

Owning the Vulnerability of Not Having Control

A timely prayer from Scotty Smith

"The life of every living thing is in his hand, and the breath of every human being."

~Job 12:10 (NLT)

Heavenly Father, we are so thankful that you, quite literally, have the whole world in your hand. That frees us to acknowledge the obvious. We don't. We don't have control over a lot of things we'd love to manage. But as we come to you this morning, we do so, not to grab what isn't ours, but to raise our hands in praise and surrender to you.

Father, we don't have control over the number of days we have left before you call us home; but fill the ones you've marked for us with as much of your grace, love, and wisdom as possible. We don't have control over the "messy" feelings and disappointments others carry in their hearts; but free us to stay present with kindness, and not withdraw into a "safer" more controllable climate.

We don't have control over what people think and say about us; but may what YOU think and say about us be our most defining and liberating reality. You call us your beloved, desired, delighted in daughters and sons. Forgive us for under-believing you and over-believing what mere people say.

Father, we don't have control over important decisions to be made; but constantly remind us you're the Author of our stories, not merely the passive garbage man who has to clean up our messes.

We don't have control over how much pain and suffering we, or our loved ones, will experience in life; but forgive us for thinking you don't care, or fear you'll give us more heartache than grace.

Father, we don't have control over people and circumstances that impact our jobs and future; but you do, and you don't need us as your consulting partners.

We don't have control over the global economy, the American presidency, or the next international crisis; but give us laser sharp vision of your Fatherly self, joyfully perched on the throne of heaven. That's all we need. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus' glorious and grace-full name.

For more prayers like this visit: thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/scottysmith



24 June 2018 | Service Times: 9am & 11:30am

Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at www.slechurch.org.au.

This Week: What Would Jesus Say to The Grieving?

Our new sermon series 'What Would Jesus Say to...' attempts to bring together the Bible's teaching on particular issues and concerns that commonly impact both unbelievers and believers alike. This series will give seeking friends answers to these issues and will give believers knowledge and assurance in their faith and evangelism.

We begin with the issue of grief, which is front and centre in the life of our church at present, as well as a constant experience in our broken world.



Today's Service

Welcome and Singing
To Live is Christ
My Hope is Built
The Lord is My Salvation

Holy Communion

Offering

Community News

Bible Reading

Sermon By Pastor Ben Ho

Song of Response

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Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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Financial Update

Last Week	\$6,084.70
Weekly Required	\$5,520
Shortfall 2018	\$0.00

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name: SLE Church
Bank: National Australia Bank
BSB: 084-424
A/C No: 396558544

SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane

Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD FOR THE LIFE OF ANNA NGO. Praise God that in His sovereign mercy He has completed her ministry and called her home. Thank God that in life Anna sought to live for God, and may her life and example be an encouragement for all of us to persevere in trusting God to the very end.

PRAISE GOD FOR ROMANS! Praise God that Paul wrote this towering letter, and that it has been preserved for us through the generations. Praise God for the wondrous doctrines revealed in the book that grow our heads, fill our hearts with joy, and compel our lives towards godliness and holiness. Pray that as we re-read the book over the years that God would use what we have learned and heard to keep growing us.

PRAY FOR THE UPCOMING SERMON SERIES. Pray that we will have ears to hear, eyes to see, and hearts that understand what Jesus would have to say. Pray that we would be ready to receive the encouragements, challenges, and warnings from Jesus in this new series: 'What would Jesus say to...'

PRAY FOR THOSE TAKING HOLIDAYS. Praise God for times of rest from our work. Pray for refreshment for those going away, and for renewal of spirit, ready to serve joyfully again.

Community News

GROW WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

When we see so much wrong in our world and in us, and all seems out of control, how do we keep going? Who and what do we hang on to? Is our only choice to just keep calm and carry on... hoping all will be OK?

Come to GROW 2018 and meet Jesus through the book of Habakkuk. Bewildered by so much that is wrong everywhere, Habakkuk cries to God in protest. God's answer is unexpected, glorious, and personal. Habakkuk listened. Are we listening too?

Grow is an annual women's conference by QCCA. It will be held on **4 August, Saturday 9—3:30pm** at St Peter's Lutheran College Performing Arts Centre (Indooroopilly). Jenny Baddeley and Keiyeng Nation will be speaking on the book of Habakkuk. Register online at <http://qcca.org.au/grow/> under "SLE Church" for a group price of \$52 (including morning tea and lunch).

Serving

	Today	Next Week
Chair	Mervin	Joshua
Preach	Ps Ben	Ps Ben
Bible Read	Matthew <i>Marilyn</i>	Jansen <i>Dan Lowe</i>
M.Tea	Genevieve Tania	Eilen Helen
Wash Up	SOS Central	SOS Dan
Welcome	Ken Steph Dan	Esther Richard Georgie
	<i>Benedict</i> <i>Marilyn</i> <i>David</i> <i>Hui Xian</i>	<i>Marcus</i> <i>James</i> <i>Joy</i> <i>Leya</i>
Stewards	Jeffery Simeon Helen <i>Stanley</i> <i>Sarah</i>	<i>Josh</i> <i>Josiah</i> <i>Nethanel</i>
Piano	Joanna	Dan Lowe
Guitar	Ivan	Ryan
Bass	Aaron	Ethan
Drums	Ariel	Ivan
Vocal	Sharne / Lim An	Lim An / Joachim
PA	Reuten <i>Jowin</i>	

What Would Jesus Say to... The Grieving

1. Introduction

A. For unbelievers and believers

B. To the grieving

2. What would Jesus say to the grieving?

A. "..."

B. "I'm in control"

C. "There's grief because of sin"

D. "I came to deal with sin"

E. "Have no fear"

F. "Trust in me"

4. Conclusion