

4Ws for Week 45 (4 - 10 Nov 2024)

WELCOME (15 minutes)

(If there are first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)

Suggested icebreakers:

1. Show and Tell

Share a photo from your phone album and talk about an interesting experience or sentiment related to it.

2. Purpose Driven

Jesus came to fulfil God's will and purpose for His life. What is (or are) the motivation(s) that drive you? Share your thoughts.

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) Only King Forever
- 2) Beautiful Saviour

WORD (45 minutes)

Preacher: Pastor GuangHan

Scripture Passage: 1 Samuel 1:3, 2:12-17, and 2:22-25

Sermon Title: The Cost of Neglecting Correction

Introduction

When we neglect correction in our own lives and in the lives of those God has entrusted to us—whether family or the church community—a heavy price must be paid. Pastor GuangHan illustrated this truth through the life of the High Priest Eli. He showed us that when we neglect correction, two things can happen:

- It allows sin to grow.
- It leads to painful consequences.

However, the outcome can be radically different when we choose to embrace timely correction:

- It enables us to grow in godliness.
- It leads us to walk in God's will and purpose for our lives.

Discovery and Understanding Questions:

Q1. What can happen when we neglect correction?

A1. Eli's story demonstrates the serious consequences of neglecting correction. Though Eli was aware of his sons' misconduct as priests, he failed to enforce discipline. Instead of confronting and removing them from their roles, he allowed their corruption and disrespect for God's law to

continue unchecked. As a result, their behavior dishonored God, misled the people, and brought judgment upon Eli's family and the priesthood itself (1 Samuel 2:27-36).

This example shows that neglecting correction can lead to greater corruption, damage to one's reputation and family, and, ultimately, consequences that affect not only the individual but also those they lead.

Q2. What can happen when we don't honor God?

A2. When we fail to honor God, we may face serious consequences, both personally and in the lives of those around us. In the Bible, Eli neglected to discipline his sons despite their wrongful actions, failing to uphold God's standards (1 Samuel 2:27-29). This lack of action led to suffering, not only for Eli's family but also for the entire nation of Israel (1 Samuel 4:10-11).

The Bible warns us, "Whoever remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed – without remedy" (Proverbs 29:1). This verse highlights the dangers of ignoring correction and disregarding God's honor. By choosing not to honor God, we risk spiritual and personal ruin, and may unintentionally hurt those around us who depend on us for guidance and example.

Application Questions

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

Q1. Considering the story of Eli, are we also guilty of neglecting correction in our own lives and in the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us? Share your thoughts.

Q2. Hebrews 12:11 tells us, "No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." Are you open and humble enough to embrace discipline in your life? Reflect and share your thoughts.

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.
- 3. December Christmas Outreach** – Start preparing the CG for this (revive your 3x3 prayer and sharing time; start praying specifically for your invitees; have weekly updates on your progress in this area).

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