



CELL GUIDE

TOPIC	A New & Living Way	SPEAKER	SP Daniel Foo
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MESSAGE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

SP Daniel Foo began by stating the importance of how the right doctrine results in the right deeds because what we believe in impacts how we behave. Hebrews 10:19 reminds us that by the grace of God, we are saved by the perfect blood of Jesus and are now able to enter into His holy presence by a new and living way through Jesus. He is our perfect and irreplaceable High Priest and by His sacrifice, our body is a holy temple in which the Holy Spirit now resides in (1 Cor 6:19-20).

To experience the new and living way, we are exhorted to draw near to God, hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering and encourage one another to stir up love and good works.

LESSONS TO EXPERIENCE THE NEW & LIVING WAY

1) Draw near to God

We are reminded in James 4:6-10 that the posture of drawing near to God should be one of humility and submission to God in prayer. We should come to God with assurance and boldness and not allow the devil to discourage us with guilt and condemnation when we fail. Our guilty conscience comes from our attempts by work rather than faith. SP reminded us that we are not infallible and thus, the assurance we have is not in ourselves but in Christ alone (2 Cor 5:17). It is important for us to continue to submit to God, resist the devil and draw near to God even when we are struggling. When we do that, God will draw near to us. He will save us as Christ always intercedes for us (Heb 7:25). He dwells in us and that will allow us to move from a struggling believer to an overcomer believer.

2) Hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering

As Christians, we confess that Jesus is our Lord and Saviour whose perfect sacrifice has cleansed us from our sins (1 Jhn 1:9). It is our confession and the belief that our hope is in Jesus who is our Perfect High Priest that we now belong to God i.e. partakers of Christ (Heb 3:14). As partakers, we are to hold tightly to God's promises, our relationship with God and things that are heavenly and eternal. Hold loosely to the things that are earthly for many of those things seek to distract or defile us. Therefore, it is important for us to guard our hearts (Heb 3:12-13, Prov 4:23).

3) Consider one another in order to stir up love and good works

1 Peter 4:8 tells us that love covers a multitude of sins and we should love one another since we are one family in Christ. We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, for good works and to bring glory to God through them (Eph 2:10, Matt 5:16). The Word of God must be our guide as we love, encourage and pray for one another. In practical terms, our good works cover a multitude of actions and are certainly not limited to being a caregiver, providing practical help and being patient with your loved ones and supportive to friends and colleagues etc. Such good works led by God are platforms for us to share Christ. As believers, we are told in Hebrews 10:25 to not neglect meeting together. This demonstrates that Christianity is covenantal and communal instead of focused on the self. It must not be reduced to only a personal relationship with Jesus. Regular meetings foster deep connection and engagement with one another.

CONCLUSION

The Lord Jesus is the New and Living Way and He exhorted us to do three things. Firstly, we are to draw near to God and be fully assured in faith. Secondly, we are to hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering. Lastly, we are to stir up love and good works for one another as a family in Christ.

QUESTIONS

1. A. Share about a situation whereby you found it difficult for you to pray, submit and draw near to God. How did you overcome that situation?
B. How will knowing Jesus as the new and living way help you in similar situations in the future?

2. From the three lessons that were highlighted, which one do you struggle with the most? Why is this so?

3. What steps can you take to help you draw closer to God and bring glory to Him as well?