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Church Theme Verse 2024:

"Let us therefore follow after things...wherewith one may edify another." Romans 14:19b

> "he that winneth souls is wise" Proverbs 11:30b

 Pastor
 : Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan
 9858
 4865

 Asst Pastor
 : Rev David Cher
 9737
 9150

 Advisory Pastor
 : Rev Philip Heng (EWS)
 9792
 9183

 Advisory Pastor
 : Rev Freddy Yong (MWS)
 8309
 8157

 Ministry Staff
 : Mrs Lee May San
 9618
 9160

Elder Kenneth Wona

ORDER OF WORSHIP Lord's Day, 15 September 2024, 9.30 am

PRELUDE Pianist: Mr Irvin Ling

INTROIT #216 "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple"

CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Kenneth Wong

PRAISE & WORSHIP

HYMNS # 79 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"

#548 "As The Deer"

#727 "Faith Is The Victory"

INVOCATION

GLORIA PATRI #812 "Glory Be To The Father"

SCRIPTURE READING [Responsively] Psalm 38:1-15 Mr Seet Tiat Hee

OFFERINGS & TITHES

DOXOLOGY #815

(Creche/Nursery/Kindergarten/Primary children leave for Sunday School)

PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE: "A People Under The Word" Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan

Ezra 7-10; Nehemiah 8

CLOSING HYMN #406 "Wonderful Words Of Life"

BENEDICTION & 3-FOLD AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

WELCOME

In-Person Worship Service & Broadcast Live on Galilee Website

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

9.30 am

Speaker: Rev Bendick Ong (Calvary BPC) Message: "Anger Gone Wrong" Matthew 5:21-26; Ephesians 4:31-32

GALILEE MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE

9.15 am

Preacher: Pr Matthew Tan (Calvary BPC) Message: "Waiting On The Lord With Faith Like David" Psalm 27:13-14

THE WEEK 16 Sept – 22 Sept 2024

Wednesday 18 September	7.30 pm	Bible Study/8.30pm Prayer Meeting Pastor Simon Nagarajan The Book of 1 Samuel Zoom ID: 605 758 5352; Password BS/PM Rev Philip Heng The Second Coming Of Christ https://meet.google.com/hjx-pkcp-dye?hs=151 Sis Lee May San (Ladies' Prayer Meeting/BS) The Book of 1 Thessalonians Zoom ID: 815 6829 8000; Password WEDLADBSPM
Saturday 21 September	1.30 pm	CF/JF – The Parable Of The Weeds I/C: Sis Diana Chan
	3.30 pm	TF/YF – Bible Study "God's Invitation III" I/C: Bro Hymn Ong
	6.00 pm	YFM – Book Study "Facing The Complexities Of Commitment" I/C: Rev David Cher
Lord's Day 22 September	9.00 am	Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting (on-site only)
	9.15 am	MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE [On site & available on Galilee Website same day evening] Preacher: Elder Har Chee Choey Message: "Death Of Judas" Matthew 27:3-10
	9.30 am	ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE [On site & Live Broadcast available on Galilee Website]
		Chairman: Dn Samuel Xie Worship Team Leader: Dn Samuel Lim Scripture Reader: Bro Marcus Ho (Psalm 38:15-22) Preacher: Rev David Cher Message: "Our Covenant With God" Nehemiah 9-10
	11.00 am 11.00 am	All Sunday School Classes on-site Crèche/Nursery/Kindergarten 1 & 2/Primary 1-6 Secondary/Senior Class Adults [Rev Ong Hock Khee] Young Adults [Rev David Cher]
	11.00 am	Senior Catechism [Pastor Simon]



Attendance	
Worship Service 8 September 2024 (Online) (In-Person) • Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting • Sunday School • Adults' SS	253 47 206 3 40 5
Mandarin Worship Service 8 September 2024	33
Wed Bible Study 11 September 2024	35
Wed Prayer Meeting 11 September 2024	28

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n	ot be condemned: forgive, and ye
	shall be forgiven:
	Luke 6:37

Church Announcements

1. Church Development Fund

Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Church decided in ACM on 24 March 2024 to set up a Church Development Fund, to be maintained and recorded separately from General Fund, for the purpose of funding the new or renewed Church lease and building in view of the expiry of the current land lease on 30 September 2036. Members and worshippers who want to give towards this fund please Paynow or Transfer to the same UEN/QR code/Bank Account as the normal tithes and offerings, indicating clearly Church Development Fund.

My Grace Is Sufficient!

Pastor Simon, Lord's Day, 15 September 2024

Brethren,
Greetings in the Name of our Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ! When we are up
against a tall and pressing situation we are
frustrated with our lack of strength, clueless for a
quick-fix solution, and the uncertain duration of the
predicament easily tires out any one of us. The
overwhelming condition renders us helpless and
vulnerable. We, the people of God, can expect such
a situation to appear for various reasons and at
various seasons of our lives. The encouragement
from God's Word assures us that we will be all right,
the Lord will enable us to do well in our tough times.

Paul writes to the Christians in Corinth, "For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" 2 Cor 12:9. First, we need to remind ourselves that Paul was like any one of us. He held the office of an apostle, and served humbly and effectively as God's instrument (Acts 9:15). However, such a wonderful servant of God suffered from a particular "thing"—something that bothered, hindered, and troubled him pronouncedly.

When he realised the troubling thing wasn't easy to deal with, naturally, he prayed to the Lord and hoped that the problem would go away. But didn't! He prayed again and again! No change! It is not unnatural for Paul to feel frustrated seeing no change in his situation. We don't know what was agitating him. The "thing" could be spiritual or physical but God permitted it (v:7b) Commentators conjured various ideas about what the "thing" could possibly be that annoyed him. Since Paul didn't say it, there is no need for us to speculate. The key intention of Paul was not to highlight to his readers what he was suffering from but to encourage believers to face their troubling "thing" by the grace and strength of the Lord. In this life, amidst

challenges we are called to persevere tenaciously in our calling and walk faithfully with God.

Next, Paul's testimony informs us that our prayers always meet with God's response. No prayers go unanswered, though the answer may not be what we wanted. The Bible tells us that even our nonverbalised thoughts are not hidden from the Lord (Ps 94:11a). All personal and corporate prayers arrive promptly before His Throne of Grace. Paul writes, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus". Phil 4:6-7

Next, the Lord promised Paul that He would provide sufficient grace and strength to deal with his problem. Here, another encouragement for us, and that is the resources from the Lord are far superior to the problem we face. The Lord provides us with divine resources (My grace and My strength) to deal with earthly difficulties. This truth lifts us above our hitches and clithes of this life. We can stand above our troubles and overcome them victoriously.

The crucial point to learn from Paul's testimony is Paul's response to the Lord's response to his petition. He did not throw tantrums against the Lord when he realised that the problem was not going to be eliminated but to travel with it perhaps for the rest of his life. The coalition between God and ours will arise acutely in tough times, but Thy-will-bedone spirit will restore order and peace in us. God will not remove the "Red Seas" or the "wilderness" but He will surely beat a path through it, maybe winding, maybe a steep upward climb or scary descent but we will be fine because the Lord promised that we will experience His power in our tests and trials. God Bless!