Getting Ready for Difficulty

「你該知道,末世必有危險的日子來 到。」(提後 3:1)

使徒保羅在培養提摩太「也要交託那 忠心能教導別人的人。」(提摩太後書 2:2) 的同時, 他也確保提摩太知道困 難即將來臨。在第三章中, 保羅特別提 到與「愛自己」而不是「愛上帝」的人 打交道的困難。關於這些難相處的人, 保羅在第 5 節說:「這等人你要躲 開。」。這是一個相當強烈的命令。但 是,如果我們不認真對待這個命令,後 果可能會更嚴重。 當我們思考提摩太 後書 3:1-9 時, 我想提出三點提醒, 讓 我們保持警覺。

首先, 我們在稱人為「專顧自己, 貪 愛錢財, 自誇, 狂傲, 謗讟, 違背父母 等」之前必須小心。因為這些特徵不能 被輕率地理解。保羅在第7節中指 出,表現出這些不良特徵的人,他們似 乎不願意在正確的道路上得到糾正或教 導。然而, 那些自私但願意聆聽和接受 教導的人, 他們需要被關懷, 而不僅僅 是管教。也許他們沒有一個可以教他們 如何做人的導師。在審判之前, 神首先 賜給我們恩典。因此, 在管教之前, 我 們必須先給與關懷。

其次, 我們應該盡量主動而不是被 動。我們不應該等到因為自私、貪愛金 錢或無法受教出現問題時才採取行動。 也許我們第一件事我們能做的就是不要 隱藏自己的邪惡性格悔改自己的罪,並 向年長的基督徒尋求諮詢和指導。那麼 我們的團契和小組不應該只是聖經學習 和聚會。我們需要準備好誠實地承認自 己的罪並糾正兄弟或姊妹的不當行為或 Of course, with gentleness and care. 罪過。當然是要帶著溫柔和關懷。

最後, 耶穌給了我們實用的建議 如何對待犯罪的人。這非常有幫助. 因 為他確保在每一步中都有實現和解的方 法。在馬太福音 18 章 15-17 節中, 耶 穌說:「倘若你的弟兄得罪你、你就 去, 趁着只有他和你在一處的時候, 指 出他的錯來。他若聽你,你便得了你的 弟兄:他若不聽,你就另外帶一兩個人 同去, 要憑兩三個人的口作見證, 句句 都可定準。若是不聽他們, 就告訴教 會;若是不聽教會,就看他像外邦人和 稅吏一樣。」

"But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty." (2 Timothy 3:1)

While the Apostle Paul is building up Timothy to "entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others" (2 Tim 2:2), he also makes sure Timothy knows that difficulty is coming. In chapter three, Paul specifically refers to the difficulty of dealing with people who are "lovers of self" rather than "lovers of God". About these difficult people, Paul says in verse five to "avoid such people." This is quite a strong command to be given. But, if we don't take this command seriously, the consequences can be even more serious. I want to offer three cautions to be mindful of as we reflect on 2 Timothy 3:1-9.

First, we have to be careful before we refer to people as "lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient," etc. Because these characteristics are not to be understood loosely. Paul specifies in v 7 that these people who demonstrate these bad characteristics, they seem unwilling to be corrected or taught in the right path. However, those who're selfish, yet willing to listen and to be taught, need to be cared for, not only disciplined. Maybe they don't have a mentor who can teach them how to behave. Before judgment, God gives us Grace first. So we must exercise care before discipline.

Secondly, we should try our best to be proactive rather than reactive. We shouldn't wait until problems arise due to selfishness, the love of money, or inability to be taught. Maybe the first thing we can do is not to hide our own evil characteristics and repent of our own sins and seek counseling and mentorship from older Christians. Then, our fellowship and small groups shouldn't just be about Bible Studies and hangouts. We need to be ready to be honest in confessing our sins and correcting a brother or sister's inappropriate behaviors or sins.

