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BELIEVING IN CHRIST AND PROFESSING HIM

My dear youth,

In order to attain salvation, one must **BELIEVE** IN JESUS CHRIST AND ALSO **PROFESS** HIM. (Romans 10: 9, 10).

Apostle Peter is an example to us in this. He did not pay any attention to the threats of the chief priests and Jewish authorities, but rather even impressed his audience with his boldness, he proclaimed:

“ Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name

Under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4: 12)

This message was incomprehensible for the Jews because according to their interpretation, one could only attain salvation through strict observance of the Law.

Apostle Peter continued to serve God, even

though he thereby exposed himself to dangers. Just a few weeks ago he denied Jesus, suddenly he is full of courage to **PROFESS** Jesus! **WHY?** In between the time of denial and professing he experienced;

- THE RESURRECTION POWER OF JESUS
- HE RECEIVED GRACE FROM HIS BLUNDER
- CHRIST EVEN TRUSTED HIM WITH A GREAT COMMISSION
- HE RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT

THIS IS WHERE HIS **COURAGE TO PROFESS COMES FROM!**

Jesus also expects us to profess him in word and deed. Our lives and conduct are to be a testimony of that which we believe! That is not always easy. Aligning ourselves with the will

of God can bring troubles and even disadvantages. **BUT WE GET OUR STRENGTH AND COURAGE TO PROFESS FROM;**

- THE VICTORY OF JESUS
- THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST
- THE TRUST GOD PLACED IN US, HE HAD CHOSEN US
- THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE SOURCE OF POWER AND OF A SOUND MIND

IN the awareness and BELIEF of all these gifts and riches which God gives us, let us praise Him by professing His name. If we act in this manner, we will give our fellow human beings the opportunity to discover Christ and His salvation for themselves.

Sincerely Yours,

Timmy Gabriel

District Apostle Helper Urs Hebeisen Visited Bulacan

Francisco Homes Congregation in San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan was visited by DAH Urs Hebeisen last February 10th and leave a lasting impression of joy and happiness in the hearts of all God's children there.

Apostle Hebeisen served the congregation and he admonished them through the gospel to RENEW THEIR DECISION everyday in all situations of their life, because we all made a decision when we CHOOSE to become a child of God on the day of our Holy Sealing.

We make the RIGHT DECISION if we are FOCUSED ON OUR VISION TO THE GOAL OF OUR FAITH. If we remain focused if we LISTEN TO GOD'S VOICE.

On the contrary, we make the WRONG DECISION if we deviate our SIGHT OR VISION AND FOCUS ON OTHER INTERESTS AND LISTEN TO OTHER

VOICES OF THE SPIRIT OF THE TIMES.

- Adam and Eve made a wrong decision because they did not focus on God's voice and listened to the voice of the serpent.
- Cain made a bad decision because he focused on his anger and envy and lead him to kill Abel and did not listen to God's warning.
- Noah made the right decision because he focused on God's call to build the arch.
- Abraham made the right decision because he followed God's call to leave his country.
- Paul after his conversion made a decision to align his life to the Gospel, he did not become neutral between the Romans and Christians.

- Moses made a decision in favor of the people of God, he focused on the reward and not on the passing pleasures of sin in Pharaoh's court.

To be NEUTRAL will bring no reward. Moses can also be neutral to Egypt and Israel. But he made a clear decision. Let us all make a clear decision in our hearts

***"I AM A CHILD OF GOD,
I HAD DECIDED FOR THE LORD AND THAT IS FINAL. I DECIDED TO LISTEN TO GOD'S VOICE,
I DECIDED NOT TO ACT OUT OF ANGER AND ENVY, I DECIDED TO BE ACTIVE IN BUILDING THE ARCH (CONGREGATION), I DECIDED TO LISTEN TO GOD'S CALL TO LIVE MY LIFE ACCORDING TO THE GOSPEL".***



APRIL 2008 Schedule of Activities

Sunday
April 05, 2008
Divine Service
Makati Central Church

Sunday
April 19, 2006
Divine Service
Makati Central Church

Sunday
April 12, 2008
Divine Service
Makati Central Church

Sunday
April 26, 2008
Divine Service
Makati Central Church

MAY 2, 2008 - YOUTH RETREAT SET-UP TEAM IN INDANG, CAVITE

MAY 3-4, 2008 - YOUTH RETREAT IN INDANG, CAVITE (RIO MINERAL WATER RESORT)

*Dear Apostle
Hebeisen,*

*Despite the odds
our parents still
took care of us even
we are not perfect
because of our
mistakes and
failures (example we
got married at a
young age or
become a single
parent at a young
age). We are
advised by our
bearers of blessing
that we have to go
on our own. If we go
on our own so that
it will teach us a
lesson and suffer all
the consequences
at a tender young
age, is it ungodly or
wrong if we seek
support, direction,
and guidance from
our parents until
such time we can
stand on our own as
Christ commanded
to help for those in
need, because we
have nobody else to
turn to?*

Apostle Letter Box

I have the impression this question is based on some misconceptions, misunderstanding or a plain mix up of facts in a very personal situations.

