



Cell Guide



DATE: 9 JULY 2023 | SPEAKER: PASTOR BEN KC LEE
TOPIC: UNSTOPPABLE | SCRIPTURE: [ACTS 5:12-16](#)

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Desire a greater outpouring of God's miracles and healings in their lives and in RiverLife Church
2. Commit to pray for the sick, and pray for greater boldness to proclaim the gospel

SERMON SUMMARY

This is the final sermon of the series – The Prevailing Church – based on the book of Acts. In [Acts 5:12-16](#), Jesus answers the early church's prayer for boldness in evangelism and miracles ([Acts 4:29-30](#)). The work of the Holy Spirit in proclaiming and demonstrating the gospel was unstoppable. Are we seeing the gospel in our lives and our church being unstoppable? Pastor Ben shared 3 points we can learn from the early church:

1. There is no such thing as ordinary when God is present
2. Miracles led to salvations
3. Act out of expectation and faith

SERMON RECAP

Pastor Ben shared that [Acts 5:12-16](#) is a timely word for RiverLife Church. What God did in the early church through the Holy Spirit was **unstoppable**, and we need to awake to our destiny and our calling, both individually and as a church, to become the end-time ready church to point the world to Jesus.

1. **There is no such thing as ordinary when God is present**

- God answered the church's prayers for boldness in evangelism and miracles ([Acts 4:29-30](#)) after purifying the church.
 - *"**And** through the hands of the apostles **many** signs and wonders were done among the people." ([Acts 5:12](#), NKJV) – The conjunction "And" at the beginning of verse 12 connects the revival happening in [Acts 5:12-16](#) to holiness, the cleansing of the church which happened earlier in [Acts 5:1-11](#) (incident involving Ananias and Sapphira).*
- **God is holy.** The revival here is the result of God purifying the church. God wants our hearts; He wants all of us. If we are struggling with sin, let us come clean before God and let him purify us. If we are pure, the Lord can do mighty things in our hearts, our lives and church.
- **God's church is one.** Oneness attracts the presence of God. The early church continued to be united in oneness and gathered regularly – *"...many God-signs were set up among the people, many wonderful things done. They all met regularly and in remarkable harmony on the Temple porch named after Solomon."* ([Acts 5:12](#), MSG)
- As a church, we need to walk in the spirit of God, in holiness, oneness and prayerfulness to attract the presence of God.

2. Miracles led to salvations

- God was authenticating and confirming His word with miracles. Miracles are intended to crack open the hardened hearts that are not looking at Jesus. Salvations follow miracles.
- Some wanted no part of this revival ([Acts 5:13](#)); A revival broke out that day ([Acts 5:14](#))
- [James 5:16](#) tells us that all believers are to pray for the healing of the sick.

3. Act out of expectation and faith

- In [Acts 5:15-16](#), we see how the believers and even non-Christians treated the apostles as though they were Jesus, expecting them to heal the sick:
 - *“...they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and **they were all healed...**”*
- We need to have this same kind of expectation and faith when we pray. We expect Jesus to heal ([Acts 5:16](#)) because He loves us and is compassionate.
- God will continue to do His work through his church. When we are moving in the Holy Spirit, we will do what Jesus did and even greater things. [John 14:12](#) tells us that *“whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things.*
- Pray for God to intervene in our lives and families. Let God’s Spirit convict us of sin and bring us into alignment with His desire to reach unbelievers.

In closing, Pastor Ben exhorted us to pray for boldness to proclaim the gospel and pray for greater outpouring of miracles, so that we will see many salvations.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **When was the last time you experienced a miracle or saw someone being healed by Jesus? How were you impacted by it?**

Leader’s Notes

This is a question for members to share their experiences with the supernatural, and how their faith was impacted. Leaders can also ask members about their reactions and thoughts after hearing Johnson and Lilian’s testimony of partnering the Holy Spirit in demonstrating (miraculous leg alignment) and proclaiming the gospel.

Additional Resource

1. [Why don’t we see miracles like the apostles did? – The Gospel Coalition](#)
2. [Miracles are Outlasting the Arguments Against Them – Interview with Craig Keener](#)

Transition

God’s primary purpose in performing miracles is to authenticate the message of the Gospel, just as Jesus’ miracles verified his claim to be the Son of God. Even if we don’t frequently see obvious extraordinary miraculous events, God is active in the regular (natural) processes we see every day. He is miraculously calling people to Himself.