Lastly, Jesus has given us practical advice on how to deal with someone who sinned. It's very helpful because he made sure that in every step, there's a way for reconciliation to happen. In Matthew 18:15–17, Jesus says "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. "(ESV)

辛城教會本堂

Cincinnati Chinese Church at Compton

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每週聚會時間表 Service/ Meeting Schedule

主日聚會	Sunday Service	
中、英文崇拜	Chinese/English Worship	10:45 am
成人主日學	Chinese Adult Sunday School	9:30 am
兒童主日學	Children's Sunday School	10:45 am
禱告會/查經小組	Prayer Meetings/Small Group Bible Stud	dy
週一	姊妹查經小組(線上聚會)	7:30 pm
週二	姊妹查經小組(實體聚會)	9:30 am
週三(每月第一週)	美聖堂	8:00 pm
週三(每月最後一週)	聯合禱告會(本堂與美聖堂輪流舉行)	7:30 pm
週四	福樂查經小組(實體與 Zoom 平台同步)	9:30 am
週四	查經小組(賴姬吟,線上聚會)	9:30 am
週五	成人/青少年小組查經,兒童 AWANA 在美聖堂	7:30 pm
團契聚會	Fellowship Meeting	負責人
福樂團契	每月第一週星期四早上 9:30 實體與 Zoom 同步	李翠英
安德森團契	每月第一週星期六晚上 6:00 輪流在各家舉行	傅亦冰
建武營團契	每月第一個星期六禱告會輪流在各家攀行	張東升
加利利團契	每月第三週星期三禱告會輪流在各家擧行	朱文瑋
UC校園園契	每週五晚上 7:30 在 Peoples Church 實體聚會	朱奇
Miami 校園團契	每週五晚上6:00 實體聚會	唐慧瑩
青少年團契	Youth Fellowship 每週五晚上 7:30 在美聖堂	Simon
カノ「四大		Boenaidi

主日崇拜, 備有耳機英語翻譯。早上9:30 開始提供兒童、青少年聚會、 以及嬰幼兒看顧。

Sunday Mandarin Worship Service has English translation by earphone. Starting at 9:30 AM, we provide K-6th grade Children Gospel Group, Youth Worship Service (English), and Nursery.

2023 年辛城教會主題:持定應許,做主精兵 Cincinnati Chinese Church Theme for 2023: Hold Firm to God's Promises; Be a Good Soldier of Christ

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辛城教會本堂聯合主日崇拜

CCC Compton Joint Sunday Service 12/03/2023

敬拜詩歌 **Worship Hymns** 主我高舉你的名 何等恩典

李照岩 Eddie Li

我知誰掌管明天

Lord, I lift Your Name on High **How Could It Be** I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

信息 Message

事工中難相處的人 **Difficult People in Ministry** 提摩太後書 2 Tim 3:1-9

Simon 傳道 **Minister Simon**

回應詩歌 **Responsive Hymn**

為主而活 **Living for Jesus** 李照岩

Eddie Li 楊洋牧師

聖餐 Communion

Pastor Bobby Young

特別分享

司提反關懷事工推廣 **Stephen Ministry Promotion**

蘇欣弘 Paul Su

歡迎與報告

Special Sharing

李照岩

Welcome & Announcements

Eddie Li

祝禱 **Benediction**

Simon 傳道 **Minister Simon**

金句: 你該知道, 末世必有危險的日子來到。(提摩太後書 3:1)

Key Verse: But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. (2 Timthy 3:1 ESV)

