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# GRACE MONTHLY

*"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"  
Matthew 6:25*



## In Need of God's Grace

by Annie Chang

God speaks. I forget. I worry. Repeat.

Over the last couple of months a recurring thread in my personal spiritual life is that, whenever I encounter obstacles in regards to school or relationships, I forget about God's promises and His Word. Often, I catch myself and my peers spiralling away, blinded by waves of anxiety and fear despite knowing the truth: God will never forsake us.

We need God. We are simply too weak to battle alone in the world. However, acknowledging this is difficult, especially since we live in such a "me-centered" society where we've been trained to believe we are self-sufficient and self-dependant and that anyone who admits weakness is wrong. We forget about God and try to do things by our ways, alone. Inevitably, we tire out.

Lately, God has placed Matthew 6:25 on my heart which states, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" This verse reminds me of the promise - which is so often forgotten - that God will take care of us and, because of that, we need not worry about the future or our goals. God's constant and relentless grace is with us.

So let us start this year right. Let us focus our gaze on God and remember His grace. God promises to provide and He does not break His promises. I hope we can all take solace in that truth and look at the world through God's holy and wise lens and not fall back by leaning on our own understanding.

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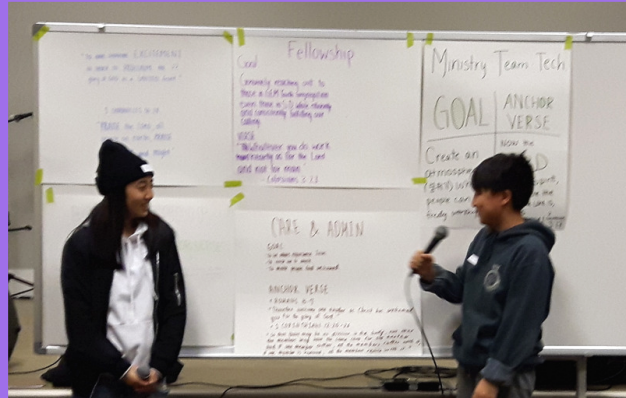
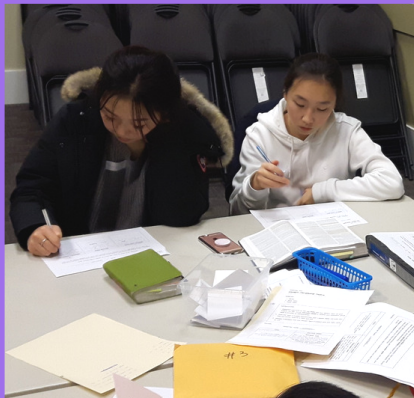
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# JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

## STUDENT DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY TEAM LAUNCH

GEM Youth Student Discipleship had their Ministry Team Launch on Friday, January 5th. Each Ministry Team had the opportunity to work on several activities together to build team unity as well as set specific goals that they will work towards as a team and individually. They also wrote prayer cards to encourage one another in their involvement in Student Discipleship.



## C.H.A.N.G.E.S & PRAISE AND PRAYER NIGHT

On Friday, Jan 12th, GEM Youth had a special leader-led Friday Youth Night, titled "C.H.A.N.G.E.S". The acronym stood for, "Come Have A Night of Games and Eating Snacks", which is exactly what they did!

They began the night with eating hotdogs, and then a game of Family Feud. The teams exploded in cheers whenever they had an answer on the board. The second game was an activity where the teams had to build two bouncy ball traps.

There were lots of creativity and teamwork amongst the teams, and more than half the teams were successful!

In the end, three teams came in first place. They played blind rock-paper-scissors to break the tie.

On the same evening, CLAY Youth had a Praise and Prayer Night. The next Praise and Prayer Night will be a joint one with GCC and GraceLife, on Friday, February 2nd.



# JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D

## STUDYING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS THROUGH THE LIFE OF MOSES

CLAY Youth는 1월 한달동안 모세를 통해 이스라엘 백성을 인도하신 하나님에 대해 배웠습니다. 하나님은 충성된 종 모세를 통해 이스라엘 백성을 향한 사랑과 계획하심을 보여주셨습니다. 홍해를 건너게 하시고, 불기둥과 구름기둥으로 한걸음 한걸음 인도하신 하나님은 오늘도 우리를 너무나 만나고 싶어하시는 분입니다. 하나님은 우리를 부족함 없이 인도하시는 주님이심을 다시한번 느끼고 은혜를 누리시는 시간이었습니다.



## LEADERS OUTING

Leaders can have fun too! On Sunday, Jan 28th, the GEM Youth leaders went on an outing to build relationship outside of the youth leadership context. They had a brief meeting over dinner, then played a couple of games of bowling at Zone Bowling. One team had a clear win, but good thing they didn't bet anything!



## "EXTREME" OUTING

One of the grade 7 girls' class went to Extreme Air Park on Saturday, January 27th. They jumped for hours, and yet they still had so much energy afterwards! They had dinner together at A&W and called it a night.



# QT GUIDELINE

## Praise & Prayer

- **Pray** for Pastor Choongmin and Pastor Josh who are overseeing the ABLE Ministry and the Education Department, respectively, during Pastor Kevin's 3-month sabbatical. Pray that they will lead by God's wisdom as they take on this temporary role.
- Continue to pray for the weekly Friday Youth Night meetings. **Pray** that students will mature in Christ as they study the Word of God in depth.

What does it mean to have a "quiet time" with God? There are many ways you can spend reading the Word of God. If you've been looking for a practical way to read and apply God's Word, try the "SOAP" method.

## Scripture

**Read** the chosen passage multiple times, slowly. Then, **copy and write** the passage out onto a notebook.

## Observation

**Make note of the things that stand out to you.** What jumps out at you? Anything interesting or unusual? Is there repetition, comparison, or contrast?

## Application

This is where God's Word becomes personal. Write down how you will **apply** what you just read to your life in a practical way. What changes do you need to make? Is there a specific action you need to take?

## Prayer

**Respond to God with your own words.** Pray a prayer of thanksgiving, praise, confession, or anything else on your heart.

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

**Friday, Feb 2nd**

Joint Prayer Night with GCC

**Friday, Feb 9th**

Friday Youth Night

**Friday, Feb 16th**

(GEM) Bro & Sis Appreciation Night  
(CLAY) One Night Retreat

**Friday, Feb 23rd**

Friday Youth Night