

Date: 25 Feb 2024 | **Speaker:** Elder Lee Ee Yang | **Topic:** Lessons for the Joshua Generation | **Scripture:** Joshua 4:19-24

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Be reminded of God's goodness in our lives and to hunger for more of His presence
2. Be reminded of the importance of humility and obedience in our walk with God

SERMON SUMMARY

Elder Ee Yang shared with us three lessons from the Joshua Generation as they entered the Promised Land:

Lesson #1 – Humility is the entry point into your Promise Land (Joshua 4:19, Numbers 14:40, Deuteronomy 8:2)

Lesson #2 – Build memorial stones to what God did (Joshua 4:20)

Lesson #3 – Stand Still and See the Breakthrough (Joshua 4:23-24)

SERMON RECAP

God's calling for the Israelites was to be a blessing to the nations and He fulfilled His promise to Abraham to lead them to the Promised Land. As believers, we also have a calling to reign in life (Romans 5:17), to be a blessing to all nations, to be godly stewards of this earth. God will lead and guide us, to possess and fulfil this call.

Elder Ee Yang shared with us 3 lessons we can learn from the Joshua Generation. It was a special generation that displayed faith to obey God's call. They also saw the fulfilment of God's promises as God used them - ordinary people to do extraordinary things and saw victory after victory. The Joshua Generation was an intergenerational group.

Lesson #1 – Humility is the entry point into your Promised Land (Joshua 4:19, Numbers 14:40, Deuteronomy 8:2)

- The Israelites conquered the land from the Jordan River, the lowest river on Earth.
- This is contrary to when the people attempted to enter the Promised Land from a high point as recorded in Numbers.
- God desires to humble us to remove us of pride as pride is a hinderance to our relationship with God. Pride is the desire to be independent of God. People who are humble attract the grace of God.

Lesson #2 – Build memorial stones to what God did (Joshua 4:20)

- Remembering God's provision and faithfulness removes our chronic habit of complaining.
- As humans, we tend to remember our mistakes and forget God's miracles. It takes intentionality to remember God's goodness.
- It also reminds us of what God has done and to be hungry for what He can do.

Lesson #3 – Stand Still and See the Breakthrough (Joshua 4:23-24)

- Similar to Exodus 14:13-14, God had commanded the people to stand still.
- However, the difference when the Israelites entered the Jordan River was that they needed to step into the Jordan River first.
- Through the lessons of the Israelites, we see how God also desires to teach us to walk by faith, and to keep believing.

As a Church, may we continue to humble ourselves and desire and hunger for more of God. May God fan in us a holy discontent for more of His presence in our lives, families and in RiverLife!

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is the reason that humility is important for us to step into what God has promised us? How does humility look like in our everyday lives?**

Leader's Notes

This is a reflect question for members to consider what humility is and how it helps us grow in our walk with God. Leaders can also ask members to consider what Pride is and how it is a destructive hindrance in our own faith journey. Asking members to also explore what humility looks like in our everyday life allows us to reflect on areas that we may grow prideful / display false humility in and to share with one another to help each other be accountable.

Transition

Humility is key in our walk with God.

- 2. What are some "memorial stones" of God's goodness in your life? Share with the cell. How can we become a people that remembers God's goodness?**

Leader's Notes

This question aims for members to share with the cell about the things they remember about God's goodness and faithfulness. It could have been an answered prayer, reminders of God's love or other breakthroughs in their lives. The question aims to encourage hope within the cell and to also recognise the importance of remembering God's character and how He will never fail even when our circumstances tell us to doubt His goodness.

Transition

It is important for us to develop intentionality in remembering God's goodness, even in the good and bad.

- 3. What is an area of your life where God is nudging you to stand in faith to believe?**

Leader's Notes

A reflect and response question for members to share with the cell an area they are seeking for breakthrough in. Members can later break into groups to pray for one another.

