



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

THE DUBAI CITY CHURCH

Loving God & Enjoying His Promises

"For He says, 'In the time of My favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.' I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2



WELCOME

WEEKLY MINISTRY

Holy Trinity Compound; DUBAI
The Dubai City Church Worship Service
*Live translation in Russian
Thursday: 8:00 pm
St. Paul's Hall

Junior Church
Thursday: 8:00 pm (age group from 3½ to 13 years)
St. Philip's Hall

Eglise Évangélique de Dubai
(French Worship Service)
Saturday: 10:30 am
St. James Hall

WOMEN OF WISDOM
Tuesday: 8:00 pm TBD
St. Philip's Hall

MOUNTAIN MOVING MEN
Tuesday: 8:00 pm TBD
St. Philip's Hall

YOUTH AFLAME
The youth meet for fun and fellowship every Friday.

ABU DHABI

The Abu Dhabi City Church Worship Service
Sunday: 8:00 pm
Community Hall
Contact - Ps. Joji Thomas 050 4560409

ST. ANDREWS CENTRE
Junior Church (The Abu Dhabi City Church)
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Mansbridge Hall
Contact - Lawrence or Angela on 02-6353703

Activating Faith

Last Thursday, our Senior Pastor Rekha Thomas gave us a powerful revelation on how we need to activate our faith. Faith is a part of God in us. God has given each of us a measure of faith but we need to allow it to operate from within us. We need to grow in our faith by hearing, reading, and meditating on God's word.

Faith is a very important factor in our walk with God. Faith requires us to move towards something that God has instructed us to do even though we don't see or receive all the details pertaining to it. This helps us grow in our dependency on God. Abraham had such a dependency on God. He often did not receive detailed instruction of where he was supposed to go or how things would work, but he always trusted and obeyed God without any arguments or reasoning. He always *cooperated with God to do what God wanted to do in his life*. In the process, his faith was built and is called the Father of Faith.

Pastor Rekha Thomas explained how Terah had started a journey with Abraham and others towards Canaan, but after a while chose to settle in Haran. This might happen in our lives also if we are not careful. We might start in simplicity to move in a certain direction but when we come to a place of wealth and comfort we might forget about our goals and settle in that place. When God instructed Abraham to leave his father's place and go to a place where He would show him he did not receive clear details about the destination. But Abraham obeyed and moved on towards the same direction that his father had initially started, till he heard again from God. There are times in our lives that God speaks to us and we know what He wants us to do. We may not know all the details about it but we should not reason or doubt. Instead we should **keep trusting God and do that which is already given to us**.

God wants us to grow and mature in our faith. He builds our faith in different ways, if we allow Him. The children of Israel did not need to do anything during the first 9 plagues in Egypt. But they had to operate in faith for the tenth plague. They were given instructions which they had to obey to be safe during the tenth plague. Pastor Rekha Thomas expounded on how they had to operate in their faith by meditating on God's promise about the promised land. This helped them go through the period and the process of waiting. They had to totally depend on God and trust His faithfulness. We should also do that. During challenging times or periods of waiting for our promises to manifest, we need to meditate on the Word that God has given us. We need to learn to depend on God every moment, know **His Word pertaining to our specific situation and battle with it**. There may also be times when we are already in God's promised place but might need to wait for Him to reveal and show things in our lives. We should continue to do what we are given and develop our faith during this season and keep moving towards our goal with all our understanding and strength. When the promises of God delays to manifest in our lives, we should never dwell on the enemy's lie that we are not important to God. Instead we need to be violent in our faith and hold on to His Word. We can understand that whether it was his journey from his father's house to the place where God would show him, or the journey to sacrifice his only son Isaac, Abraham was meditating on God's promises till he saw his breakthrough. We also need to always meditate on God's promises, and His faithfulness to fulfill it, in our lives.

Another important aspect that Pastor Rekha Thomas explained was about the importance of right imagination. We can only receive what we see. We need to see the heroes of faith like, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob etc., as warriors. They were warriors who fought in the natural and spiritual to take what belonged to them and what God promised them. Above all, we need to see Jesus as the risen warrior King, Lion of Judah. When we think and understand the heroes of faith in the right way, i.e as warriors, we can draw strength.

The warrior spirit in us, is a quality from God. We should activate and use it in the right way. We should not use the warrior spirit in the wrong way to make things happen the way we want it to happen. We need to inquire of God always and He will guide us. We need to - Choose to do the **GOD WAY NOT OUR WAY!** God wants us to be people who totally depend on Him and not do things in our own accord. We need to build our faith, see how He sees and pull down the unseen.

When we operate in faith as warriors, this nature passes even to the coming generations. This is the best heritage we can give our children- the ability to operate in faith.



Announcements and Upcoming Events



Please be informed that:



John Jayachandran's mother, Mrs. Maria Savarimuthu passed away.
Please remember the family in prayer

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Youth Aflame

The youth meet for fun and fellowship every Friday.

GIRLS:

(20 years & above)

Althia David - 050 3587144 & Cordilea Clement - 050 2163279
(13 years - 19 years)

Grace Fernandes - 050 2891005 & Danielle Thomas

BOYS:

(20 years & above)

Alex Razhyk - 050 6963787 & Navjot Salins- 055 9882968

(13 years - 19 years)

Soehl Abraham - 050 6487017 & Aashish Rajesh - 055 3711733

Please Note

Communion, Water Baptism, and Dedication - Once a month.



Prayer Requests

Prayer Request Forms are available at the 'Help Desk' and can be dropped into the 'Prayer Request Box' at the entrance of the Church.

Urgent personal prayer requests for you and your immediate family can also be sent to Elizabeth on mobile no: 050 5356027.

The prayer team will be upholding your request in prayer.

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