

‘Until We Meet Again’ - Zach’s eulogy for his son, Emme

(As many of you know, Zach and Elsa, graduates from SLE Church now back in Singapore, recently lost their son 18 hours into his life due to a medical condition called acrania. Here is an excerpt of Zach's eulogy)

We first found out about Emme’s fatal prenatal diagnosis at our 12th week scan. Within moments from receiving this news, we were offered the option of terminating the pregnancy.

In many ways it was an easy decision to make, admittedly not because we were brave or that we had strong parental instincts to protect him. It really boiled down to just one thing: no matter the circumstance or consequences, the command to obey God will always stand.

And so begun the turbulent journey of living out our decision.

I think we both accepted early on that not every chapter will find a happy ending on this side of creation, even if we choose to obey God. But that did not mean that we happily accepted or was readily at peace with God’s decision to slap us in the face.

So God first taught us to lament. We learnt that it was okay to not be okay with Emme’s diagnosis. We learnt that it was okay to be frustrated, to be angry. But here is the key—the most comforting part of lamenting—that at the end of the day, we recognise that God is God and we’re not.

God is never wrong. He is always faithful, and as Emme’s creator, He fully knows and perfectly loves Emme the way more than we ever can. It might seem like we were robbed of our experience of being parents, but God is good and gracious.

Because we lost Emme, we lost so much, but because we had Emme, we gained so much more.

And because of Jesus, we can fix our eyes and dig our feet into the promise of a completed story, one that has been redeemed and won through God’s gift in Christ.

Because of Jesus, we can find strength, comfort and hope in a God who knows the pain of death and separation.

Because of Jesus, we can look forward to that glorious day of restoration and reunion as all three of us worship Jesus at his feet.

To end, we would love to share the meaning behind his name. Emmanuel means “God with us”. We chose this name as a testament to God’s unchanging goodness and faithfulness throughout this season of our lives.

(For the full eulogy, go to: <https://thir.st/blog/zachary-lee-eulogy-for-his-son-emme/>)



26 January 2020 | Service Times: 9am & 11:00am

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: Firm Foundations — Listening to God

The Bible, which comes from God Himself, helps us know Jesus, the way of salvation, grows us in Christlikeness, and completes us for good works—so continue in it. Keep trusting the Bible that it is sufficient for all our spiritual needs/wants.



Next Week: Firm Foundations—Talking to God

Today’s Service

Welcome and Singing Knowing You Jesus (All I Once Held Dear)
And Can It Be
Your Words of Life

Holy Communion

Offering

Community News

Bible Reading Psalm 19
2 Timothy 3:10-17

Sermon By Pastor Steven Tran

Song of Response Speak O Lord

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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	\$11,055.05
Weekly Required	\$6,280.00
Shortfall 2020	\$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

THANK GOD THAT HIS GRACE HAS APPEARED in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank God that salvation has been brought and gifted to us through Jesus Christ.

PRAISE THANK GOD THAT HIS SAVING GRACE NOT ONLY SAVES, but also teaches us to live the saved life, training and helping us to say 'no' to sin and to live godly lives as we wait for Jesus to return.

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER IN OUR CHURCH to keep trusting Jesus for salvation and to keep growing in our walk with Jesus, putting away all our ungodlinesses and becoming more and more like Christ.

AS WE GRIEVE WITH THOSE WHO GRIEVE THE LOST OF LOVED ONES, pray that they will keep trusting in Jesus and keep testifying to the hope of eternal life that can only be found through Christ.

Community News

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Junior and Primary Sunday School registration will happen on 26 Jan and 2 Feb. Parents with children aged 2 years old to Primary year 6, please head down to the Sunday School rooms immediately after the first service for registration as well as to meet your child's Sunday School team for the year.

The Junior Sunday School team is also looking for some donation items. If you have any of these items lying around and will love to donate it, please approach Audrey, Rigel or Mel. Items needed:

- Child friendly biscuits/crackers
- A4 paper
- Cleaning wipes for tables
- Wet wipes for children
- Tissues
- Stickers for rewards

WORKING BEE—1 FEB STARTING 8:30AM

Working Bee is planned in the church building on 1 Feb starting 8:30am. Most workers are needed up till noon, but people could come anytime in the morning when they are free. Hoping to achieve:

- move furniture
- Clean carpet—vacuum & steam clean
- Clean kitchen & other areas depending on how many workers
- Put furniture back after carpets have dried—late afternoon.

If you are able to help out, please let Mike, Graham or Richard (SLDB reps) know.

Serving

	Today	Next Sunday
Chair	Simeon	Bryan
Prayer	Mervin <i>Faith</i>	Randy <i>Randy</i>
Preach	Ps Steven	Ps Ben
Bible Read	Matthew <i>Alan</i>	Jansen <i>Marilyn</i>
M.Tea	Genevieve	Eilen, Stella
Wash Up	SOS West	SOS West
Welcome	Meng Yin Amy Dan	
Stewards	Jeffrey Alvin Graham <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Aaron</i> <i>DT</i>	John Meng Yin Norman
Piano	Dan Lowe	Joanna Pan
Guitar	Mark	Jabez
Bass		Ivan
Drums	Ivan	
Vocal	Amanda	Shaun
PA	Matt Chen <i>Stanley</i>	Reuten <i>Daniel</i>

Listening to God [2 Timothy 3:14-17]

Introduction:

1. Continue on (14-15)
 - a. As for you...

b. Knowing from who, and what, you learned...

2. Breathed out (16)
 - a. All Scripture is 'breathed out by God'

b. Profitable for teaching

c. Profitable for Reproof

d. Profitable for Correction

e. Profitable for Training in Righteousness

3. Be 'complete' (17)

So what?