



Genesis Sermon Series  
Forefathers of Our Faith

MOURNING  
WITH  
FAITHFULNESS

Genesis 23:1-20

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**ABRAHAM**  
Starter of Faith



# MOURNING WITH FAITHFULNESS

Scripture Text: Genesis 23:1-20

Sermon  
Notes

## Summary Statement:

In seasons of deep mourning, God calls us to maintain faithful hope – resolving to trust in His promises and walk faithfully with Him, even when all we see today is sorrow.

## Introduction

### 1. The Reality of Grief (vv1-2)

- o The reality of grief is painful.
- o Grief does not bypass the faithful, and mourning is not a sign of weak faith.

### 2. Mourning with Faithfulness (vv3-16)

#### i. Perspective of Promise (vv3-9)

- o Abraham stayed in the land of promise.
- o Grief did not lead him to abandon God's plan.

#### ii. Fulfilling Faithfulness (vv10-16)

- o Abraham faithfully and honourably secured Sarah's burial site.
- o His actions showed trust in God's promises.

### 3. Hope Beyond the Grave (vv17-20)

- o The Cave of Machpelah deeded to Abraham.
- o Our eternal hope (Hebrews 11:13-16, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, John 11:25-26)
- o The soil of mourning and the seed of faith

### Sermon Discussion Questions for Missional Cells

1. Who or what have you mourned recently? Reflect on that past or present grief – were you able to do so deeply and honestly? How did you see God present in that season?
2. How can you, like Abraham, express faithfulness even as you carry sorrow?
3. As a community of faith, how can we practically support one another in seasons of mourning?
4. Why is it important to stay faithful and hold on to hope even when you don't fully understand God's plan during loss?

# HOLY WEEK 2025

Join us this Holy Week as we journey through the pivotal moments of Christ's sacrifice. Through His death, we are given the gift of eternal life.

Let us reflect on the depth of His love, and draw closer to Him in faith and gratitude.

**11 - 17 Apr**

## **Daily Devotional Reading**

Thoughtfully prepared by our pastoral team, this daily devotional is designed to guide you through meaningful moments of prayer and reflection.

<https://bartley.ch/2025HolyWeekDevoReading>



**13 - 19 Apr**

## **Fast and Pray**

Create a dedicated space for fasting and prayer during this period to deepen your connection with God. You are welcome to use the church for quiet time:

- Hudson Taylor Hall, level 2
- 14 to 17 Apr, 12pm - 2pm, 6pm - 9pm

**18 Apr, 10am**

## **Good Friday Service**

*“Lead Me to Calvary”*

Main auditorium, level 3

(No separate children's program)

**20 Apr, 10am\***

## **Easter Sunday Musical**

*“Lead me to the Cross”*

Main auditorium, level 3

\*Children's program (12yrs and below) is available

We welcome all new friends and families to journey with us this Good Friday & Easter Sunday

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (1)

## 46th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In preparation for the 46th AGM to be held on 18 May 2025 and to ensure you receive the notice of AGM, we request Bartley members to update any changes in the below information by 13 April to [info@bartley.org.sg](mailto:info@bartley.org.sg) or approach the Foyer counter at Level 3 after the service.

- Home address
- Email address
- Contact no.

## BARTLEY COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES (BCCS) - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**We need YOU!**

We need your help! Be part of a fantastic team of volunteers who make a real difference to our beneficiaries.

**Teachers**  
Teach phonics to disadvantaged preschoolers & help them develop crucial literacy skills  
Period : June to November (6 months commitment)

**Photo+ Videographer**  
Capture compelling visuals to tell a story, highlighting the impact of our activities

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BEGIN YOUR REGISTRATION.

**Bartley**  
Community Care Services

Whether you are an English teacher, a talented videographer or an avid photographer, we need your help! Be part of a fantastic team of volunteers who make a real difference to our beneficiaries. We need teachers to help teach phonics to disadvantaged preschoolers and help them develop crucial literacy skills. We also need videographers and photographers who can capture the impact of what we do.

Click on

<https://bit.ly/VolunteerWithBCCS>

to sign up today!

## CHANGE IN BCC BROADCAST NUMBER

**Bartley**

**NEW BROADCAST MOBILE NUMBER WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT**

**80539400**

Existing subscribers would receive notification to update the contact on your mobile phone. Please save this new number in your contact as 'BCC Broadcast'

Bartley Christian Church  
WhatsApp business account

Scan this code to start a WhatsApp chat with Bartley Christian Church

BCC Broadcast mobile number has been changed to [8053 9400](tel:80539400). Please **SAVE THIS NEW NUMBER ON YOUR PHONE** in order to receive updates of events & bulletin.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (2)

## PRAYER & RELIEF EFFORT FOR MYANMAR

💧 How You Can Help:

◆ Contribution Deadline: 8 April 2025, 12 PM

◆ To Give: Scan the Missions QR code and indicate "Myanmar" in the remarks.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity in this critical time. 🙏

*Prayer & Relief Effort for*

# MYANMAR

# 100 Water Filters



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

**RSG**

RELIEF  
SINGAPORE

Wateroam water filters, designed for crisis situations, can provide clean water for up to 500 people. Relief SG is working with ground partners to ensure swift deployment, with an airlift planned in 1-2 weeks.

