

A Message for Parents

Dear Parents,

Kidz Kamp is a testament of God's abundant grace. It was conceived as a beach camp, with sun-filled, water-soaked fun. But God had other plans. He turned it from a location-specific camp catered to just children, to a camp that is not bound by physical boundaries; with an audience of not only children, but the adults and family members who will be participating with them too.

That is the nature of our God. He is not confined to geographical boundaries, He specialises in exceeding boundaries and expectations. "My plans are not your plans, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." Isaiah 55:8 CEB. Now anyone with internet access can join this camp, whether they are in Discovery Bay or beyond.

The curriculum of this camp is unique and one of a kind, built in-house within DBICC. It was inspired and designed by the Holy Spirit - tailored for such a time as this. We asked, "What does God want to say to us, His children, at such a time and such a place as this?"

The year 2020 has brought unprecedented challenges and upheavals the world has not seen. But God doesn't just see turmoil and adversity, He sees new paths, new growth and renewals. Church, He is not doing "a new normal" (what we like to call it), He is doing "a new thing" (what He calls it in His word)!

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:18-19.

Disruption creates an opportunity to refocus and to listen. Let us have eyes to see and ears to hear.

God is reshaping His people. "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2. He will use whatever means to get our attention - because He is loving and patient and does not want to see us perish (2 Peter 3:9).

I pray that as He speaks His word to us over this camp, to children and adults alike, we listen with our hearts and heed His call. God loves us, undeniably and unconditionally. He has made a way for us through Jesus. When we submit our lives to Him, He makes us new - in our thoughts, in our hearts, in our spirit. We can trust in Him, no matter how hard life gets.

We don't have to succumb to life's storms. We can ride and overcome the waves through Jesus. His desire is to encourage us and to bolster our faith in Him. To recognise our identity and the authority that we have in Jesus Christ, "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Romans 8:37.

Surf's Up, Parents! May God's Spirit work in us. Awakening, renewal, growth, and overcoming await. As in the words of Apostle Paul to the church in Philippi many years ago, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13. Those words still apply to us today. Putting this camp together has been a testament of that - of relying on His boundless strength and His endless grace - which He generously supplies to all who seek and draw near.

Have a great time Kampers and Parents! We look forward to seeing your pictures/videos and seeing you online!

In Christ,
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On behalf of DBICC

