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Preachers' "Speaking, Listening, Doing, and Obeying"

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Churches today are being heavily scrutinized. During these difficult times, we face many trials and tribulations: endless conflicts, deceptions, the decline of faith, the lure of materialism, and so on. Some say churches of Christ are disintegrating; others say it is the best of times for the church. Whichever may be the case, we need God in all those situations. We need to build up our spiritual lives and gain wisdom and peace. ***Whether individual Christians are being cynical or feeling despair, churches still can renew and transform themselves through Christ. God's wisdom is the source of life for His churches and us.***

Words of Wisdom in Turbulent Times

The Book of James is a book about wisdom that clearly contains words of wisdom in a world of mixed values, giving us advice wholly different from what we get from the world and giving us hope even in our despair. The Book of James has a clear and specific conception of wisdom. James, the author, considers the practical needs of life, which shows his concern for human spirituality and social relations.

The message conveyed by James was targeted at prophets with eschatological outlooks and then contemporary political and social activists. These people resented the oppression of the weak by the Roman authorities and the rich, whom people regarded as unjust. As such, some of them took out their anger

through violence. For example, some took the opportunity to rob, seeing plunder as compensation. Jewish Christians witnessed all these events and some unwittingly used the violent ways of the world to solve their problems (4:1-4). In their view, the "righteousness" of God is synonymous with social reform. They gradually became fanatic materialists and even went to war, eventually destroying Jerusalem.

Additionally, some Christians wanted to be other people's teachers. However, they were false teachers for their messages and speeches were false. False teachers were motivated by their own selfish interests; their hearts harbored pride and ambition, intent on openly humiliating those who were not like them (3:13-14). They thought they were wise, but their "wisdom" stemmed only from self-centred human desires. Facing such a scenario, James admonishes brothers and sisters to rid their minds of filthiness and wickedness. They should also get rid of selfish desires and misplaced motivations. He stresses peace, encouraging brothers and sisters to accept God's word with humility. Only in this way would they be able to address personal difficulties and social problems.

Practicing Wisdom by Speaking, Listening, Doing, and Obeying

The Book of James is about practicing wisdom with the above issues in mind. James points out that



wisdom is something practical, not theoretical. With wisdom, people can discern between good and evil and act correctly. Being wise has nothing to do with a high IQ. Nor has it anything to do with inborn talents; it is a gift from God, who will generously give it to those who pray for it. Wise people are pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, merciful, impartial, and sincere. What sets them apart are their distinctive traits: tolerance, gentleness, restraint, and inner peace. **From the Book of James, we realize that people of wisdom distinguish themselves by being quick to listen but slow to speak. Moreover, they practice their faith and obey the word of God.** Following such a chain of thought, let us consider carefully the four aspects in which preachers of the truth practice genuine wisdom: “speaking,” “listening,” “doing,” and “obeying.”

Listening to the Implanted Word

First, it refers to a preacher’s listening ability. James advises the readers: “Don’t be deceived” (1:16). James thought that some of them in the community were being deceived for they questioned God’s goodness (1:5, 13) and treated Him like shifting shadows (1:17). They did not regard God as omnibenevolent.

Given what he witnessed, James put forth the idea of theodicy, indicating that God is all good, who “cannot be tempted by evil”; nor does He tempt anyone (1:13). **God is not the source of evil, but the origin of every good and perfect gift.** Hence, James urges us to pay attention to three main points within his theodicy. The first is that everything good comes from God (1:17a). Furthermore, God does not change (1:17b). Lastly, God regenerates us (1:18). Through the word of truth, God gives birth to a community of faith, becoming the first fruits, namely that the church is the first fruits of the redeemed world. James points out that the church is God’s regenerated community in which members must

live a new life under the grace of God. The grace of this new life will bring forth a new way of living: “Everyone should be quick to listen.”

Since we are the first fruits of a new life, James advises that we should all be “quick to listen.” Preachers are the first fruits too. They should also be quick to listen. But what should we listen to? According to the Book of James (2:1-7; 3:13-4:12; 5:1-6), when we look at the community closely, we find conflicts and disputes among people and hear voices of violence and even murder (1:13-15; 4:1-2). People chase after the evil desires of the mind and walk on the path of sin and death. Having a new life and embarking on its road, we need inspiration and guidance. **Our “desires” need to be monitored by “the implanted word.” Hence, community members must listen to “the implanted word” (1:21).**

“The implanted word” is the “word of truth” (1:18), “which can save [us]” (1:21). It is “the perfect law that gives freedom” (1:25) and “the royal law” (2:8). “The implanted word” involves acts of kindness (1:26-27; 2:13, 15-16), being mindful of what one says (3:2, 10-12; 4:11-12; 5:9, 12), treating others justly (5:6), loving one’s neighbors (2:8), and so on. When “the implanted word” becomes a powerful force in our lives, we can act rightly and justly.

During the pandemic and in a time of social polarization, listening demands “superb effort.” Wise people need to listen to God’s “implanted word” to distinguish between true and false. They carry with them love and healing power that can bring others freedom. In this way, we are worthy of being the first fruits and members of a regenerated community. I hope every Christian possesses wisdom and is quick to listen to the “implanted word.”

Speaking Words of Kindness

Secondly, it is about preachers’ “speaking.” James admonishes that we should be “quick to listen, slow to speak” (1:19). For James, wisdom as a gift from God will affect how Christians speak. Wise people can keep their tongues in check (3:1-12), knowing that sharp verbal attacks and curses only lead to divisions in the community (4:1-3, 11-12). They are quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. The three acts are not only in sequence, but they also have a causal relationship. James means that **when you listen carefully**

and speak prudently, you will not get angry as quickly or randomly. More importantly, wise people know that being angry will not bring about God's righteousness; it will harm His justice: "because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires" (1:20). **When people become angry, they are dull to the voice of God. Messy voices, including inner desires, will slowly fill their ears; they cannot hear the implanted word, causing instances of injustice.** When people get angry recklessly without restraint, thinking it represents God's justice, it leads to injustice. In other words, anger does not produce just acts.

