

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

I have to admit that I have been sad lately. It may be a coronavirus lock down fatigue, or it is because of the news I got recently.

I was born and raised in Hong Kong. Though I migrated to the States, I am still proud of Hong Kong. This tiny island, under unusual historical circumstances, created many miracles, transforming to an international city. God had also made Hong Kong a tremendous blessing to churches in the mainland over the years. Sadly, recent developments have passed the differences on political standpoints and entered into the stage of confusing facts and even mutual destruction. The virtues and excellent systems of the past no longer exist. Though I am thousands of miles away, my heart bleeds every time I hear and see the news.

Then, two days ago, I received the news of the passing away of Rev. Ravi Zacharias whom I greatly respect and admire. Rev. Zacharias was a world-renowned scholar in apologetics. I have been greatly blessed through reading his books and listening to his recordings. He is one of my favorites to quote in my preaching and teaching. Originally from a top-ranked family in India, he committed suicide at the age of 17. A missionary shared with him in the hospital the verse "Because I live, you also will live." (John 14:19). His life was changed totally. He preached all over the world and was welcomed to all major university campuses. He established an organization to carry on his vision of "helping the thinkers believe and the believers think". Through publishing, training, and conducting workshops, they become a strong voice for Biblical truth among the intellectuals. Rev. Zacharias had back problems for a long time. Cancer was found in his body as he was treating his back again late last year. Within just several months, he returned to the Lord he served for more than half a century.

I asked why. There is no answer from God. It seems that submission is the lesson to learn now. The hymn "This is My Father's World" once again came to my mind. Indeed, life is fragile. The opportunity to serve is precious. Let's do our best to seize the opportunity, even in the midst of sadness.

Pastor Isaac

RAVI ZACHARIAS
1946 - 2020



(To Learn more about his ministry, please go to www.rzim.org)

MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Chinese Worship	11AM Sunday https://bit.ly/2y4GI7T
Chinese Bible Study	8PM Thursday
Love Fellowship	8:30PM Friday
Chinese Prayer Meeting	9:30PM Wed 515-604-9094 Code 631 509 396
English Worship	1PM Sunday https://bit.ly/2Ym8BCR
English Prayer Meeting	9PM Tuesday
English Bible Study	6PM Thursday

Food pantry with ReThink Food: 11AM (Monday thru Friday)

Members News

Since school campuses closed, students have been doing remote learning. Many of them are taking exams. Please pray for them or send them a note to encourage them. Pray also for their summer plans as we are going to a summer unlike all others in the past.

The following is a list of graduates of all levels:

College & up: Aaron Leung
High School: Eunice Chen, Tobi Lee
Junior High: Kate Chung, Kara Chung
Kindergarten: Evelyn Jiang
Pre-K : Emma Lee, Keegan Yu



Prayer Items

- ✓ Leaders at government as they make important decisions
- ✓ Protection for all 50 states as we re-open at different paces
- ✓ US soldiers stationed all over the world
- ✓ Needs of missionaries and missions agencies
- ✓ Political development in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan
- ✓ Seniors in nursing facilities and living alone
- ✓ Deacons meeting on 5/27
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2020 Bible Reading Plan

5/18	John 6 : 22-24	5/25	John 9 : 1-23
5/19	John 6 : 45-71	5/26	John 9 : 24-42
5/20	John 7 : 1-31	5/27	John 10 : 1-21
5/21	John 7 : 32-53	5/28	John 10 : 22-42
5/22	John 8 : 1-20	5/29	John 11 : 1-17
5/23	John 8 : 21-36	5/30	John 11 : 18-46
5/24	John 8 : 27-50	5/31	John 11 : 47-57