



Café VEF Worship Service

(March 7th, 2021)

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Opening Prayer	Pastor Tom
Call to Worship	Psalm 73:25-26
Worship in Song	Your Love is Amazing Eagle's Wings (Here I Am Waiting) Be Thou My Vision The Greatest Thing in All My Life
Pastoral Prayer	
Announcements	Jims
Scripture Reading	Exodus 20:1-17
Message <i>"Business as Usual"</i>	Pastor John John 2:13-22
Response Song	Jesus, All For Jesus
Benediction	

ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

During our time of fellowship after every service is also a good time for special prayer, whether it be a health crisis, career decision, family situation, or prayer to place your faith in Christ as Lord and Savior of your life. Please don't hesitate to contact any one of our staff to pray with you. Every Wednesday, our staff shares in a special time of prayer for VEF needs. If you would like prayer or would like the staff to pray for a friend or relative, your request can be registered at prayer.vefellowship.com.

VEF PASTORS seek to be available for spiritual direction or to discuss life issues. Most days, they are at the church during the mornings from 8:30 to 12 and then in the afternoons and evenings are working from their home offices or are available to visit cell group meetings, in homes, or meet for tea/coffee at a restaurant.

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How to pay tithes by Wire Transfer

You can transfer your offerings to Victory's Postal account, the bank code is 700, follow by the account number - 0061021 0478485. Contact Pastor John at vefpastor@gmail.com or Yu-Hwa at yhwang217@yahoo.com.tw. Please make sure to contact one of them to make sure the money goes into the VEF account and transfer was properly made.

Join us on LINE or FB to get regular updates regarding VEF.



Announcements

VEF will be having a Run, Bike, & BBQ day on Saturday, March 13th. We'll be at the Baoshan 2nd Reservoir ending with a BBQ about noon. We have rented a bus for those who wish to come out for the BBQ. The bus will leave Victory at 10:30AM sharp and return to Victory by 3:00PM. To register use the QR code or go to <https://forms.gle/3qafqAbu1JjPRxgh8>. If the weather is bad the event will be rescheduled for April 3rd.



Friday, April 2nd – Good Friday Service 8PM

Saturday, April 3rd – VEF Outing (more details to come)

There will be a new Korean class for complete beginners starting March 20th every Saturday from 10:45AM to 12:30PM. This class is an opportunity for outreach (especially targeted for Chinese speakers). To register please click on the QR code.



Last Sunday's (2/28)

- Morning worship attendance – 100
- Afternoon worship attendance – 45
- Children's Sunday school attendance – 35

Question: "Who were the money changers in the Bible?"

For the full article go to <https://www.gotquestions.org/money-changers-in-the-Bible.html>

Because Jewish law required a [temple tax](#) of a half-shekel ([Exodus 30:11–16](#)), Jews and visitors from other nations came pay their taxes when they offered their sacrifices. But foreign coins with the likeness of pagan emperors would not be accepted in God's temple. So money changers exchanged those foreign coins for Jewish money, but they did so at an exorbitant profit. Rather than provide this service as a business in another part of town, they exploited the religious zeal of the visitors to Jerusalem and did their business on temple grounds. Because they determined their own exchange rate, money changers easily took advantage of the poor and the foreigners pouring into Jerusalem for Passover.

These same money changers were associated with others who engaged in shady business practices in the [temple courts](#). Some sold sacrificial animals, overcharging people who did not bring their own. Others were in charge of examining the animals to be sacrificed, and it was a simple matter to declare an animal "unapproved" and force the worshiper to buy another animal—at an inflated price—from the temple vendors. Such goings-on, exploiting the poor and the foreigner, angered the Lord Jesus and was strictly forbidden in the Mosaic Law ([Exodus 22:21](#); [Leviticus 19:34](#)).

The money changers in the temple courts were similar to [tax collectors](#) in that they extorted money from their own people. They were more than ordinary businessmen. They were seeking to profit financially from the worship of God. Wherever passion and zeal are found, there will also be those who seek to profit from that zeal. Paul wrote to Timothy about such people, false teachers who found a way to make a fortune off the gospel ([1 Timothy 6:5](#)). Modern versions of the money changers flood the airways, promising to exchange your hard-earned dollars for blessings, healing, and God's favor. For a suggested donation, they will supposedly pray for you or promise virtually anything you want. For another twenty bucks, they will sell you a book about how to wrangle prosperity, health, or spiritual insights from God. And, like the simony of the first-century money changers, the practices of modern religious price gougers only aid those worshipers who have enough cash to purchase their wares.

Paul often clarified the difference between his ministry and that of [false teachers](#) by pointing out their greed. In [2 Corinthians 2:17](#) he wrote, "Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God." Peter also warned that one way to spot a modern-day money changer is to notice his or her fascination with financial gain ([2 Peter 2:3](#)). Jesus hated the money changers' exploitation of the devout two thousand years ago, and He still hates it. We may not have shady characters collecting temple taxes outside our places of worship, but we have them invading our homes through radio and television. We are wise to remember how Jesus reacted to such selfish swindlers. With no apologies, He drove them out of His Father's house. When we identify a modern money changer, we should do the same.