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THE YEAR OF INTEGRITY

A LIFE OF
INTEGRITY

FINALLY,
(PHYSICAL) CHURCH!

MONTHLY
PLAYLIST

Vision

To be a "House of Prayer for all nations"
Isaiah 56 :7b

Mission

A praying and witnessing church who have a
close personal relationship with The Lord, to
change the world for the glory of the Lord.



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Philadelphia - Pniel — Dwi, Vero
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Ephraim — Sonia, Kendrew
Ekklesia — Edo, Ica
Emmaus — Fabian, Priska
Galilee — Kevin Y, Corine
Gennesaret — Reinetta, Albert
Gilgal - Carmel — Erika, Mike
Hebron - Philippi — Yoseph, Rian
Zion — Monica, Raymond
Eden — Jennifer

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Antioch — Andy, Iwan
Tiberias — Andre, Albert
Gethsemane — Michael, Rudy
Jerusalem — Hestu
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Tabernacle — Sandi
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Macedonia — Eric, Alicia
Shiloh — Daniel, Clarissa

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Judah — Aldo, Kezia M.
Israel — Catherine, Jerry
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A Life of Integrity

By Evelyne Setiono

INTEGRITY. What comes to your mind when you hear of this word?

By definition, 'Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral uprightness, being complete, undivided and single-minded. It is the unwavering determination in the heart to do right no matter what. Yes, you might have heard or even used the word so many times before on different occasions, but have you really pondered what it really means and lived by it?

Speaking from my own experience, integrity should be something that I do cheerfully, but it turned out to be a nightmare to me because I used to think that I have to resist the temptations of this sinful world and force myself to do good even when no one sees. I realised that I felt that way because I rely on my own strength, and not on God's.

When we say that we are a Christian, it means that we should possess Christ-like characters or to put it blatantly, we are to be like Christ. Perfect integrity can only be found in Jesus (John 14:6; Isaiah 26:7), and so through Him, we are able to aim towards true integrity, the character of Jesus, to ourselves. And one thing that we need to remember, if we have got any integrity, it's not just because we have it naturally. If we have really got it, it is because God gave it to us, as John 15:5 says "...apart from me you can do nothing".

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2 Timothy 2:1-7 speaks about the foundation of our integrity. It gives illustration about a soldier, an athlete and a farmer, and that they all work with single-mindedness, integrity and diligence, strengthened by God's grace in Christ Jesus (v.1). This means that if we please God, it will be because of God's grace. If we are crowned, it will be by God's grace. If we got the first shares of the crop, it will be by God's grace. When we know that we have received forgiveness and blood-bought grace through faith, we know that we can achieve integrity not by our own


works, therefore it no longer becomes a burden.

Living in integrity should be exciting because it contains a mission! By living rightfully anywhere and anytime, we are showing God's love and character to the world. We are transmitting precious biblical truths (the gospel) to others as we fight with single-mindedness, run with integrity and work with diligence and may God make us good entrusters of biblical truths to everyone.

Even then, in this sinful world, we will encounter numerous temptations, hardships and sufferings that will attack our integrity. However, since we know the truth that a life of integrity is built on hope in God and rest on what God has done for us, we should never be daunted by our sufferings. We can endure hardships because our hope is in God's grace and His promises. We can conquer through

sufferings and temptations, even the Scripture says that we are more than conquerors because Christ has won the battles for us so that we may live in righteousness.

I believe it is no coincidence that our theme for this new year is the year of integrity. Maybe in 2020 you lose your motivation to join church services or go to prayer meetings because everything has changed to online platform. Maybe you don't work hard at your work or study because you do it all from home and no one keeps watch on what you're doing. Or anything else that made you fail to keep your integrity in the last year. Let's begin 2021 with a renewed mind and a renewed heart, as we build a life of integrity, with our eyes fixed on the finished work of Christ instead of our own and knowing that from the Lord we will receive the inheritance as our reward (Colossians 3:24).



BEGIN.



Finally, (physical) church!

By Valerie Setiono

03 January 2021. Our first on-site service back at our home church in South Melbourne. I remember the excitement I felt the week before when it was announced that we can go back to church physically, and even more so when I got my ticket in my inbox. How I've missed sitting on the colourful chairs at church, worshipping God together with the congregation and listening to the sermons live! After almost 10 months of online church, I realised how precious it is to actually be at the church building and have fellowship with other people every week.

