

## **Book Review by Aurora C. Gamboa on *Man of Faith* written by Lim Kou**

What is true faith? When do you call a person a “man of faith”? When do you say that a person is living by faith? These are some of the questions the book answers.

“Man of Faith” is the printed version of 8 messages the author preached to a congregation from 1980-87. It defines true faith, gives the importance of faith and cites a number of misconceptions about faith substantiated with Biblical texts.

The author believes that a ‘man of faith’ lives a life that is centred on Christ. And as he continues to know Christ his faith grows and bears much fruit for God. But it doesn’t mean that his life is a bed of roses. Instead his life of faith could also face risks and challenges.

He gives emphasis to knowing Christ, knowing the truth, understanding God’s ways and prerogatives and cooperating with God in the fulfilment of His plans not only for the individual believer but for the church as a whole.

The lives of Mary, mother of Jesus, (how Mary allowed God to carry out His plan through her) and Moses, (how Moses obeyed God to lead the Israelites out of Egypt) were discussed as examples of faith in action.

The Exodus account of Moses asking Pharaoh for the deliverance of the people of Israel from slavery is referred to as an outworking of faith.

The conversion of Saul, the murderer, into Paul the Apostle, is also cited to better understand the factors contributing to the making of a ‘man of faith’. The life of Joseph is also a good example of a life of faith. Joseph was not lured into a life of pleasure. Instead, he steadfastly waited for the Lord’s intervention for the fulfilment of God’s plan for his life - a plan that would save the life of the people of Israel during the time of famine.

The book is a ‘must read book’ for every Christian. It is also good material for Sunday School classes, discipleship training, cell groups and home Bible studies. It comes with Bible references and questions at the end of every message for reflection and discussion. This will surely help every believer to be deeply rooted in the faith, to be real men and women of faith.

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