### HOW TO GIVE



❑ Scan the **Missions QR Code**

❑ Indicate **"Myanmar"**  
in the "Reference Number /Remarks" box

❑ Deadline: **8<sup>th</sup> April 2025**, 12:00pm

### PLEASE PRAY

❑ **People of Myanmar**  
for those who are grieving, for the injured, and for those still trapped

❑ **God's Mercy & Comfort**  
upon the nation of Myanmar in its time of crisis

❑ **Relief Efforts**  
for generous giving, the smooth deployment of aid, and for the communities receiving this help to experience God's provision and love.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (3)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOSPITALITY

Be a part of the Hospitality Team that creates a welcoming church! Volunteer to be an usher or meeting point host. Sign up here: [bartley.ch/HospitalityTeamVolunteer](https://bartley.ch/HospitalityTeamVolunteer)



JOIN THE  
**HOSPITALITY TEAM**

**USHERS**  
Would you serve together and be part of a team to create a welcoming church?

**MEETING POINT HOSTS**  
Do you like to meet new friends and have a cup of coffee with them?

Requirement:  
\*able to serve once a month  
\*enjoy meeting people and possess a warm, approachable demeanor

<https://bartley.ch/HospitalityTeamVolunteer>

The poster features the Bartley logo in the top right corner. The title 'HOSPITALITY TEAM' is in large orange letters, with a smiley face in the 'O' of 'HOSPITALITY'. Below the title are two illustrations: one of three people waving with a 'Welcome!' speech bubble, and another of four people sitting around a table with coffee cups and a 'HELLO!' speech bubble. A QR code is located on the right side of the poster.

## UPCOMING EVENTS (1)

### HANGOUT: NATURE WALK

Calling all singles from aged 25-40 to join us for Nature Walk @Mandai. Explore the great outdoors while making new friends. Limited vacancies. **Sign up now** at: [https://bartley.ch/HangOut\\_NW](https://bartley.ch/HangOut_NW)



*HangOut*

26 April 2025, Saturday  
9am to 2pm

**Nature Walk**  
@ Mandai Boardwalk

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\$12 per pax (sign up by 31 Mar @ \$10)  
Min 10 pax  
Closing Date: 15 Apr

Lunch @ Han's Union (Springleaf)  
Games, Door Gift, Lucky Draw

Organised by HangOut  
An initiative to connect singles aged 25 - 40 through social events

[https://bartley.ch/HangOut\\_NW](https://bartley.ch/HangOut_NW)

The poster features a background image of a scenic boardwalk at Mandai, lined with lush greenery and a body of water. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner of the poster.


# UPCOMING EVENTS (2)

## FEED 445 EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUALITY (EHS) - EMPOWERMENT/FACILITATOR TRAINING

Join us for this course to be equipped as a EHS Facilitator to run the EHS Course with your own group/s of friends at your time, place and pace!

**Date: 17 May & 31 May (Saturdays) | Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm**

**MORE DETAILS & REGISTRATION at: <https://bartley.ch/FEED445-EmpFacTrng>**



**F.E.E.D 445**  
**Emotionally Healthy Spirituality**  
**Empowerment/Facilitator Training**  
**17 & 31 May 2025**  
**2 x Saturdays (9:30am - 12:30pm)**  
**Venue: Room 4.1 (17 May) & ZOOM (31 May)**

Course Fee: \$10\*

**CLOSING DATE OF REGISTRATION: 4 MAY 2025**

*\*Course fee is not included in the book fee. Those with no formal exposure to EHS materials may also register.*

<https://bartley.ch/FEED445-EmpFacTrng>

## FEED 217 Mentoring Through the 7 Churches & In the Step of the Apostles: Study Trip to Türkiye (23 November - 3 December 2025)

This is BCC's 4th study trip to Türkiye under the leadership and tutelage of Ps Mah Yeow Beng. It includes 3 Mandatory Pre-trip teaching/briefing sessions on 6 September, 11 October and 8 November (Saturdays 9am-1pm).

**Fee per person: \$3,985.00**

**To ensure a place, register by 30 June 2025**

**FEED 217 Mentoring Through THE 7 CHURCHES & IN THE STEPS OF THE APOSTLES**  
**Türkiye Study Trip (23 Nov - 3 Dec 2025) FEE: \$3,985/person**



**1) To register for trip or find out more:**

<https://event.actxplorer.com/>

[Enter pw: BCC2025ATR]

**2) To attend any 1 of 4 INFO SHARING sessions below, register at:**

<https://bartley.ch/FEED217-InfoSharingReg>

- 13 April (Sunday), 4:30pm-6pm  
via MS Teams Video Conferencing
- 11 May (Sunday), 10:45am-12nn**  
**onsite** in Room 4.7, Level 4, BCC
- 11 May (Sunday), 12:45pm-2pm**  
**onsite** in Room 4.7, Level 4, BCC
- 28 May (Wednesday), 8pm-9:30pm  
via MS Teams Video Conferencing

# CONNECT WITH US!

»» I'M **NEW** and would like someone to follow up with me.