First of all every situation is different. I do not know the circumstances behind this question. What this bearer of blessing who was quoted, really said and in which context is not known to me and I therefore cannot comment.

Then, all family matters are personal matters. No Brother who is a true pastor of souls can interfere with it. Everybody makes his own decisions and chooses his own lifestyle. What one however should not overlook is the fact that also everyone has a personal responsibility towards himself, family, parents and society. Only too often we see today that egoistic and self serving motifs are ones guide and that is a no, no. Even loving and sacrificing parents should not be exploited by children. A sense of responsibility must be developed. Dependency is a great factor contributing to poverty. Responsibilities can be shared in a family but not delegated.

Children are always loved by their parents and parents take care of them as much as they can even if they fall or make mistakes.. No parent sends their children away to be on their own when they cannot, when they are in need. That is no question and definitely no one in soul care ever suggests a separation parent

and children. The question however is do children learn to appreciate and be thankful what sacrifice the parents make or do they take it for granted and do nothing on their own to help their parents? Here we have a very important point where parents and children must find an understanding with each other. After all the future of the children is at stake.

Do children learn of their mistakes or do they rely so much on their parents that they do not care where their life is taking them? This is another question. Then also what is the situation of the parents? Can they really give the help to the children or is not just an additional dependency created such as a third party, the church, the friends, society or government? This definitely is food for thought.

The advice of “going on your own” is an advice of attitude formation. It has nothing to do with sending children away when they have created a misery. Nobody right in his mind would do that. The Lord Jesus showed it in the parable of the prodigal son very clearly. One can however be sure that father who took his lost son back did not just make a feast for his return but was also seeing to it that the son goes on a secure path in future. Unfortunately we are living today in a time where values are distorted and one thinks everything goes. That is definitely no help and does not build a secure future.

Now a little detail. In the question it speaks of somebody in “tender age” Which age is meant? If a teenager, a minor of no legal age the parents are fully responsible and of course the question is somehow academic. Yet still, children should learn responsible behavior in all situations, good and bad.

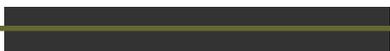
If we are talking about single parenthood as a minor then it is advisable to look at the legal aspects as well and counseling is recommended.

Wishing you all the wisdom from above to make the right decisions.

No one is judged, no one is punished but in return everyone shall make informed and responsible decisions “on his own”

Loving greetings

Urs Hebeisen



CONFIRMATION 2008

Dear Confirmands,

You have stepped to the altar to give your confirmation vow, in which you make a promise to the Lord. Following this you will receive His blessing, which is to accompany you on your future path of faith and life. Making a promise to the Lord and receiving His blessing in return – these two elements belong together. It is my wish that you may experience this often in your lives.

The following Bible text, which I dedicate to you on your Confirmation, is to accompany you through life.

***“This is the day the Lord had made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Save now, I pray, O lord; O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity.”***
(Psalm 118: 24-25)

This passage consists of two distinct parts. On the one hand there is a call to be joyful. Rejoice over that the Lord does! On the other hand we find the urgent cry for help: “Save me now, O Lord, and send prosperity!”

You will come to know and experience that joy and distress at times go hand in hand.

Let us take another moment to occupy ourselves with this plea from Psalm 118: Lord, help! Let me prosper! IN all that we do we wish to prosper. This applies to assignments in school and in our profession. This also applies to all our plans in our personal lives. Of Hezekiah, a monarch in the kingdom of Judah, we read: “He prospered wherever he went” (2 Kings 18: 7). How did this come about? In the preceding verses it says that he trusted the Lord, held fast to Him, did not cease to follow Him, and kept His commandments. This is indeed a good foundation for ensuring prosperity in all one’s efforts. May you also trust in the Lord, hold fast to Him, never stop following Him, and always heed His divine instruction!

Let me point out yet another reality of life, as expressed in Proverbs 2: 7 (NIV): “He [the Lord] holds victory in store for the upright.” Those two approach the Lord with an upright attitude will experience His help and blessing!

May you prosper in remaining faithful to the Lord! Then you will attain the goal of our faith, eternal glory.

I wish you rich blessing-today and every day anew-and extend warm greetings to you and your parents.

Yours sincerely,

Wilhelm Leber