In chapter 3, James talks about the three analogies relating to the tongue: bits in the mouth (3:3), a very small rudder (3:4), and a small spark (3:5b-6). The tongue is like a bit put into a horse's mouth to make it obey. It is analogous to a rudder to steer a ship to sail. It is also like a small spark to set fire to a great forest. What James means is that a small thing can have an immense impact. **The tongue can set the whole faith community on the right course, or lead it astray.** James points out: "... the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts" (3:5a). Moreover, it is "a restless evil, full of deadly poison" (3:8).

In contrast, **when we are slow to speak and speak "the implanted word," our words can shape other people's souls, identities, and self-images.** If we often tell others what good things they have, reminding them that they are children of the Living God, God will create a space in their minds to accept all those words. Kind words, in turn, help shape their identities and build their self-images.

James points out that words are very significant. They can lead to injuries and tear people apart; they can heal and rebuild relationships, while good words can shape human souls. A person of wisdom understands the importance of both listening and speaking. May all of us be quick to listen and slow to speak, expressing "the implanted word" carefully and thoroughly.

Practicing True Faith

Third and lastly, it is about preachers' "doing" and "obeying." In addition to listening and speaking, preachers practice what they believe. **James remarks that for people of wisdom, "actions speak louder than words," who not only have faith in their hearts but also obey "the implanted word," taking actions that reflect their faith.** That means "do what you should do, doing things God has put before you."

In chapter 2, James raises a series of questions, helping us clarify the relationship between faith and action: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?" (2:14-16) James notes that faith without deeds is dead. This kind of faith is useless, bringing no salvation. Simply put, faith is action; it is obeying "the implanted word."

For James, the act of faith is compassion. "Compassion" is the correct expression of faith. The act of caring for others, especially those who can do nothing about their situations, like orphans and widows (1:27), the poor (5:1-6), the sick (5:13-16), and those who wander from the truth (5:19-20), can reflect this kind of faith.

Apart from caring for the poor, orphans, and widows, James also points out that **the act of faith of the faith community is to protect it against worldly corruption.** The "royal law" helps the church avoid being corrupted by the world because it provides the church with a moral vision and life guidance in keeping with God's will. For example, in response to the problem of poverty and injustice, it would not follow what the world would do; it would not urge people: "Kill your enemies and get back the things that belong to you." Instead, the church focuses on doing practical things to help the poor and those who suffer. The community of faith will be patient, praying continuously, caring for one another and practicing compassion, forgiveness, and justice, and steadfastly obeying the "implanted word." Its members will be quick to listen, slow to speak, and carefully keep their tongues in check to sow the seed of peace and reap the fruit of justice.

As a member of God's regenerated community, whether you are a preacher or not, it is essential that you listen, speak, act with faith, and obey God's word. Wise people know how to listen, speak, act, and obey. **May we all be good preachers of truth, able to believe and experience the reality of God; may we also listen to and speak His word, act with faith, and obey His word so that the world will do the same toward the truth.** Amen.

* This article is adapted from the writer's speech delivered at our Joint Graduation Ceremony (November 6, 2022). All Scripture quotations are taken from the NIV.

Deny Yourself: Be Submissive to God's Guidance

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I grew up in an ordinary family with four members. My mother is a Filipino catholic and I have been exposed to the Christian faith since my early childhood. However, my faith did not fully take root and grow until I became a student at a Baptist secondary school. I started to serve God and experience His molding along with my brothers and sisters at church.

God Knows Your Heart

In August 2018, I attended the Hong Kong Bible Conference, in which God spoke to me through messages each day. In particular, I was deeply impressed by the message in Isaiah 6, which mentioned God's calling of Isaiah to be a prophet. When Isaiah saw God, he said, "Woe to me! I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty" (Is 6:5). Like Isaiah, I strongly felt that I was an unclean and sinful person at that time. I found myself living in sin and was thus too ashamed to come before God and be used by Him. However, God did not give up on me. Instead, He responded to my inner struggles and doubts through the messages of various speakers. When one of the speakers mentioned the trials and tribulations of David's life, for example, I realized that **what God values is not one's abilities but one's submissive heart in responding to Him.** At that time, I only responded to God with silent prayers; however, God's call stayed in my heart.

The Power of the Gospel

After the Bible Conference, I joined a mission trip to Cebu in the Philippines, which gave me a different perspective of my homeland. During the trip, we visited the mission fields and the local people living in cemeteries, the streets, and other slum areas. God allowed me to truly experience and witness the great and wonderful work of God. In a place filled with hardships, sorrow, death, and darkness, there lived a community that was filled with joy, warmth, and hope because of God's love. Meanwhile, I was deeply touched by a missionary's words: "As funds are

limited, we can only help several families improve their lot. In fact, even with more money, we are still unable to help all those in need. Only one thing can truly help and change them, and that is the gospel."

God let me see the true needs of humans: distressed and sorrowful souls can find hope of life by believing in Christ after hearing the gospel.

During the mission trip, God spoke to me many times through the sharing of the missionary, who described in great detail what she had learned about submission on her path of missionary ministry. For example, she had neither knowledge nor concepts about the mission field at the beginning but when God called her, she was submissive and responded by starting her service in that place with determination. She said to me encouragingly, "When God uses a person, He does not look at their abilities. If He is willing to use you, He will surely give you sufficient abilities. **So far as you are willing to deny yourself and be submissive to God's guidance, you will experience His provision that surpasses human imagination.**" God responded to the doubts in my heart and touched me with these words. Throughout the trip, I kept thinking about what the missionary shared and what I saw again and again. After sharing my thoughts with the pastors who walked with me on that trip, I responded to God by praying with them and made up my mind to submit to His guidance and to serve Him. I prayed that God might give me clearer direction in the future.

