

Church in Regina

NEW LANGUAGE

CHRIST IS THE ONE WHO WAS BEGOTTEN THE FIRSTBORN SON OF GOD AND WHOSE FATHER GOD BECAME (PSA 2:7; 2SAM. 7:14; HEB. 1:5).

Crystallization—Study of 1 & 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther—Week 12

HAVING A LIVING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LIVING GOD

Every **genuine Christian** should have a **living relationship** with the living God. We may consider a person to be a good Christian if he reads the Bible, prays, and attends meetings, but in God's view he may merely be a religious Christian. A genuine Christian interacts with the living God every day and has a living relationship with God **because he lives in God and lets God live in him**.

There is a sister who loves the Lord and is zealous in her service, but for many years she felt that she was a sinner and that she had not fully given herself to the Lord. She testified that before she was saved, she was her own boss, but now that the living Lord is in her, she must let Him rule in every matter. This testimony shows that she has touched the living God and that He has touched her. It is not a matter of her praying in herself but of the living God leading her in prayer and causing her to sense her sins, to love Him, and to realize that He is ruling within her. This is not a matter of teaching, which gives only knowledge. This sister has touched the living God.

In order to have a living relationship with the living God, we must **fellowship with Him in our spirit**. We need to **communicate** with the living God every day and **fellowship with Him every moment**. When we draw near to Him, He draws near to us (James 4:8), lives in us, and speaks to us. Then He can get involved with our thoughts and actions, and He can touch both our daily walk and our service. He can rule over every item in our living. Although others may be loose in certain matters, we cannot be loose, because **the living God does not allow us to be loose**.

If we have a **living relationship** with the living God, we will **be able to experience Him in our daily living**. A brother may think that he will fall because he has encountered a situation that is beyond what he can bear. However, he discovers that within him there is a surpassing power that enables him to stand. This transcending power is connected to a person, the living God, and it supports the brother, causing him to stand. This power is the living God. We often marvel at and are puzzled by our ability to stand in difficult situations, even though we are so weak. We are able to stand because we are in the living God, and the living God is in us. We have experienced the support of the living God.

SETTING OUR HOPE ON THE LIVING GOD

Some saints are afflicted by pain or are suffering great loss. Please remember that **our hope is set on the living God**. The extent of our difficulties varies. Some are severe, and some are not as severe. Paul says that we have set our hope on the living God (1 Tim. 4:10). The Holy Spirit has given me this feeling concerning the living God in order to strengthen the saints who are suffering.

...Before we pass through a trial, we think that we are strong and capable of withstanding any trial by means of our iron will and sober mind. But once trials befall us, we realize that our strong will is weak, our sober mind is confused, our ability to withstand disappears, and even our faith is lacking. However, even when we feel that we are incapable, our inner being continues to believe. The faith that we experience at these times is not according to our will, mind, or ability. That faith is the living God.

God not only allows turmoils in our environment, He even takes away what we treasure the most—His presence. We often experience that the more we pray, the more the heavens seem to close; the more we seek the Lord, the farther away He seems; and the more we read the Bible, the more we cannot touch His words. At such times we must beware of Satan's attacks, lies, and deceit. All our situations are false and unreal. Anything that cannot last forever is false. God can change our situation at any time; hence, **we should not set our eyes on our situation but on God**. Our hearts should be turned to God because we have set our hope on the living God. Even though we cannot get through when we pray or worship, we must continue to pray and worship. When we are at our weakest point, our worship is the most precious to God.

(Excerpts from The Living God and the God of Resurrection, CWWL, 1957 vol.3).