2. **What attracts the Holy Spirit’s presence and power? And what are some things that may hinder or hold back the power of God from working healings and miracles in our life?**

Leader’s Notes

The revival experienced by the early church came after God’s purification of the church ([Acts 5:1-11](#)). Nonetheless, even after the incident involving Ananias and Sapphira, the early church continued to be united and met regularly. Pastor Ben shared that we cannot continue walking in

the spirit of Lucifer, be disunited or continue with gossip etc., and expect God to attract the Holy Spirit's presence and power.

Leaders can invite members to share what they think attracts the Holy Spirit's presence and power. This can be from the example of the early church in Acts, or other real-life examples of individuals/churches moving powerfully in the Holy Spirit. Leaders can also ask if there are areas in their lives (eg. sin, disbelief etc.) that may hinder the work of the Holy Spirit in working miracles and healings.

Transition

Let us follow the example of the early church in Acts, to walk in holiness, unity and prayerfulness, to attract the presence of God.

3. How can we see more healings and miracles in our lives?

Leader's Notes

Pastor Ben exhorted us to act and pray with expectation and faith. The cell can discuss what they can do to contend for and see more healings and miracles in RiverLife Church, cells, and their own lives (eg. commit to the 21 days of fasting and prayer, sharing the gospel boldly with specific family members and friends God has placed in our hearts/minds, coming clean with God and let Him purify us, etc.).

Closing

May we continue to pray for greater boldness to proclaim the gospel and outpouring of His miracles in our lives and in RiverLife Church!

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

- Pray for greater outpouring of His miracles so that a hurting world cannot miss the signs pointing to Jesus
- Pray that we will boldly proclaim the Gospel and pray for the sick.

2. RiverLife

- Pray for our church that God will revive us individually as we go through the 21-Days of Prayer and Fasting.

3. World

- Pray for good weather in Singapore during this hot season. Pray also that there will not be any haze.
- Continue to pray for the Russia-Ukraine war and the avoidance of using nuclear weapons.
- Continue to pray for the heatwave that is affecting India and Mexico
- Pray for riots/protests that are affecting France at the moment
- Pray for Japan as they release the Fukushima radioactive water into the ocean

4. Opportunities for Outreach

- Ask the Lord to bless us as we step out to reach a pre-believer.
- 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. Revive Us, Lord – 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting, 17 July – 6 August 2023.

- After three years of praying together, our Elders and Senior Leaders sense it is now time to call the church into a season of prayer and fasting. We invite you on this journey as we commit ourselves to pursue the Lord together and align our hearts to His.
- Listen to Pastor Ben's sharing on the heart behind the call: rlc.sg/21days-2jul
- For 21 days from 17 Jul to 6 Aug, we are committing ourselves to:
 - Daily Devotion
 - Daily Fasting
 - Nightly Worship & Prayer
 - Weekly Sermon Series
- Visit the microsite for more details: rlc.sg/21days

2. Revive Us, Lord. *Upcoming Sermon Series starting Sun, 16 July.* In the book of Revelation, Jesus wrote letters to 7 churches. He commends them for what they have done well, addresses their current state, gives them each a warning and an encouragement for those who would heed His words. As we embark on 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting, this sermon series will move us to examine the state of our hearts and the spiritual condition of our church. As we hear what God is saying to us, may we return to the ways and will of God for us individually, and as a church. Lord, awaken us to the urgency of the times and the reality of your return!

- 16 Jul: Facing Revival
- 23 Jul: The Revelation of Christ
- 30 Jul: The Church That is Lukewarm
- 6 Aug: The Spiritually Dead Church
- 13 Aug: The Church in Persecution

3. The Power of Spiritual Hunger – An Equipping Session with Pastor Philip Lyn. Sun 16 Jul 11.15am-12.45pm, Worship Centre. Spiritual complacency and apathy are two of the greatest barriers to the Holy Spirit bringing life into the church today, while hunger for God is always a prelude to spiritual revival! How can we break out of our spiritual shell and comfort zone to pursue God afresh? Can our spirits be set alight again to see healing, turnarounds, breakthroughs and miracles happen? It begins with a hunger for God. *Registration is not required for this session.*

About Pastor Philip Lyn

Philip Lyn is the founder and senior pastor of Skyline SIB Church, Malaysia – a vibrant and growing city-church that prioritises prayer and the workplace. He studied medicine at Oxford and Biblical studies in London. He is both a practicing medical doctor and a pastor and leads a full team of bi-vocational pastors who integrate secular work and church ministry as one calling. He ministers widely in many nations and has released his third book on Christians in the Workplace called “The Invasive Kingdom”. His first two were “Slingshots” and “The Call of Issachar”.

4. Marriage Retreat. We had a powerful time with 27 married couples in March as we piloted our first Marriage Retreat. It was a powerful time of learning, rejuvenation, healing and restoration for our couples. No couple left unimpacted. We would like to encourage married couples to join us at this retreat and experience God’s hand on your marriage.