Being Submissive to God's Guidance

In October 2018, I joined the Full-time Ministry Experiential Camp organized by the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary. During the camp, I had a chance to experience the life of a seminary student. I attended classes

there and shared the inspirations in my heart with the seminary students and teachers. What touched me most in the camp was the message shared by Dr. Clement Shum on Deuteronomy. He pointed out that the Levites did not seem to have obtained any land as their inheritance but they had actually been assigned the most precious portion, which was the privilege to serve God. Because of God's saving grace for Israel, the Levites learned to be submissive and serve God on behalf of the Israelites. Instantly, I recalled the ample grace and guidance of God that I had experienced in my life. I thought: if God meant to call me to work for Him, on what grounds should I turn it down? Knowing my own inadequacies, I began to long for

equipping myself through theological studies so that I might walk in the Lord's steps.

In the period 2019-2021, subsequent to the social incidents and the pandemic, I witnessed that many people were experiencing low ebbs and despair in their lives. During the pandemic, I also experienced the loss of family members, realizing how transient and unpredictable life could be. I became aware that I had to equip myself properly so as to serve others and bring the gospel of life and hope to them. Meanwhile, I am learning how to submit to God and deny myself in response to His calling for me to serve Him and others faithfully.

Carrying On with the Mission: Stepping Out in Faith

God's Blessings

I am a first-generation Christian born in Macau. When I was still a primary school student, God led me to believe in Him through a couple living next door, who were missionaries from Hong Kong. Thus, I was converted at a very young age. Growing up in the church, I was seen as a typical "good child," attending fellowship gatherings, Sunday School, and church services every week; however, I did not reflect upon my faith and so, my Christian faith did not impact my life.

Later, when I was studying at a university in Taiwan, away from my hometown, I gradually began to feel God's hand in my life in new ways. In addition, under the influence of the senior members and mentors in the fellowship, I began to reflect upon what faith meant to me. I became more and more eager to serve God. Being an introvert, apart from my service in the fellowship, I served mainly as a pianist. One thing "good" about being a pianist was that I did not need to have much interaction with others. Later, members of the university fellowship became full-time seminary students one by one. At that time, I did have some interest in theology but I believed that studying at a seminary represented a life-long commitment to serve Christ and yet I did not feel a calling to full-time ministry.

Brian Lei (M.Div. I)

Therefore, I returned to Macau upon graduation to get a stable job and serve at the church.

Treasure the Chance to Serve the Lord

In early 2018, a long acquaintance of mine, who was a missionary, suddenly passed away after returning to her homeland. This made me realize how limited the time we have may be. Apart from working every day and serving in the church on weekends, how could I, in my thirties, take the chance to serve God? Although I was well paid at that time, my job did little good to the building up of the lives of others. Worse still, the job brought about lots of contentions and constraints, which consumed my time and energy. Recalling a pastor mentioning her calling to full-time ministry while she was studying theology part-time, I enrolled in a part-time program at the Macau Bible Institute (MBI), hoping for better preparation and further exploration of my direction in life. During my studies at MBI, a teacher kept



encouraging me to study theology on a full-time basis. She also reminded me that sometimes we may not have a second chance to respond to God's calling. However, I was still unprepared and could not respond.

Meanwhile, I, along with a group of young working Christians, began to assume leadership positions at church, which required continuous learning of how to cooperate with and assist the ministerial staff in their pastoral work. I then began to learn to come out of my comfort zone and had more exchanges with various brothers and sisters. Gradually, I saw the church's need for pastoring and people's need for someone to walk with them in their lives. A few brothers in Christ said that I had become more caring to fellow believers over the past few years and I also noticed more concern in my heart for others. On one occasion, I accompanied and comforted a brother who was in difficulty. In response to this, he texted me, saying, "Thank you for your support," which made me understand that it was worthwhile to spend time on other people's lives and that God can use me, someone who did not know much about how to communicate with others, to give others support. My lack of a caring heart for others had been the main reason for me to consider myself unprepared for pursuing theological studies. At that time, I was still introverted. Especially when I was trying to care for others, I discovered lots of inadequacies regarding my knowledge and life. However, **as God had called me to see people's needs and I was yearning for more meaning in my life, it might be an opportune moment for me to consider the full-time study of theology.**

Carry On with the Gospel Mission

After I completed my studies at MBI, a lecturer from Hong Kong also encouraged me to take up the full-time study of theology. She mentioned the great needs of the churches and the Bible Institute in Macau. In particular, with the gradual retirement of senior pastors and the successive departures of missionaries from Macau, there was a need for someone in the local community to shoulder the duties of pastors. Afterward, during a Christian service, the speaker also mentioned the need for the Macau churches to nurture a new generation of pastors. Since then, the needs of Macau stayed in my mind.

Macau is a tiny place. It might be considered very difficult to carry out evangelical work there (Macau is also known as "hardened soil for the Gospel"). The place is full of constraints. Christians account for only a very small percentage of Macau's population and the local churches are lacking in resources. However, I believe God still cares for the needs of the numerous lives there. The teacher reminded me that **if I saw the needs of Macau and was willing to commit myself to such needs while the thought of studying theology kept lingering, then I should step out in faith regardless of my inadequacies.** As a result, I decided to enroll in studies at HKBTS last year, hoping that I can return to Macau upon completion of the theological training so that I may continue to serve the place where I grew up. I may not accomplish much, but I believe God will use me and continue to guide me in meaningful ways.

