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Why me, Lord?

By Pastor Solomon

As I was being wheeled into the catheterization lab in an emergency on Friday, July 31, 2026 @ St. Peter's Hospital – I saw the board that said, 'Welcome to the Catheterization Laboratory'. I was thinking to myself, who wants or needs a welcome to this lab: I am uncertain of how things are going to turn out, having heard the cardiologist say that certain test results are abnormal and therefore the immediate need for this procedure and there is a possibility of being in the ICU for recovery based on the outcome of the procedure.

Several thoughts were racing in the mind – about how people known to us have had situations in the Cath lab that did not turn out well. And even otherwise, things have happened suddenly in these scenarios that cannot be understood except in the light of the understanding of the sovereignty of God. I was fully awake during the procedure. I experienced a peace that was so serene – with no anxiety – which I now realize was the presence of the Lord. I was hearing medical terminologies that I could not understand. After the procedure they showed what was done to my heart on a giant screen.

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Personally, having come out of this procedure quite normally and having experienced the amazing providence, presence and provision of the Lord God and above all His healing touch – the question now I have in my mind as I reflect back is – **Why me, Lord?** The angels in the form of humans who were by my side (wife, kids), the natural and church family that lifted me up in prayers and provided much support with their presence and kind deeds of providing food – is overwhelming because I am undeserving of such love and care. I am humbled because **'the Lord watched over my life'** as per Psalm 121 – the one I quoted/read before being wheeled into the lab – and it was my response when a nurse told me – “you are a very lucky man” (he said it 2 times) after the procedure was completed.

The following is the three-fold answer to the question, 'Why me, Lord?'

The sovereign purpose of the Lord is at work in my life and the time He has sovereignly ordained for me on this earth has not come to an end. Hebrews 9:27-28, “²⁷ Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.” The reality is that we all have an end date and it could be during the Lord’s coming (we do not know). Either way our life on this earth will come to an end but for us who follow Jesus, it will continue for we are being saved to dwell with the Lord forever.

My responsibility is to continue to **live the purpose** of the Lord. I need to be constantly aware of not swerving away from knowing and doing what the Lord requires of me at this present time and the days ordained for me in my life. Ephesians 2:10, “¹⁰For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

The reason I am confident is because of how the Lord spoke to me through my daily devotions. The following are the titles – “July 31 – **Admit your shortcomings** (it required humility for me to admit that I was in pain), August 1 – **Take time for rest and restoration** (it required obedience to take time to rest and be restored in the Lord), August 2-6 – **God can heal you** (a reminder to trust that the Lord is my healer).” How much more personally connected can the Lord be? I am astounded and grateful for the Lord’s assurance of **His Sovereign purpose**, his reminder to live out His purpose and the experience of His **prevailing intimate presence**. The Lord taught me to be more humble, dependent, and loving to all for the rest of my days.

Dear TGC family, grateful for your love and continued prayers. May we all seek to understand and experience the sovereignty of our Lord and live out His purposes experiencing His intimate presence.

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September Birthdays

Pastor Solomon Karunakaran	September 04
Deborah Devaraj	September 08
Jennifer George	September 10
Amirtharaj	September 10
Thomas Vijay	September 16
Anna Sinduja Anbu	September 19
Sasirekha Benneaser	September 19
Jehielin Edna John Dhillip	September 21
Franklin S Abraham	September 23
Meshach Ebenezer	September 30
Kenzie Samuel	September 30

September Anniversaries

Ranjith Jayapandian Jothimani & Elda Williams

September 11

Joshua Devasagayaraj & Faustina Joshua

September 28



September 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 7 pm: • Back to School Prayer	3	4	5 7 am: • First Saturday Morning Prayer (Zoom) 11 am: • Fasting Prayer
6 5 pm: • Sunday Service • Sunday School • Tamil Class	7	8	9 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	10	11	12 11 am: • Annual Church Picnic
13 5 pm: • Sunday Service • Sunday School • Tamil Class	14	15	16 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	17	18	19
20 5 pm: • Children's Sunday • Bake Sale	21	22	23 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	24	25	26
27 5 pm: • Sunday Service • Sunday School • Tamil Class • Youth Group	28	29	30 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer			

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