was their secret? What can we learn from them that will help us stay focused as a church? The answer will help each of us to stay focused in “BUILT TO LAST.”

In a world filled with people who brought sadness to the heart of God, Noah stood out. The Bible says that he found favour in the eyes of the Lord” (Genesis 6:8). The Lord asked him to make a huge ship far away from the sea. Noah obeyed the Lord. He enlisted the support of his three sons. When the rains came and a great flood ensued, Noah and his family and the animals that he had brought into the Ark were safe. The people who ridiculed him died. The ship could not be tested before its first voyage. But the attention to detail and the hard work of Noah and his sons prevailed. It is interesting to note that the Ark had no sails and no rudder. God was in control not only in what Noah built, but God was in control of where Noah went. Noah’s Ark was built to last the flood and to ensure a restart to the world.

At ZGM, what we are building must withstand adversity, and all kinds of pressure that seeks to break down the work of God. The strength of being built by God must be seen in how we face various situations in life. Noah lived in such a way that He found favour in God’s eyes. Let us commit to do that. The Bible does not promise a life free of adversity and problems. But the Bible promises us through a plethora of promises that we will find favour with God if we honour Him and stay connected to Him. When we find favour with God, we will be Built to Last.

Soon after Moses saved the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, he realised that the people actually didn’t know their God. The Lord laid out an elaborate plan of worship which would enable the people to know God and come close to Him.

But since they were in the wilderness, a permanent place of worship could not be constructed. Hence, the Lord provided intricate details and plans to construct a Tabernacle for people to worship. Moses provided the details and ensured that the Tabernacle met with all of God’s standards. The Lord’s presence was evident in the Tabernacle. The people started getting to know God and how to worship Him. The Tabernacle was built to introduce God to those who were getting to know about Him.

At ZGM, what we are building must bring the knowledge of the Lord to believers. We must lean on the Word of God and the worship of God to go deep in Him. We must invest our whole life to get to know God. We spend time, money and energy on things that matter to us. How much energy do you spend in getting to know God? This does not apply to new believers only, it applies to all of us. When we are totally sold out on getting to know God, we will be Built to Last.

Solomon became king of Israel in the best period of the Israelite kingdom. His dad, King David was a God-fearing and good king. He had handed over a legacy and great wealth. On top of that God had bestowed more wisdom on Solomon than on any man on the face of the earth. Solomon had amassed great wealth and prestige. There was one thing God wanted Solomon to do, that He had withheld from David. That was to build a permanent dwelling for God. When it was completed, the Temple of Jerusalem was the pride of the nation. It was an architectural masterpiece. It exclaimed the majesty and glory of God and was a gathering point of God’s people. Solomon’s Temple was built to ensure that God’s people will continue to worship and be united around the greatness of God.

At ZGM, what we build must glorify God always. Our ultimate desire must be to worship God and enjoy Him forever. Give your best to the Lord. Worshipping God doesn’t only happen from 11am to 11.30 am on Sunday. Your entire life must be a worship to the Lord. At worship time during the Sunday Service, we think about God, we ask forgiveness, we lift his name up high and we commit to live for Him. We can carry that template to everything we do in life. That will help you to be Built to Last.

Nehemiah pulled off a miracle of sorts. He rebuilt the broken down walls of Jerusalem in 52 days (Nehemiah 6:15). The inhabitants of the entire city was deployed to the rebuilding task. The King of Persia had sponsored some of the building materials. The Governors of Jerusalem had initiated a derailment plan. But, Nehemiah had encouraged his people to persevere through all of it. Once the walls were rebuilt, the priest Ezra had the Word of God ready before the people. The people of God experienced a revival. They fell in love with God and His Word once again. There was great rejoicing (Nehemiah 8:17). Nehemiah rebuilt the walls of the city and this brought security and unity to the people. It resulted in a revival.

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