

Date: 14 July 2024 | **Speaker:** Ps David & Greta Peters | **Topic:** More in 2024 | **Scripture:** Various

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

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

1. Be encouraged that God is drawing us to greater intimacy to Him and to answer the call
2. Be reminded that we are more than conquerors in Christ, God will give us more than we ask as long as it is in accordance to His will and to encourage one another.

SERMON SUMMARY

Ps David and Greta Peters share with us their word for this year to encourage RiverLife Church; The phrase they were given was "More in 2024".

1. More than Conquerors (**Romans 8:37**)

Ps David Peters elaborates on what "all these things" mean (**Romans 8:35**). We learn that we are more than conquerors over these things through Christ. He enables us to overcome and have the victory (**1 John 5:4**).

2. More than We Can Ask (**Ephesians 3:20**)

He encourages us to seek God's will and dare to ask God for big things in accordance to God's will. God is a good Father and He will always have a way of surpassing our expectations to remind us how kind and amazing He is and for us to live in awe of Him.

3. All the More (**Hebrews 10:24-25**)

Christ will return one day and situations will be harder nearing to His coming. However, we can encourage each other in our communities. Ps David shared on how one encouragement we give may go on to impact others.

As we continue to journey in 2024, let us believe, pray and expect to be amazed by what God does.

SERMON RECAP

Ps. David and Greta shared about a fresh new season and spoke about **Psalm 24** and open doors for this year.

I. Door to Greater intimacy with the Lord (**Revelation 3:20**)

II. A Door of Greater Revelation (**Revelation 4:1**)

III. Purity to open doors for the King of Glory to enter (**Psalm 24:7**)

– He exhorted us to surrender to the Holy Spirit to spring clean our hearts (**Psalms 24:3-4**). He also encouraged us to declare: Overwhelming victory is ours through Christ.

IV. Doors of Opportunity (**1 Corinthians 16:9**)

– God wants to use us to open the door of Hope and of Miracles (eg. Salvations, Healing, Financial, Relationships)

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- In **John 1:12**, we are reminded that God gives us power as we become children of God. We, the new creation, are encouraged to turn to Christ and acknowledge Him (**2 Corinthians 5:17**)
- God is sending a spirit of conquest to His people in 2024 and desires for us to experience breakthroughs. He exhorted us to take up our swords to pray for breakthrough in our lives.
- We are encouraged to take up the shield of faith (**Ephesians 6:16**) and to take hold of Scripture and declare His Word, and also not to fear as He is our strength (**Isaiah 41:10**). Ps David encouraged us to know our Scripture (the logos word).

2. More than We Can Ask (**Ephesians 3:20**)

- Ps David encouraged us to keep trusting and believing. We will inherit the will of God by faith and patience. He also encouraged us not to let disappointments set us back in our prayers.
- Let us dare to ask God, to hunger to figure out what God's will is and to bring it to the Lord. Dare to believe Him! Dare to ask big in 2024. Dare to think big (Done in the context of kingdom living and purposes). As long as it is God's will, He will do more than our biggest request. He always has a way of surpassing our expectations to remind us how kind and amazing He is, leaving us in awe of Him.

3. All the More (**Hebrews 10:24-25**)

- Christ will return one day and situations will be harder nearing to His coming. However, we can encourage each other in our communities.
- Encouragement is the language of heaven and the aim is to put courage in one another.
- Encouragement works best in small groups. Ps David cited Joseph, who became Barnabas, the son of encouragement. Barnabas reached out to Saul when everyone was very wary of him. If there had been no Barnabas, there might not have been a Paul.
- As we continue to journey in 2024, let us believe, pray and expect to be amazed by what God does.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Ps David & Greta Peters shared about three types of “More”. Share with the cell if any pointer resonated for you.**

Leader’s Notes

The question acts as a recap and reflect question for members to share about what spoke to them. If appropriate, leaders can invite them to share more (eg. more about their situation, or how hearing the pointer encouraged or brought them insight on their situation or the character of God).

Transition

God desires for us to trust Him and to live in victory.

- 2. Ps David spoke about the importance of knowing the Word even as we wage in spiritual warfare. Share with the cell your own experience of how the Word was an anchor for you in difficult times.**

Leader’s Notes

This question aims for the cell to reflect about knowing more of God’s Word in our lives and using it as an anchor and to remember that it is the Sword of the Spirit which we engage with in spiritual warfare. Members can share verses that reminded them of God’s faithfulness and presence in their difficult situations. Leaders can encourage members to know more of the Word and to encourage each other to grow in God.

Transition

Knowing God’s word provides us with certainty and an anchor in the storms of life

- 3. Ps David and Greta shared about the various doors. Share with the cell if there is any door you are feeling led to take an action step in.**

Leader’s Notes

Leaders can invite members to share if any of the doors that the Peters shared resonated with them and to share if there is an action step they wish to take and how the cell can support them. The cell can also break into smaller groups and pray for each other

Closing

Let us continue to desire for more of God in our lives!

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 God to reveal to us what are areas of our lives we need to be More of – seeking God for victory, trusting Him for things or to encourage each other in community
- Pray for our Church, that we will all grow deeper in God as individuals and as a community.

2. 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. Japan, China and the Philippines in the South China Sea
 - b. North & South Korea
- Continue to pray for countries recovering from recent natural disasters:
 - a. Taiwan (Earthquake)
 - b. Indonesia (Volcanic Eruption)
 - c. South East Asia – Heatwave across various countries
 - d. Canada (Wildfire)
 - e. Guangdong, China – Flash floods
 - f. India – Heatwave
- Pray for Singapore
 - a. Pray for PM Lawrence Wong and his cabinet as they begin a new chapter for Singapore
 - b. Pray for a stability in the cost of living in Singapore
- Other Global Issues
 - a. Pray for the United States of America as they recover from the assassination attempt of Donald Trump
 - b. Pray for the UK as a new Prime Minister and Cabinet governs the nation
 - c. Pray for Thailand as it goes through a case seeking the dismissal of its Prime Minister
 - d. Pray for the political situation in France
 - e. Pray for the shortage of surgeons situation in Malaysia

3. 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.

