

為困難做好準備

「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，誇耀，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罪過。當然是要帶著溫柔與關懷。

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。」

Getting Ready for Difficulty

“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. Of course, with gentleness and care.

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)

辛城教會美聖堂

Cincinnati Chinese Church at Mason
牧會傳道人: 楊洋, 劉江華, Simon Boenaidi
Ministers: Bobby Young, Brian Liu, Simon Boenaidi

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 Study	
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(每月第一周)	美聖堂	8:00 pm
週三(每月最後一周)	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 平臺同步)	9:30 am
週四	查經小組(賴姪吟, 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	每月第一周星期四早上 9:30 實體與 Zoom 同步	李翠英
安德森團契	每月第一周星期六晚上 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舉行	張東升
加利利團契	每月第三周星期三禱告會輪流在各家舉行	朱文璋
UC 校園團契	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 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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辛城教會美聖堂主日崇拜

CCC Mason Sunday Service
12/03/2023

浸禮 快樂日 劉江華牧師
Baptism O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice Pastor Brian Liu

敬拜詩歌 顧正朝
Worship Hymns Zhengchao Gu

見證分享 新受浸弟兄
Testimony Sharing Newly Baptized Brothers

信息 教會危機四伏 劉江華牧師
Message Danger in the Church Pastor Brian Liu
提後 2 Timothy 3:1-9

特別分享 司提反關懷事工推廣 王海龍
Special Sharing Stephen Ministry Promotion Harry Wang

歡迎與報告 林勇
Welcome & Announcements Yong Lin

祝禱 劉江華牧師
Benediction Pastor Brian Liu

金句：有敬虔的外貌，卻背了敬虔的實意；這等人你要躲開。
(提摩太後書 3:5)

Key Verses: Having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. (2 Timothy 3:5)

司琴：胡亞舟 Pianist: Joseph Hu

敬拜團：黃曉晴、閻昉、劉燕平、胡曉杰
Worship Team: Gene Huang, Fang Yan, Yanping Liu, Xiaojie Hu

影音同工：林曦、馬知行 AV Workers: Xi Lin, Zhixing Ma

翻譯：楊迪霞 Interpreter: Dixia Yang

招待同工：雷清新、吳雪梅、向麗

Ushers: Qingxin Lei, May Wu, Li Xiang

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. 浸禮：感謝主！今天有張皓然，王政權弟兄受洗歸入主名，歡迎加入屬靈大家庭，願神祝福保守一生跟隨主生命得長進。
3. 同工會結果：通過 1) 翁子一弟兄為本堂教育執事，江祥立和周元鑫為新的執事協調聯合執事會例會；2) 設立一個特別基金為巴拿巴事工買一輛 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，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)。
4. 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。歡迎弟兄們來。
5. 美聖堂週三禱告會：12/6 週三晚 8 點在美聖堂舉行，請小組長務必參加。
6. 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。
7. 辛城教會異象禱告會：12/10 主日下午兩點在 1, 2 號教室舉行。請弟兄姐妹預留時間參加，為教會的未來方向禱告。
8. 美聖堂事工協調會：12/13 週三晚上 7:30 分在 1, 2 號教室舉行。請弟兄姐妹參加。
9. 2024 臺灣短宣徵召隊員：7/13-28/2024 到臺灣短宣。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。
10. 中國福音大會 2023：12/26-30 實體在芝加哥舉行。欲參加者請到本教會的報名鏈接 <https://bit.ly/44L6vem> 報名。

代禱事項

十二月份青少年主日崇拜領詩/講員安排

日期	詩歌敬拜	信息講員
12/03	王欣彤	詹生和 長老
12/10	聯合聚會	劉江華 牧師
12/17	Simon 傳道	Simon 傳道
12/24	聯合聚會	楊洋 牧師
12/31	Oliver Gao	蔡英杰 弟兄

1. 為陳建華姐妹禱告，日前被診為格林巴利綜合症。求神賜給醫生們智慧控制住病情盡快康復，也賜守雄弟兄力量照顧家人。
2. 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。

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.
2. Baptism: Thank the Lord! Haoran Zhang and Zhengquan Wang were baptized in the Lord today. Welcome to the big spiritual family. May God keep you to follow and grow spiritually in Him every day.
3. The Results of Co-Worker Meeting: CCC 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 Thailand 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).
4. Brother Fellowship: Mon., 12/4, 7:30pm at Mason. Lead Brother: Eddie Li; welcome brothers to attend.
5. Mason Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 12/6, 8pm at Mason. All small group leaders must attend.
6. Blessing Fellowship: Thursday, 12/7, 9:30am at Mason. Speaker: Brother Ron Lu, with lunch provided; welcome the elderly to attend.
7. CCC Vision Prayer Meeting: Held on Sun., 12/10, 2pm at classroom #1,2. Please reserve your time to attend and pray for the future direction of CCC.
8. Mason MC Meeting: Held on Wed., 12/13, 7:30pm at classroom #1,2. You are invited to attend.
9. 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.
10. Gospel for China Conference 2023: 12/26-30 in person in Chicago. Please go to CCC's signup link <https://bit.ly/44L6vem> to register if interested.

Prayer Requests

YG Sunday Song Leaders & Speakers in Dec.

Date	Song Leaders	Speakers
12/03	Xin Wang	Elder Shenghe Zhan
12/10	Joint Service	Pastor Brian Liu
12/17	Minister Simon	Minister Simon
12/24	Joint Service at Mason:	Pastor Bobby Young
12/31	Oliver Gao	Nathan Chester

1. Pray for sis. Jianhua diagnosed with GBS recently. May God grant doctors wisdom to heal her fully and bro. Shouxiang strength to take care of family.
2. Pray for Nathan/Christy's newborn baby with the respiratory virus. May God's healing be with her.