- For more information, download the eBrochure here: rlc.sg/mrBrochure
- Highlights from previous retreat: <https://youtu.be/csHrCtBsuWg>

- Link to signup: rlc.sg/mr
5. **Caleb Ministry: *Helping Seniors & Retirees Live Well and Finish Well in Christ*.** If you are working, retired or intending to retire in the next 5 years, we invite you to join us at our first event:
- **Finishing Well** *A four-part teaching series by Rev David Wong*
 - **19 Aug, 16 Sep, 21 Oct, 18 Nov 2023 9am to 12pm**
 - **Topics include:**
 - Few Finish Well
 - Lessons from The Three Kings
 - Ignorance, Indulgence and Resilience
 - Open-ended Closures & Principles of Finishing Well
 - **Registration Link:** rlc.sg/finishingwell
 - **Cost:** Food: \$20 per pax (To be paid via PayNow when you register for the course.) | Book: \$20 per copy (To be purchased in-person in the Foyer outside Worship Centre on Sundays, 23 & 30 Jul.)
6. **Cultivating Emotional & Mental Wellness Seminar. Sun, 13 Aug | 11am-1pm Grace Chapel (Level 1)**
- This seminar will:
 - Help individuals who are struggling with emotional or mental wellness
 - Educate and equip caregivers of those who are struggling with emotional or mental wellness
 - **Speaker: Dr Danny Ng**, a clinical psychologist in private practice and the President of the Singapore chapter of Renovaré (USA) offering resources for Christian Spiritual Formation for spiritual growth. He is the founder of Family Connexion, a Christian ministry whose focus lies in promoting a greater bonding and deepening of relationships between people, especially within the family.
 - Register at rlc.sg/counems

CHURCH CALENDAR

1. Church Calendar Highlights

- *Quarter 3*
 - Young Adult Camp: 7-9 Jul
 - 32nd Anniversary Weekend: 26-27 Aug
 - Bible Equipping – Leviticus: 15 & 17, 22 & 24 Sep
 - Cells Prayer Night #2: 29 Sep
- *Quarter 4*
 - Equipping Series: 17 & 19, 24 & 26 Nov
 - Christmas Outreach: Dec
 - Cells Prayer Night #3: 29 Dec

2. **YA Gatherings (For Young Adults in their 20s). First Saturday Every Month, 5pm-8.30pm Victory Chapel (Level 1).** The YA Gathering is a space where young adults can get together to connect and build community. This gathering is made up of two components – Community Conversations & Communal Dinner – both with a focus on relationship building and life conversations. If you are currently in a cell, register your attendance with your cell leader. If you are currently not in a cell, do register online: rlc.sg/YAgathering-apr-reg.

3. RiverLife Prayer Meetings.

- *RLC Prayer Room.* Tue, 8-9.30pm, Victory Chapel. (Online: rlc.sg/rpr-watch)
- *Wed Night Prayer Meeting.* Wed, 8pm – 9.30pm, Victory Chapel.

CHURCH MINISTRIES & OPPORTUNITIES

1. **9M Ministry.** The 9M Ministry provides prayer support for expectant mothers on their 9-month journey of pregnancy. Sisters-in-Christ who are fellow RiverLifers are assigned as Prayer Buddies to walk alongside mums who sign up to receive prayer support.
 - Receive Prayer Support: rlc.sg/9m
 - Provide Prayer Support: rlc.sg/serve
2. **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.
3. **Missions Microsite.** Discover how you can go, give and pray for the nations. Let's make a difference in the nations together! For more information, visit rlc.sg/missions.
4. **RiverLife Cares Opportunities.** Signup: <http://rlc.sg/serve-rlcar>
5. **SuperLife Ministry: Call for 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:
 - *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.)
6. **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.
7. **Prayer Ministry.** If you require prayer ministry for any issues you face (eg. fear, worry, etc), you can sign up for RLC's RTF ministry: <https://bit.ly/rlcrtf>

RESOURCES & CONNECTING WITH US

1. **Bible Reading Plan.** The church has provided 3 undated Bible Reading plans that will serve as a resource for those who wish to follow a Bible Reading plan. Link: rlc.sg/brp
 - 2 Year Chronological Bible Reading Plan.
 - 3 Year Bible Reading Schedule (Alternating readings between Old and New Testament passages)
 - Redemptive Historical Bible Reading Plan (At your own pace, focusing on the redemption story)

2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Stay Connected with RLC.** Follow us to stay updated on latest church news and happenings.
 - **WhatsApp Broadcast:** Text 'Subscribe' to 8923 1939
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