Digital Bulletin: rlc.sg/bulletin

1. **Join the RiverLife Choir.** The choir meets twice a month for rehearsals and serve once a month at our English service. As a RiverLife Choir member, you will:
 - a. Lead God's people in worship. This is a calling, a joy and a privilege!
 - b. Develop the voice God has given you to praise Him
 - c. Be part of a team and get to serve with fellow RiverLifers

You will be invited for an Audition & Interview on Sat, 17 Aug upon sign up.

Sign up now: rlc.sg/serve (Kindly select 'Choir' under 'Worship & Music Ministry' in the signup form.)

2. **Alpha At RiverLife (Chinese Run).** 24 Aug – 26 Oct 2024, 9 In-Person Sessions. Alpha brings you on a journey to explore life's biggest questions - Who are you and why are you here on earth? If there's a God, what would you ask Him? All your questions about life, faith and God are welcomed at Alpha. Join us at our next run!
 - Find out more: rlc.sg/alpha-chi
 - Sign up online: rlc.sg/join-alphachi

3. **New Sermon Series (7 July – 25 August): The Book of Joshua: Walking with God in Faith & Obedience.** As we continue to trek the Israelites' journey after entering the Promised Land, we realise we are far from the end of their story. There were still battles to fight, enemies to defeat and above all – there was a choice to be made. A choice to obey God fully and walk with Him daily. A choice to believe the Promise Keeper would not fail them. This series of messages will help us recognise that we're presented with the same choice today. In Joshua's last words to the people he led, he urges them to cling tightly to the Lord and be very careful to love Him. Perhaps he knew it would be a choice they had to make every day to see God's promises fulfilled. Every day, we have a choice to make. Would we choose to love God, trust in Him and walk in His ways? When we do so as His people, our lives will testify of who God is. This second part of our series based on the book of Joshua covers chapters 5 to 24.

Catch up on Part 1 here: rlc.sg/joshuapart1

4. **The Courtship Journey. Sun, 28 Jul | 11.30am-1pm Victory Chapel (Level 1)** This initiative helps you to identify what to look for in a future spouse, as well as to understand the different stages of a courtship. Through this initiative, we hope couples will have a better starting point in their future marriages. There is no cost to join the gatherings. Register: rlc.sg/courtshipjourney
5. **40.Day 2024.** 1 Jul - 9 Aug. For 40 days starting 1 Jul until Singapore's National Day, all believers in Singapore, regardless of church or denomination, are invited to unite in prayer for our nation. We encourage those who are committing to pray and convicted to fast, to also fast a meal a day for the 40-day period. This year's three prayer emphases are:
 - Turning Singapore Godward
 - Winning the Youth
 - Blessing the Nations

Subscribe to the following for daily updates starting Mon, 1 Jul:

- Website: lovesingapore.org.sg
- YouTube: youtube.com/lovesingaporeonline
- Facebook: facebook.com/lovesingapore.org.sg
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Announcements

6. **SPYCES (Spiritual Parenting of Young Couples). 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Sep 2pm-5pm. Online via Zoom Fees: \$10 per participant.** SPYCES is a series of five workshop sessions where participants will connect with fellow parents in the same season, and learn biblical and practical ways of relating to their children and grandchildren.

For more info: rlc.sg/spyces-info

7. **Outing to Singapore Garden Festival by Caleb Ministry.** This seeker-friendly outreach outing is specially organised for seniors aged 55 and above, as well as their family members. It is suitable for pre-believers or unchurched believers you are currently reaching out to. We will be having lunch together at Olive Vine before attending the Singapore Garden Festival. There will be a short sharing of the gospel over lunch.

Sat, 10 Aug 10.45am-2pm

10.45am: Fellowship & Lunch (Olive Vine Pasta Fusion, #B1-17 Marina Square)

12.30pm: Singapore Garden Festival (Suntec City Convention & Exhibition Centre, Levels 4, 7, 6)

Specially Discounted Rates

Include lunch & admission to Singapore Garden Festival

Eligible for local residents based on age in NRIC

- Seniors above 60 & Children below 12: \$35 per pax
- Those above 12 & below 60: \$40 per pax

8. **RiverLife Missions.** Mission trip schedule for 2024 is out now on our Missions website! Discover how you can sow into the nations this year: rlc.sg/missions

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: 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)
- *Revive Nights.* Wed, 8pm – 9.30pm, Victory Chapel. (Livestream: 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 3	Quarter 4
<p><u>July</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 Jul – EA Welcome Lunch • 28 Jul – The Courtship Journey <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 – Leaders Equipping • 10 Aug – Caleb Ministry Gathering: Outing • 11 Aug – Water Baptism Service #2 • 17 Aug – Parents Gathering #3 • 24 to 25 Aug – RLC 33rd Anniversary Weekend <p><u>September</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 07 Sep – YA Gathering • 14 Sep – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 01 to 15 Sep – Marriage Preparation Course #3 • 01 to 29 Sep – SPYces • 06 to 15 Sep – Equipping #2: Numbers • 14 Sep – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 22 Sep – EA Mid-Autumn Lunch Outreach • 21, 22, 28 & 29 Sep - RTF Activation 	<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) • 9 Nov – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 10 Nov – Discipleship @ Home for Primary School Parents (Parents Equipping) • 10 Nov – Water Baptism Service #3 • 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-rlcar

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: rlc.sg/rtf

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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