Closing

May we continue to remember God's faithfulness and remember that God is not done with us! He desires for us to hunger for more of His presence in our lives and to live the abundant life He has called us to live.

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 that we will heed the leading of the Holy Spirit and God's leadership.
- Pray that God will break the spirit of independence in us so that we will lean on Him completely.
- Pray for our family members and friends, especially for those who have yet to know Him.
- To commit 2024 to God and allow Him to work in us and through us as we continue to seek Him.

2. RiverLife

- Pray for our church, that as we enter into 2024, we will determine to grow into Christlikeness.
- Pray that we will position ourselves for God to mould us into the church He desires us to be.

3. World

- Continue to pray for the various nations that are at war:
 - a. Russia and Ukraine
 - b. Myanmar (Civil War) – Pray for the situation where military service was made compulsory for man and woman between the ages of 18 and 35.
 - c. Israel & Hamas
- Continue to pray for countries that have an escalated conflict situation:
 - a. China and the Philippines in the South China Sea
 - b. North & South Korea
- Continue to pray for countries recovering from recent natural disasters:
 - a. Japan (Earthquake)
 - b. Iceland (Volcanic Eruption)
- Pray for Singapore
 - a. Pray against the rise of young drug abusers
 - b. Pray for a stability in the cost of living in Singapore
 - c. Pray for the Zika cluster in Boon Lay Place
- Pray for Indonesia as a new president has just been appointed.

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.

1. The Parents Gathering. 23 Mar, 2pm-6pm. Grace Chapel.

- No fees required.
- Registration: rlc.sg/pg
- This platform is designed to help parents of various life-stages to grow in their roles as parents, as well as support one another in their parenting journey. Each quarterly gathering will include short teachings, group connection time, refreshments, as well as parents processing time.

2. Family Life Portal.

- Our Family Life ministry strengthens relationships within the family so that they are reflective of who God is – married couples loving and serving each other, parents discipling their children in the ways of God, grandparents inspiring the generations by their faith and actions, and the singles living secure and fruitful lives for God’s kingdom! RiverLife’s Family Life portal is an online platform that contains this year’s calendar of Family Life initiatives as well as a wide range of resources for various life stages.
- Access the portal: rlc.sg/familylife or www.riverlife.org.sg (Under the “Resources” tab)

3. Current Sermon Series: The Book of Joshua: A Life of Faith & Obedience

- Spread over two parts, this sermon series based on the book of Joshua will help us cultivate a life of faith and obedience, and realise how different life can be when we love the Lord our God, walk in all His ways, obey His commands, hold firmly to Him and serve Him with all our heart and soul (Joshua 22:5).
- Part 1: 28 Jan to 25 Feb, Part 2: 2 Jun to 25 Aug

4. Complimentary Shuttle Bus Service

- In view of our Filipino Service returning to RiverLife premises on Sundays, there is a shuttle bus service for Filipino congregants at 10.20am and 10.50am. This is to help them ease in as they transit from the previous service venue at Bible House.
- As such, we have a shuttle bus slot at 11am from RiverLife to Pasir Ris MRT.
- From RiverLife to Pasir Ris MRT: 11am at our Level 1 Drop Off Point
- Do note this is a provisional arrangement and subject to change following the transition period.

1. **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 interested in joining the gatherings and would like to find out more, connect with us on our Telegram Channel: [rlc.sg/ya](https://t.me/rlc.sg/ya).

Gathering Dates: 6 Apr, 4 May, 1 Jun, 3 Aug, 7 Sep, 5 Oct, 2 Nov

YA Camp: 5-7 Jul

Christmas Outreach: 14 Dec

2. **RiverLife Prayer Meetings.**

- *RLC Prayer Room.* Tue, 8-9.30pm, Victory Chapel. (Livestream: [rlc.sg/rpr-watch](https://t.me/rlc.sg/rpr-watch))
- *Revive Nights.* Wed, 8pm – 9.30pm, Victory Chapel. (Livestream: [rlc.sg/revivenights](https://t.me/rlc.sg/revivenights))

We encourage you to set aside every Wednesday for a time of fasting.

