

of dullness, of disregarding. There's one more. It is obvious this warning is the most serious of the five. The word "refuse" carries the idea "to deny, to decline, to reject." Can a Christian living a life of drifting, doubting, dullness and disregarding God reach a point where he in effect denies and rejects the Lord? I know of godly believers who have at one time wandered off because of persecution, temptation, or depression.

What would it take to convince you that God is earnestly waiting for you to come back to Him? Like the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son, God yearns to pour out His blessings on His wayward children, if they would just answer His call, and not refuse Him. You may ask, "What should I say to God? You don't know how I have messed up my life." I think the prodigal son gave us some good suggestion. How about just say, "Father I have sinned against you." And it won't hurt to add, "Father, I am not worthy to be called your son." But don't stop there, say, "But thank you for Your Son, our Lord Jesus, who made it possible for me to call you Father." If that describes you, it's now time to come home.

There are many signs along the road. But there is a sign I always pay attention to. It's a sign I always follow. It's a sign I'm always thankful for. It's the sign: **DANGER**. The writer to the Hebrews gave us five warning signs: danger of drifting, danger of doubting, danger of dullness, danger of disregarding, and the danger of denying. We need to pay attention. We need to take heed and follow.

♥ Dr. Joseph Shao went to Taiwan on September 15-20, 2014 to tape a series of lectures on "Studies in Ezekiel" for Good News TV. He also gave a talk on "Fake or Genuine" (Studies in Malachi) in the Taipei Bible Symposium from September 30 to October 2, 2014. On November 3 to 12, 2014 he will attend the annual leaders meeting of the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (ICETE) at Orlando, Florida.



Chinese University of Hong Kong. The event gave recognition to the scholarly contributions of ten "Qianbei" (Senior Scholar). Dr. Joseph Shao was one of those honoured (see photo).

♥ Dr. Joseph and Dr. Rosa Shao attended the Counseling and Member Care Seminar at Antalya, Turkey from October 18-31, 2014. The Seminar was sponsored by the Narramore Christian Foundation.

♥ The Spiritual Emphasis Day was held on July 14, 2014 at BSOP. Visiting lecturers Chen Wang Jin and Sunny Lu gave the exhortations based on John 1, Ephesians 4:17-19 and Micah 6:8. After the messages, Care and Share group activity and individual meditation followed.

♥ A special banquet was sponsored by the International Congress on Ethnic Chinese Biblical Scholars on August 19, 2014 at the Divinity School of Chung Chi College,

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BSOP mission exposure is held every other year. The Butuan Mission Team, composed of seven students and two faculty members, Drs. Joseph & Rosa Shao, spent six days (Sep. 2-7, 2014) in Butuan City, historic for its trading and diplomatic relations with China since AD 700. This mission undertaking was a joint effort with members of the Butuan Gospel Church, in partnership with alumnus Pastor and Mrs. Johnson Lo and the church leaders. "7-Ds" sum up the wonderful events experienced by the Team:

- ♥ **Drilling Chinese language** in three class-levels, enriching the 85 students of the Butuan Faith Christian School. Also shared songs and the Gospel to 250 high school students in another non-sectarian Chinese school.
- ♥ **Developing friendship in Christ** with both the local church people and the '168' Chinese immigrants through visitation and invitation to attend the Autumn Festival Celebration on Saturday.
- ♥ **Doing initial disciple-making** with the church leaders as ten sets of *A Call to Joy* materials were given out.
- ♥ **Delighting in the hospitality** of the church leaders, many of whom were proprietors of food establishments.
- ♥ **Dwelling in harmony among our team members** as we tackled our task with supportive unity.
- ♥ **Dumpling-making friendship evangelism** that started and ended with the whole church families in feasting joy and faith encounter.
- ♥ **Delivering God's Word during BSOP Sunday**, wherein 60-70 people packed the sanctuary to hear the message, aligned to their goal of "Run the Race!"