Shepherd the Lord's Sheep

Wong Wing-ki (M.Div. I)

Thankfully, I had studied in a Catholic School since childhood, which gave me the opportunity to listen to Bible stories. When I was a child, I had a simple faith that there is a Creator God in this world. I had also heard stories about Jesus' salvation, which made me desire to know more about God. Unfortunately, I did not have any Christian friends and so I lacked the chance to understand Him better in my personal life. It was not until I became a secondary school student that God led me to a devoted Christian teacher, who shared the gospel and went to church with me. Finally, I was converted at a gospel



rally and became a Christian at the age of 15, and began developing my personal relationship with God and stable church life.

The Calling: Shepherd the Lives of Many

One year or so after I became a Christian, God called me to become a full-time servant of His through a message during a Sunday service. At that time, the speaker talked about Jesus' calling people to follow Him as disciples in Luke 5. Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people" (Lk 5:10). The people pulled their boats up on shore, left everything, and followed Jesus. ***Jesus' calling of Peter touched me deeply. Clearly, I knew God not only called me to be His disciple but also to become a full-time pastor ministering to a church and shepherding the lives of more people by proclaiming God's Word and teaching about Him in this time and age.*** I still remember that when the pastor "counseled" me, who was just a secondary school student, he encouraged me to know God by reading the Bible seriously and learning to serve in a church community. I then became determined to know God better and began to take up different roles at the church to serve God.

Stepping Forward: Seek and Save the Lost Ones

After graduating from secondary school, the calling still lingered in my heart. More importantly, I experienced God's unceasing guidance on me. Our church minister invited me to join the first Trans-World Chinese Baptist Youth Mission Conference held in Hong Kong. During the Conference, God encouraged me again by showing me His will toward the world. At that time, I prayed, "Lord! I hope I can see your calling and guidance more clearly in the university and that I have a group of companions walking with me in faith." Thank God for answering my prayer. At the university, under His guidance, I joined the spiritual movements organized by the Hong Kong Campus Crusade for Christ. During the few years, I learned how to pray, how to be a witness for God by leaning on the Holy Spirit, and how to nurture "multiplying disciples"; God also let me take part in various local and overseas mission trips, which broadened my vision about missionary work and serving God. ***Torn between responding to God's vocation and taking up social work as my dream job, I realized that I had a stronger yearning for seeking and saving the lost ones for God in this time and age*** as God let me see the poverty, fragility, and loss of direction in the souls of university students. Upon graduation, I joined the Hong Kong Campus Crusade for Christ, which was the first step

I took toward a full-time ministry. In the past few years, I served on the frontline on campuses and experienced God's grace in support of the trivial service I offered. In particular, God kept expanding the territory of my service in the past three years. On the path of walking with tertiary students, I insisted on witnessing God, in season and out of season, which also challenged me to continue with all my effort to seek growth through Christ.

Going Deeper: Get Equipped with Theological Training

In 2022, the sixth year of my full-time ministry, I realized that God was preparing me, step by step, to become an evangelist for these times. The past three years have been filled with changes. God urged me to enter theological studies by means of various experiences. First, I studied an evening program for the Master of Arts in Christian Studies at HKBTS in August 2020. This gave me a first taste of the lives of theological students. During the process, I came to know brothers and sisters from different churches and studied God's Word more systematically. I also learned how to put my faith into practice in my life. All these were very beneficial to my life. Second, in October 2021, I joined in person the Full-time Ministry Experiential Day Camp organized by HKBTS. I arrived at the Sai O Campus even under the Black Rainstorm Warning. After some time of seeking God, I became reaffirmed that the calling to become a church minister came from God—all of a sudden, I realized the calling of shepherding lives had always been there in my heart. Third, the departure of the minister in my own church made me see more of the church's pastoral needs. For about a year, I had been helping the church by serving in the Sunday School and giving sermons. God seemed to be using these experiences as my "internship." ***The more time I spent on serving God, the more I realized my own inadequacies and the need for God's servants to receive systematic and comprehensive training in theology so that they may be prepared to be used by the Lord any time.***

While trying to balance my service on the campuses and at the church, I lacked contentment. Because time was limited, I had unknowingly let go of many opportunities to walk with people and build up others' lives. Yet, the determination to build up the church persisted in my heart. I understand that God is guiding me to become a church minister at this moment. I hope that I will become a pastor who is faithful to the Holy Word during this chaotic era and shepherds His sheep and brings up more people to become disciples who follow the Lord truly.

Following God throughout the Life and Never Turning Back

Chan Choi-ling (B.Th. I)

The Best Decision

In 2006, my family and I moved to Hong Kong from Mainland China. Then, by chance, I joined an English tutorial class organized by a church. The church also arranged a Bible Story Time every Thursday, which allowed me to get to know Jesus gradually. Under the guidance of my mentor in the church, ***I believed in Lord Jesus, which is the best decision I have ever made in my life.*** Since then, I have found hope and a new passion for life which has made me passionate about life and people. I began to pursue faith seriously in the fellowship and actively preached the gospel to my relatives and friends around me.

Determined to Take Up the Cross and Follow God

During the summer holidays, before I became a secondary school student in 2008, I joined a summer camp run by a church. Out of a yearning for God's Word and the joy of interacting with fellow believers, I was willing to take a trip early every day, from Sham Shui Po to the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary in Sai O, just to listen to sermons and then I would return home. I repeated this pattern for four days without feeling tired. Instead, I enjoyed being immersed in God's Word. Before the end of the camp, I was deeply shaken by a verse cited in one of the sermons: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mt 16:24). I realized that I had to deny myself and take up my cross and follow the Lord if I were to be His disciple. At the end of the sermon, the preacher called on us by asking, "Will you commit yourself to preaching and serving God?" At this moment, I was moved to stand up by an urge I had never felt. At my young age, I responded by shouting, "I will!" This took everyone around me by great surprise.

