

Introduce **a practice** on how to remember the inspiration (revelation) and testimony that the Lord has given us for a long time when we pursue the Lord's words (individually and in groups)

Use Power Point File (PPT)

The use of PPT in testimony / prophesying during the presentation in a gathering will be **more effective** for **all** audience, just like using PPT is commonly used by professors in universities.

Many saints think/write the whole testimony/ prophecy first and then produce a few slides of PPT. The difficulty of this approach is very high; everyone may have experienced this.

I have written many, many slides of PPTs (carefully categorized) weekly and continuously for many years, and then when the Lord burdens me, I will use some PPT slides (with special focuses) to produce

→Bible homework, or gleanings, or testimonies

It is recommended and encouraged that the saints can practice to write down one slide PPT every week (Bible verses + the inspiration from the Lord including a short example of our experience), then there will be 50 slides a year and 500 slides in ten years.

Please refer to a gleaning in our website "To write down spiritual feelings and fellowship is a healthy and effective exercise for the mind and spirit"

An example to produce spiritual companions In a new environment

Esther 2:9 Now the young woman (**Esther**) pleased him, and she obtained his favor; so he readily gave beauty preparations to her, besides her allowance. Then **seven choice maidservants were provided for her** from the king's palace, and he moved her and her maidservants to the best *place* in the house of the women.

Esther 2:10 **Esther had not revealed her people or family, for Mordecai had charged her not to reveal *it*.**

Esther 4:15 Then Esther told *them* to reply to Mordecai:

Esther 4:16 “Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. **My maids and I will fast likewise.** And so I will go to the king, which *is* against the law; and if I perish, I perish!”

Esther represents a sister who has moved to a new location and become a sister without a companion temporarily. Then she preached the gospel and raised up sisters (seven maidservants) to be her companions (spiritual team) to pray together (even fast: desperately) .

Ex.: When I was working, there was a time that my co-workers and I were at the company's cafeteria to have lunch, but seven of them were brothers and sisters. It was operated due to the above revelation. Please see the Bible homework “Spiritual companions and teams”.

Care for many people and raise up pillars

Matt. 14:20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.

Matt. 14:21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matt. 14:22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while **he** (Jesus) dismissed the crowds.

Mark 8:8 And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full.

Mark 8:9 And there were about four thousand people. And **he** (Jesus) sent them away.

Mark 8:10 And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

These verses of the Bible are very shocking and alert to me. Jesus was very compassionate, loving, and capable, instructing and teaching his disciples to serve ~5,000 and ~4,000. But after serving, He (not the disciples) immediately sent the crowd to leave, and urged the disciples to get on the boat and leave. He himself sent people away, because in the church life we are not able to carry out this, because we are often kidnapped by the emotions of others and do not know that to raise up the pillars (it takes much time) is a main burden of the Lord (these verses reveal this purpose to us). But indeed it is very difficult to operate in the church life to achieve both. Please see the Bible homework “care for many people and raise up pillars”

At Montreal, due to the lack of sufficient serving ones to accompany saints or friends weekly, therefore at present, to care for many people and raise up pillars can not be achieved simultaneously.

Spiritual children (generated in the church life)

1st Tim 1:2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

2nd Tim 1:2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

1st Cor. 4:17 That is why I sent you **Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord**, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church.

Phil. 2:22 But you know Timothy's proven worth, how **as a son with a father he has served with me** in the gospel.