Yes, we've heard it again and again this past 10 months that church is not about the building. And yes, I believe it is true. God's power and anointing is not limited by four-walls of the church building, nor by the gathering of many people. We've heard many testimonies about how God is working in the midst of His people in their own homes, many hearts transformed, relationships restored, and I believe that is all proof that nothing can limit what God can do and what He wants to do.

For me, however, while online church may be more convenient (waking up 10 minutes before the service starts, wearing sweatpants and staying in bed the whole service, pausing and starting the service anytime), it can never substitute for the real thing. We all know how difficult it is to communicate with each other through ZOOM. And that is one of the main reasons why churches must be 'offline'.

Fellowship of believers

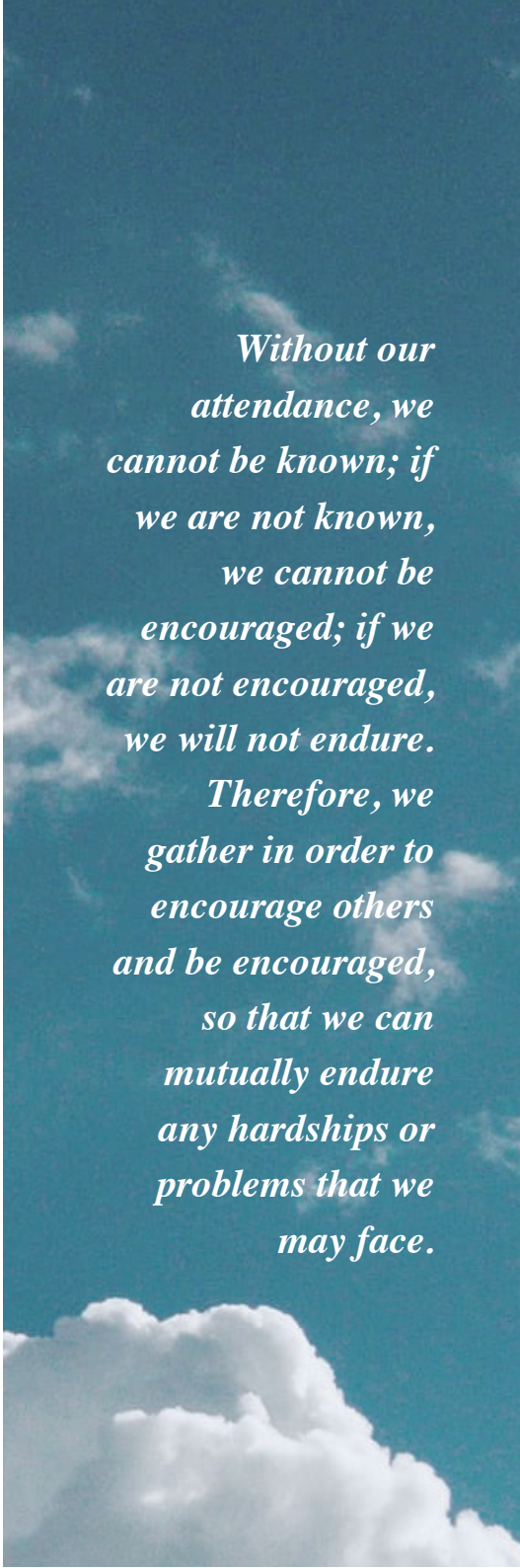
One aspect that is the most crucial in a church is the gathering of the people. Just like sending emails to long-distance family, while it may suffice for a while, but when the time comes to meet with each other, wouldn't you choose to meet them face-to-face, rather than keep writing to each other virtually? Same goes with our church life, online churches may have to do for a while because of the pandemic, but when it's time to go back to physical church, why would we say no?

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

According to this verse, how do we stir up one another to love and

good works (re: godly living)? By meeting together, showing up to church every week! Attending church every week is also a part of our ministry. In this verse, it said “not neglecting to meet together, ... but encouraging one another.” Showing up to church is serving others; to gather is to encourage. We cannot regularly encourage others that we rarely see. Without our attendance, we cannot be known; if we are not known, we cannot be encouraged; if we are not encouraged, we will not endure. Therefore, we gather in order to encourage others and be encouraged, so that we can mutually endure any hardships or problems that we may face.

