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Our Sovereign God



"We're in a joint venture with God." David Wang

A look at how our God reigns in all areas of leadership

By EE ELSIE

CONFERENCE HALL 601 – The morning of Day Three once again saw ELC 2009 participants going to various locations to attend different seminars.

During his talk in Hall 601, Rev Dr David Wang got up close and personal with his crowd as he talked about *Strategy and God Dependency: Are They Compatible?*

Rev Dr David was like an expert storyteller weaving a beautiful story to the crowd. As he told stories of God's goodness and graciousness, there was a deep silence amongst the listeners as everyone was mesmerized into becoming a part of the story. Truly the Holy Spirit's presence was strongly there! "We're in a joint venture with God," emphasized Rev Dr David. And to support this fact, he pointed out that the Bible says God created the world, and He gave us stewardship over this world.

"Very inspiring," said Pastor Harun, based in Singapore. "The

way he speaks, the way he brings the Word of God into our lives, teaching us to apply it into our daily lives."

On the second floor, Dr Low Guat Tin got this reporter and the audience roaring with laughter as she recounted her funny personal stories during her seminar *Transforming Self, Loving People*. Despite being born in the pre "tech-boom" days, her use of video clips, pictures, and slides to illustrate her message is amazing.

An educator and consultant for many years, Dr Low led

the way in declaring the need for leadership by transforming ourselves first. She gives one instance of this in real-life: "Our mindsets guide us. For instance, what you think of your domestic helper will guide you in relating to her."

Said participant Yohun Muangta from Thailand, "Her last word was that it's not about doing, it's about being. I absolutely agree that we need to take care of ourselves first before we take care of others."

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Two doors away, Mrs Ding-Khoo Seok Lin, was giving a presentation on *Coaching Underperformers, Changing Lives* to a packed room.

It was a topic close to her heart because of her own “underperforming” experiences. During her time at the Singapore Economic Development Board, there was a period where she faced burn-out. But thanks to understanding bosses who treated her with dignity and respect during this episode, she managed to get back on her feet. And now she is blessing us with what she has learned.

An excellent and personable teacher, Seok Lin helped the audience to apply the lessons into their own lives – on how they themselves could help underperformers: “Jesus didn’t see people as they were. He saw people as they can be.”

Mrs Fang Ai Lian, Chairwoman of Great Eastern Holdings Ltd and also the Charity Council, shared with us her expertise on *Corporate Governance and Accountability For Non-profit Organizations*. This is a much



Fang Ai Lian



Ding-Khoo Seok Lin



Low Guat Tin

needed topic, especially for the participants in this sector.

Despite her vast corporate experience, Ai Lian has a humble disposition and aimed to help the audience know as much as possible about what funds were available to them, as well as best practices that should be put in place. Giving real-life cases also helped. For example, a local non-profit organization emphasizes succession planning on its Board. It also systematically develops its Board members, and there is orientation for new members. All this serves to make the Board not stagnate, but instead be constantly refreshed by new faces and ideas.

In the seminar on *Personal Lessons From Financial Tsunami: A Christian Perspective*, Datuk Tony Tiah emphasized that the economic system is modeled after the world system and that God was not in the picture. But Tony stated that “Knowledge is not wisdom” and when we keep God out of the equation, evil will rear its ugly head.



Datuk Tony Tiah

He claims that God is the one who gives us the ability to make money, not ourselves. For people with a Christian her-

itage, their fortune will last for many generations if it is built on

the Word of God. Money must be used for the right purpose and not to cater to our own pleasures – we must sow into the Kingdom of God and give to the poor and needy.

He ended off by saying that if we have not been following God’s way, we have to repent and pattern our lives on God’s Word so that we can truly enjoy success!

Even though the topics covered varied from seminar to seminar, this reporter was left with an awe-inspiring impression of God’s grandeur – of how our Infinite God can and should be Lord over each and every aspect of our lives!

Quotable Quotes



“One myth about leadership is that leaders can just rely on their oratorical

skills to convey their plans. They need to also work out and convey the details so that staff know what they have to do and when they have to do it.” **Arthur Kiong**

“The main role of a leader is not to produce followers but leaders at all levels.”

Lim Peng Soon



“The calling to be the head and not the tail means that as a leader you cannot wait for some other company to start acting first. You will have to move forward and lead by example. Do it first!”

Julian Foe



“Integrity is defined as an unimpaired condition, having structural soundness and wholeness. Therefore, do not give the devil a foothold in your life for

he can take away the spiritual integrity in your life. And then it may be only a matter of time before your spiritual life collapses because of integrity issues.” **Lok Vi Ming**

“We must lift the vision of our congregation and give them a cause higher than themselves.”

Chew Weng Chee



“The ultimate solution to the transformation of a nation is not found in politics, whether in a political system, ideology or politicians.

