



30 OCT 2022 | REV PAT OWYANG | NEW SEASON, NEW THING! ISAIAH 43:18-19

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will:

- a. Examine the signs to see if their season is changing
- b. Commit themselves to God as they journey through this season
- c. Seize the Kairos opportunity for healing, refreshing and cleansing in their families

SERMON SUMMARY

God is taking us into a new season and doing a new thing in our midst. There are 4 signs that He is changing your season:

- 1) Something in you has changed;
- 2) Things around you change;
- 3) People around you change; and
- 4) You will receive new or expanded instructions.

As we notice these 4 signs, there are 3 things we must do:

- 1) Perceive the new thing,
- 2) Expect it to happen by the hand of God and
- 3) Align our emotions and our expectations.

Lastly, let us trust in God's plan for us and His faithfulness in transiting us to the new successfully!


SERMON RECAP

Rev Pat preached about how there will be cleansing, refreshing, healing and how families and marriages will be supernaturally transformed. All of us are placed in sphere of influence and how we as a church are in a new season ([Isaiah 43:18-19](#)).

It is important for us to be mindful that our biggest testimonies are awaiting to be created in the future. God also wishes for us to forget the old methods and strategies and to depend on Him for new wine, new blueprints, strategies and pathways (a new GPS)

We need to look up to perceive the things God is doing. We can only conceive what we perceive. In the same manner, only something that is conceived can be birthed.

While God is unchanging, the seasons change. They change because we have passed the test, or a series of tests, and are qualified to be promoted or have something bigger to step into.



Rev Pat shared about the examples of Ruth and how she stepped into something bigger as she passed the tests of singlemindedness, loyalty, compassion and tenacity. She was brought to a bigger sphere of influence ([Psalm 16:6](#))

We know that God is changing our seasons when the current one expires. There are 4 signs:

- a. Something in you has changed - a growing sense of holy discontent and restlessness and obeying God to serve Him in a greater measure.
- b. Things around you change (eg. the story of Elisha)
- c. People around you change
- d. You received new and expanded instructions

What do we do when there are changes?

- a. Perceive the new thing. As we seek God, it is also important for us to take effort to discern and perceive the new thing; for us to be in the right posture.
- b. Expect the new thing to happen by the hand of God - to rely and obey Him for open doors and divine opportunities
- c. Align your emotions to what you perceive and expect - Let God be in charge and allow things to flow supernaturally.

Lastly, let us trust in God's plan for us and His faithfulness in transiting to the new successfully!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Rev Pat shared about the four signs that indicate a change in season. Are any of these signs occurring in your life? Share your experience with the cell.**

Leader's Notes

This is a reflect and relate question for members to share about their current season in their life. As members share about the changes in these signs, members can also reflect on how they are to respond and the things they must do.

Transition

New seasons are moments of excitement and anticipation. It is important to keep in step with God and trust Him through the season.

2. **The various Biblical characters went through and passed the various tests that came their way. Reflect on 1-2 Biblical characters; what are some lessons we can learn from them as we see them go through the various seasons and its tests?**

Leaders' Notes

This is a reflect and relate question for members to consider how the Biblical characters responded to the tests they had faced and how the lessons learnt can be applied in their own situation. (Examples: David – from boy to King, Peter – from hiding to Head of the Church, etc)



Transition

God has called us into a new season and He hopes for us to partner with Him.

3. What are some steps or reminders we can hold on to as we trust God through the transitions?

Leader's Notes

This is a response questions for members. Members can also share with one another what it means to trust God in this season – how would it look like for them in their thoughts, feelings, actions? Members can also share on ways they could take to trust God through the tough times (eg. finding accountability partners, praying for the Church and for each other)

Closing

As we trust God for the new seasons, may we continue to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

WORKS

Consider dividing the group into micro-groups for a deeper time of sharing as well as praying for the following items:

1. Sermon Application

- For us to be watchful of the seasons we are in and the changes that come
- For us to be steadfast and trust God in His plans for us as a church and individuals

2. COVID-19 in Singapore

- Pray for God's protection in the midst of an increase in community cases

3. World

- A swift end to the COVID-19 crisis globally, if not a reduction in cases in third world nations, and a stable environment where humans and virus coexist.
- Pray for peace especially in areas of conflict (Ukraine) and potential conflict – China & Taiwan.

4. Opportunities for Outreach

- Ask the Lord to grant you opportunities to reach out to a non-believing loved one, friend, or colleague this week as we seek to mature in Christlikeness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Digital Bulletin: rlc.sg/bulletin

- 1. Consolidation of EA Sunday Services.** In light of our service attendance, we will be consolidating our Sunday services to one service at 9am from Sunday, 6 Nov onwards. Our last 11am service was on 30 Oct.
- 2. Nov-Dec Church Calendar**
 - 13 Nov – Christmas Gear Up (Service extended for 15 mins)
 - 13 Nov, 11 am – Workshop: How to Share the Gospel in 5 Mins (Link: rlc.sg/nov-reg)

- 13 Nov, 2.30pm – Water Baptism Service
- 20 Nov, 11am – 377A Forum: Future of the Family
- 03 Dec, 4.30pm – RL Cares Community Outreach
- 17 Dec, 2.30pm – RL Cares Community Outreach
- 04 – 25 Dec – Christmas Evangelistic Services

3. **Current Pulpit Series – Family Matters.** In this series, we will explore issues concerning family, marriage and parenting. Our desire is to see families of RiverLife strengthened and be God's light in this nation. This series is relevant for all as it also explores the role of one's spiritual community in strengthening the families within RiverLife.

