

Sunday worship

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WELCOME

We warmly welcome you, if you are worshipping with us for the first time. We believe you've become a member of our church family by God's grace.

Please ensure you speak to the Pastor or one of today's facilitators before you leave.

May God bless you richly (Amen).

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through *the word of God which lives and abides forever*.

1 Peter 1:22-23 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

Faith in action (2 Thessalonians 1:11)

We're trusting God to enable us to do all the good things faith prompts in us in Jesus name (NLT).

DID YOU KNOW?

Every Sunday, we worship together at **Unit 13, Skylines Village**. When unable to attend, do visit our website or YouTube channel for recorded sessions.

Feeding on Christ
by the nourishing milk
in the Word of God
is not only for
growing in life
it is also for
building up.

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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship
service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to attend services or for refreshing your recollection as an essential part of your private Bible study.

There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/>).

So, why don't you set our homepage as one of your **startup page(s)** in your browser now? The following instructions for most of the common browsers may help.

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1. Open the browser and the **Settings** menu (or the **three vertical dots** to the right of the menu bar).
2. Scroll down and click on **Advanced Settings**.
3. Select **Open a specific page or set of pages** under **On Startup**.
4. Select **Set pages** and enter or add <http://rccgbethel.church/>.

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1. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar.
2. Select **Settings** and select **A Specific Page or Pages** from the **Open Microsoft Edge With** section drop down options.
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Living Word

Text: 1 John 1:1

Today we will leave our exploration of the book of Thessalonians and begin a study of the writings of another Apostle. Unlike the epistles of Paul to churches and ministers like Timothy and Titus etc., John's writes to the church. He testified here that he's seen and touched Jesus. Many of us may've loved to experience that too, but just because we don't touch Jesus physically like Thomas (Jn 20:24-29), it doesn't mean we can't know him too. Like John reminded us in this verse, Jesus is the word of life. For example, Jesus revealed himself to Paul and it changed his life (Acts 9:1-19).

Transcripts of some messages may be so impactful or palpable that people wish they were there when the sermon were preached. The Sermon on the Mount may be one of those messages (Matt 5-7). At the end, people were astonished (Matt 7:28) and we can only imagine what it felt like to be there. After he was freed from prison, Paul wasn't allowed to hide away. Instead, the angel told him to go back and preach in the temple (e.g. Acts 5:20) and the incident when Jesus told the wind to be still is just as amazing (Mark 4:39).

Thinking of all of these messages, imagine what it might feel like to see, meet and touch the word of life? Job, in his distress may have felt that way. Adamant that he didn't commit any sin or deserve what was happening to him, he wanted an explanation from God and demanded to see him. When God showed up however, Job could only plead for mercy in awe (Job 38:1-7; 40:1-2). We may criticise God, but do we have the answers?

What is the word of life? Jesus told us the Holy Spirit have all the answers (Jn 16:12-15). There's a word we can hang on to in our lives. A word that can transform everything, including our perspectives. It is different for each of us. God gave Moses authority over Pharaoh and made him a God to Pharaoh (Ex 7:1), but when Pharaoh and his troops began to chase after the Israelites, Moses forgot he's been made a God. He became afraid until God reminded him he's got the answer. It's in the staff in his hand (Ex 14:15-16).

There are times we may be scared of the devil and principalities. Paul told Timothy he's not ashamed because he knows the one he believed (2 Tim 1:12). Do we know the one we believe? The one that unlocks life itself? Elijah was given a word and tasks to do (1 Kgs 19:15-17). Later, he appeared at Jesus's transfiguration. Peter was so awed he suggested they build shelters, but Jesus said no one, including Elijah, was greater than John, except the least in God's kingdom (Matt 17:1-13; see also Matt 11:11).

Isaiah once proclaimed God's sovereignty, power and reach (Isa 40:28-31). In ministry or our personal lives, there may be the inclination to do something great or amazing, but find we've no strength or the resources. Do we know God like Isaiah does? Like Paul, do we know the power in the word of life and the possibilities (Acts 28:3-6)?

Bottom line:

Think of the possibilities. Hold on, understand and run with the word given to you by God, and compare the extent of his promises with what you know of him (Mk 9:21-23).

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