4Ws for Week 3 (13 -19 Jan 2025)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

(If there are first-time guests, start with a round of introduction and warmly welcome them.)

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Tree of Faith (Onsite)

Ask each member to recall a moment when they felt especially close to God or experienced His faithfulness. Distribute Post-It notes to everyone and ask them to write a word or phrase that represents their moment (e.g., "healing," "answered prayer," "provision"). Each member will then paste their note on the tree drawn, which is drawn on a large sheet of mahjong paper. Afterward, invite everyone to take turns sharing more about their moments. Conclude the icebreaker with an inspiring quote or verse about faithfulness, such as: "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful." — Hebrews 10:23

Materials: Post It notes, mahjong paper with a large tree (without leaves) drawn on it.

2. Faith Anchors (Online)

Begin with a quick poll or chat prompt, asking everyone to share: "In one word, what does steadfastness in faith mean to you?" Then, provide the following prompt: "Imagine your faith as a ship navigating life's waves. What is the 'anchor' that keeps your faith steady during tough times? Share a story, a verse, a song, or a principle that inspires you to remain steadfast." Each person can respond by typing in the chat, sharing briefly on video, or posting an image, verse or symbol related to their answer.

End the icebreaker with an inspiring quote or verse about steadfastness in faith, such as: "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain." - 1 Corinthians 15:58

WORSHIP (20 minutes)

(Encourage members to allow the Holy Spirit to minister through them by sharing words, visions, tongues and interpretations of tongues.)

Suggested worship songs:

- 1. Happy Day
- 2. Give Thanks

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: SP Daniel Khong

Scripture Passage: 2 Kings 13:14-21

Sermon Title: Another Level

Introduction

Murphy's Law of Entropy states that "left to themselves, things will always go from bad to worse." This principle holds true for our lives unless we *level up* and constantly move up *another level*. We level up by *stepping out in faith* and *staying put in faithfulness*. Every time we level up, we set the stage for us to move to another (higher) level. Our lives become enriched as we begin to live on a higher spiritual and supernatural plane. To continue moving up *another level*, we must consistently build up:

a. our courage, by doing the things God calls us to do—even when they scare us.

b. our *perseverance*, by faithfully continuing the tasks God has set before us until He gives us new instructions or permission to stop.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. Meditate on 2 Kings 13:15-19. What are the lessons for you?

A1: The act of taking the arrows and striking the ground is a prophetic act that speaks of Israel's victory over the Syrians. If King Joash (Jehoash) had fully understood the significance of this action, he would have struck the ground more times. Because he struck the ground only three times, both his and Israel's victory over the Syrians was limited. Had the king struck the ground more times, the victory would have been complete.

Q2. What are God's exhortations and promises in Deuteronomy 31:6 and Joshua 1:9?

A2. God exhorts His people to be strong and *courageous*, assuring them that He goes with them wherever they go. He promises never to leave them nor forsake them. Because God is always with us, at all times and in all places, we have every good reason to be courageous and unafraid.

Q3. Read 2 Kings 13:19. and compare it with Hebrews 12:1. What is God's message to you?

A3. God's message is that we should persevere in the work He has called us to do. Perseverance means faithfully continuing in His calling, doing what He has called us to do over and over again, until He directs us to stop.

Application Questions

Break into smaller groups, share, pray and minister to one another.

Q1. Put yourself in the scene with Elisha. Share:

- a. What are the arrows (situations/challenges) in your life that you are holding in your hands?
- b. What actions have you taken to "strike the ground" with these arrows?
- c. What further actions will you take?
- Q2. Share an area where you need courage or perseverance.
- Q3. Share what you can do to achieve this.

WORKS (15 minutes)

Focus on edification, equipping and evangelism.

- 1. Build on the momentum of all your outreach efforts continue praying for your pre-believing friends and family, connect with them, and invite them to your Cell and our Weekend Services.
- 2. Consolidation of new believers Diligently pray for and reach out to your friends and family who have decided to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, guiding and helping them grow in the faith.

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