- *Series Details*
 - 23 Oct – Family: Love in the Midst of Imperfection
 - 06 Nov – Marriage: Thriving, Not Surviving
 - 13 Nov – Parenting: The Arrow Makers
- *Beyond the Pulpit*
 - 23 Oct, 6 & 13 Nov: Sermon Self-Reflection Guides (Link: rlc.sg/beyondpulpit)
 - 6 Nov: Irreplaceable Movie / Documentary Screening (Link: rlc.sg/nov-reg)
 - 6 & 13 Nov: Podcast Episodes to explore topics in regards to the Family

4. **Global Hunger Fund.** This fund will go towards RLC's mission partners to help their local churches and communities gain access to food amid soaring costs. Refer to the [Digital Bulletin](#) for more details.

5. **Children's Day Book Gift Sets.** Missions from Home (MFH) are selling children's day book gift sets to help families in Myanmar with food and necessities. Link: rlc.sg/mfhm-book


6. **RiverLife Kindergarten**

- RLK has vacancies for Chinese Teachers. If you wish to apply, please send your resume to Mrs Tan Oi Leng (oileng@riverlifekindergarten.org.sg).
- RLK are looking for volunteers for their Annual Concert and K2 Graduation. Full Dress Rehearsal – Thu, 10 Nov, 8am-1pm. Concert & Graduation – 12 Nov, 9am – 12pm. Contact: 65114168

7. **Updated Safe Management Measure.** Mask wearing for indoor worship services and religious classes is now optional. All worshippers and performers can sing and play instruments without wearing masks.

8. **Call for Musicians and Vocalists.** The Worship & Music ministry is on the lookout for musicians and vocalists – keyboardist, electric guitarist, bassist, drummer and singers. If you are interested, you can sign up at rlc.sg/serve. Do note that an audition will be required before joining the ministry.

9. **Call for SuperLife Volunteers.** If you have a heart for children and a desire to disciple them in their spiritual journey, come be a part of the SuperLife team. Sign up at rlc.sg/serve. Immediate needs:

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- *SuperLife Primary Teacher* (Serve twice a month. Facilitate small group discussions after each Bible lesson, connect and pray with the children, be involved in SuperLife Ministry events, etc.)
 - *Special Needs Chaperone*. (Serve twice a month. Provided 1-1 support to children with special needs and help facilitate an inclusive environment between children with and without special needs.)

10. **F&B Related Ministries Recruitment.** We're looking for RiverLifers who love connecting with new people and enjoy cooking and serving. Team members will serve once a month. For more details Karen Koh (Welcome Lounge) at karenkoh@riverlife.org.sg and Jonathan Cho (The Café and Volunteers Corner) at jonathancho@riverlife.org.sg.

11. **Technical & Production (TAP) Ministry Recruitment.** The TAP ministry comprises five teams – audio, graphics, lighting, sound and video – and they all work as one in partnership with the Holy Spirit to support an atmosphere that allows the congregation to encounter God. We are now opening up recruitment for this ministry. If you desire to take the next step in your walk with God through starting to serve, we invite you to sign up to explore serving in one of the five TAP teams. You may sign up online at rlc.sg/serve or refer to our [digital bulletin](#) for more details.

12. **RiverLife Community Services (RCS).** In 2021, RCS focused on providing relief to families who were badly affected by the pandemic. We believe that in this season, God is calling RCS to build loving families and strong communities. Listed below are opportunities where you can serve or give to RCS:

- You can serve as a volunteer in one of our programmes to befriend and build relationships with children, youth, mothers and lower-income families. Find out more here: rlc.sg/rcs2022.
- You can sow by contributing financially too. Your giving will go into initiatives such as grocery distributions and various programmes that will help our beneficiaries build resilience and break free from the poverty cycle. Find out more by writing to RCS at office@rcs.org.sg.
- RCS is also looking to partner with organizations (donations of essential items – toiletries, wearables, etc). To find out more, write to us at volunteer@rcs.org.sg.
- RCS is looking for 20 Food Collection Helper/Driver that is able to help with the loading/unloading of fresh food items at blocks where we are reaching out to. **Commitment:** Minimally once a month for 6 months, Saturdays, 12-4pm. Contact: rlcares@rcs.org.sg.

13. **RiverLife Podcast.** The RiverLife Podcast allows you to listen to RiverLife content anytime, anywhere! The link to go to is rlc.sg/podcast or simply search '**The RiverLife Podcast**' on Spotify.

14. **Spiritual Growth Resources.** We have put together a curated list of recommended resources for the RiverLife family. These resources (books, articles, podcasts and videos) are recommendations for the various spiritual growth stages as you seek to grow deeper in the River of God this year. You can



access them at rlc.sg/resource. This list will be continually populated throughout the year.

15. **Cradle Roll.** Our Cradle Roll is open from 9am to 10.30am every Sunday for children 24 months and below. *NO booking of tickets is required.*
16. **Prayer Ministry.** If you require prayer ministry for any issues you face (eg. unforgiveness, demonic oppression, etc), you can sign up for RLC's RTF ministry: <https://bit.ly/rlcrtf>
17. **Bible Reading Plan.** You can access our 2-Year Bible Reading Plan 2021-2022 by visiting: <https://rlc.sg/brp2021>.
18. **Testimony.** If you have a testimony to share, you can write to us at stories@riverlife.org.sg to share with us your testimony as an encouragement to others.

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