

Precious gift from God

Psalms 127:3 says "Children are a heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is His reward". Br. Rinu & Sr. Titty was blessed with a baby girl on 4/11/14.

Congratulations to the proud parents. May God bless your precious bundle of joy.



We express our deepest condolence on the sad demise of

- Mother of Br. Shaji ( Satwa cell) on 8/11/2014

May the Lord fill the families with the peace that surpasses all understanding to bear this irreparable loss.

MFGC Silver Jubilee



Church Program Schedule

Friday Worship

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai  
 Malayalam Service - 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM  
 Children's English Service - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM  
 Scripture Class - 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

St.Peter's Hall, St.Martin's Church, Sharjah  
 Malayalam Service – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
 Youth Worship - 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
 Scripture Class – 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

English Worship

Oud Metha Road,  
 Friday - Dubai 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Bible Study

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai  
 Malayalam - Mon 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
 English - Wed 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

St. Martin's Church, Sharjah  
 Malayalam - Wed 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

B.Th Class

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai  
 Sat - 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM

Care Cell Meeting

Various locations

Personal Counselling

Sharjah parsonage, Thu - 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

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KiDs corner Lord's Prayer Crossword



- Word List**  
 anywhere  
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 forgiveness  
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 example  
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 simple  
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Across

2. We can pray anytime and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Prayer is the special way we \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
4. We fold these out of respect and to avoid distraction when we pray.
5. Instead of using fancy words when we pray it's best to keep it this.
9. Praying has a lot of this because God can do anything.
10. Include this in your prayer to God because he deserves to hear it.

Down

1. An important part of prayer is to ask for this.
6. God wants us to do this all the time. When things are good and bad.
7. The Lord's Prayer is an \_\_\_\_\_ so we can know how to pray.
8. God always \_\_\_\_\_ us when we pray.

Bible Quiz - 46

To what place did Jacob give the name "Bethel"?

- a). Moriah b). Rehoboth c). Luz d). Hebron

send your answer to : mfgcchronicle@gmail.com

Champs - Bible Quiz - 45

- Timothy Rajan
  - Lydia Rajan
- BQ - 45 Ans.: Tithe and see God's amazing provision

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Be Exceptional

Proverbs 22:29 – "Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before obscure men."

Although around 600,000 men left Egypt, most of their names are not even mentioned in the Bible. They journeyed through the wilderness and their lives ended in the wilderness. However, in the midst of these 600,000 men, two very special characters stand out – Joshua and Caleb. We see that there was something different in their lives. They had something special in them. They were exceptional!

Although we find many names in the Bible, we realize one fact that the people who led lives pleasing to God were the ones who led an exceptional life before men and God. Bible reveals several exceptional characters who stood for God. Among the kings, there are exceptional ones. Among commanders, there are exceptional ones. In 1 Timothy, it is said about the ministers of God that even among them we can find exceptional people. In every area of life, we find people who have performed exceptionally well for God.

Remember that you do not become exceptional in a day or two. You become exceptional after years of hard work and practice. To stand before the kings, you must be skilled in your work. Let me show you three categories of people with respect to the way they perform their work:

1. Slothful

Romans 12:11 – "Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord."

These are the people who are fed up with their work. They do their tasks out of compulsion and have neither interest nor enthusiasm to do their duties. Bible warns us against the following consequences of doing a slothful work:

- a. You become cursed - Jeremiah 48:10 – "Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD with slackness". If you do your work slothfully, then you yourself become cursed. No goodness can come out of a cursed person. Hence, we need to take heed to do the responsibilities assigned to us with diligence and sincerity.

b. **The end result is poverty** - Proverbs 24:30-34 – *“I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction. A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man.”*

### 2. Lukewarm

Revelation 3:15 - *“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot!”*

These are the people who have no desire to grow in their lives. They continue to do whatever they have been doing for a long time and are contented with their situations and do not wish any changes in their lives. God does not desire us to be lukewarm.

### 3. Exceptional

The exceptional people are those who desire growth and perceive success by working hard and trusting God completely in their lives. I want to introduce you to a skillful character from the Old Testament - Joseph, the eleventh of the 12 children of Jacob. He was the beloved of his father and was treated with special love and care at his father's home. But God had other plans for Joseph. He desired him to stand before kings. Joseph was taken out of his father's house and over a period of several years, he proved himself to be skillful in whatever he did.

Ultimately, we see that Joseph was made second in the nation of Egypt, after the Pharaoh himself. Let me sketch before your three characteristics of Joseph that led to his success:

a. **Presence of God was with him** - Genesis 39:2 – *“The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man”*. Without the presence of God in your lives, there is nothing you can accomplish. But you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. If God is with you, you can be assured of success in everything you do.

b. **He worked for the glory of God** - Genesis 39:3 – *“His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands.”* Joseph never murmured about his situation. He was sold by his brothers and he worked as a servant in the house of Potiphar. Although he never did anything wrong to deserve his situation, he never murmured. Instead he worked diligently and did everything for the glory of God.

c. **He was a dreamer** - Genesis 37:18, 19 – *“They saw him from afar, and before he came near to them they conspired against him to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer.””* Joseph believed in his dreams. He trusted in God's purpose for his life that was revealed to him through dreams.

