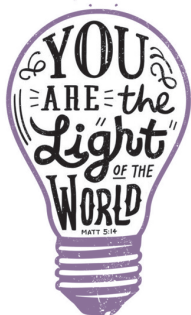


**Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.**

*Psalm 119:105*



**SCRIPTURE**  
*of the DAY*

Proverbs 9: 1-6

Psalm 33: 2-3, 10-15

Ephesians 5: 15-20

John 6: 51-58

These troubling signs of our times can leave us questioning our practices, our values and more often than not, our leadership.

The Scripture reading today invites us to step out of our confusion in this maelstrom of negativity by taking refuge in the Word of God: "Wisdom calls: come and eat my bread, drink my wine; leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception." The Lord calls to us, offering us his own body and blood to be our real food, real drink: to warm and strengthen us in a cold and often cruel world. He reminds us that we are loved beyond measure, provides for us all that our hearts can desire. **As long as we can accept his words, his ways and trust in him, a whole new world opens up before us.**

Those of us who have responded with acceptance, tasted and seen the goodness of God, are now called to love and serve others as our Lord had loved and served us. Servant leadership is not just about humbling ourselves and becoming slaves to the needs of others, but to first experience the leadership of Jesus and having seen his goodness to lead others to his love and abundance of life.

Living as Christians in this world is not easy, we struggle against the current of society and against our own fallen nature in order to remain faithful disciples of Christ. However, our Lord is not oblivious to our efforts; he calls us to turn from the ways of the world, to follow him and draw our sustenance from his own flesh and blood: "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them. Whoever eats me will have life from me."

All that is required from us, is to believe in his words.✠

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# FOLLOWING THE Word of God in Leadership

Sometimes, when reflecting on our journey as a nation and as Church in Malaysia, we may find ourselves wondering if we're on the right track. There are many reasons to think that we're not: socio-economic and political challenges, negative racial and religious sentiments, multiple controversies in the media and the reduced number of people coming for mass since the end of the Covid-19 pandemic.

