



# NEW LIFE

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*“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)*

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### *Morning Service – 11am*

#### *Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

#### *Call to Worship*

Psalm 103:1-11

#### *Opening Hymn \**

RHC 37 – “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

#### *Opening Prayer*

Jonathan Kim

#### *Responsive Reading*

Psalm 21

#### *Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 21:1-6*

*(to the tune of Arlington, RHC 433)*

#### *Scriptural Text*

Ezra 5:1-17

#### *Pastoral Prayer*

Rev Mathews Abraham

#### *Sermon Message*

*Overcoming Discouragement*

#### *Closing Hymn \**

RHC 327 – “All Things Work Out for Good”

#### *Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Rev Mathews Abraham

#### *Postlude*

*The Lord Bless You*

\* Congregation Stands

#### **THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE**

The Lord is in His holy temple,  
The Lord is in His holy temple:  
Let all the earth keep silence,  
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -  
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

#### **THE LORD BLESS YOU**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,  
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

### **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 79**

#### **Q: What is required in the Tenth Commandment?**

*A: The Tenth Commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbour, and all that is his.*

#### Scriptural Reference:

1 Timothy 6:8, Hebrew 13:5

#### **Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 113.**

#### **Q: What does the tenth commandment require of us?**

*A: That even the smallest inclination or thought, contrary to any of God’s commandments, never rise in our hearts; but that at all times we hate all sin with our whole heart, and delight in all righteousness.*

Dear brethren, this week article has been written by Rev Mathews specially for the edification of our church congregation:

# **The Measure of Your Faith: Trusting Christ in the Storm**

Our Lord Jesus gave us a profound lesson on the measure of our faith when He calmed the stormy sea (Luke 8:22-25 and Mark 4:35-41). As the waves crashed over the boat, the terrified disciples woke Him with the desperate cry, "Master, Master, we perish!" Jesus arose, rebuked the wind and the raging water—and there was a great calm. Then, He turned to them and asked, "Where is your faith?" In that moment, their faith was completely overwhelmed by their circumstances.

## **The Storms of the Christian Life**

The Christian life is rarely smooth sailing. We are all on a pilgrim journey, and on this earth, we will face unexpected storms: waves of disappointment, pain, illness, financial distress, broken relationships, or the loss of a loved one. These trials inevitably shake our belief. When the storm hits, what is our response? How do we carry on?

The answer is to anchor ourselves in faith in Jesus Christ—a greater, more mature measure of faith. The disciples did the right thing by calling on the Lord to save them. However, their eyes were fixed only on the storm, not on the presence of the Lord in the boat with them. Their cry, "we perish," reflected their fear and doubt that Jesus didn't care.

Are we not often just like them? We fixate on our overwhelming circumstances, allowing fear and unbelief to eclipse our faith. Jesus' gentle rebuke, "Where is your faith?" is a crucial reminder to us, His modern-day disciples, when we are gripped by fear and doubt.

## **Enrolled in the School of Faith**

God not only saves us through faith but also enrolls us as students in the school of faith. It is His will that we grow in the measure and maturity of our belief. Every day is a learning experience—a time to learn more, unlearn wrong perspectives, and relearn the precious lessons of trusting Him.

God has provided the means for us to grow, and the only textbook in this school is His Word. "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). God's purpose in testing our faith is to refine us and form Christ-likeness within us. As James 1:2-3 tells us: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience."

When our faith is truly anchored in God's Word, we can respond to the storms of life with a greater assurance, knowing that the Lord is our constant upholder. As the Psalmist wrote: "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand" (Psalm 37:23-24).

## **The Gift of Christ's Peace**

In the Word of God, the Lord asked His disciples, "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" (Mark 4:39). Essentially, "How is it that you do not trust My presence and My promises?"

Even though the disciples failed the test of faith, Christ dealt with the object of their fear and rescued them. How often do we, too, fail Him miserably, only to experience our Saviour's unconditional love as He responds to our desperate cries for help? He loves you eternally and you are precious in His sight. We must never forget the sacrifice our Lord Jesus made to set us free.

Our part is to trust God completely and obey His Word. The result of this complete trust is an inward peace—a calm that only God can provide to quiet the anxieties and fears in our hearts. It is the same peace that settled over the sea when He rebuked the wind. This is the peace we have received from Jesus, our Good Shepherd: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

## **Fortifying Our Faith**

How do we build or fortify this essential faith?

1. **Cleave to His Word:** The only way to build up your faith is to constantly cling to His Holy, inerrant, and infallible Word. Faith comes and grows by hearing and applying it. As the Apostle Paul exhorted the elders of Ephesus: "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" (Acts 20:32).
2. **Edify One Another:** We must also help ourselves and one another in fortifying our faith. The Lord has placed us together to edify each other in the most holy faith. In obedience to His Word, we work together to serve the Lord by praying for and encouraging one another, always putting God first. Let us continue to build on Christ and His Word. He is the Solid Rock on whom we stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

A spiritually healthy faith is necessary to ward off the temptations of sin from the flesh, the world, and the enemy. Just as a body is strengthened through proper nourishment and exercise, we must consistently build up our faith.

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# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begin with the **Worship Service** at **11.00 am** followed by a **Bible Study & Children's Sunday School** at **1:30pm**. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

## NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, we extend a warm welcome to you this Lord's Day. We hope that you have a blessed time worshipping with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, please join our Worship Service and Bible Study on our live-stream via YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon>

**We thank God for providing Rev Mathews Abraham to minister to us this Lord's Day.** Rev Abraham will continue to minister to us until mid-November.

**Tithes & Offerings** – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

**After-Service Fellowship** – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service. Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

**Afternoon Bible Study** – Rev Mathews will continue the study on the topic of "The Fruit of the Spirit" taken from Galatians 5:22-23.

**Children's Sunday School** – held after the After-Service Fellowship at 1:30pm.

## MEMORY VERSE

### This Week

*"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."*

**2 Timothy 1:7**

### Last Week

*"For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."*

**Romans 14:11-12**

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Do you have the peace of God during the storms of your life? Trust His Word and submit wholeheartedly. Look to Jesus and commit your circumstances to God's keeping.

We fortify our faith by looking unto Jesus. We can truly smile at the storm with Christ in our vessel. Exercise your faith in every life situation—in your studies, work, decision-making, marriage, and relationships. He will deliver you. He will either calm the storm, or He will calm you with His strength and peace to face it.

Grow in the measure of faith.