

SUNGAI WAY - SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH

# SUNDAY SERMON

**THE BEST IS YET TO  
COME!**

**Eph 3:14-21**

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COLLECTION (31/5/24)**

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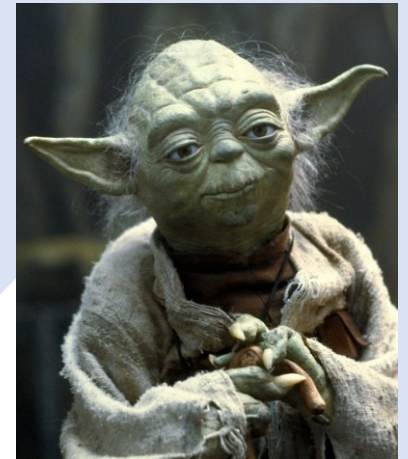
# **REFLECTION**

**PAST**

**PRESENT FORWARD**

**FUTURE**

# STAR WARS



# REFLECTION #1

**We are shaped by our stories**

*the*

met•a•nar•ra•tive

*of life*

1. an overarching account or interpretation of events and circumstances that provides a pattern or structure for people's beliefs and gives meaning to their experiences.

**What is the  
big story for  
your life?**





What is the most radical way to change society; is it through violent revolution or gradual reform?

Neither. **One must tell an alternative story.** - *Ivan Illich*



# METANARRATIVE

The grand or master narrative running throughout a text that gives the story its ultimate meaning or purpose.



**C-REATION**

**R-EBELLION**

**R-EDEMPTION**

**R-ESTORATION**

**C-ONSUMMATION**



# **REFLECTION #1**

**We are shaped by our stories.**

**IMMERSE in GOD's Big Story that shapes  
your TRUE identity, purpose and mission.**

# REFLECTION #2



Know and embrace  
your **TRUE** identity,  
purpose and mission.

# COME, follow Me..



## **IDENTITY:**

A disciple/follower of Jesus

## **PURPOSE:**

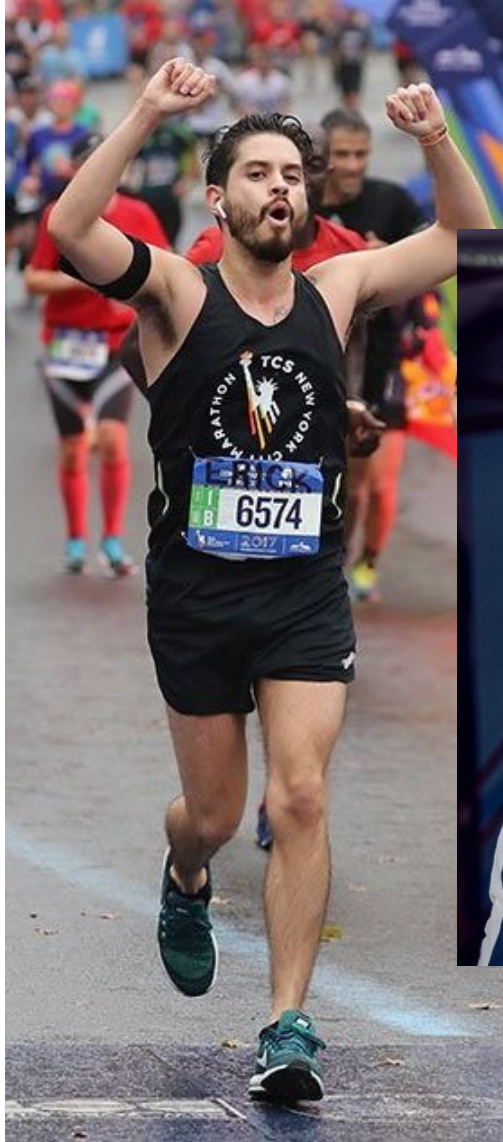
To become like Jesus Himself

## **MISSION:**

To do what He did



# A training mentality 1 Cor 9:24-27



- **Teachable heart**
- **A spiritual growth plan**

# REFLECTION #2



Know and embrace  
your **TRUE** identity,  
purpose and mission.

**Will you commit to  
grow as Jesus' disciple?**



Transcript : Dialogue between Luke Skywalker and Yoda on planet of Dagobah in 'Star Wars Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back'

**Luke:** We'll never get it out now

**Yoda:** So certain are you. Always with you cannot be done. Do you nothing as I say.

**Luke:** Master, moving stones around is one thing. This is totally different

**Yoda:** No. No different. Only different is in your mind. **You must unlearn what you have learned.**

**Luke:** All right, I'll give it a try

**Yoda:** **No. Try not. Do or do not. There is no try.**





# REFLECTION #3



**“No. Try not.  
Do or do not.  
There is no try.”**

# A long obedience in the same direction

- **Outcome vs Output**
- **Strive for obedience**  
(Luke 6:46-49; John 14: 15,23)
- **We can't but God can**  
(Acts 1:8 ; Philippians 2: 12-13)

# A long obedience in the same direction

## Our vocation as Mission

“The vocation . . . is that of being a genuine human being, with genuinely human tasks to perform as part of the Creator's purpose for [His] world.”

*Rev NT Wright*

*The Day The Revolution Begun*





# CONCLUSION

- **God's big story must become our story (know it and live it)**
- **Commitment to be a disciple of Jesus Christ**
- **Trust and obey for there is no other way**

# CONCLUSION

Now to Him who is **able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us,** to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

**Ephesians 3: 20-21**