Announcements:

- ◆ NACT—July 16 to 22
- ◆ Combined Prayer Mtg—July 18
- ◆ Church Camping—August 5 to 7
- ◆ Corporate LS Pursuit—Proverbs
- ◆ New Morning Revival

Church Meetings:

- ◆ Lord's Table & Prophesying, Lord's Day, 10:00-12:00PM
- ◆ Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00PM
- ◆ YP & College Meetings, Fridays, 6:45-8:30PM
- ◆ Children's Meeting, Saturdays, 10:00-11:00AM
- ◆ Small Group, Fridays & Saturdays, 7:00-9:00PM

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Prayer Burdens:

1. Lord Jesus, truly You are God who hides Himself. Cause us to know You, not just as the omnipotent, omnipresent God, but as One who is ceaselessly working, yet always hidden.
2. Lord, we recognize Your silent, yet mighty work on us. May we all cooperate with You by responding to Your voice within, saying "Amen" to Your secret and ceaseless operation.
3. Thank You, Lord for being with us and caring for us even though You appear to be hidden. Today, we testify how living and real You are to us, doing many things for us in a hidden way.
4. Save us from this stupefied and stupefying generation. Although we are like a widow suffering and being persecuted by the devil, may nothing keep us away from the enjoyment of our divine inheritance.
5. Lord, You are the Sovereign Judge, judging and vindicating whenever You choose. Make us faithful to persistently pray and to not lose heart even in times of suffering and unrighteous persecution.
6. Lord, our full assurance is in You. Strengthen us to live an overcoming and exulting life by the linking faith. Cause us to live by this faith so You can find us, Your hidden overcomers, on the earth when You return.

North America/Other Burdens

1. Pray for the students from Europe attending the North America College Training. Pray that there will be an unprecedented move of the Holy Spirit in this generation, and that these 230 students and serving ones will offer themselves willingly and hasten the Lord's return.
2. Nordic-Baltic Conference in Oslo, Norway (July 21 to 24).
3. European YP Conference in Male Ciche, Poland (July 30 to August 5).

Church in Regina:

1. Pray for the meeting hall purchase and our meeting with realtors. Give us the best place at the best price.
2. Lord, we pray for our new gospel contacts: Julie, Sandy, Lysa, Chiara, Katelyn and Su. Strengthen their faith and recover them fully. Attract them with Yourself and open them to see the unique ground of oneness to leave degraded Christianity.
3. Pray for the upcoming National College Training in Champaign, Illinois. We pray for our college students to be fully opened to the Lord that He may have a free way to speak and work in them.

Promoting the Life-Studies— Experiencing Life by Knowing the Truth

The Bible is not merely a book of knowledge. All the knowledge contained in the Bible is in fact truth, and in this truth, life is concealed. When we read the Bible, if we study only the letter but not the intrinsic truth within, we will not receive life. Hence, every Bible reader has to see the truth that is conveyed through the letter of the Word. Once we see the truth, we will spontaneously touch life. The Life-studies have been published to help us enter into the depths of the letter of the Word. Therefore, **all those who carefully study the Life-studies will surely gain a certain amount of experience.** The Life-studies bring us into the biblical truths, from which we may receive the genuine life supply.

Today the Lord's recovery is a recovery of the truth and of life. We all know that the decline of Christianity is due to the fact that it has lost both the truth and life. This loss of the truth and life eventually produced many human methods and worldly organizations, which are not what the Lord wants. The Lord does not want any organization or human method. Instead, He wants His church to know Him as the truth and to receive and enjoy Him as life. The entire content of the church must be the growth of Christ in us as truth and life...In the churches we do not want to have any organization or human methods. Rather, we want to minister to God's people for their growth by planting and watering as the apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 3:6 and 9 (CWWL, 1984, vol. 5, "Truth, Life, the Church, and the Gospel—the Four Great Pillars in the Lord's Recovery," ch. 6, pp. 415-416).

Events, Conferences & Trainings:

Chinese-Speaking Conference

February 17-19, 2023, Anaheim, CA USA

March ITERO

March 24-26, 2023, Anaheim, CA USA

Memorial Day Conference

May 26-29, 2023, Chicago, IL USA

July Semiannual Training

July 3-8 2023, Anaheim, CA USA

October ITERO

October 5-7, 2023, Manila, Philippines

Thanksgiving Conference

November 23-26, 2023, Dallas, TX USA

Dec. Semiannual Training

December 25-30, 2023, Anaheim CA USA