

# Principal's message

## Tuning in to God's frequency and His Voice

In London, a woman would go almost every day to a London subway and sit on the dock just to listen to the announcement recorded by her husband.

Dr Margaret McCollum, after the demise of her husband Oswald Laurence, would be found at a bench waiting to hear this recording that became one of London's most famous "Mind the gap". This is an announcement requesting one to pay attention to the space between the train and the platform before getting on or off the train. In 2007, Oswald passed on leaving a huge void in Margaret's heart. So she found a way to feel his presence.

However, having heard his voice for years, Oswald's voice was one day replaced by a digital recording. Out of distress, Margaret asked the London subway transport company for a recording of her husband's voice to continue listening to him at home. This was when the company knew of this moving story. It did more than just giving her a recording of her husband's announcement. It decided to restore the announcement at the Embankment stop of Northern Line, where all passengers can listen today to Oswald Laurence's voice.

The voice has an amazing ability to connect and build others up. Pets could recognize their owners' voice – and warm up to their call almost effortlessly. Newborn babies are the same. Though not yet fully aware of their surroundings, they can be calmed by their parents' voice.

The bible also records how those who know God responds to His voice. In John 10:27, Jesus says the following:

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*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*

How great an assurance to have God in our midst, whose voice we can follow, who will not allow anyone to snatch us out of His hands. When we listen to His voice and follow, we find guidance, comfort and peace. In our trying moments, God's voice and His word soothes and uplifts. In moments where we are at a loss, God leads and guides. In situations when we celebrate a victory, God's word motivates us to give Him the glory, and spurs us to do more.

Whose voice do we listen to? To just the sayings of personalities in this world who tell us what they think through social media, the songs they write, the messages and reports they share? Or do we distill, from the noise and distraction, God's still small voice who bids us to do what He wants us to? Do we tune ourselves in to His frequency so that we hear His truths, and take the steps that He asks of us to do?

The more we learn to lean on God, the more ready we are to hear His voice, understand His word, obey what we hear, and through it, find joy, comfort and peace that surpasses all understanding.

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