

## 曉林家書 (3) - 1/1/2022

1/1 – 2/9/22 40 天單單尋求父心

感謝各地的家人，一起為三個屬靈母親有五天的以斯帖集體禁食禱告。報告大家好消息：感謝主，藉著家人同心合意的禱告，這三個媽媽的身體都開始穩定、好轉！江媽已經離開 CCU，情況穩定，白血球指數已正常；柯媽的頭痛也緩解多了；紀思已經離開 ICU，精神和氣色都好起來！我們感受到這是母親們在經歷生產之痛的關鍵時刻。聖經中的屬靈生產都伴隨母親們的勇敢和代價，仇敵想藉著攻擊母親，試圖摧毀神為那個世代揀選的復興的種子。但仇敵沒有料到，這些母親有強大的家，仇敵的攻擊反而激動全家興起禱告！以斯帖和末底改看到自己民族的命運危在旦夕，呼召全體的猶太家人一起禁食禱告，經歷反敗為勝的神蹟！醫學上，一個人不吃不喝最多只能三天，但全家一起加油，就沒有三天的限制！感謝主，祂喜悅華夏一家聲合為一的禱告！我們無比感恩，但也意識到三個母親都還沒有得著徹底的醫治，而需要更長時間的更新和恢復。我們知道天父必有美意，祂用心良苦，在同心合意的禱告中，祂將我們各地家人的心“融匯”一起，將華夏一家在各處的水流「匯流」一處，直到我們相愛到一個地步，不再分彼此、不再做表面功夫，成為真實的家。

2022 年，聖靈讓我想到以賽亞書 22:22，也想到 2012 年在香港聚集時，我們這個華人的家從西方教會領袖領受了一把鑰匙，就是以賽亞書 22:22 的鑰匙，而這把鑰匙是給個大衛家的。為什麼這位不斷犯罪不斷跌倒的大衛，反而成了合神心意的人？聖靈對我說，神喜悅大衛，不是因為他有好行為，從不失腳，大家都知道他沒有。神喜悅他，是因為他雖不斷犯罪卻不斷悔改，雖不斷跌倒，卻不斷爬起來迎向神。他無論如何失敗軟弱，都對神的愛有信心，終會回到祂面前！**大衛對神的愛的信任，就是這把打開神的心的鑰匙**，在他裡面是一個敞開的天！大衛的鑰匙就是成為真實敞開不要面子的敬拜者。神要的不是一個不犯錯的人（誰可以呢？），祂渴望的是一個可以對祂的愛完全信任的朋友。而這把鑰匙不只是給大衛王，而是給他的家，在末世要給祂在苦難中的教會，就是非拉鐵非教會所代表的（啟 3:7）。因為在試煉中，她略有一點力量都不會離開神（啟 3:8），所以，主說：**這個教會像大衛一樣，單單尋求我、愛我、信任我，看哪，我在她面前要給她一個敞開的門！**

10 年過去了，現在不是領受鑰匙的時候，而是用鑰匙開啟新門的時候！如果我們華夏一家成為單單尋求主的大衛家，2022 年將是敞開天門的一年！哈利路亞！我們渴望和家人們一起把 2022 年的第一個 40 天（1/1-2/9）分別出來，為三個愛主的母親持續守望，更是為華夏一家能成為單單尋求天父的心的大衛家而禱告！

40 在聖經中代表一個舊階段的結束，一個新時代的開始。摩西一生分為三個 40 年；他上山領受十誡，兩次都是 40 天；以色列人飄流 40 年結束曠野生活；以色列王掃羅王、大衛王及所羅門王各自作王 40 年；挪亞時代洪水在地上泛濫共 40 天。我們被呼召成為末後的施洗約翰，預備主的道路，就要有以利亞的心志。令人興奮的是，以利亞當年生命的轉折點，也是當他在仇敵的恐嚇下，不再抱怨，不再逃避神，而是領受天使所賜的食物，走了 40 晝夜到何烈山去迎見神！他因此脫離了孤兒的靈，也不再孤家寡人躲在洞裡，而是出來與人連結，去為王受膏也去做以利沙的父親！奇妙的是，路加四章記載，耶穌也是在曠野禁食了 40 晝夜後，勝過魔鬼試探，滿有聖靈大能，第一次宣告了 418 的恩膏（路 4:1-15）！

而 2022 年，「回家的母腹教會」是錫安教會也「恰巧」進入 40 週年！這標誌著回家的路程進入一個全新的開始。錫安家人也「恰巧」從 1 月 1 日到 2 月 9 日有 40 天禁食禱告尋求神。這 40 天，讓華夏一家和三個母親一起竭力進入安息，一起經歷身心靈全然的醫治和更新，更深與主聯合，也彼此更深契合，在愛裡聯合成為末世復興的合一母腹！當我們有了「父心」，才能孕育和承載持久的「復興」。得著父心才是真復興！

