

## **4Ws for Week 3, 18 - 24 Jan 2021**

*(With COVID-19, this 4Ws is to be adapted for use at online meetings.)*

### **WELCOME (15 minutes)**

Choose one of the following icebreakers:

*(If you have first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)*

#### **1. Bring It!**

The Facilitator will call out a letter of the alphabet. Members will try to find something in the house that starts with that letter and show it to the whole group. They should leave their video on as they go around the house to search for the thing to present to the group. The first person to come back gets a point. All should come back to the Zoom session once they hear that someone has already come back with an object. This is so that no time is wasted as we wait for the rest to come back.

Examples: toothpaste, sibling, stuffed animal, pet, something yellow, etc.

Alternative: Facilitator can give the members a list of things to find and whoever comes back first is the winner. In this instance, give a time limit and call the people back after this time limit. The person with the most number of items from the list wins.

#### **2. Bon Appétit**

Give members 30-60 seconds to determine the most interesting and useful app on their phone. Then, have each participant share their app with the rest of the group. Alternatively, in place of apps, you can also do this activity with books, recipes, movies, etc.

#### **Transition to Worship:**

*Everlasting Father, we come to You as our everlasting Lord, Saviour and King who rules an everlasting kingdom that shall never be destroyed, and an everlasting dominion that shall never pass away. 2020 has quickly passed away, but You are from everlasting to everlasting. The grass has grown and withered, the flowers have bloomed and fallen off, but You are the everlasting rock that remains forever. Amen!*

### **WORSHIP (20 minutes)**

You may use the following worship songs:

1. Everlasting God (G)
2. Goodness of God (G)
3. Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me (A)

Let us pause to wait upon the Lord for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. We would like to encourage everyone to exercise the gifts of the Holy Spirit – if you have a word, a vision, tongues and interpretation of tongues – release it to minister to each other.

#### **Transition to Word:**

*Almighty God, as we gather together to learn, to grow and to change, help us move into a deeper understanding of Your truth. We lay our lives down before You and ask that You would move amongst us. May we all feel safe with each other, safe to think and question, safe to ask for help,*

*and safe to share our lives with You, our loving heavenly Father. Amen.*

## **WORD (45 minutes)**

### **Memory verse of the week: Matthew 5:6 (NIVUK)**

<sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

**Sermon Title: Hang On**

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### **Scripture Passage: Hebrews 11:8-12 (NLT)**

<sup>8</sup> It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. <sup>10</sup> Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God. <sup>11</sup> It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise. <sup>12</sup> And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them.

### **Introduction**

Last week we learnt from Elijah that when nothing seems to happen, it is not nothing. The two truths that keep us going when nothing seems to happen are:

1. It's not nothing; it's just unseen
2. It's not nothing; it's a start

“Hang On” can mean to wait (that is, to be patient) or to persevere. Patience is a demonstration of our faith. When all the world is feeling nervous and acting on impulse, what will distinguish us as Christians is that we remain patient, regardless of the situation. We wait patiently because we believe that God's promises still stand even though we might not see it at that moment. Faith is not just about stepping out to do things; it is also trusting Him by staying in the same place. Whether we are challenged to stay or go, patience is what will help us take the next step when God has spoken.

Through Abraham's and Sarah's lives we can learn what it means to be patient. Patience is trusting that:

1. Time is in God's hands.
2. Our destiny is on God's heart.

### **Discovery and Understanding Questions:**

#### **Q1. Why is it so difficult for us to be patient?**

**A1.** It is difficult because:

- a. We interpret time according to our own understanding of the things happening around us. We become impatient and impulsive as we feel like there is not enough time or that if we do not get something done right now then we are going to lose out for the rest of our lives.

- b. We forget that our destiny is in God's hands and on His heart. So, we focus on how we must take action and seize moments so that we can ensure our future.

**Q2. How then can we learn to be patient?**

**A2.** We can learn to be patient by trusting that:

- a. Time is in God's hands and time to God is totally not the same as it is to us. Just like Abraham who had Isaac at his old age.

**Genesis 21:1-3 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. <sup>2</sup> She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. <sup>3</sup> And Abraham named their son Isaac.

- b. Our destiny is written on God's heart and that He is not here to short change us, but to prosper us and give us a glorious future and hope.

**Jeremiah 29:11 (NIVUK)**

<sup>11</sup>For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

**Application Questions**

Break into smaller groups, share, pray and minister to one another.

**Q1.** As you listen to the sermon, what are the things that God is reminding you to have patience in?

**Q2.** Share one situation in your life that you want to be patient in, and trust that:

- 1. Time is in God's hands.
- 2. Our destiny is on God's heart.

**Transition to Works:**

*God has a destiny for us. Let us now spend some time to discuss the outreach activities of our cell.*

**WORKS (15 minutes)**

**1. Consolidation of Visitors/New Converts from your outreach**

Assimilate them! Let them experience a sense of belonging to our faith community! Connect with them via phone calls; introduce them to cell members via WhatsApp and invite them to join in our livestream services and your online cell group meetings.

**2. Continue to Connect**

**a) With cell group members**

- 1. Hold your cell members accountable to watch the Livestream Service or download the message to listen later. Suggest CG Members meet in the separate homes of some of the CG members to view together the online service. But keep to 8 guests per group or household.
- 2. Seek ways and means to stay connected with each other. For example:
  - a. Synchronize prayer times

- b. Share devotional thoughts through WhatsApp. Encourage your members to post their Quiet Time Reflections in your cell group chat.
  - c. Create a cell group hashtag - Post uplifting messages, sermon videos and notes, or even bookmark pretty verse images that you like on Instagram by leaving these in your cell group hashtag as a comment. Everything that has been tagged with your cell group hashtag will be available for the entire group to see!
  - d. Video call each other
  - e. Arrange get-togethers of no more than 8 persons.
3. Continue with your cell group meetings online. Ensure that none of your members fall through the cracks. Continue to monitor the attendance of your online meetings.

**b) With Potential BESTs / Pre-Believers**

1. Evangelism need not take a back seat with livestreaming. Invite pre-believing friends/Bests/3x3 contacts (depending on their comfort level) to join you in watching our livestream service. Connect online with them and spur other members to do so.
2. When the salvation altar call is made during livestreaming, a Response Form link will be screened over the livestream for those who have responded or want to respond, to fill in. The livestream links are:

- For English -- [www.fcbc.org.sg/connectwithus](http://www.fcbc.org.sg/connectwithus)
- For Chinese -- [www.fcbc.org.sg/zh/connectwithus](http://www.fcbc.org.sg/zh/connectwithus)

Encourage your pre-believing contacts to fill up the Response Form or you can help them fill it up. When filling up the Form, try to provide as much of the information needed as possible, and do so immediately after the livestream service.

3. Organise activities for your CG members to connect face-to-face with their contacts, e.g. go for a nature walk, meet together for meals, etc. But please keep to social distancing guidelines and limit to no more than 8 per group.

**3. 3x3 Prayer**

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the strongholds that bind the people. Ask Him to set up divine appointments for us to minister His power over them (words of knowledge, healing, helps, etc.). Pray for one another to have boldness, courage and obedience to follow through.

**4. Chinese New Year Visits & Outreach**

Start planning outreach activities during the Chinese New Year period – e.g., organise visits to your members' homes to interact with their parents; distribute Chinese New Year goodies to the elderly poor in your neighbourhood and make friends with them, etc.

For more announcements, please visit [www.fcbc.org.sg/announcements](http://www.fcbc.org.sg/announcements) or our social media platforms – we can be found on Facebook and Instagram @fbcscg.