3. **Quarterly Calendar for Key English Adult Congregation Events**

**Some dates are tentative and subjected to change. Stay updated via our digital bulletin and our social media channels for the latest information.*

Quarter 1	Quarter 2
<p><u>February</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 Feb – YA Gathering, Caleb Ministry • 25 Feb – Q1 Leaders Huddle <p><u>March</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 to 3 Mar – MegaLife Leader’s Camp (Youth) • 3, 17, 24 Mar – Marriage Preparation Course #1 • 8 to 10 Mar – FOPx Conference (Youth) • 17 Mar – Water Baptism Service #1 • 23 Mar – Parents Gathering #1 • 29 to 31 Mar – Good Friday / Easter Weekend 	<p><u>April</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06 Apr to 22 Jun – YA Gathering, Alpha #1 • 07 Apr – Dating Couples Briefing #1 • 13 Apr – Caleb Ministry Gathering <p><u>May</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04 May – YA Gathering • 10 to 11 May – Leaders Advance • 24 to 31 May – Equipping #1: Numbers • 30 May to 01 Jun – SuperLife Camp <p><u>June</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2, 23, 30 Jun – Marriage Preparation Course #2 • 08 Jun – Caleb Ministry Gathering, Water Baptism Class #2 • 09 Jun – RiverLife AGM • 13 to 16 Jun – Youth Camp • 27 Jun – Fun Day (Youth) • 29 Jun – Parents Gathering #2

Calendar

Quarter 3	Quarter 4
<p><u>July</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 to 7 Jul – YA Camp • 13 Jul – Caleb Ministry • 14 Jul – Dating Couples Briefing #2 • 21 Jul – EA Welcome Lunch • 28 Jul – Baptism Service #2 <p><u>August</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 03 Aug – YA Gathering • 03 Aug to 3 Oct – Alpha Run #2 • 04 Aug – Q3 Leaders Huddle • 17 Aug – Parents Gathering #3 • 24 to 25 Aug – RLC 33rd Anniversary Weekend, RTF <p><u>September</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 07 Sep – YA Gathering • 01 to 15 Sep – Marriage Preparation Course #3 • 01 to 29 Sep – SPYCs • 06 to 15 Sep – Equipping #2: Deuteronomy • 14 Sep – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 22 Sep – EA Mid-Autumn Lunch Outreach 	<p><u>October</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 05 Oct – YA Gathering, Water Baptism Class #3 • 06 to 20 – Marriage Preparation Course #3 • 12 Oct – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 13 Oct – Discipleship @ Home for Pre-School Parents (Parents Equipping) • 16 to 23 Oct – Feast of the Tabernacles • 19 Oct – Fun Day (Youth) • 26 Oct – Local Outreach (Youth) <p><u>November</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 02 Nov – YA Gathering • 7 to 9 Nov – Ministry Orientation Camp for Sec 1s (Youth) • 10 Nov – Discipleship @ Home for Primary School Parents (Parents Equipping) • 10 Nov – Water Baptism Service #3 • 15-24 Nov – Equipping #4 • 23-25 Nov – Marriage Retreat <p><u>December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 Dec – YA Christmas Outreach, Caleb Ministry Gathering • 19 to 21 Dec – Youth Conference • 21-22 Dec – Christmas Outreach Weekend • 28 Dec – Parents Gathering #4

Ministry & Opportunities



1. The 9M Ministry.

This 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. 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.

3. RiverLife Cares Opportunities.

Enquiries/Registration: rlc.sg/serve-rlcares

4. Prayer Ministry.

If you require prayer ministry for any issues you face (eg. fear, worry, etc), you can sign up for RiverLife's RTF ministry: bit.ly/rlcrtf

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.

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