

Sensing God

'See no evil, hear no evil, and speak no evil' is more than just a proverbial note to self as the Bible teaches us how to use our senses to be closer to God.

Three macaques sit in a row high up in the trees, sometimes shaken by fierce winds and other times lulled by calming breezes. Throughout these changes, however, Mizaru being on the leftmost tends to have its hands covering the eyes, while Kikazaru in the middle is covering its ears, and Iwazaru on the rightmost covers its mouth.

On another tree right across from them, there is another set of macaques who are also sitting in a row on a tree branch. Each one, however, tends to do the opposite from the one sitting right across: the leftmost has hands around its eyes, the middle one cups its hands behind the ears, and the rightmost has hands around its mouth.

Let's put these opposable actions into perspective of our lives with God, which are limited to the human senses. What actions and how we do them as led by these senses are sometimes by instinct, and sometimes by thoughts. Often we then cover our eyes out of fear for sins' consequences, or closing it from truth due to pride. Distractions also cover the eyes, although sometimes willingly done, causing us to be spiritually blind and to lose focus on what is above in the long run.

Meanwhile, there are times when we cover our ears to silence the world. However, do we actually close our hearing to block the evil whispers, or not to hear what we do not want to hear? "But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts. They went backward and not forward." In Jeremiah 7:24, the key here is to listen instead of simply to hear. To actively listen to God's words requires an open heart, and to choose silence willingly in search of Him requires an obedience that surrenders.

Another tendency we have is to pass on the words that we hear, or even to pass on a judgement out of spite. Having the hands over this errant tongue is then better to be done before rather than after, as Proverbs 10:31 says, "From the mouth of the righteous comes the fruit of wisdom, but a perverse tongue will be silenced." A wise, discerning heart that looks upwards and listens to God's voice is thus the key that lies in our hearts where the Holy Spirit resides to help us.

We are building our "word-robe" by seeking and listening to Him, which must be not only used to testify and strengthen others, but also put forth into action--like Shizaru, the fourth monkey who does no evil yet little is known of it. Recognising one's own spiritual blindness is the start while actively listening to His guidance change how we speak and how we act as God's own likeness.



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Praise & Worship Night

Michelle Salim
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On August 21st, CFJ hosted its third Praise & Worship Night in 2019. The theme of "Love, Humility, and Unity" was conveyed through a series of songs and sharings. It was the biggest Worship Night yet with full house attendance of 170 people. It was also the first Worship Night where people were being prayed over during prayer session.

That night was truly a great experience for me. I have always questioned myself about God's never-ending love in my life, what is it that I've done to deserve such great love from God? We've all been reminded that God loved us first, and because of that, we have to spread His unconditional love to people around us.

By receiving God's love in our hearts, our trust in God grows. I've realized that in everything you do in life, it's all because of God. It's important to put aside your pride and not always putting ourselves as priority. Only then, we get to know God's purpose in our lives. There's nothing greater than God our creator, so we shall be humble and surrender all according to His will. Humility is a sign that we're ready to receive God's blessings.

One of the songs from that night, 'Doa Kami', truly touched my heart, that although everyone of us is different, we are all united in Christ. God created each of us with various gifts and purposes to praise and glorify His name. So, let God be the center of our lives and trust in Him.



Dear Daddy D,

I heard that our bishop, Monsignor Ignatius Suharyo, is going to become a cardinal! It seems like awesome news, but what does it mean to be a cardinal? Is there a difference between a bishop and a cardinal?

- An Arizonan from St Louis,

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Got any questions ?

Email Daddy at info@cfjakarta.com

Dear Cardinals fans,

Yes this is awesome news indeed! It's a rare occasion, and Monsignor Suharyo will be only the third Indonesian cardinal after Justinus Cardinal Darmojuwono and Julius Cardinal Darmaatmadja (yes, the proper way to address a cardinal is **first name** Cardinal **surname**).

A cardinal is a prince of the Catholic Church, and being a member of the College of Cardinals means one is allowed to vote in the papal conclave (the election of a new Pope). They are raised from bishops who the Pope considers as representative of the Church's value and mission in the world, and they receive the honor of wearing scarlet vestments (representing their willingness to be martyred for their faith) and given a titular church in Rome as their "home church", while still doing their usual duties (e.g. the archbishop of Jakarta's primary duty is still leading the Archdiocese of Jakarta).

In short, being made a cardinal is when the Pope elevates a bishop into a closer advisory position, allowing him to vote in the Papal Conclave while still carrying out the responsibilities of a bishop.

There are 5 Main Sense Organs,
Circle *WHICH* You'd think is *USED*!





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The UnFIT me FITS !

Sport is definitely NOT on my top ten favorite things to do. On the contrary, any activity that requires perspiring and exerting physical energy is something that I would run away from. Thus, you can imagine how much I dreaded the Catholic Fit Jakarta event. Yet, the day came, and after a long and fierce inner battle, the good angel on my right shoulder won... I dragged myself (along with a couple of other victims... I mean friends!) to GBK and braced myself for the torture! Of course the day started with RUNNING AROUND THE FIELD. At that point, survival instinct kicked in and my devious mind started to spout all possible excuses to flee.

Yet... God did not give up on me, He sent me His troops to guide me out of my comfort zone. Yes, I truly believe that it was His work because despite how my muscles hated the work outs, my heart felt different. The way we supported and cheered each other united us. This made me feel accepted. Even the UNFIT ME FITS because we are one in Spirit, for our Love for Him.

So by the end of that day, regardless of the fact that walking was hard and sitting was painful, I was truly grateful that God has blessed me with such a good community; one that lets me grow and rejoice even in my least ideal situation.

Angie Theresia
CFJ Choir



During the 18th of August, CFJ celebrated Indonesia's 74th Independence Day with various sports and activities in GBK Senayan. We were divided into teams and we competed with one another. Despite it being a competition, I believe the main purpose was to have fun. I personally enjoyed the event and I'm sure everyone else did because I could hear all the laughs and the sense of togetherness within the event.

I would like to thank the event organizers, despite having a few things not going according to plan such as not being able to have a "makan kerupuk" game, the event still managed to bless many of us who participated. Thank you CFJ events team for making this all happen.

Eugene Sebastian
CFJ Ushers & Bible Fellowship