Titus 1:4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

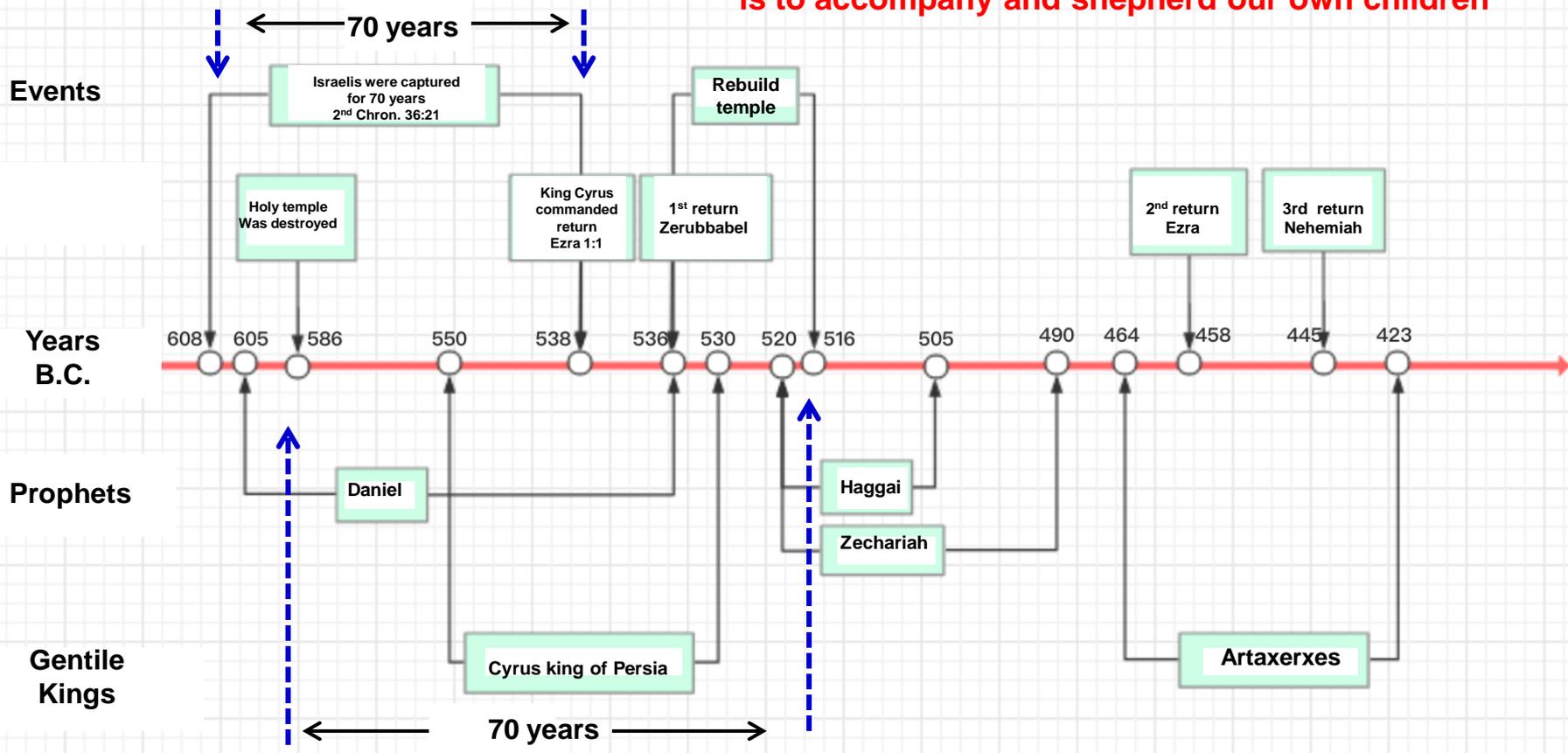
1st Peter 5:13 She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does **Mark, my son**.

In the church life the most blessed way is to raise up the spiritual children. If a parent has no children, then their lives will most likely not grow much mature, because to raise up children is a real and practical way to grow life in our own family or in God's family "the church". It is a blessed way to accompany and cultivate true spiritual children in the service of church life. Apostle Paul mentioned Timothy as his "son" in four epistles, showing how important it is. Please see the Bible homework "Spiritual children"

But in the church life because such an exercise needs tremendous amount of the time and energy of any serving one, often we do not practice this, therefore it is stated clearly in 1st Cor. 4:15a For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers.

Timeline of the return of Israelis

The most important church long lasting service is to accompany and shepherd our own children



The book of Ezra was written by Ezra at ~440 BC, and the book of Nehemiah by Nehemiah at ~433 BC, however, the kingdom of Judah fell at ~586 BC. It clearly indicated that these two prophets and even their parents were born in the land of captivity (Babylon), but they knew God so well, had so much faith in God, and understood the word of God (Old Testament). They, cherished the sanctification of the holy temple and the integrity of the wall of Jerusalem (God's testimony), loved the Israelis whom God called (church). All these were due to the fact that their parents, great parents and forefathers loved God very much, also were carefully and seriously taught and shepherded them about God during very difficult situations in the captivity. **Please see the Bible homework "Spiritual children"**

Nehemiah

Neh. 2:4 Then the king said to me, “**What are you requesting?**” So I prayed to the God of heaven.

