A Letter To Journey

by Alan Hung, Deacon of Records and IT

Hello Journey, this is Alan from the Young Adult Fellowship (YA). I'd like to share what's happening in YA, my role on the YA Servant Team, and extend an invitation for more interaction with our church family.

I'm grateful for the many incredible opportunities this church has given me. Being a deacon and part of the YA Servant Team allows me to grow through service, leadership, and worship. I am so thankful!

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Allow me to shine a light on our servant leaders—



I also want to give a huge shoutout to our dedicated YA fellowship, especially to those who may not be on the official servant team—Jimmy and Natalie for coordinating dinners, Natalie for the thoughtful birthday surprises, Emily for her musical keyboard contributions and spontaneous dancing, Alex, Sam, Harry, Jeff, and Dina (and more!) for their selfless service and making YA more of a family. Seeing the YA community involved in multiple ways to grow and become better men and women is heartening.

We had the joy of fellowshipping at Elder Phil & Shirley Jen Kin's home. We grew deeper with each other, ate yummy food, and even learned how to line dance. We look forward to making outings like this a regular event—spending a Friday night connecting with other fellowships or members, to deepen YA's connection with Journey. If you'd like to invest in Journey's next generation, please contact Wes, Luchi, or me, alan.h@journeyec.org.

Allow me to share my mindset of serving to encourage my fellow YAs. I often reflect on the kind of person I want to be in 20 years, and evaluate where I currently stand. I identify areas for growth and make it a personal goal to work on those aspects (grateful for Pastor Ewin's care and Pastor Ted's mentorship). While I understand the uncertainty of tomorrow, there is beauty in living purposefully and striving towards something meaningful, even if it comes with its share of challenges, setbacks, and disappointments. Please pray for me to not lose heart, and to continually live for Christ.

I look forward to journeying together with you. With warm regards, Alan

Welcome to **Journey**



Last year's Scout Day, pc: SC



Order of Service

February 4th, 2024

Welcome & Call To Worship	Elder Phil
Flag Ceremony	Troop 1134
Worship	Buzz & Congregation
Lord's Supper	Ewin & Congregation
Sermon Overcoming Temptat	ionPastor Ted
Song of Response	Buzz & Congregation
Retrieval of Flags	Troop 1134
Benediction	Pastor Ewin

Sermon Outline

Pastor Ted • James 1:12-15

- ¹² Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him.
- 13 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him. 14 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and He himself tempts no one. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

How does a Jesus-follower overcome temptation?

1.	Take	for your desires, 1:13
2.	Do not	_ the allure and power of sin, 1:14
3.	Clearly connect choices with its _	, 1:12, 15
4.	Be motivated by a growing	, 1:12, 13

Questions for discussion and reflection:

- 1. Why is it important to know the source of our sin? Why does this give hope for victory?
- 2. When powerful evil desires hit, should we just deny them? What about "letting go and letting God"? See Titus 2:11-12; 1 Pet. 2:11.
- 3. What frequently tempts you? Is there someone you can ask to keep you accountable? Are there patterns, places, times you can avoid to minimize exposure?
- 4. How would you categorize your love for God? How can you grow or deepen it?

Ways to connect:

Today: please pray as our youth and counselors return from a retreat at 12:30.

Today: Scouts Day: let's welcome Troop 1134 as they lead us in honoring our flag.

For bulletin/photos, email roger@journeyec.org and amy@journeyec.org. by Tu, 10pm.

2/9: Road Closure (Friday, Bolsa, between Purdy & Neece) Young Adults & Parents.

2/11: Bible Hour begins with a new topic of Hermeneutics (twice a month, 9am).

Lunar NY Lunch: invite friends for a yummy Chinese NY meal; gluten & nut free.

Super Bowl of Love & Listening (12:15-1:15, Sanctuary, ages 9 to 99):

Learn how to minimize misunderstandings, practice active listening skills.

- **2/15:** Women's Ministry Bible Study (*Heart of God,* Francis Chan, 6:46-8:30pm, 1st & 3rd Thurs.): Contact Trudee Joe, womensministry@journeyec.org for details.
- **2/18**: Help Journey guests feel loved (12-12:45): everyone is encouraged to join us (mandatory for officers) for an enjoyable training, different from last year.
- **3/3**: Baptism & Membership Class (12:00-2:30): if you are interested in professing your faith or joining Journey's mission on Easter, email amy@journeyec.org.



Young Adults learning how to line dance at Phil & Shirley's home

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Agnes Liu	Cliff Char—Young Adults, Worship Music
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Allie Wong	Joshua Cain—Christian Education, Youth
Darryl Mu	Peter Leung—Children, Church Secretary, Welcome
Jeff Way	Phil Jen Kin—Personnel, Facilities & Property, Cantonese., Security
Pat Leung	Rick Chou—Nominations, Pastoral Staff Search
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