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## Family Sunday – Worship Order

Prelude

Call to Worship – Ephesians 1:3

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in the heavenly realms  
with every spiritual blessing in Christ.*

Songs of Praise

Corporate Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading – 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Philippians 2:1-4

Sermon – "I believe in the communion of saints –  
Christ is the head of the community"

Response Song

Offertory Prayer

Welcome & Family News

Monthly Bible Verse – Hebrews 2:3b-4

*This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord,  
was confirmed to us by those who heard him.*

*God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles,  
and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.*

Doxology & Benediction

Postlude

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<b>Guest Speaker:</b>	Rev. Wallace Louie	<b>Chairperson:</b>	Christina Bruce
<b>Praise Team:</b>	Caitlin Trinh & Gatekeepers	<b>Scripture Reader:</b>	Nathaniel Bruce
<b>Pianist:</b>	Rev. Stera Chan	<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Shayne Descartin
<b>Welcome Team:</b>	David Wong, Jasmin Delos Reyes Lily Cheung		
<b>Offering Counter:</b>	Stanley Kam, Veronica Tamondong		
<b>Sound System:</b>	Amanda Chan, Bono Lee, Clarence Fok		

## From Deviation to Lostness

By Rev Arnold Chow

Samson is the most famous Nazirite in the Bible. Judges 13 recounts how Samson's parents encountered and experienced God and bore this child. Yet, they harbored some of the world's deviations from the path of God. The result was that Samson, despite his mighty strength that could take on a thousand enemies, lived a life of lostness and failure.

**Lost Identity:** Ever since birth, Samson had been designated as a Nazirite. His mother had observed the rules for Nazirites since pregnancy. The angel of the LORD said to her: *"Now see to it that you drink no wine or other fermented drink and that you do not eat anything unclean"* (v.4). Now, the rule of not eating anything unclean is not exclusive to the Nazirites. It was an explicit command in the Torah for all people of God. Samson's parents were unsure about the laws of God. It appeared that after the death of Joshua, generations of Israelites had increasingly been assimilated by the Canaan culture. They lost their identity of being set apart as holy. Today, do we insist on being set apart as holy?

**Lost Family:** The typical process for infertile couples to get a child in the Old Testament is like this: The husband takes the initiative to ask God for a child → The angel of the LORD conveys a message or God answers the prayer → The wife becomes pregnant and a child is born. Not so with Samson's father Manoah. The angel of the LORD appeared twice to his wife. Manoah's rash, foolish exchanges showed that he had no spiritual discerning ability and just "got up and followed his wife" (v.11).

Manoah should have been the spiritual head of his household but he did not fulfil his role. All his life, Samson was ungodly, he touched the red line and trespassed. He could not observe the three rules for Nazirites and even married Canaanite women. He followed different women all his life. Originally the spiritual head of the Israelites, Samson had not aptly fulfilled the duties of a judge. Who did he learn from?

**Lost Faith:** The Manoah family was a product of the loss of faith on the part of the Israelites. Manoah's exchanges with the angel of the LORD time and again revealed that he was spiritually blind. He could not tell that the angel was from the LORD (v.16). When he found that the angel was related to God, he tried to use the Canaanite way of name enquiry to control the angel, pleasing the angel to his own advantage (v.17).

Scholars in recent years point out that it was highly probable that the name Samson was connected with šemeš, a sun god popularly worshipped at the time. It therefore appears that this family, which on the surface was the people of God, did not really know Him. The Manoah family was far from being godly. This couple saw the angel of the LORD appearing, experienced the miracle of a bestowed child, but saw no change of life. This is what God's people who have lost their faith look like.

Brothers in Christ who are husbands or fathers, let this be our mutual exhortation: Do not allow deviations from the world which can so easily creep into our lives to make us gradually and habitually mistake the wrong for the right. Let us intentionally strive to be the spiritual head of the household. Let us re-cultivate the lost spiritual atmosphere in the family. And let our next generation live according to the will and calling of God so they will lead a victorious life.

Read the article online: <https://npacem.org/ps20220619/>

## Family News

### 1. Regular meetings

- a. **Gatekeepers** (secondary school): Fri, 7:30-9:15pm, Rm 219  
Jun 24 Treasure Room: Parents and family Jul 1 Off  
8 New Cloth on Old Garment 15 Topical: Body Image
- b. **Peacemakers** (uni students & above): Fri, 8-9:45pm, Rms 217-8  
Jun 24 Prayer Meeting Jul 1 Off  
Jul 8 Bible Study – Jeremiah
- c. **Tentmakers** (young working adults): 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sat, 5-6:45pm, Rms 217-8  
Jun 23 Bible Study – Joshua Jul 9 Topical
- d. **Joint Adult Fellowship:**
  - Sharing your faith 1, on Sun Jul 10, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children’s Room: Rm 219
- e. **Women’s Fellowship:** OT Character (7 & 8); Sun Jun 26, 1:30-3:15pm, Rm 215
- f. **Couples Fellowship:** Book Study: Shepherding a Child’s Heart Chs. 18-19; Sun Jun 26, 1:30-3pm, Rms 217-218; Children’s Room: Rm 219
- g. **EM Prayer Meeting:** Every Sun morning, 8:30-9am, Rm 204
- h. **Sunday School** (Children, youth and adults): Sun from 9:15-10:20am
- i. **Children’s Program:** For children aged 3-10 during English worship service
  - CP2: Rm 219, CP3: Rm 211

### 2. Other meetings

- a. **EM 18<sup>th</sup> Baptismal Service:** Sun Jul 3, 12noon-1pm at Education Centre worship hall.  
[Click here](#) for the baptismal service webpage.

