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Theme	Jubilee – Year of Consecration – Passion for God
Topic	Consecration – Why Do I Need To Be Consecrated?
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Message Summary

#YOLO – You Only Live Once

Everybody only lives once. Knowing this, how then shall we live? We need to live it well, and the only way to do so is to live our lives for Jesus. It is only in living for Jesus can we find the best life that we can live. We need to believe that God wants to do something for us in this year of Singapore's Jubilee and we have a role to play in bringing God's blessings to the nation. God may have blessings for us, but it is dependent on consecration. Without faith we cannot see God's wonders. We have learnt that God does not respond to needs, he responds to faith. God wants to do many things, and He is looking for vessels to be consecrated to Him.

This sermon will discuss why we need to be consecrated in three concise points. It urges us to be completely surrendered to the purposes of God.

3 Reasons for Consecration

1. There are no unconsecrated believers

Consecration refers to the separation of persons, utensils, buildings or places from everyday secular uses for the exclusive dedication to holy or sacred uses. In the same way, we as Christians have been consecrated and this theme is very prominent in 1 Peter 2:9. The verse repeatedly demonstrates our consecration to God on many levels, emphasising how we have been called to be set apart from the ordinary for God's holy use. Other verses that demonstrate this point includes:

a. Luke 9:23

We are to be separate from the worldly things of God

b. John 14:4

Abiding in Jesus is the opposite of abiding in the world. We need to be separated from the things of the world to remain in

We must choose to be consecrated, for if Jesus is not Lord of all in our lives, He is not Lord at all. Should we choose to remain unconsecrated, we will miss out on what God intends for our lives. Consecration involves giving up what we have to God so that we may have all that He intends for us.

2. There is normal leakage or defilement

Even if we have consecrated ourselves to God before, we do not automatically remain so. This is the result of free will, and defilement that occurs along the way that can



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hamper our consecration as well. This is similar to the affection we may feel for a significant other that shifts in intensity depending on our moods and circumstances. Just because we have committed ourselves to God does not mean that we will not face trial. We need to take time to reflect on our level of consecration unto the Lord and get rid of all baggage that entangles. To do so, we are encouraged to schedule time to meet with the Lord, where seeking Him is the goal of our time. There are 3 things in particular that we should look out for:

a. Indiscretion

We can hear too much information that defiles us, or gifts that make us indebted to individuals.

b. Intimidation

As we count the cost of giving our all for Jesus, the amount of work that we need to do for Him intimidates us, and we give up without even trying.

c. Discouragement by insinuations

Previous encounters have jaded us to the prospect of serving, as we are afraid of criticism of our efforts.

3. There is a new assignment

The Lord may have a new assignment for us and we need to be consecrated to His purposes. Consecration is through two ways. We need to be consecrated to Him, but we also need to be consecrated to His purpose. In the context of 1 Peter 2:9, we may be called for the purpose of declaring the excellencies of God. However, the word of God is meaningless unless we hear and obey, and this requires us to dedicate ourselves in His service.

There is a need to love the lost with the love of God. We have to love all types of people and not choose what kinds of people can enter our cell groups based on our cell group's personality. There are 4 things we can do with regards to God's assignment:

a. Reach out to the people close to us

b. Turn the hearts of fathers to their children

c. Turn the disobedient to the wisdom of the just

d. Make ready a people prepared for the Lord

No Compromise

The Devil is very interested in getting us to compromise. In our decision to consecrate ourselves to God, we cannot give any space at all to the devil, for doing so gives the devil a foothold that will be used against us in the long run.



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Questions

What does a Consecrated Christian look like? Using traits that you admire in some Christians, describe what you think one is like.

(Fill In Answer Here)

What are some areas of your life you may have been wittingly or unwittingly been open to defilement? How do they hinder you?

(Fill In Answer Here)

What are the areas in your life that you would like to consecrate to God this year of Jubilee?

(Fill In Answer Here)