

Thursday, January 3, 2013

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Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

Today the daycare teacher asked me whether I want my daughter to move up a class. She told me that my daughter is intellectually and physically ready, but she might feel uncomfortable since her friends will not move up along with her and she is shy and timid in a new setting. However, the new challenge will push her to open herself more and learn new things.

In our spiritual life, God often challenges us to step out of our comfort zone to do something that gives us a greater dependence on Him. I recently read the following great message:

" To get something you never had, you have to do something you never did. When God takes something from your grasp, He' s not punishing you, but merely opening your hands to receive something better. The will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you."

This is very true. When God moves us to step out of our comfort zone, the step of faith often brings spiritual growth. God's protecting hand gives us assurance that while we cannot see the big picture of what is ahead, God does. He will guide us and lead us to the land of abundance. Our spiritual journey in 2013 may be bumpy and filled with challenges that bring uncomfortable feelings. But remember, God is waiting to make necessary changes in our lives and is ready to bless us with the best.

You are cordially invited to the following programs at CCCFW this weekend:

Friday (1/4): Our Bible study and fellowship will continue this Friday. We will start at 7pm with a couple of songs lead by Zesheng, followed by Bible discussion.

Sunday (1/6): The worship starts at 10:45 am. Brother Chung-Wen will give us a sermon "Be transformed by the renewing of mind 心意更新而變化" based on the scriptures of Romans 12:2. Chao will lead the singspiration. Bruce and Su will serve as ushers and Christy will be the sermon interpreter. Children can attend the age appropriate programs at the First Assembly of God. After sermon and lunch, we will spend sometime in sweet prayers.

We look forward to seeing you this weekend.

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