Neh. 2:5 And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that **you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' graves, that I may rebuild it.” #1**

Neh. 2:6 And the king said to me (the queen sitting beside him), “**How long will you be gone, and when will you return?**” So it pleased the king to send me when **I had given him a time. #2**

Neh. 2:7 And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, **let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah, #3**

Neh. 2:8 and **a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress of the temple, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy.”** And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me. **#4**

Neh. 2:9a **Then I came to the governors of the province Beyond the River and gave them the king's letters. Proof of #3**

Neh. 2:5-8 tell that Nehemiah has had a long period of close fellowship with prayers to God. **His prayers were completely for God's testimony.** With God's leading, he had thoughtful planning. When the king asked him what he would like to request, his answers were immediate (such as **#1-4** marked on the verses). **Neh. 2:9** proved that what he requested from the king in **Neh. 2:7** was a necessity. Therefore, our prayers in the Lord need to follow the revelation of God and have thoughtful plans for God's desires. Our prayers should not be vague, then the responses of our God would be clear. If we clearly know that our prayers are answered, our faith in the Lord will grow. **Please see the Bible homework “Nehemiah”.**

Example: I nearly recite every person's name of each household of the saints in the church life and their recent situations for my detailed prayers.

Revelation



(one slide PPT) Point → line → area (many slides PPT)
(try to write down (several slides PPT)
One slide PPT per week)



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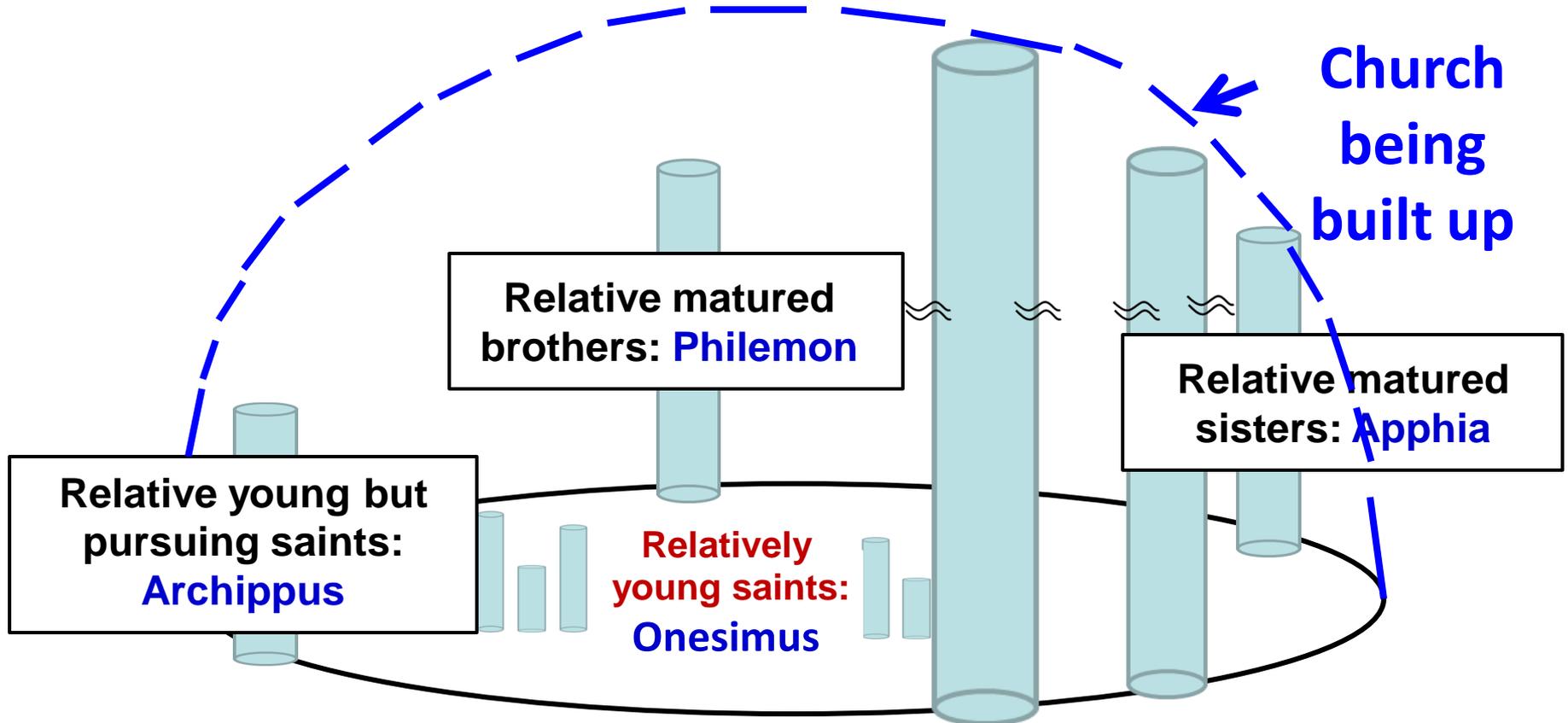
**Knowing and experiencing
Christ and Church**

