

## A Wasted Life?

In the past week there were two fascinating events that gained media attention. The first was the sad news that missionary John Chau lost his life as he tried to contact the Sentinelese people. The second was a stunning incident last month of American man Chris Gursky who was 'lucky' to survive a near fatal mistake in which his hang gliding instructor failed to strap his harness in properly before taking off—leaving Gursky to cling perilously to the craft and his instructor, by his hands (for a gruelling 2min and 14secs), as they made an emergency landing.

Both of these men made willing choices to end up in situations that put their lives on the line. Both cases had what appeared to be errors of judgement. But in the case of Gursky the news reports were filled with astonishment and relief—Gursky managed to live to tell the tale. If he had lost his life it would have been a tragic accident, an inquiry probably held, but in all most people would probably have sympathised with the error in judgement.

In the case of Chau there has been very little sympathy. For those unaware, Chau died at the hands of the Sentinelese people—an indigenous pre-Neolithic tribe living on an isolated island near India. The Sentinelese have gained a reputation not only for being one of the last stone-age tribes, but also for being violently protective of their island, killing all who dare make contact. Hence India has made contacting them illegal.

Criticism against Chau was swift—even from Christians, labelling his effort foolhardy, reckless and a wasted life. This quick condemnation however has since proven to be rather judgemental as Chau's missions organisation (All Nations) has clarified that Chau went in very prepared, was vaccinated (and quarantined) appropriately, and had an enormous heart for the Sentinelese to know Jesus.

In the eyes of this world the potential death of Gursky would have been tragic, but the death of Chau fanned the flames of hostility at Christians and missionary work. For Christians with a biblically informed worldview we must see things very differently. For us, the potential death of Gursky is a stark warning that we all face inevitable death and judgement—and every moment we are not taken now is a moment made for repentance and for worshipping God.

And for us the death of Chau is not something to condemn. A life spent in mission for the gospel of Jesus is never foolish, nor a waste. Over 60 years ago another young man named Jim Elliot lost his life to the people he was trying to reach out to. Prior to his death Elliot wrote, 'He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep in order to gain what he cannot lose.' A life spent in serving the Saviour who gave his life for us is no wasted life.



2 December 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](http://www.slechurch.org.au).

### This Week: Proverbs #6— The Woman who Fears the Lord

Wisdom is personified in an ideal woman, giving us a picture of what wisdom practically looks like. And it looks like everything Proverbs has encouraged: hard work (for the benefit of her family), generosity with wealth (for her family's needs and for the poor), and acts and words of wisdom. This life is a blessed life.

Next Week: TBA

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## Today's Service

<b>Welcome and Singing</b>	O Come All Ye Faithful Before the Throne of God Above O Great God
<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Community News</b>	
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Proverbs 31:10-31
<b>Sermon</b>	By Pastor Steven Tran
<b>Song of Response</b>	Before You I Kneel (A Worker's Prayer)

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Check out [slechurch.org.au/groups](http://slechurch.org.au/groups) to find a group that you can join.

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# Say hello

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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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## Our Pastors

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## Financial Update

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Last Week	\$4,992.25
Weekly Required	\$5,520
Shortfall 2018	\$26.00

### 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

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## Prayer Points

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**GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE TO GOD** for creating in His image—to be God's children, created for relationship and to rule over His creation under the authority of our creator and Father.

**PRAISE GOD THAT WORK IS PART OF** how we express our being created in God's image, that we get to work just as God works.

**PRAY THAT WE WOULD SO UNDERSTAND OUR IDENTITY AS** children of God that we would never idolize or be idle in work. Pray that we would not seek to find in work what we can only find in God (significance, security and ultimate pleasure) and pray that we would work heartily as to the Lord. Pray that we would work for all the right reasons—to express love for God and others, to promote the gospel and be a place that grows our walk with Jesus as His disciples.

**PRAY FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE** the gospel in the lead up to Christmas. Pray that our speech, especially at this time of the year, would be gracious, seasoned with salt, ready to give an answer to all who ask us anything about our life and faith in Jesus.

**AS MOST MINISTRIES DRAW TO A CLOSE FOR THE YEAR,** reflect in thanksgiving and prayer for the year of life, ministry, growth and challenges that He has brought throughout this year.

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## Community News

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### BEALE UPRIGHT PIANO FOR SALE

We no longer use the upright piano on the stage and is looking at selling it. Should you be interested, please contact Winnie Wong at [info@slechurch.org.au](mailto:info@slechurch.org.au)

### IGNITE TRAINING CONFERENCE 2019 | 14-18 JANUARY

Head to <https://ignitetrainingconference.com/> for registration and conference details.

### SERVICE TIME CHANGES ETC OVER DECEMEBER–JANUARY

Please note that from 16 December to 27 January, the 11:30am service at the South Hall will be changed to 11am service at the North Hall.

Please note that from 9 December to 27 January, for both 9am service and the 11:30/11am service will have the overflow available at the White Door Room.

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE INFORMATION

Christmas Day service will happen on 25 December, 9am. Do start thinking about who you may like to invite to the service. Please do bring a plate to share at morning tea.

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## Serving

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	Today	Next Week
<b>Chair</b>	Bryan	Mervin
<b>Preach</b>	Ps Steven	Ps Steven
<b>Bible Read</b>	Jansen <i>Alice</i>	
<b>M.Tea</b>	Ethel Georgie	Daniel Tania
<b>Wash Up</b>	Clay	Clay
<b>Welcome</b>	Ken Steph Dan <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Sarah</i> <i>Jessica</i> <i>Joy</i>	Ken Steph Dan <i>Marilyn</i> <i>Sarah</i> <i>Jessica</i> <i>Joy</i>
<b>Stewards</b>	Richard Jeffrey <i>Helen</i> <i>Josh</i> <i>Josiah</i>	Richard Jeffrey <i>Helen</i> <i>Josh</i> <i>Josiah</i>
<b>Piano</b>	Joanna	Sylvia
<b>Guitar</b>	Ivan	Ivan
<b>Bass</b>	Aaron	Chuans
<b>Drums</b>		
<b>Vocal</b>	Liesl	Joachim
<b>PA</b>	Li Wei <i>Chris</i>	Matt <i>Daniel</i>

# The Woman Who Feels The Lord [Proverbs 31:10-31]

Intro:

Some background information

1. The wise work of this woman
  - a. Not idol

b. Not idle

2. The wisely used wealth of this woman

3. The wise words of this woman

4. The strength and honour of this woman

So what?