這 40 天，我們必須完全地放下自己的原有的計劃、經驗、習慣。。。單單尋求主的面，成為大衛的家，領受大衛的鑰匙！無論 2021 年在疫情中仇敵偷去了多少我們對主的渴慕、愛、專注，讓我們回轉到祂面前。讓我們和以利亞做同樣的兩件事：

1. **快快投奔天父的懷抱，每天花時間與神親密，就是領取大衛的鑰匙，敞著臉與神面對面。**  
代下 20:22 似乎是 2022 的得勝秘訣：我們負責敬拜和讚美，神負責派伏兵為我們爭戰！在神的同在中，願聖靈光照我們。其實除了食物，可以禁的東西其實很多。就我自己而言，有不少東西一直偷去了我對主的專注和渴慕：不夠花時間等候神、一早起來看微信而不是見神的面、自己的抱怨、關注無謂的閒言碎語、習慣性的忙碌、看人情、花時間在主沒有吩咐的事上，等等。。。主啊，幫助我，讓我失敗了，馬上起來，回到祂面前！
2. **快快擁抱祂賜給我們的同行家人。**無論在關鎖的日子裡，仇敵試圖偷去你與家人的親密關係，讓你感覺多麼孤單、無助，不要再抱怨了，起來愛他們，服事他們。聖靈若讓你想一個久違的朋友，給他一個電話吧。不再自憐，專注自己的問題，而是專注在下一代，去關心聖靈指示你的以利沙吧！這 40 天，我們要用敬拜來爭戰，更深地在神面前花時間，與主更深聯合，也與家人們更深契合，集體進入更深的安息和信靠。

聖靈帶領我第一次把詩篇 23 篇和 24 篇一起讀，先要有的安息「躺臥的恩膏」（詩 23:2-3），因為是「祂使」我們躺臥安歇，也是「祂使」我們靈魂甦醒，在青草地、溪水邊，安息到一個地步可以享用主在仇敵面前為我們擺設的筵席，並等候主用油膏我們的頭（詩 23:5）！接下來呢，才能在神的同在中尋求神的面（詩 24:6），進入「榮耀的王進來」的得勝（詩 24:7-10）！**2022 年，當我們單單敬拜、尋求祂的面，祂必親自推開全新的榮耀的眾城門！**

謝謝周爸和父老們鼓勵，把我的領受和家人們分享。大家可以自由加入 40 天單單尋求神的面，每天個人或與家人一起花固定時間安坐耶穌腳前，敬拜祂愛祂聆聽祂。2022 年，願華夏一家成為大衛的家，願我們的教會成為彼此切實相愛的非拉鐵非（原文意思：兄弟之愛）教會，願我們都進入敞開的天門，與良人耶穌面對面！

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### **Letters from Home by Joy (3) – 1/1/2022**

#### **40 Days of Seeking Father's Heart**

Thank you family from around the world who joined us in the five-day Esther fast for our three spiritual mothers. Praise the Lord! Here comes the good report: through the prayers of the family, all three mothers have started to stabilize and improve! Mama Grace has been released from the CCU and is stable with a normal white blood count; Mama Ke's headache has subsided; Nicole has been released from the ICU and is getting better! This is a critical time for mothers to go through the pain of childbirth in the spirit. Biblical spiritual births are usually accompanied by the courage and sacrifice of mothers. The enemy was trying to destroy the seed of revival that God had chosen for the generation by attacking the mothers, but did not realize these mothers have strong supporting family, and his attacks actually inspired the whole family to rise up and pray! Esther and Mordecai, seeing the fate of their nation at stake, called the entire Jewish family to fast and pray together, and experienced a miraculous turnaround! Medically, a person can only go without food and drink for three days, but with the whole family cheering each other on, it took away the limit of three days. Praise the Lord, He is pleased with the resounding prayer of oneness from the family! We are so grateful, but also know that all three mothers are not yet fully recovered and still require a longer period of renewal and restoration. We know that the Father must have a good plan. Through praying with one accord, He has united the hearts of the family around the world, and merged the different streams of the Chinese family everywhere, till our love is no longer superficial, but we truly love each other and become a real family.

