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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NYC Middle School & High School Retreat, Feb. 16-18, 2020, in KPCC
- Northeast College Conference, Feb. 21-23, 2020, in Connecticut
- Regional Sisters' Blending, Feb. 29, 2020, Hall 1
- Regional Spanish-speaking Conference, Mar. 13-15, 2020, in KPCC

PRAYER BURDENS

- Young people--The upcoming NYC young people's retreat at KPCC (February 16-18)
- Families/Households--the covering and strengthening of all the families and all the households in the church including all the corporate living arrangements among the single brothers and sisters
- Shepherding--the shepherding of all the saints in the church, the strengthening of the small group meetings and the increase of the visitation of the new ones and of those who have not been attending the meetings recently
- Gospel--the strengthening of the burden for the gospel among the saints of all ages and of all languages, particularly on all the campuses for the new semester
- The Lord's move in Germany:
 - a. The first Lord's table meeting in Hamburg, Germany on February 23
 - b. Meeting Hall in Berlin
 - c. Meeting hall for the church in Stuttgart

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Young Working Saints and Young Families Blending, Mar. 20-21, 2020, in KPCC
- International Training for Elders & Responsible Ones, Mar. 27-29, 2020, in Anaheim, CA
- NY/NJ Regional Conference, Apr. 3-5, 2020, in Franklin, NJ
- Northeast Spring Young People's Conference, Apr. 9-12, 2020, in KPCC

- Gospel to the Nations Conference, Apr. 17-19, 2020, in Atlanta, GA

REGIONAL SISTERS CONFERENCE

There will be a one-day Regional Sisters' Blending Conference on Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020 in Hall 1. Please register online by Feb. 17th via the sign-up form: <http://bit.ly/sistersfeb2020>
Feel free to contact us with any questions and concerns via email: serviceofficenyc@gmail.com

Ministry foretaste for the preparation of the upcoming Regional Sisters' Blending Conference:

In God's administration of His economy, a very important position is assigned to the women. After man was created, what happened to man was very much related to the woman. By this we can see that whether or not God can have His way today in His purpose depends very much upon what the sisters will do. If the women, or the sisters, will function properly, God will have a success; otherwise, there will surely be a failure or a loss... This shows us the importance of the sisters' position in the Bible.

All the sisters must realize that their position in the church is to bring forth Christ to people. Whatever you do must bring forth Christ. You have to pray that the Spirit will come upon you and that the power of the Most High will overshadow you so that you can bring forth Christ... It is not just a matter of working for the Lord; it is a matter of bringing forth Christ.

According to the Gospels, the (*six*) Marys were the ones who loved the Lord and followed Him. They ministered to the Lord out of their possessions. Sisters, this is your position. Your position is first to bring forth Christ to people and then to love the Lord Jesus.

Furthermore, you need to do something that makes the burial of the Lord Jesus so sweet... In the New Testament there is no position assigned to the sisters for taking the lead or doing a big work or being a great speaker. Rather, the position that has been assigned to the sisters is to

love Him, to follow Him, to minister to Him, to experience His death, and to make Him so sweet to everyone.

Moreover, the sisters must discover something of the resurrection and be first to know the Lord's ascension (John 20:11-18). The Lord's resurrection was not discovered first by Peter but by Mary. In the church we do not need the sisters to teach, but we do need the sisters to see the revelation and to discover some of the things related to the Lord's resurrection life.

In Acts there were no sisters taking the lead in the church, but they were praying... All the sisters in the church have to learn to pray. If you see a problem, do not talk about it and do not gossip about it—pray... You have to be so involved in the prayer and so burdened in the prayer that even after your prayer has been answered, you would continue to pray... Whenever you see that the church needs something, whenever you see some shortcomings, whenever you see something lacking in the church, do not spread any rumors—pray. Stop the rumors by praying; even kill the rumors by praying. ... This is so healthy.

Euodias and Syntyche were two wonderful, lovely, even spiritual sisters, but there was a problem between them. They were not thinking the same thing. ... The biggest problem for the sisters in the church life is that they are not thinking the same thing. It is very easy for the sisters not to be of one mind. Because of this, many of the divisions in Christianity were caused by the sisters. They have often been the source of division. This is a very serious matter. On the one hand, the sisters are greatly needed. Without the sisters the church is barren. But although the sisters are greatly needed and very useful, it is also very difficult for them to be of one mind...The way for you to be of one mind is... to turn yourself from your troublesome mind to your spirit. If you turn to your spirit, you will be of one mind with others.

One further word: All the sisters must learn to say, "I don't mind; I just don't mind." If the sisters would learn to say, "I don't mind," it would be wonderful. This means that they would never make an issue of anything.

--Excerpts from *The Six Marys*

MORNING WATCH

HWMR: *Knowing and Experiencing the All-Inclusive, Extensive Christ - Week 6: "Knowing and Experiencing the All-Inclusive, Extensive Christ as Our Life and as the Constituent of the New Man"*

Portion from Week 2 - Day 6:

If we would absorb the riches of Christ as the soil, we need to have tender, new roots. Do not let yourself get old, but be fresh and renewed day by day. Pray to the Lord, "Lord, I want my consecration to be fresh, and I want to open to You anew. I want my roots to be tender that I may absorb Your riches. Lord, don't let my roots get old." If our roots are tender and new to absorb the riches of Christ, we shall grow automatically with the riches we assimilate. This is to enjoy Christ and to experience Him subjectively daily and hourly.

If you see that we have been rooted in Christ as the rich soil, you will be comforted and encouraged...In this soil do you not have the fullness, the circumcision, the burial, the raising up, the giving of life, the wiping out of the ordinances, and the stripping off of the powers of darkness? Forget your situation, your condition, your failures, and your weaknesses and simply take time to enjoy the Lord. Take time to absorb Him, to assimilate the rich elements from Him as the soil. If you take time to absorb the Lord, you will be able to testify that in Christ you have no lack (*Life-study of Colossians, pp. 486-487, 468*).

Corporate Reading:

"The Christian Life" Chapter 6

LORD'S DAY ATTENDANCE – FEB. 9

HALL 1	Jamaica Estates, Queens	221/49
HALL 2	Midtown Manhattan	102/12
HALL 3	Flushing, Queens	131/15
HALL 4	Downtown Brooklyn	29/4
HALL 5	The Bronx	36/17
HALL 6	UWS, Manhattan	69/10
HALL 7	South Brooklyn	66/19
HALL 8	Elmhurst, Queens	88/22
HALL 9	Staten Island	31/4
	TOTAL	773/152 (925)

*Adults including YP/ Children and Infants