On top of that, our characters that need refining are seldom revealed in isolation, but more so in the presence of others, especially those whom we meet regularly. Being in a community of Christ encourages



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us to be transformed into His image more and more, bit by bit. Fellowship with other believers helps us to grow in our faith. Reading our Bible and praying are great ways to grow in our knowledge of Christ and build intimate relationships with Him, but we need to share that with one another. God gives us a gift to learn and to grow when we come together in fellowship, and so we can show each other how to live as God wants us to live and how to walk in His footsteps.

Restored motivation

Having online church for 10 months taught me to re-evaluate my motivation to go to church. Did I go to church just out of habit? Did I see church as a weekly event that we must attend every Sunday? If so, we would be satisfied and comfortable with “coming” to church virtually. If we think of church as a family gathering,

where we can do corporate worship and share love and encourage one another, we wouldn’t want to miss every service. Tuning in to church virtually will start to feel as dissatisfying as livestreaming family dinner.

I’m grateful that I feel dissatisfied with online service. When many people start to get used to it and even enjoy the online service out of convenience, I’m glad that I am still longing for in-person gatherings with my family in Christ. I now know why I go to church every Sunday, and I want to cherish every second I can spend at church.

Corporate worship

The most prevalent factor for me that differentiate online from offline church is the lack of corporate worship. And it is one thing that I miss the most. I miss singing praises

together at church, worshiping God and praying together. I believe corporate worship plays a big role in our sanctification. Often, when we join in corporate worship, God loves not only to change our minds, but to also change our hearts right at that moment of worship.

I remember on the first Sunday back at church, immediately when we started the worship session, I was in tears. I got reminded of how God has been faithful throughout our times in lockdown and He will remain faithful. I realised how hard these past months have been for everyone, yet God never fails to show His love, and that none of us fall away and lose faith in the midst of these uncertain

times. I feel an overwhelming peace and joy to be able to stand there and hear everyone sing in one place, together at the same time. I believe that is what corporate worship can do. It accentuates our awe of Christ, as our adoration towards Him increased and our joy doubled when we worship Jesus together.

I really hope everyone of us has this longing in our hearts to go back to the offline church. I hope we will feel dissatisfied with online service, as we are longing for a face-to-face family gathering with our family in Christ at BIC. And let's celebrate His goodness together and experience how He increases our joy as we share our joy with others.





THE ULTIMATE LIST OF

NEW YEAR SONGS

#1

Selain Kau Tiada Yang Lain

WELYAR KAUNTU

#2

Tetap Setia

TRUE WORSHIPPERS

#3

Voice of Truth

CASTING CROWNS

#4

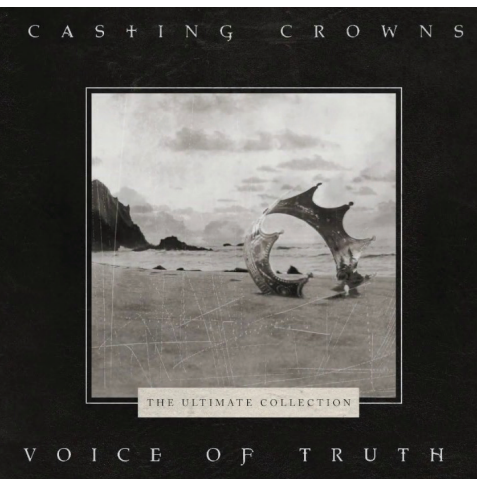
Even When It Hurts

HILLSONG UNITED

#5

KasihMu Mempesona

SYMPHONY WORSHIP



You can find the complete playlist in Spotify



MINISTRY LIST

Vocal — Jessica Sutiono
Musician — Raynaldo Ali
Multimedia — Budi Sendjaja
Lighting — Budi Sendjaja
Sound — Steven Santika
Usher — Elbert Pranoto
Translator — Elbert Pranoto
Caring — Felix Hariyadi
Dancer — Priska Sunaryo
Drama — Jennifer Chandra
Sunday School — Reinetta Tanujaya
Hospitality — Tasmin Ifah
Intercessor — Monica Haryanto
Mission — Felix Chietra
Media Art — Sonia Pranatha
Community Kitchen — Yolanda Tjong
Cultivated Podcast — Ravello Satria
Youth — Rio Susanto



“Without the Bible, we will soon lose the genuine gospel and the real Jesus and the true God. For now, if we are to saturate our lives with the words of life, we must be people of the Book.”

DAVID MATHIS