Let Go and Seek

After graduating from a tertiary institute, I got a job at an international beauty parlor. I was well liked by

my supervisors and colleagues, which gave me a great sense of achievement. At the same time, the job allowed me to have contact with

people in the upper classes. By interacting with them, I witnessed the complexity and decay present in human nature. On the other hand, I witnessed my colleagues burying their heads in their work every day, all trapped in a rat race. I asked them what was the meaning behind such hard work but I got no satisfactory reply. Could it be said that people just exist for making money throughout their lives? I asked myself honestly, "Is my life going to be just like this?"

Meanwhile, our church had set up a homework guidance class, which badly needed someone willing to serve. I struggled as to whether I should respond to this need of the church. I prayed to God that I would respond to His calling if He gave me very clear instructions. However, a mentor at church challenged me by saying, "***When a person has faith, one needs to take corresponding actions. Unless we are willing to offer ourselves to God, we shall never see God's wonderful guidance on us.***" As a result, I made up my mind to let go of the well-paid job and put up with reproaches from the family and the way others looked at me. I chose to take up a path of serving God, which not many would agree to or understand. Thus, I took up a new job as an evangelical administrator in the church.

Instead of saying what I had foregone for God, I would rather say everything was a blessing and grace from God. Frankly, I did not have Joseph's abilities, Abraham's faith, Jacob's insistence, or Daniel's awe of God, but God was still willing to call on me and use me. He had given me lots of chances to serve Him by putting me in different positions at church, hence



accumulating experiences for learning to serve lives with my life.

Step Out with Courage

In July 2020, I attended the 39th Spiritual Revival Meeting of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong under the theme of “Light amidst the Darkness.” During the vocation time at the end of the sermon, God asked me again, “Are you willing to serve me full-time? Are you willing to preach the gospel for me?” I was deeply moved and stood up in response to His calling. I didn’t realize it then but this showed my determination to embark on full-time ministry. What still deterred me were thoughts about studying. After all, I had experienced too many frustrations in my previous education. The fear of studying made me give up the idea of receiving theological training again and again. Nevertheless, God sent lots of people to stand by me with encouragement and support. They reminded me

that ***I must study theology to equip myself before I could have a better life and serve others and be a witness to God.*** Besides, during my devotion and spiritual reading, the verse “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” appeared again, refreshing my memory of the moment when I stood up to show my determination to commit to God. In this way, I made a brave decision to study theology at the seminary.

Perhaps, God meant to train me to overcome my fear by calling me to enter the seminary so that I might get myself well-prepared to become a vessel that could be more useful to Him. Thank God! He sought me amidst the crowd. He chose me so I could respond to Him. May I keep my heart simple and pure to God in the complicated world and follow Him throughout my life without turning back.

Campus News

Academic Affairs News

Joint Graduation Ceremony

The Joint Graduation Ceremony of the Main Programs, Lay Theological Education Department, and Distance Education Program was held at the Kowloon City Baptist Church on November 6 last year.

2023 Bible Conference

The 2023 Bible Conference on the theme “Aspects of Chinese Biblical Scholarship in Asia” will be held in the Grand Conference Hall of the New Academic Building on Sai O Campus at 9 am on March 13 (Monday). Admission is free. In addition to HKBTS faculty and students, the conference is also open to those who are interested in participating online. For

registration and more information, please visit the seminary’s website at www.hkbts.edu.hk.

Spiritual Revival Concert

The Spiritual Revival Concert 2023 on the theme “The Lord of the Harvest Is Calling” will be held at the Kowloon City Baptist Church at 5 pm on April 23 (Sunday). Prof. Wong Fook-kong will deliver a message while the HKBTS Choir, HKBTS Alumni Choir, Ms. Rachel Kwok, and our alumni Ms. Grace Lee and Mr. Timmy Or will present the concert with conductors Mr. Sanson Lau and Mrs. Helen Wan and accompanist Mr. Mark Hui. Testimonies will also be shared by our students. Admission is free. Pastors, deacons, brothers, and sisters are all welcome.

Publication News



Baptists are one of the five major branches of Protestantism. Who are the founders of this denomination which now has a history of more than 400 years? When, where, and how did they start the Baptist movements? Moreover, where did the beliefs of Baptists come

from? What inspired the Baptist founders and pioneers to begin the Baptist movement?

Dr. Alex To, Assistant Professor of Christian Thought (Baptist History), in his new book ***The Quest for Baptist Origins: History and Faith***, published last December, explores the historical roots of Baptists and the origins of their faith. In addition, the last chapter succinctly explains some distinctive traits of Baptist beliefs. His book is highly readable and insightful. It is highly recommended for those interested in the early history of the Baptists and the origins of their distinctive beliefs.



The seminary's biannual academic journal, *Hill Road* (issue 50) has already been published with the theme **“Convergence and Dispersion.”** There are six thematic articles: “To Stay or to Leave? Reflections on Four Biblical Characters in the Second Temple Period” (Elaine W. F. Goh),

“Convergence and Dispersion as Theological Concepts in the Old Testament” (Wong Fook-kong), “The Separation and Union, Continuity and Discontinuity in Death: A Comparison of the Social Function of Greco-Roman Death Rituals and Related Rituals in Early Christianity” (Chang Kai-hsuan), “Let Your Light Shine: The Convergence and Divergence of Christianity and Chinese Culture” (Qu Li), “Local Cross-cultural Missions with Hospitality: A Gospel Ministry That Follows Integral Mission Model” (Eric Chun-wah Kwong), and “Faith Experiences Linger in Convergence and Dispersion” (Lam Chi-yeung). In addition, there is one discussion article and several book reviews.