領會/領詩: 李照岩

Worship Leader: Eddie Li

司琴: 李人傑

Pianist: Joe Li

影音同工: 江祥立

A/V Worker: Roger Chiang

招待同工: 杜庭宇、史文彬

Ushers: Ting-Yu Tu, Wenbin Shi

翻譯: 張同利

Interpreter: Tongli Zhang

聖餐預備: 李照岩

Communion Service Preparing: Eddie Li

聖餐: 劉軍波 (餅), 李照岩 (杯)、朱奇, 楊華禮。

Communion Service: Junbo Liu (Bread), Eddie Li (Cup), Qi Zhu, Peter Yang

報告事項

十月奉獻	\$62,473.36
十月支出	\$88,353.85
十月結算	(\$25,880.49)
2023 年盈虧	\$24,789.46

- 1. 今年教會主題: 持定應許, 做主精兵。
- 2. 同工會結果: 通過 1) 翁于一弟兄為本堂 教育執事, 江祥立和周元鑫為新的執事2. The Results of Co-Worker Meeting: CCC 協調聯合執事會例會; 2) 設立一個特別 基金為巴拿巴事工募款買一輛 15 人座麵 包車,目標為5萬元; 3) 為紅柳姐妹紀念 基金建立一個特別帳號,款項用於支持 泰國短宣。4) 臨時動議議題: 從巴拿 巴事工基金盈餘金額中在12月一次性轉 \$8,400 給清道兒童中心, 作 2024 年度 調整員工工薪用以保留同工團隊(GCC 在 11/19 通過的議題)。
- 3. 弟兄團契:12/4 週一晚 7:30 在美聖堂舉 行, 帶領者:李照岩弟兄。歡迎弟兄們 一起來分享年終感恩、見證神的恩典。
- 4. 福樂團契: 12/7 週四上午9: 30 分在美 聖堂舉行,講員:盧榮典弟兄,備有午 餐。歡迎邀請年長朋友參加。
- 5. 2024 台灣短宣徵召隊員: 7/13-28/2024 到台灣短宣。若有負擔的弟兄姐妹與 2024 年要上九年級以上並接受過洗禮 的青少年, 請在今年年底前向李錦輝執 事報名。願神預備感動弟兄姐妹有傳福 音的心志, 並勇敢接受呼召。
- 6. 中國福音大會 2023: 12/26-30 實體聚 會由生命季刊主辦, 在芝加哥舉行。本 教會的報名鏈接 https://bit.ly/44L6vem, 大會詳情請看: https://www.gospel4china.org

代禱事項

- 1. 為今日在美聖堂受洗的張皓然和王正權 弟兄, 在主裡屬靈生命日日成長禱告。
- 2. 為陳建華姐妹禱告, 日前被診為格林巴 利綜合症。求神賜給醫療團隊們智慧控 2. Pray for sister Jianhua Chen who has been 制住病情盡快康復, 也賜守雄弟兄力量 照顧好家人。
- 3. 蔡英杰/張明剛出生的寶寶呼吸道感染 病毒, 願神醫治賜下平安體力給他們。
- 4. 為泰國短宣寒假隊禱告, 12/20 出發前 的各項準備, 財務的供應, 身體的健康, 4. Winter Thai team will depart on 12/20. May God 合一的服事及靈命成長。
- 5. 為緬甸的基督教會和安妮的兒童中心禱 告,在那裡戰爭正在擴大,希望在基督 5. Pray for the churches and Annie's children center in 里找到和平, 有神的保守。也為緬甸的 安妮兒童事工禱告, 願神感動弟兄姐妹 對她們的支持.供應她們一切所需。

Announcements

October Offering	\$62,473.36		
October Expenses	\$88,353.85		
October Balance	(\$25,880.49)		
Year-to-Date Balance	\$24,789.46		

1. CCC Theme: Hold Firm to God's Promises. Be a Good Soldier of Christ.

approved the following:1) Daniel Weng as Compton Education Deacon, Roger Chiang and Yuanxin Zhou as new deacons to coordinate regular deacon board meetings; 2) Establish a special fund, target of \$50k, to buy a new van for Barnabas' ministry; 3) Create a special account for Sister Hongliu's memorial fund to support the Thai Short Term Mission trips; 4) Motion item: one time transfer of \$8,400 in Dec. from Barnabas ministry fund surplus to Chiang Dao children center for retention of current coworkers (GCC approved on 11/19).

- 3. **Brother Fellowship**: Monday, 12/4, 7:30pm at Mason Church. Lead Brother: Eddie Li; welcome brothers to come for the end of year thanksgiving and testimonies of God's grace.
- 4. Blessing Fellowship: Thursday, 12/7, 9:30am at Mason Church. Speaker: Brother Ron Lu, with lunch provided, welcome the elderly to attend.
- 5. 2024 Taiwan STM Enlists Team Members: From 7/13-28/2024, those who are interested in this Short-Term Mission, either adults or youths, 9th graders and above in 2024, who are baptized, please register to Deacon Jing-Huei Lee by the end of 2023. May God prepare and move us to bravely accept the calling of sharing the Good News.
- 6. Gospel for China Conference 2023: Held from 12/26-30 in person, hosted by CCLife at Hyatt Regency O'Hare Chicago. CCC's signup link is https://bit.ly/44L6vem For details, please go to https://www.gospel4china.org

Prayer Requests

- 1. Pray for brothers Haoran Zhang and Zhengquan Wang who were baptized today at Mason church to grow spiritually every day.
- diagnosed with GBS recently. May God grant the treatment team wisdom to heal her fully and brother Shouxiong strength to take care well of family.
- 3. Pray for Nathan and Christy's newborn baby who has respiratory syncytial virus to have God's healing on her and His peace, strength on them.
- grant them good preparation, the financial need, good health, united service, and spiritual growth.
- Myanmar for wars are raging there. May they find peace in Christ and have His protection. Also pray for Annie's children ministry. May God urge and move us to support their needs.