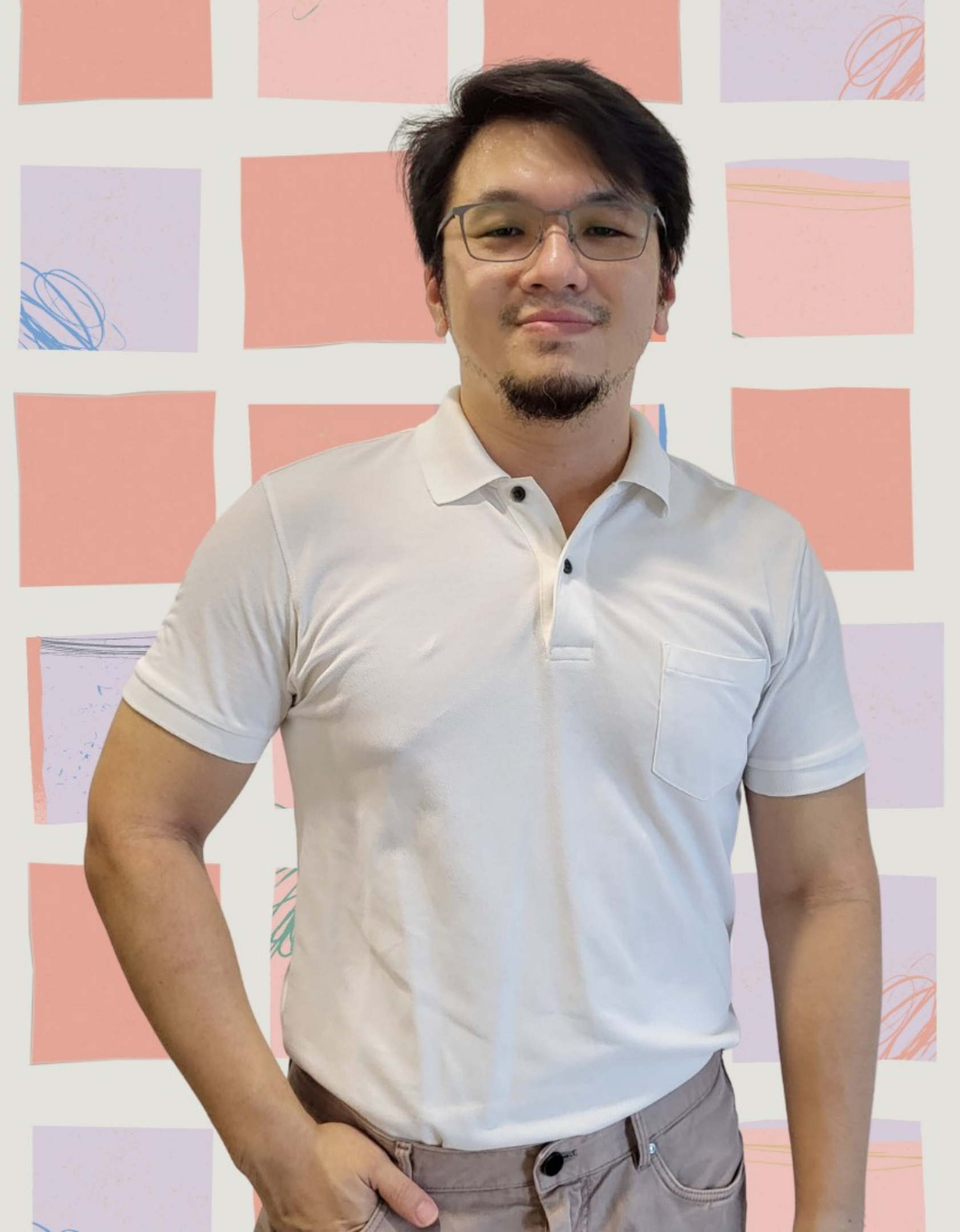


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REIGNITING CHURCH

**ACTS 2:42-47 &
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CHURCH TODAY...

What do we
look for?

ACTS 2:1-41

- Peter's sermon was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.
- The people were "**CUT TO THE HEART**" | Incision made to the heart by the Holy Spirit - NEW LIFE!
- Both Jews and Gentile proselytes were present | *Reversal of "The tower or Babel"* (Gen.11:1-9)



**EXPLOSIVE
NEW LIFE**

THE SIGN OF NEW LIFE

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- "They **WERE** together" ...
 - Not just a weekly affair
 - "were" in Greek root word is *Eimi* - **to exist**.
 - *And all who believed [exist] together.*
- "Day by day..."
 - They couldn't get enough of each other - what about you?
 - Connected with joy
 - Wasn't a duty but desire

What did they do??

THE PRACTICES OF NEW LIFE

LEARNING

- **Devoted** to the apostle's teaching - concerning Christ
- Fill themselves with scripture on a daily basis
- God's Word:
 - **Reveals** *Who God is & His Will*
 - **Informs** *Who we are; Whose we are; How we must live*

FELLOWSHIP

- "**Koinonia**" - *commonality, communion & shared responsibility*
- **Devoted** to each other in love, faith, and hope
- Our fellowship with each other is ***based on our common koinonia with Jesus Christ.***
- Breaking of bread & Prayer

THE PRACTICES OF NEW LIFE

WORSHIP

- "Praise" is the expression and completion of the *gladness* of our hearts
- Worship is the culmination of one's delight in
 - Studying the Word of Truth
 - Breaking of Bread in Communion
 - Supporting each other in Prayer
- Church is NOT a spectator sport/event, it is a community that demands common participation

Philippians 2:1-8 (ESV)

- ¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,**
- ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.**
- ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.**
- ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.**

Philippians 2:1-8 (ESV)

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

⁸ And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

C.S. LEWIS

“I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation.

It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete till it is expressed...”

CLOSING THOUGHTS

- The matter of first importance for the Church must be the ***Gospel of Jesus Christ.***
- The church must concern herself with:
 - Biblical Teaching/Preaching
 - Communion of the Saints
 - Heart of Worship
- The question is not “where can I get the best deal for myself and my family?” but “Lord, what would you have me to do?” (Acts 22:10)