The Quest for Baptist Origins: History and Faith and *Hill Road* are now available at the seminary, its town centres, and Christian bookstores. For inquiries, please call the Publication Office at 2768 5168.

Faculty News

- The articles “Relationship between Doctrine and Ethics by Discussing George Linbeck’s View of Doctrine and Stanley Hauerwas’ Ethics of Character” by **President Joshua Cho**, “God’s Providence within His Creation and Perfection: John Webster’s Perspective” by **Dr. Andres S. Tang**, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture), and “The Doctrine of the Perspicuity of Scripture Revisited” by **Dr. Wong Fook-kong**, Professor of Old Testament, have been included in the book *Word in Life and a Life in the Word: A Festschrift in Honor of President Simon S. C. Chow*, edited by Daniel Ho, Angel Lam and Solomon Wong (Hong Kong: Lutheran Theological Seminary, 2022).
- The article of **Dr. Chang Kai-hsuan**, Assistant Professor of New Testament, “Re-Picturing the Reception of the Spirit with Ritual Experience: The Role of Baptism in 1 Corinthians 12:13” has been included in the journal *Biblical Theology Bulletin* 52.3 published in August 2022.
- **Dr. Nathan Ng**, Professor of Christian Thought (Church History), spoke on the topic “Social Concern Now and Then, Living Out the Truth” at the Christian Social Concern Seminar 2022 organized by Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service on October 15, 2022.

Student Union 2023

The Executive Committee of the Student Union 2023 took office in January. Please pray for them and support their activities this year.

Chairperson : Lau Tsz-hong
Vice-chairperson : Kong Wing-yiu
Secretary : Wilson Leung
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Alumni News

- Alumna **Ho Shuk-ha** (class of 1994 & 2002) rested in peace on November 25, 2022. May the Lord's consolation, grace, and peace be with her family.
- Alumna **Ho Ying-kit** (class of 1968) rested in peace on November 29, 2022. Please pray for her family. May the Lord's peace be with them.
- Alumnus **Ko King-hung** (class of 2008) was ordained as a pastor by the Christian and Missionary Alliance Oi Man Church on October 2, 2022.
- Alumna **Shum Man-yan** (class of 2015) was ordained as a pastor by the Assembly of God Holy Light Church on October 16, 2022.
- Alumnus **Lo How-ye** (class of 2002) was ordained as a pastor by the Kowloon Mandarin Baptist Church on November 13, 2022.
- Alumna **Maisy N. Y. Hui** (class of 2010) was ordained as a pastor by the Kowloon Pentecostal Church Fanling Chapel on November 27, 2022.
- Alumnus **Oscar S. L. Cheung** (class of 2020) married Ms. Phoebe Leung in a wedding ceremony held at the Immanuel Baptist Church on October 8, 2022.
- Alumnus **Timmy S. T. Or** (class of 2021) married Ms. Ophelia Lee in a wedding ceremony held at the Swatow Baptist Church Kowloon City on December 26, 2022.
- Alumnus **Marco T. W. Cheung** (class of 2022) married alumna **Yip Ka-yan** (class of 2022) in a wedding ceremony held at the Kowloon City Baptist Church on December 31, 2022.
- Alumna **Tsang Wun-lam** (class of 2021) was married to Mr. Oscar Si in a wedding ceremony held at the Chinese Methodist Church on January 7, 2023.

Lay Theological Education Department

Master's Degree/Postgraduate Diploma/Postgraduate Certificate Programs in Christian Studies

April-June (auditing is welcome)

Subject	Lecturer	Date/Time	Instruction Mode
The Book of Galatians	Dr. Kasper Wong	Tue 4/4-23/5, Fri 14/4-21/4 7:00-10:00 pm (10 lessons)	Face-to-face/ Video Conferences

Bachelor's Degree/Diploma/Certificate Programs in Christian Studies

April-June (auditing is welcome)

Subject	Lecturer	Date/Time	Instruction Mode
Introduction to Positive Psychology	Dr. Lam Chi-yeung	17/4-26/6 Mon 7:00-10:00 pm (1/5 class suspended; 10 lessons)	Face-to-face/ Video Conferences

Lay Theological Training Diploma/Certificate Programs

February-June (admission is now open)

Subject	Lecturer	Date/Time	Instruction Mode
The History of Evangelization in Hong Kong	Rev. Au Pak-ping	7/2-28/3 Tue 7:15-9:30 pm (8 lessons)	Face-to-face/ Video Conferences
Caring Family Caregivers: Theory and Practice	Mr. Carter Pang	10/2-31/3 Fri 7:15-9:30 pm (8 lessons)	Face-to-face/ Video Conferences
How Games Help Children Learn and Grow	Mr. Ng Kin-man	12/4-31/5 Wed 7:15-9:30 pm (8 lessons)	Face-to-face
The Essence of Systematic Theology	Ms. Fanny Cheng	13/4-1/6 Thur 7:15-9:30 pm (8 lessons)	Face-to-face/ Video Conferences
Life Experiences: Awakening, Discovery, and Maturity	Rev. William Lam	13/4-1/6 Thur 9:30-11:45 am (8 lessons)	Face-to-face
Bible Book Studies (OT): I & 2 Kings	Dr. Tiger Chan	8/5-26/6 Mon 7:15-9:30 pm (8 lessons)	Face-to-face
Mental Health First Aid for Older Adults	Mr. Solomon Hoh	6/6-25/7 Tue 7:15-9:30 pm (8 lessons)	Face-to-face/ Video Conferences

Venue: Applied Theological Education Centre

All the classes above are conducted in Cantonese.

For inquiries or registration, please call 2711 2552, email ltedinfo@hkbts.edu.hk or log on to our web page at www.hkbts.edu.hk/lted to download the application form.

