



## TESTIMONY & THANKSGIVING

### He Loves Me For Me!

*Seeds of Growth (SoG) 2020 is a 4-part series of sessions for JC & IB students to come together and experience God's love as a community. With the COVID-19 situation, some of us may find it difficult to remain close to Jesus. Yet, the Lord still invites us into a time of growth and deepening of our relationship with him during this period!*



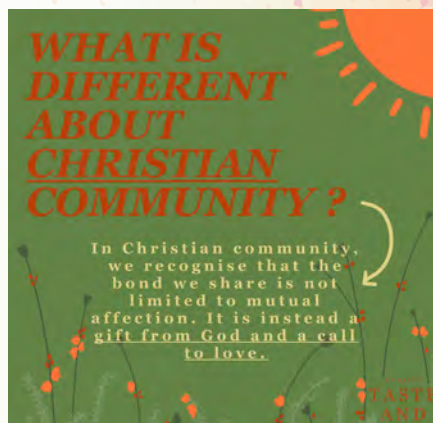
Jolyn (first from left)

God never needed me to prove myself for Him to love me, and I didn't need to go out and struggle on my own before I could come back with something to offer my Father. The Lord truly loves me regardless of how much I achieve in my life. Brothers and sisters, I invite you to open your heart to listen to the Lord for He invites you on a journey with him. Will you allow him to reveal to you more of his love for you even amidst the busyness of our lives, just as he did for me? - **Jolyn Sim, Singapore Sports School**

I entered IB this year knowing that life was going to be much tougher compared to secondary school. I felt the need to prove that I was worthy of being loved and that I needed to pull my own weight before anyone else could help me, even God. My faith slowly took a back seat as meeting expectations and excelling in my studies became my priority. During one of the Seeds of Growth sessions, we were asked to reflect on what was keeping us from remaining in the Father's house. I wanted to come back to God only when I was sure I had achieved enough. However, during prayer ministry, I received the truth that

## FEATURE

### The Pillars of Christian Community



Project Taste and See is an online platform for those interested in learning about the Catholic faith. In this series of posts, we introduce the various pillars of Christian community.

Our faith is personal but never private. As we grow in a personal relationship with Christ, we are also called to share our faith with others. Belonging to a community allows us to live out our faith, and the mission to spread God's Word to others.

Are you curious about what it means to be part of a Christian community? Find out more at <https://taste-andseeproject.wordpress.com/community>

If there is someone you know who might be curious about the faith, share this with them today!

## FEATURE

### Ordinary Time Growth Series: The Importance of Embracing Our Failings



by Bryan Francisco

Do you remember the movie Finding Nemo and a certain cute blue fish named Dory who seemed to be rather forgetful? She famously say, "When life gets you down, you know what you got to do? Just keep swimming." Funnily enough, this quote applies to my own spiritual journey and in my walk with

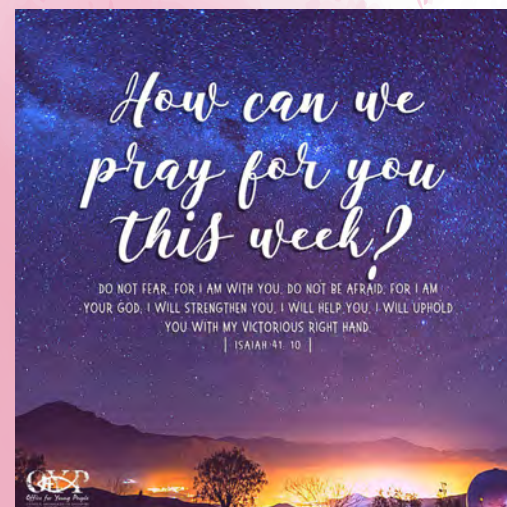
the Lord. We must keep going, especially when we fall and stumble.

Many times in my life have I found myself at the crossroads where I felt like my choices have pulled me away from the Lord, and that I was "too far away" to return. I still struggle with the lie that His love is one that has to be earned, but in reality, I am loved simply because I am His beloved child and this is the one truth in which allows us to see that our failings and weaknesses are not what define us. We may feel that with every stumble, we are deeper in our caves and further away from the Lord. But, He reminds us that this is far from the truth. Our failings are more like speed bumps along the journey rather than an actual dead end.

Full article: <https://oyp.org.sg/ordinary-time-growth-series-the-importance-of-embracing-our-failings/>

## PARTICIPATE

### Submit Your Prayer Requests



Scripture tells us that we never have to fear, for the Lord will always be at our side. He will come to our aid and uphold us with His victorious right hand. Let us trust in Him and together we can walk life's journey ahead. Click the link below and let us know how our intercessors can carry you in prayer this week <https://tinyurl.com/OYPintercessory>

## UPCOMING

### Working Adults, Discover Treasure



*Work had been getting me down. I made mistakes every day and I was not coping well with the stress and high standards I couldn't attain. It took the recurring message of God's love during the retreat's sessions for me to realise that I had been feeling this way about work because I had linked my self-worth to my capabilities, and my identity to my competence. As I received God's immense love, I discovered that there was no need to identify my self-worth with my abilities. Even if this were taken away from me, I was still loved by God. I recognise now that I have no need for the empty praises of Man, for these are but writings in the water. The only thing that matters is that I am a beloved child of God." - Moira, 25, Treasure#11 participant*

Join us for OYP's Catholic encounter retreat for young working adults: Treasure! This 12th run of the Treasure Retreat will be held from **5 Nov (Thu) 8pm - 8 Nov (Fri), 6pm**. In light of the COVID-19 situation, this retreat will be held online. Visit [oyp.org.sg/treasure12](http://oyp.org.sg/treasure12) today for details as well as to register for this retreat! For more information, please write to us at [treasure-treat@gmail.com](mailto:treasure-treat@gmail.com).

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