

Community, Compassion, Commission!

Scripture: Matt 9:35-38

Key Bible Truth: God sends us out to have compassion and to serve the community.



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Grace Chinese Gospel Church of North York

\$1.5 Million

multi-purpose gymnasium & food pantry
to better serve the North York & Scarborough Communities

a GGCNY initiative - www.ggcny.org

Ontario Trillium Foundation
Foundation of Trinity at Toronto

Participating organizations include:
Parkview, FOC, SWO, and others.

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Jesus' Model of Service



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Background (Matt 4:23-9:35)

Introduction 4:23 Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.

[Detailed account](#)

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Jesus served the community, meeting needs holistically

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9:36

When he saw the crowds,
he had compassion on them
because they were
confused and helpless,
like sheep without a shepherd.

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Compassion

- a strong emotion,
- from the gut,
- deep sympathy

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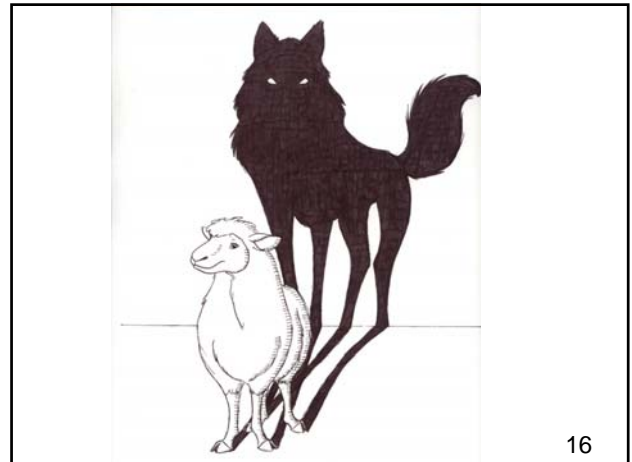
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With Jesus as good Shepherd

(sacrifices his life for his sheep)

Freed from sin
Power, victory over sin

Have Good Shepherd:

- soul satisfied, abundant life
- peace, security, protection
- victory over sin & death
- eternal life
- life has direction, eternal purpose, meaning & value¹⁹

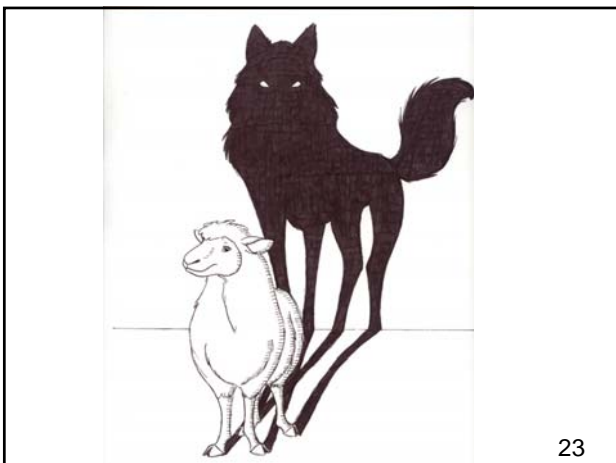


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 own family v.38 take up cross and follow
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I am the good shepherd.
 The good shepherd
 sacrifices his life for the
 sheep.

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My old self has been crucified
 with Christ. It is no longer I
 who live, but Christ lives in me.
 So I live in this earthly body by
 trusting in the Son of God, who
 loved me and gave himself for
 me.

Galatians 2:20

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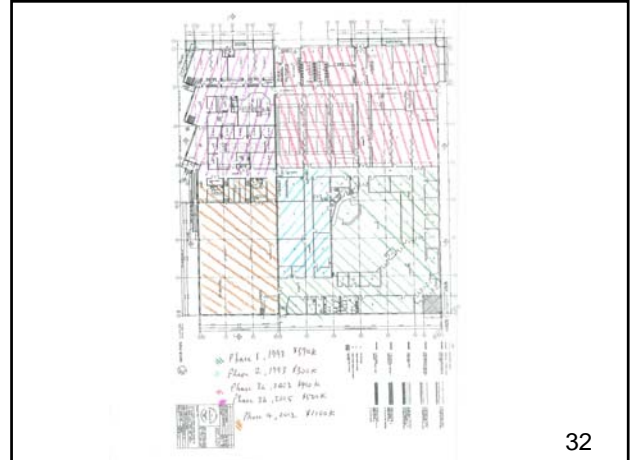
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God makes an impossible dream a reality

- 1993 : 110-member church purchased a 52000 sq ft warehouse (\$1.9m)
- Vision of “Serve the community, share God’s love.”

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Partnering organizations:

1. Hong Fook Mental Health Association
2. St. Paul L'Amoreaux Centre
3. Grace Christian School of North York
4. Five with D.R.I.V.E. Foundation
5. Across U-Hub
6. Parent Child Resource Centre
7. Christian Wushu Fellowship
8. Heavenly Melody Gospel Ministry.

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Share God's Love,
 Serve the Community,
 Sacrifice by faith,
 Invest in eternity.

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After prayer, I will:

1. By faith, give offering every day to the Phase 4 Building Fund.
2. Volunteer ___ hours per week to welcome and serve the users of the gym and to build relationships with them.
 I am available: Days of week: _____
 Time: _____
3. I will invite friends to join the activities held in the gym (such as line dance, Tai Chi, badminton, basketball, table tennis etc) and to build relationships with them.
4. I will pray for the implementation of the vision,
***Share God's love, Serve the community.
 Sacrifice by faith, Invest in eternity.***
5. Other:

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Name:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

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Rough projection:

Rough estimate is that we will need to plan to pay off an anticipated \$850,000 debt after phase 4 is completed. Here is a rough idea of the big picture:

Phase 4	Cost:	\$1,500,000	
	Interest:	<u>\$100,000</u>	
	Total	\$1,600,000	
Funding: OTF			\$500,000
	GCGC Building Fund now		\$250,000
	GCS cost sharing x 5 yrs		\$250,000
	Faith Promise over 5 yrs		<u>\$600,000</u>
			\$1,600,000

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- If each person gives \$1.00 per day to the church Building Fund:
- Each year:
 $\$1.00 \times 500 \text{ people} \times 365 \text{ days} = \$182,500$
- We can pay off all our debt in 4 years!

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