### 3. Sermon theme (Jul-Sep): “Put hope in God: Psalms of the sons of Korah”.

**NPAC in 2022:** “Reconnecting and Giving Thanks”.

**NPAC overall theme for 2021-2030:** A decade of NPAC worshipers.

### 4. EM Youth Summer Camp “Kingdom First”:

Join us the 2 days 0 night summer day camp at church. All youth (secondary school students & those starting secondary school in Aug/Sep 2022) are welcome! *Dates:* Fri Jul 22; Sat Jul 23 *Program:* Praise, devotion, Bible study, topical, prayers, games, crafts etc.) *To apply:* [Click here for registration](#) by Fri Jul 8.

Enquiry: [em\\_youth@npac.org.hk](mailto:em_youth@npac.org.hk)

### 5. EM Sunday School (2022-23) opens for registration!

For international school students aged 5 or above (as of Aug 2022). **Current students:** Return completed registration form emailed to parents by Sun Jul 3. **New students:** Obtain the application form by email ([em@npac.org.hk](mailto:em@npac.org.hk)) or from the church’s info. rack from Sun Jul 3 onwards. Return completed form between Sun Jul 3-24:

a. By email to [em@npac.org.hk](mailto:em@npac.org.hk)

b. By hand to the church’s reception (Main Church, Truth Centre, Education Centre)

c. By mail to North Point Alliance Church (English Ministry), 1/F Fortress Metro Tower, 238 King’s Road, North Point, HK

*Enquiries:* Florence Yiu (2807-5212) or [em@npac.org.hk](mailto:em@npac.org.hk)

### 6. Serving roster (Worship Service) for Jul-Sep 2022:

Please check email for details. As always, let us know at your earliest advance if you cannot serve as scheduled.

**7. Dawn Prayer Meetings “Connecting with God in Prayer through the Five Senses”**

「細味上帝 – 用五感禱告」: *Date & Time*: Jul 4-8 (Mon-Fri) from 7-7:45am. *Venue*: Main Church (with live broadcast, recording available until Sun Jul 31). Mon–Stone; Tue–Hand; Wed–Seed; Thu–Contact List; Fri–Wallet. The materials can facilitate your prayer during the meetings. Please bring a stone, a contact list (in paper form or on the mobile), and your wallet on respective days. The seed will be provided at the venue.

**8. Congratulations to the graduates:** Caitlin, Wilson, and Nathan are starting a new chapter in life. May God lead their way to guide them through their further studies, grow in faith and discover what God has in store for their future.

★ **What’s at our Info Table?** NPAC newsletter, Barnabasaid, Bible reading plans, devotional materials, Gospel tracts, evangelism resources, and much more! Come after the worship service.

**Prayer Corner**

We pray for your personal needs, your unbelieving friends, and families. Please find and join our prayer meeting outside the A/V Room after the worship service.

**Tithe & Offering**

Tithe & offering will be collected in the red offering bags at the end of the worship service at the entrance of the worship hall. Charity offering (every 4<sup>th</sup> Sun) will be collected in the green bag. Please prayerfully prepare beforehand. For other collection channels, please [click here](#).

**Prayer Items**

- 1. Unborn:** There are approximately 42,000,000 victims of abortion each year worldwide. These lives are created in the image of God. Abortion is a matter of global injustice with roughly 85% of all abortions taking place in developing countries and 17% in the developed world. *Pray* for God’s mercy to provide more support and carers for the unwanted babies. *Pray* that the church will continue to preach the truth of God’s will on commitment of lives, marriage and relationship. *Pray* that God’s peace will come upon the victims (Learn more from [Prayercast](#)).
- 2. EM Youth Summer Camp (Fri & Sat Jul 22 & 23):** *Pray* for the preparation of the Camp “Kingdom First”: For wisdom, creativity, and joy for teachers, and for students’ thirst to know God and His truth, for teachable hearts, for active participation and for close relationship with God and each other.
- 3. Fathers in the family:** *“Father God, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be fathers like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Help them to be humble before You and be courageous in protecting their families in this crooked generation. Amen.”*

**Next Sun Jun 26:** Speaker: Pastor Lawrence Choy (“From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead”, 2 Timothy 4:1-5; Revelation 20:11-15; Revelation 22: 6-21); Chairperson: Joseph Trinh; Praise Team: Marianna Yu & Fri Team; Pianist: Sara Chow; Scripture Reader: Dawn Yiu; Welcome Team: Ailene Almondiente, Imelda Choi, Beatrice Wong; Offering Counters: Kent Ang, Vincy Ng; PowerPoint: David Yeung.