**Many years
exercise**

→ Vision + Vision +..... 3 dimensional

**The building up of the
church can be healthy**

An example of an organic (^{Prayers upon prayers} _{Fellowship upon fellowship}) service team (pillars) in a church (Church in Colossae) from the book of Philemon

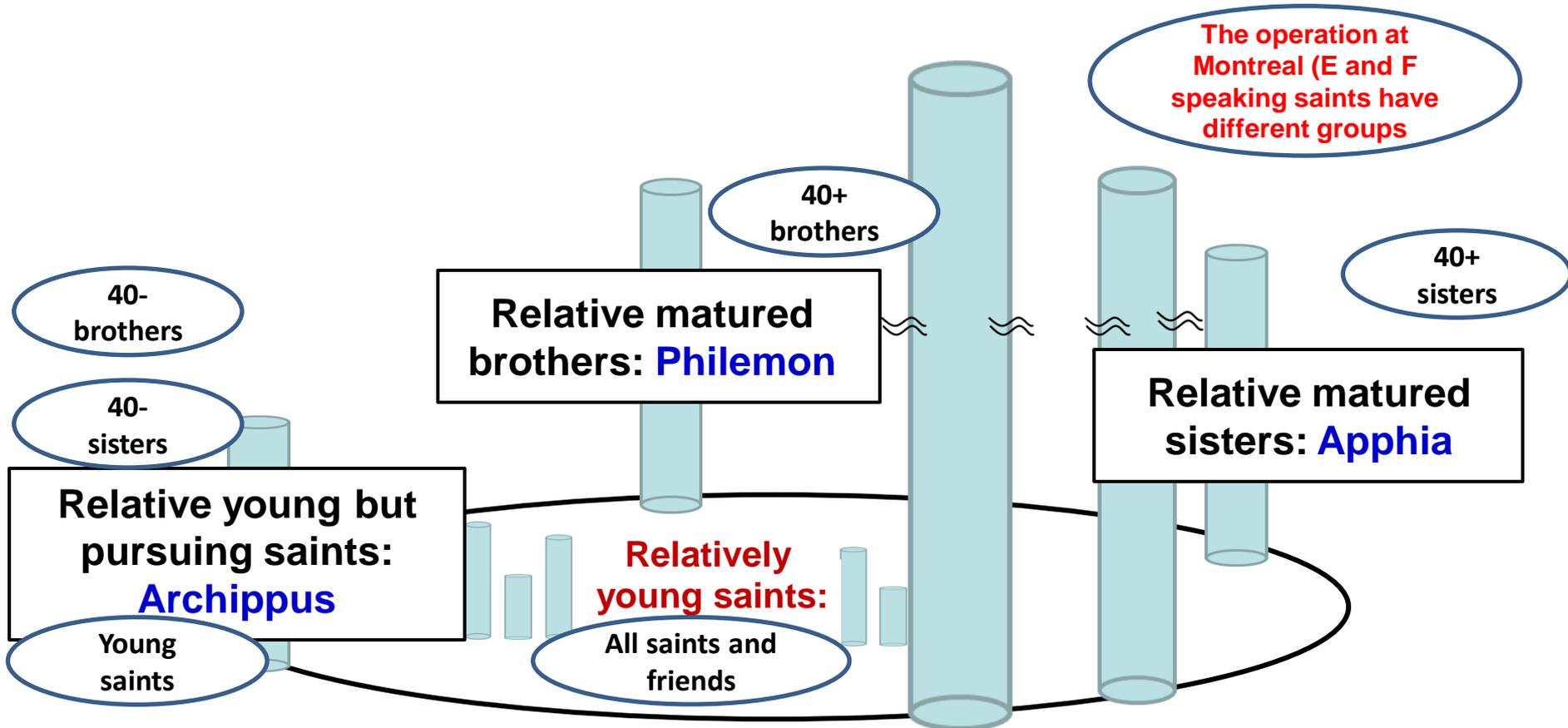


The growth (length, breadth, height and depth) of life and ministries of the saints are closely related to the intimacy among this organic service team members and the degree of abiding in the teachings and fellowship of the servants of the Lord.

Acts 2:42a And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship,

Apostles and coworkers:
Paul, Timothy, Epaphras,
Mark, Aristarchus, Luke and Demas.

In the church life to build up an organic (**Prayers upon prayers**
Fellowship upon fellowship) service team (pillars)



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