Today, realise that God desires you to be exceptional, regardless of your calling, your situation or the area of your life. Like Joseph, do everything for the glory of God and revive the dreams God has placed in your hearts. Even in the midst of sufferings, even when your situations are adverse, believe in the God given dream and eagerly wait for the day when God shall lift you up, when God shall bless you abundantly and make you a blessing to many. Today, take a decision to lead an exceptional life, as you long as you live before God! ★

## editor's desk

### The Day of Small Things

*“Do not despise the day of small things. Men will rejoice when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel”* - Zechariah 4:10



The Israelites had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon and were discouraged at the smallness of the foundations for the new temple and the greatness of the task before them. For Zerubbabel, the project seemed like an immovable mountain and hardly anything was accomplished so far.

Our daily life is primarily filled with a series of small things, daily routines that we consciously or unconsciously perform, things we started with high hopes and expectations yet got discouraged and left mid-way through. We tend to despise or look down upon the small things and the small beginnings in our lives. Like Zerubbabel, we

sometimes get so discouraged that we don't even want to try again. But God says that it is time to take another look at our discarded dreams. God delights in taking the insignificant and making something out of it. God uses our job or our situations to develop character qualities in us that He plans to use at the appropriate time. In these small things we develop trustworthiness with God. The day-in and day-out grind of our lives molds us and makes us into what God desires us to be.

Scripture is full of people who started small. Whether it was Jacob or Moses or Paul, they all began with small things. They spent a great deal of their lives in preparation for the great work that God had destined for them. God may still be preparing us for something far greater. For now, however, we are learning the daily lessons of small things. While we are there, do not think that any good can come out of you, do not despise your failures. Do not become discouraged with the small and the ordinary. Rejoice, for God is working in and through them for His everlasting glory and our eternal joy.

*“It is a very great folly to despise “the day of small things”, for it is usually God's way to begin His great works with small things. How tiny is the seed that is sown in the garden, yet out of it there comes the lovely flower! How small is the acorn, but how great is the Oak that grows up from it!”* – C.H. Spurgeon ★

## Welcome to the MFGC family!



We believe that you came here neither by chance nor by yourself, but God has brought you here with a great purpose. We are glad to see you today and we thank you for joining us for worship. Please join us in the coming days, as we commit our lives in prayer, lift our hearts in worship, and extend our hands to serve in His name.

## First Time visitor?

## Bethesda

Bethesda, also called Bethsaida and Beth-zatha, in Hebrew meaning house of mercy or house of grace, was a pool of water near the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem that was believed to have healing effects. The name of the pool is said to be derived from the Hebrew language and/or Aramaic language. In both Hebrew and Aramaic the word could also mean 'shame, disgrace'. This dual meaning may have been thought appropriate since the location was seen as a place of disgrace due to the presence of invalids, and a place of grace, due to the granting of healing.

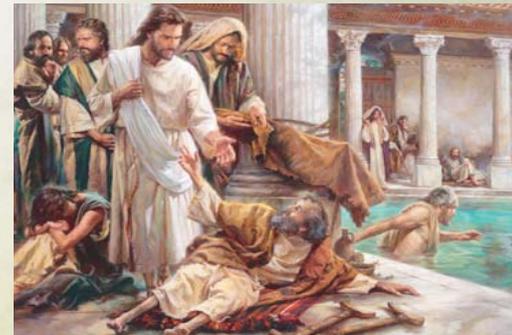
The history of the pool began in the 8<sup>th</sup> century BC, when a dam was built across the short Beth Zeta valley, turning it into a reservoir for rain water; a sluice-gate in the dam allowed the height to be controlled, and a rock-cut channel brought a steady stream of water from the reservoir into the city. The reservoir became known as the Upper Pool.

The Upper Pool is mentioned in the second Book of Kings (in a passage repeated in the Book of Isaiah):

The king of Assyria sent his supreme commander, his chief officer and his field commander with a large army, from Lachish to Jerusalem and stopped at the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Washerman's Field..

It is also mentioned in an earlier part of the Book of Isaiah:

Then the Lord said to Isaiah, “Go out, you and your son Shear-Jashub, to meet Ahaz at the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Washerman's Field..[33]



Bethesda

Among the most famous of Jesus' miracles is recounted in the Gospel of John, where Jesus heals the paralytic at the Bethesda Pool (John 5:2-9). Jesus had healed the man on a Sabbath day and He was bitterly criticized by the Jewish religious authorities for this.

“The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. And this was why the Jews persecuted Jesus, because He did this on the Sabbath. But Jesus answered them, *“My Father is working still, and I am working.”* This was why the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath but also called God His Father, making Himself equal with God. (John 5:2-18 RSV)

When Jesus heals the paralytic in the Gospel of John, the Bethesda Pool is described as having five porticoes—a puzzling feature suggesting an unusual five-sided pool, which most scholars dismissed as an unhistorical literary creation. Yet when this site was excavated, it revealed a rectangular pool with two basins separated by a wall—thus a five-sided pool—and each side had a portico. ★