It was not God’s original plan. The ultimate solution is in the Gospel.” **Wong Kim Kong**



First Time Visitors!

News of the Eagles Leadership Conference has indeed spread far and wide. We managed to catch some of the many first time participants in our conference! Welcome new friends, and we look forward to seeing you at the next conference!

Hannah and David Marrs from USA



Christian De La Cruz and Joanna Khor from Singapore



Visitors from Nepal and Myanmar

Sighted Around Suntec

Juwita Suwito blows us away with her mesmerizing voice



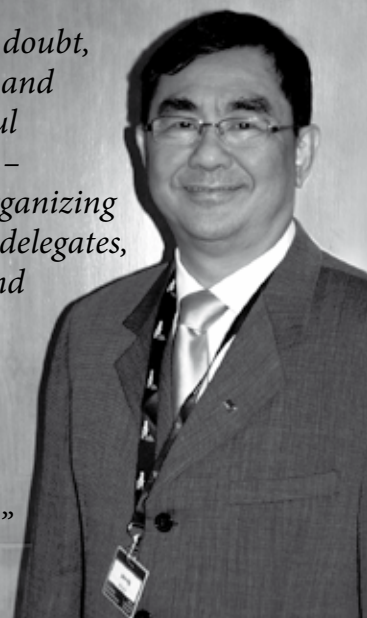
Elder Goh Ewe Kheng telling us a little bit about himself at the Welcome Dinner for speakers and special guests



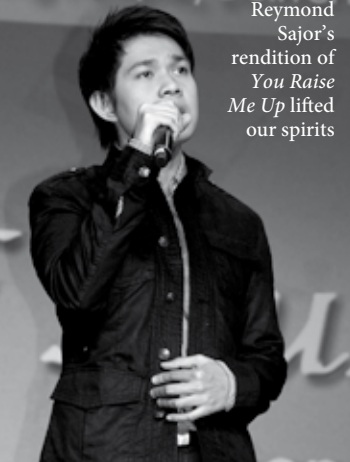
I would like to ask a profound question

“Without a doubt, God is here and I am grateful to everyone – speakers, organizing committee, delegates, sponsors, and volunteers who have made this great event possible. Praise God!”

John Ng



Reymond Sajor's rendition of *You Raise Me Up* lifted our spirits



Viknesh and Shunyi belting out a miracle song



The Indonesians show their approval

1,2,3... Air the pits!



Having a round 'table' discussion



ELDP participants tucking into a spicy lunch



WORD On The Street



“Arthur Kiong reminded me that as a leader of a team, I must always choose the right people with the right fit for the team. And the right person is not always the best person skill-wise, there are other intangibles that go into that choice.” **Dijarinee, Thailand**



“Julian Foe’s session was good. Basically

my takeaway was to treat our staff well and to pray for them and even our competitors.” **Jonathan Chong, Malaysia**



“I thought Lok Vi Ming’s lesson was useful for my life and work. He reminded us of Genesis 28:16 whereby our lack of honesty and integrity can cause us to lose consciousness of the presence of God. I certainly do not ever want to be in that situation!” **Belinda Goh, Campus Crusade for Christ, Singapore**



“Rev Wong Kim Kong gave us a timely reminder that to be influential in this world, the way we carry ourselves as Christians and the way we develop our opinions is critical.” **Mrs Yeo-Choo Poh Lian, Singapore**



“Dr Lim Peng Soon’s session provoked my thoughts. I began to explore deeper into

the leadership training that we can have. There needs to be deep structural changes implemented. My immediate thought is how to motivate my staff. How to bring about like-mindedness amongst the staff and create a happy community to serve.” **Pastor Suguna Rajaiah, Penang, Malaysia**

“I learnt from Arthur that all leaders have an EGO. It can either stand for “Edging God Out” or it can stand for “Exalting God Only.” As leaders we think it is about us when we should always remember that we are leaders to change the lives of those we lead.” **Ng Meixi, Singapore**

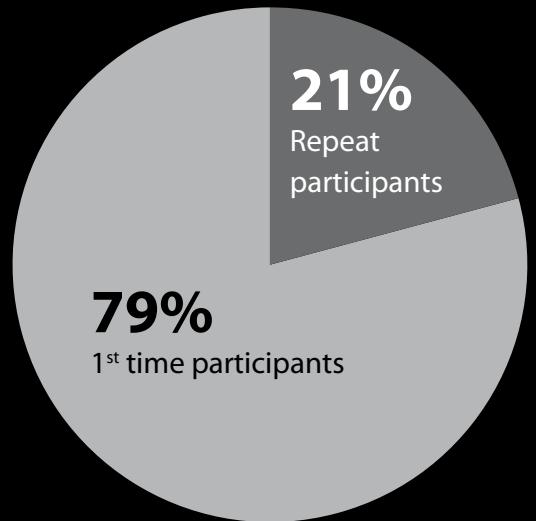


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