Holy Spirit reminded me of Isaiah 22:22 as we enter into year 2022. In the Homecoming gathering in 2012 in Hong Kong, a key with Isaiah 22:22 engraved on it was given to the Chinese family from leaders of western churches. This was the key of David's house. How did David, who had sinned and fallen many times, become a man after God's own heart? The Holy Spirit said to me that it is not because David behaved well or never stumbled. We all know that it is not the case. God was pleased with him because he kept repenting whenever he sinned, and kept getting up & turning to God whenever he fell. No matter how he failed or how weak he was, he had faith in the love of God and would eventually return to Him! David's trust in God's love was the key to unlock God's heart; there was an open heaven within him! The key of David is to become a true and totally sold out worshipper. God is not looking for a person who doesn't make mistakes (who can do that?). He desires a friend who can trust His love completely. And this key is not just for King David, but for his house, and for His church in tribulation in

the last days, as represented by the church of Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7). For in the midst of trials she will not deny God, even with her little strength (Rev. 3:8). Therefore, says the Lord, “this church, like David, simply seek Me, love Me and trust Me. Behold, I have placed before her an open door!”

Ten years have passed since 2012, now is no longer the time to receive the key, but the time to open new doors with it! Hallelujah! If we, the Chinese family, become the house of David that earnestly seeks the Lord, 2022 will be the year of open heaven for us! **So let us set apart the first 40 days of 2022 (1/1-2/9) as one family, keep on watching for our three mothers, and more importantly, pray that the Chinese family will become the house of David that single-heartedly seeks the heart of the Father!**

The number 40 is significant in the Bible, representing the end of the old and the beginning of a new era. Moses' life was divided into three 40-year periods; he went to the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments twice, each time for 40 days; the Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years; King Saul, King David and King Solomon each reigned for 40 years; and the flooding of the earth in Noah's day lasted 40 days. As we are called to be the corporate end-time John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord, we will need the spirit of Elijah. While under the threat of Jezebel, the turning point in Elijah's life came when he stopped complaining and running away from God but instead he received food from the angel and walked 40 days and nights to meet God at Mount Horeb! It was then that he was freed from the orphan spirit and no longer hid away alone in a cave, but came out to reconnect with people, to anoint kings and to become a father to Elisha! Amazingly, Luke 4 records that Jesus, after fasting for 40 days and nights in the wilderness, overcame the devil's temptation, was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, and proclaimed Luke 4:18 anointing for the very first time (Luke 4:1-15)!

In 2022, Church of Zion, the womb of Homecoming, happens to enter into her 40th anniversary! This marks a new beginning of the journey of Homecoming. The Zion family also happens to call 40 days of fasting and prayer from 1/1 to 2/9. During these 40 days, may the Chinese family and the three mothers also enter into His rest together, so that we may experience complete healing and renewal of body, soul and spirit, deeper union with the Lord and with each other, and become a united womb of love for the end-time revival! True revival is birthed and sustained only when we have the Father's heart!

In these 40 days, may we completely let go of our old plans, old experiences and old habits. Let us simply seek the face of the Lord, become the house of David and receive the key of David! The enemy may have stolen our passion, love for God and our focus on Him in the pandemic in 2021, and it is time for us to return to Him. Like Elijah, let's do two things to restore our hearts:

1. **Quickly run into the arms of our Father and spend intimate time with God daily, this is receiving the key of David. 2 Chronicles 20:22 seems to be the secret to triumph in 2022:** Our responsibility is to worship and praise, and God will send angelic ambushers to fight for us! In terms of fasting, in fact, we can fast from many things in addition to food. For me, for example, there are many things that have been stealing my hunger for the Lord: not spending enough

time waiting on God, reading wechat messages first thing in the morning instead of dating with God, murmuring and complaining, paying attention to unnecessary gossips, being busy habitually, caring about what people think, and spending time on things not commanded by the Lord, etc. Lord, help me to get up immediately whenever I fail and return to You!

2. **Quickly embrace the family He has given us to walk with.** No matter how lonely and helpless you feel during the days of lockdown when the enemy tries to steal your intimacy with your family, stop complaining and rise up to love and serve them. If the Holy Spirit reminds you of a long-lost friend, give him a call. Stop indulging in self-pity and focusing on your own problems, but focus on the next generation, find your Elishas and take care of them! During these 40 days, let us battle with worship. In His presence, there will be deeper union with the Lord and closer fellowship with your family. Enjoy deeper rest and trust in Him.

The Holy Spirit led me to read Psalm 23 and 24 together for the first time. We need the “anointing of lying down” first (Psalm 23:2-3), for it is “He” who makes us lie down and rest, and it is “He” who restores and awakens our souls in green pastures and by the stream, till we can enjoy the feast prepared by the Lord and let Him anoint our heads with oil, even in the presence of our enemies (Ps 23:5)! Then we shall seek His face (Psalm 24:6) and let the glorious king come in (Psalm 24:7-10)! In 2022, we believe that as we are determined to worship and seek His face, He Himself will open up many new and glorious gates!

I thank Papa Nathaniel and the fathers for encouraging me to share what I have received with the family. In 2022, may our family become the House of David, may our church become the church of Philadelphia (originally means brotherly love), and may we all enter the open gates of heaven and encounter our Beloved Jesus face to face!