»» I would like to **JOIN** a Missional Cell, Young Adults Ministry, or Youth Ministry

Scan to join!



<https://bartley.ch/newcomer-response-registration>

»» I would like to get **BAPTISED**

»» I would like to be a **MEMBER**

Scan to register



<https://bartley.ch/baptism-membership>

## STAY CONNECTED

Receive weekly updates, including E-bulletin, via WhatsApp broadcast. **Send a message with your full name to 8053 9400 (New BCC Broadcast number)!**

Alternatively, just click on the link below to be directed to BCC WhatsApp.

<https://wa.me/message/EU3V2HMCBNC2H1>

Bartley Christian Church  
WhatsApp business account





## OUR Purpose

A God-loved  
missional community that  
worships passionately  
evangelises faithfully  
disciples intentionally  
serves selflessly  
sent out to reach the world for Christ

## OUR Core Values

**B**elieving Prayers  
**A**ccountable Relationships  
**R**eaching Out to the Nations  
**T**eaching the Word  
**L**oving Families  
**E**xercising Stewardship  
**Y**ielding to the Spirit



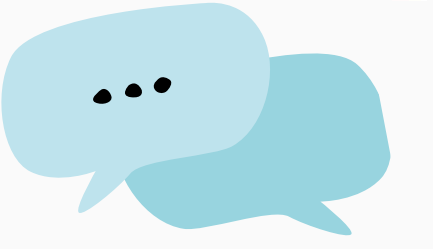
### Kingdom Jewels Children Ministry

We welcome children aged 12 years & below to join our Sunday School program. If you have a child 12 years and under and would like to find out more, please visit our webpage at:

<https://www.bartley.org.sg/kingdom-jewels>.

Please contact Ps Nan at [nansiew@bartley.org.sg](mailto:nansiew@bartley.org.sg), PeiYun at [peiyunyin@bartley.org.sg](mailto:peiyunyin@bartley.org.sg) or Gerard at [gerardsu@bartley.org.sg](mailto:gerardsu@bartley.org.sg) if you have queries.

### Need to talk to someone?



If you need prayer, ministry or wish to respond to God's Word, our pastors & elders will be at the front to meet with you after each service. You may also email: [info@bartley.org.sg](mailto:info@bartley.org.sg) if you have any prayer requests or wish to speak with our pastors.

If you have counselling needs, drop an email to [counselling@bartley.org.sg](mailto:counselling@bartley.org.sg) to request counselling from our lay counsellors.

### **TITHES & GIVING** to BARTLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH via **Bank Transfer or PayNow (UEN):**

**1) For General Tithes & Offerings:** DBS Account: 047-007309-0 (UEN: 197801655D)

**2) For Missions (General & Designate\*\*):** DBS Account: 072-108877-0 (UEN: 197801655DMIS)

**3) For PJWMEF:** DBS Account: 003-911373-0 (UEN: 197801655DPJW)

\*\* *Missions personnel codes* can be found at: <https://www.bccmissions.com/missionspersonnelcodes> or scan the QR code on the right. Please **indicate the 3-Letter codes in the reference/remark section when giving to a specific missionary.**



### PASTORS

Senior Pastor Joseph Lee  
Pastor Mah Yeow Beng (Christian Education)  
Pastor Jason Lee (English Lead)  
Pastor Tony Clayton Chong (English, Missional Cell)  
Pastor Jonathan Ji (English, Frontline Youth)  
Pastor Woo Nan Siew (English, Kingdom Jewels-Children)  
Pastor Gloria Pereira (English, Young Adults)  
Pastor Eric Wong (Chinese Lead)  
Pastor Irene Chung (Chinese)  
Pastor Clevee Go (Filipino Lead)  
Pastor Kim Taehoon (Korean Lead)  
Associate Pastor Alvin Tan (English)  
Associate Pastor Lim Beng Hee (Chinese)  
Associate Pastor Danny Modi (Telugu Lead)  
Lay Pastor Solomon Adhikari (Nepali Lead)

### ELDERS

Chairman Elder Lawrence Phang  
Vice Chairman Elder Chua Teck Chuan  
Secretary Elder Jeffrey Lee  
Treasurer Elder Vikram Mengi  
Elder Jeffrey Lum  
Elder Ronald Yong  
Elder Yew Hock Meng

### MINISTRY HEADS

Missions - Serene Lim  
Family Life - Li Wen Xing  
Bartley Community Outreach - Matthew Chern  
Kingdom Treasures, Seniors - May Kwan  
Counselling - May Kwan  
Indonesian Fellowship - Rose Faquir  
Bartley Community Care Services - Kenneth Teo

### SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

**ENGLISH Service**  
9:00am & 11:00am

**ENGLISH CHILDREN Ministry**  
10:45am

**CHINESE Service**  
11:00am

**INDONESIAN Fellowship**  
11:00am

**KOREAN Service**  
11:00am & 8:00pm

**NEPALI Service**  
1:00pm

**FILIPINO Service**  
1:30pm

#### SATURDAY

**FRONTLINE Youth Ministry**  
3:00pm

**TELUGU Service**  
8:00pm