Distance Education Program

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Spring 2023 Admission Now Open

Program	Description	Admission Requirements	Date of Commencement	Registration Deadline
Diploma in Biblical Studies Program	Focusing on the context and interpretation of the Bible.	Secondary school graduates with their pastor's recommendations.	March and September	Spring semester: Hong Kong: February 10 Overseas: January 10 Fall semester: Hong Kong: August 10 Overseas: July 10
Diploma in Christian Studies Program	Focusing on Christian faith and doctrine.			
Higher Diploma in Biblical Studies/Christian Studies Programs	Further studies for diploma graduates.	Diploma graduates with their pastor's recommendations.		
Certificate in N.T./O.T. Studies Programs	Introductory programs in biblical studies, guiding students to study the Bible systematically.	All are welcome	January, May, and September	Spring trimester: January 20 Summer trimester: May 20 Fall trimester: September 20

Elective students: Students can choose their interested courses in the programs.

All the programs can be taken online or by mail. Trial online programs: <http://elearning.hkbts.edu.hk>.

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Pastoral Continuing Education Centre

Courses and talks offered from February to March 2023

Course/Talk	Lecturer	Date	Time
Preliminary Exploration of Parent/Children Ministry: Insights for Family Counseling	Mr. Ringo Ng	6/2, 13/2	2:00-5:00 pm
The Book of Numbers and Pastoral Ministry from the Perspective of Priesthood Theology	Dr. Jacob Tsang	20/2, 27/2	9:30 am-12:30 pm
Do You Know I Am Waiting for You?	Dr. Dannis Au	27/2	2:00-5:00 pm
Pre-marital Counseling: Design and Practice	Dr. Roy Chan	6/3	9:30 am-4:30 pm
Foundation of Life Discipleship	Rev. Benjamin Yeung	13/3	2:00-5:00 pm
From Public Speech to Pulpit Speech	Mr. Lee Kam-hung	20/3, 27/3	2:00-5:00 pm

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Aspects of Chinese Biblical Scholarship in Asia

13.3.2023 (Monday)
9am-1pm

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Grand Conference Hall,
3/F, New Academic Building

Target Audience:

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Speakers Respondents

Dr. You Bin

Director, Academy of Religions,
Minzu University of China
Professor of Religions,
Minzu University of China

Dr. Chang Kai-hsuan

Assistant Professor of New Testament,
Hong Kong Baptist Theological
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Campus Extension News

The installation of the various facilities in the new academic building (including classrooms, group study rooms, graduate student carrels, conference hall, recreation centre, offices, etc.) was completed last November and some of the facilities have been open since last December.

The whole project is budgeted at HK\$70 million, of which HK\$12 million is for the expansion of the library, the provision of additional faculty offices, and international teaching and research

development projects.

The seminary has been receiving naming donations from churches and individuals. Your continuous support is essential to HKBTS's academic development in education and research. Please pray with us and make monetary donations for the HK\$17 million required to complete the project.



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HK\$	282,019.15	無名氏	500.00
Education Fund (Individual Donor)		無名氏	500.00
方志強	200.00	無名氏	400.00
王紹良	700.00	無名氏	400.00
王群	800.00	無名氏	300.00
申融融	400.00	無名氏	300.00
朱活平伉儷	300.00	無名氏	200.00
何仲儀	1,000.00	無名氏	200.00
吳炳榮伉儷	8,000.00		0.70
吳國傑伉儷	1,000.00	HK\$	84,600.70
李長豪	10,000.00	Faculty Support	
李新蘭	200.00	茶果嶺浸信會	3,501.00
洪錦漢	100.00	無名氏	8,000.00
洪鷹輪	100.00	HK\$	11,501.00
		Ming Yee Theological Bursary Fund	
		北角浸信會	HK\$ 376,592.00
		Campus Maintenance and Repairs	
		申融融	300.00
		許煥英	500.00
		楊美玲	300.00
		HK\$	1,100.00
		Campus Extension Project	
		陳世英慈善基金	1,300,000.00
		梁氏有限公司	20,000.00
		申融融	300.00
		朱美珍	1,000.00
		李長豪	10,000.00
		楊惠珍	10,000.00
		鄒小寶	1,500.00
		鄧輝祥	500.00
		無名氏	7,000.00
		無名氏	5,000.00
		無名氏	2,000.00
		無名氏	1,500.00
		無名氏	1,000.00
		HK\$	1,359,800.00
		Pandemic Prevention Supplies	
		無名氏	HK\$ 166.00

