

### WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

By Rev. In Kee Kim



*Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, where are you going?' Jesus answered, 'where I am going, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow afterward.'*

**John 13:36**

According to a legend written by Jacobus a Voragine in 13th C, Peter was persuaded by Christians of Rome to leave town. While escaping Rome on the Appian Way, he encountered Christ and asked, "Quo vadis domine", "Where are you going, Lord?" Jesus answered, "To Rome, to be crucified anew."

Peter's question "Where are you going, Lord?" points to another question, "Where am I going?" We have to ask ourselves, "Where am I going?" There is no single generic answer for this question. We have to be very specific about where we are going in our lives. What do we want to do? What does God want us to do?

Peter was always eager in wanting to follow Jesus but he did not always understand the full implication of this desire. Once Jesus said, "Right now, you cannot go where I am going." Not because Jesus did not want Peter to come to where he was going but because Peter was not ready. Jesus knew Peter too well. In spite of his eagerness to follow Jesus, Peter denied Jesus three times. His weakness was not the only reason Peter could not follow Jesus but also the lack of understanding about his calling. When we do not know what we want, we cannot take suffering. But once we know clearly what we want to do, we can take any suffering. Peter was not ready to take the cross because he did not know what he wanted to do yet. But later when he understood his calling deep in his heart, he gladly took the cross.

The cross is the necessary suffering you have to go through to achieve your passion. When there is passion within us, we can embrace suffering. When we have passion, we know that the suffering is not just unnecessary meaningless hardship but a seed that bears fruit. When do we get this passion in our lives? **When our desire meets God's desire for us, the passion arises from within us.** When our desire and God's desire come together to create passion in us, we have a different name for that: Calling. If we understand that calling deeply within our hearts, the cross is not something that we try to avoid at all cost but it becomes something that we welcome and embrace. The cross is still difficult to bear but we are willing to bear it and the Spirit will help us. What is important is to truly find the passion in life or the calling in life.

Let us be attentive to our own hearts and see where our hearts are directed. Then we may find the passion. With this passion, our lives will come alive. And that is the resurrection: Life Coming Alive!

Service Time: **12pm-1pm Sunday Worship**

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# EDUCATIONAL VISION FOR 2013

The Faith of our youths is cultivated in the rich relational soil of families, in the church community, and through mentor relationships where they witness faith that is lived out and experienced as love and caring. The Hi-C is blessed to be in a greater community of not only their parents but of young and old adults who exemplify faith and love for God and for the community. Moreover, they are blessed to have teachers - Will Chung, Solomon Yun, Danielle Paik, Daniel Kim and Nathan Kim - to walk with them in their faith journey. They each bring different gifts and talents to Hi-C, but all with passion for God and for our youths. For the year 2013, the Hi-C would like to focus on three aspects.

First is the learning of the Word of God, in ways that they may express their own faith and begin to interpret their experience of the world. We would like to encourage the youths to learn by seeking to understand about God and by articulating their ideas and the challenges they encounter

in their everyday lives. Second, despite their busy schedule, connecting our youths with their peers and mentors in a small group, where meaningful relationships can be nurtured, is important. We hope to help them develop relationships in a church community with whom they can share the joys and struggles of their teen lives as well as their life journeys ahead. Third, youths will be encouraged to engage in the church community by serving in their own capacity. They will serve the younger children and learn to extend a caring attitude and develop responsibility. They will serve along with their parents in various outreach ministries and learn from them the joy of serving. Through these opportunities, we believe they will further discover their own gifts and passion. With these three focused goals in mind, we pray that it will be a meaningful and formative year for our Hi-C.

**By Rev. Jane Yoon**



## SERMON TITLES & SUMMARY: FEBRUARY

Let us keep powerful important messages close to our hearts in the months ahead.

FEBRUARY 3

"Love is Spiritual"

*Love is not something that happens. Love is something that you build by bearing all things and enduring all things.*

FEBRUARY 10

"Licked and Groomed"

*By Rev. Paul Kang*

FEBRUARY 17

"Temptation

*-A Necessary Step for Our Spiritual Growth"*  
*We are trying so hard to prove ourselves and that is temptation. But you are already beautiful and precious in God's eyes.*

FEBRUARY 24

"Evangel Hall Sunday"

*By Rev. Katherine McCloskey*

# SHARING OF A FAITH JOURNEY: URBANA EXPERIENCE

**M**y trip to Urbana was fruitful to say the least. Initially I didn't think much about the conference to eliminate expectations because they aren't usually met. I just made sure I went in with an open mind and an open heart and allowed God to speak to me without any of my worries stopping Him. On the first day of the conference, God showed me a new depth in scripture that I thought I already knew and this really set my posture for the whole conference. I was more willing to learn and was even more excited to see what God had in store for me. The speakers during the night sessions really ingrained in my heart the importance and urgency of being missional, not only to overseas projects but also to our neighbours. One of the speakers said "if it is not good enough for local consumption then it is not good enough for export." We are often concerned about going overseas, trying to make a huge impact in a foreign place but we often neglect the people beside us whom we encounter almost every day at work, at school,

or even at sports teams. The seminars held during Urbana helped to demonstrate how you can really be God's missionary in your current setting or in a setting that you have a heart for. The number and diversity of the seminars showed that there are so many ways to reveal who Jesus is to the people we already know and to those who we don't know.

One of my struggles was to see how being in school fit in with God's mission plan. I went to the session called "Grad school for God's global mission." Here I learned that being in school develops my secular skills and these skills can be used to expand God's kingdom and to reach people who cannot be reached by regular missionaries. It was really inspiring to know that what I'm doing is in fact being missional, it's just not as apparent. Throughout this conference I really saw the importance of being a servant of God in this world and how I can use my educational skills in my school setting and beyond.

**By Sam Kim**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS *Don't forget to mark these dates!*

March 1<sup>st</sup> : Women's Group Movie Night

March 2<sup>nd</sup> : KCWA Gala Dinner

March 2<sup>nd</sup> : "Disciplining Children" Workshop with Tori Smit from the PCC (CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL @ 1PM)

March 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> : Hi-C March Break Retreat

March 23: Newcomer's Welcome Party (CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL @ 6PM)

April 12 to 14 : Happiness Seminar III in Korean

June 21 to 23 : ESM Summer Retreat (FAIR HAVEN RETREAT CENTRE)





## HELP WANTED

Many ministries in our church require willing servants to run effectively. *Where can you serve today?*

<u>Committee/Department</u>	<u>Roles</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
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## EDITOR'S NOTE

The season of Lent - a time of reflection, repentance, and self-denial - is upon us. During this time, let us reflect on the **passion** that is discussed in Rev. Kim's message. Passion is talked about a lot these days but the key question is: Does your passion match with what God has in store for you? We have also heard from Sam who is seeking and trying to carry out his passion according to God's will for him. So during this time of reflection and prayer let us find out what God's passion is for each of us individually and as a community. As someone wisely stated, prayer isn't necessarily asking God for this and that but sometimes, just listening to what God is trying to tell us.

Yes! We finally have a name for our e-Newsletter: Timothy Voice! It reflects who we are and what we are trying to achieve - a community of faith reaching out with a collective single Voice. The winner or shall we say winners are the classes of our Hi-C, in particular our younger members. Although their entries were not chosen, we thank all of them for their enthusiastic participation in this contest. Since they are a bit too young to drive nor own a car, Elder James' parking space is safe until another time but a great and appropriate prize will be given to our Hi-C youths.

Happy Easter everyone!

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