

TESTIMONY & THANKSGIVING

## School of Christian Leadership

During SOCL, God revealed His unconditional love to me. Despite all my sinfulness, God the Father ran up to me, embraced me, kissed me, and rejoiced in my return. He has given me a new life in Him. It brings me true joy to be grounded in the Lord and not on earthly desires. The false gods of wealth, prestige, and power conceal a minefield of misery under their attractive façades while the gift of faith from the Lord opens me to receive His love by being attentive to His presence in my life. The way of the Lord brings true joy for Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has called me by name to seek him, to know him, and to love him with all my strength. I no longer ponder on what I want in my life but rather pray to know what God wants. I want to want what he wants even if I don't want it yet, for he gives living water so that I will never thirst again. Because I know He provides, I shall trust in His love and providence and allow myself to be moved by the Holy Spirit. I was afraid of giving my life to God. But now I know that He lives. The encounter has not been an empirical one but a spiritual one. So, brothers and sisters, doubt no longer but believe. The Lord calls you to be in communion with him. It all starts with a desire to seek the Lord. Are you willing to open yourself to the love of God? - **Brendan Ng, Cambridge University.**  
*Read Brendan's full testimony: <https://oyp.org.sg/testimony-thanksgiving-grounded-in-the-lord/>*



Brendan (second from left, back row)



Trina (bottom left)

Through SOCL I gained a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. After almost 19 years of starting my prayers with "Our Father..." or "Dear Jesus," it was only recently that I began to wholeheartedly call upon the third member of the Trinity. There were many situations during the retreat that I wasn't ready for. I felt inadequate particularly when we had to pray for others. In my helplessness, I realised that the Holy Spirit was my strength and desperately repeated, "Less of me, more of You. Please have Your way in me." It finally dawned on me that the reason why praying and journaling had felt so tiresome for me was my self-reliance. I relied on my limited brainpower to find the right words to pray and write, and rehearsed my sentences over and over again until they were perfect. It felt like I was submitting a high-stakes essay. But learning to submit to the Spirit changed all of this. I am no longer crippled by my perfectionism because in the presence of the Lord everything is made perfect. I now relish the experiences of praying and journaling because the Spirit of the Lord carries me and there is no greater joy than that. Whenever I surrender my fears or my brokenness to the Lord, He doesn't just tell me, "Okay Trina, just leave it on my table and I'll take it tomorrow," but He rushes to my side and takes them into His own hands. My favourite truth had always been that God meets me where I am, but after this retreat my new favourite is this – He doesn't leave me where He found me, and there is no greater joy than that. - **Trina Chong, NTU.**  
*Trina's full testimony: <https://oyp.org.sg/testimony-thanksgiving-he-doesnt-leave-me-where-he-found-me/>*

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## Working Adults: Sundays on the Mount



Participants of Sundays on the Mount

Up to 400 participants gathered online over the past 4 Sundays for the first series of Sundays On The Mount. We reflected on 4 key movements in our Christian living; an exhortation to journey from existence to eternity, slavery to sonship, lost to loved and broken to blessed. We praise and thank God for His abundant grac-

es and how His love knows no bounds!

*I thank God that no matter what comes our way, we get to bring every question, every doubt, every single hurt, anything and everything to him! As we go deeper with Him, we get our answers. - **Victoria Soh, 27***

*I am grateful that God pursues me every day, and that He wants to abide in every aspect of my life. I am thankful that He continues to bring healing into my life, and wants to give me life in all its fullness. - **Natasha Varella, 24***

*Thank you God for helping me to see the beauty in my brokenness. True beauty comes from a heart at rest, and my heart is restless until it rests in you. - **Gillian Loh, 26***

Keen to join us? The next series of 4 Sundays is starting on Sunday, 26 July. Save the date today!

UPCOMING

## Discover A New Season with the Lord



Are you graduating from a local or overseas university this year? What is God calling you to be and do in this new season of change? We invite you to spend this weekend and immerse yourselves with the Lord, to recollect our journey and discover in prayer the life we are called to live. Register at: [tinyurl.com/oypgur2020](http://tinyurl.com/oypgur2020)

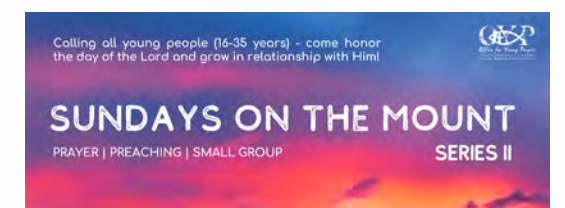
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## JC-IB Students Come and Grow!



Join us for our Seeds of Growth 2020 sessions as we learn how to grow in faith and walk with God through this season. The Lord continues to invite us into a time of growth and deepening of our relationship with him during this period!

Sign up: <http://tiny.cc/SOGRegistration>



SAVE THE DATE!

4 Sundays online: 26 Jul, 2 Aug, 9 Aug, 16 Aug (3pm - 5pm)  
Follow OYP on social media for updates on sign-up and session details!



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