DONORS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2022

Education Fund (Church / Organization)	周月華	500.00	Distance Education Program	
九龍城浸信會	林威烈	2,000.00	溫祥、黎琮珍	400.00
九龍城潮語浸信會	殷振強伉儷	1,000.00	鄭鵬程	300.00
九龍國際浸信會	曹啟明伉儷	400.00	無名氏	500.00
上環浸信會	梁明財伉儷	500.00	無名氏	444.00
大埔浸信會	梁緯信	1,000.00	無名氏	100.00
元朗浸信會	梁錦松、郭詠文	1,500.00	無名氏	100.00
屯門浸信教會	許煥英	700.00		HK\$ <u>1,844.00</u>
以馬內利浸信會	許鋒威	1,000.00		
阡陌社區浸信會	陳偉倫	200.00	Lay Theological Education Program	
沙田浸信會	陳麗英	700.00	婦神同學會	13,935.90
香港(西區)潮語浸信會	曾慶忠	500.00	朱愛娟	200.00
香港仔浸信會	馮德華、鄧如玉	200.00	岑麗嫻	7,000.00
香港西區浸信會	黃念施	200.00	杜桂鵬	3,020.00
香港浸信教會	黃華娟	100.00	陳國權	1,000.00
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	黃雅忠	10,000.00	無名氏	3,450.00
朗福浸信會	楊淑敏	500.00		HK\$ <u>28,605.90</u>
柴灣浸信會	楊謝金玉	6,000.00		
將軍澳浸信會	溫祥、黎琮珍	500.00	Campus Maintenance and Repairs	
康山浸信會	葉煥章	300.00	申融融	300.00
深荃浸信會	劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00	許煥英	300.00
圓洲角浸信會	劉建紅	100.00	楊美玲	300.00
置富浸信教會	蔡慧英	200.00		HK\$ <u>900.00</u>
澳門浸信教會	羅佩珊	100.00		
觀塘浸信會	羅凱慈	2,000.00	Campus Extension Project	
中華錫安傳道會慈雲山錫安堂	關永盛	20,000.00	申融融	300.00
東方基督教會美光堂	關廣智、鄧慧然	500.00	曾佩儀	2,000.00
基督教宣道會大埔堂	無名氏	4,000.00	鄒小寶	1,500.00
香港神學教育協會	無名氏	1,000.00	鄧輝祥	500.00
啟聞基金	無名氏	1,000.00	鄺振華伉儷	1,200.00
	無名氏	1,000.00	無名氏	10,000.00
	無名氏	500.00	無名氏	7,000.00
Education Fund (Individual Donor)	無名氏	500.00	無名氏	2,000.00
方志強	無名氏	400.00	無名氏	2,000.00
王紹良	無名氏	400.00	無名氏	1,000.00
王群	無名氏	200.00		HK\$ <u>27,500.00</u>
申融融	無名氏	10.00		
朱活平伉儷		HK\$ <u>81,610.00</u>	Pandemic Prevention Supplies	
何仲儀			張智理伉儷	HK\$ <u>5,000.00</u>
吳炳榮伉儷	Faculty Support			
吳國傑伉儷	茶果嶺浸信會	10,200.00	Pilgrimage in the Wilderness	
李志孝伉儷	Ling Mei Ping	5,000.00	溫恩智執事伉儷	HK\$ <u>20,000.00</u>
李國雄伉儷	歐陽穎鋒伉儷	5,000.00		
李新蘭	無名氏	10,000.00	Faith, Hope, and Love Project	
李德祥		HK\$ <u>30,200.00</u>	李德祥	HK\$ <u>4,000.00</u>

Financial Report

General Fund, 1 August - 30 November, 2022

	HK\$
Income	7,960,689.89
Expenditure	(9,000,163.53)
Deficit	<u>(1,039,473.64)</u>



Reply Slip

I/We would like to support the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary by

- praying for the Seminary's theological education ministry
- contributing \$ _____ to the
- Educational Fund Campus Extension Project Other: _____
- Name: _____ (Mr. / Ms. / Rev. / Dr. / Mr. & Mrs. / Alumnus / Alumna)

Church Affiliation: _____

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- I/We do not wish to receive a hard copy of the Seminary's Newsletter
- I/We do not wish to receive any information from the Seminary by email

Donation Methods

- Crossed Cheque** payable to "Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary"
- Direct Transfer:** our Hang Seng Bank Ltd. (024) account no. : 787-471721-883
- Fast Payment System Identifier** (FPS ID): 166215137
- Monthly Autopay:** an autopay authorization form will be sent to you (*You may terminate this monthly donation at any time*)
- Credit Card:** VISA Master Card
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Amount: HK\$ _____

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- Please tick the appropriate box
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Address: 1 Nin Ming Road, Sai O, Sai Kung North, N.T., Hong Kong Website: <http://www.hkbits.edu.hk>

Thank you for your support!

Precious Moments

November 6, 2022 Joint Graduation Ceremony



The Joint Graduation Ceremony of HKBTS Main Programs (71st class), Lay Theological Education Department (23rd class), and Distance Education Program (22nd class) was held at the Kowloon City Baptist Church with live streaming. Thank God for leading our graduates who have finished their theological training at HKBTS despite many difficulties and challenging situations. We pray that God may lead them into their fields, to preach and practice the gospel of peace, and expand the Kingdom of God.

President Joshua Cho presented the graduation certificates and exhorted all the graduates.



December 12, 2022

Academic Board Meeting

The Academic Board Meeting was held in the grand conference hall of the new academic building last December. President Joshua Cho, the faculty, administrative staff, and the student representative came together to work for the benefits and development of the seminary. At the meeting, President Cho on behalf of the seminary presented Mrs. Celia Lam Juergens, our retired Dean of Administrative Affairs, a keepsake as a token of our gratitude for her years of faithful service and dedication to the seminary.



December 19, 2022

Christmas Worship: Immanuel and the Savior

The Christmas Worship Service, jointly organized by HKBTS and the Alumni Association, was held on our Sai O campus with live streaming. All our teachers, staff, students, and alumni joined together to remember the birth of our Savior. The Alumni Choir led the whole congregation in worship. Dr. Bernard Leung spoke on the topic “Immanuel and the Savior” and pointed out that our focus for Christmas should be on God and His work. God sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world to save His people from their sins, fulfilling the main

purpose of His covenant with them — God being with His people. And God's presence and salvation could only be truly known and experienced in Jesus Christ.





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Student Recruitment for 2023-24

Application Date for Admissions

Hong Kong : January 3-June 2

Overseas : January 3-April 28

Admission Test Date

By individual arrangement
during the seminary's office hours.

Experiencing Seminary Life Day Camp 2023-2024

Date: March 8-9 (Wed-Thu)

Venue: Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary
(1 Nin Ming Road, Sai O, Sai Kung North, N.T.)

Content: Sit-in-class lesson, talk with professors
and current seminary students,
testimonies of God's calling, workshop
and introduction to the seminary's programs

Fee: HK\$150 (accommodation not provided)

Registration Deadline: February 24 (Fri)

** The Day Camp may switch to online due to the pandemic;
please check our latest announcements.*