

Devotional

# FRESH CUP

Chuck Todd

...even showed the guy his wallet and emptied out  
You would think that would be enough to draw  
or the pointlessness of soliciting a bribe. NO, it was  
the "MMDA enforcer" instructed the driver to call  
91\*\*\*\*\*. Corruption at the level of mobility  
Now the MMDA wants to implement the no-  
form of "arrest" for traffic violators. Is it convi-  
or lack of conviction to make the arrests an  
them stick? Do we wait and let a traffic viola-  
on with their wrong driving habits for month  
year before we let them know they've been  
say arrest them on the spot, spoil their day  
them learn as soon as possible.

Round and Round the Rotunda....? What  
In case you don't know or have not heard  
Shaw Boulevard Rotunda that used to be a  
mark between the old provincial capitol,  
row and Barrio Kapitolyo has been snea-  
piece by piece in order to avoid a firesto-  
sible oppositionists. They did it so well  
that many motorists and pedestrians see  
how much longer is this hide and seek  
For starters, locals and motorists  
what the national or local authorities  
in terms of traffic management. Will  
light/intersection between Shaw Bo-  
Commons and Barrio Kapitolyo? Or  
those organic intersections maintain  
organic personnel of the Pasig TPN  
People are also asking about the  
unfinished concrete posts at various  
the intersection. Vendors in the  
for an elevated platform for pe-  
come they've stopped working  
last three months, blocked walk-  
entry into the village? With pe-  
cats fighting for space, this "c  
an "accident" waiting to happen  
It would help if the people  
both local and national came  
exactly what they intend to d  
project taking so long and wa  
lowed to dig, dump, and wa

Still in the area of Pasig,  
Avenue to St. Paul Road,  
by a number of vehicles  
flow at high speed nearly  
soon discovered that the  
a speed hump by driv-  
was only on half the ro-  
These half-humps  
ideas but in truth the  
accidents. A year or  
in a car accident ins-  
one of the resident  
the half-hump av-  
kids drove one side  
side over the hur-  
St. Paul road hal-  
and a risk and  
road! The same  
traffic areas in

# ADAM

*Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God. Luke 3:38 (KJV)*

Adam, the son of God. A patriarch of relationship with God. His sin ushered sin in for all of humanity. (Many believe his sin transferred ownership of the earth to Satan). It removed mankind from an intimacy with God. God is just, he cannot create a law then violate it. God is a God of mercy, so he found a way to give man a second chance without violating the law. He set up the sacrifice, an innocent to take on the guilt of humanity.

## WHAT HAPPENED- A CLOSER LOOK

Adam was in a right relationship with God. He truly walked with him. Adam (and Christ, the last Adam) may have been the only men that could look God in the eye and live. Perfect in every way. God so loved Adam that he made a gift for him, a helpmeet. I believe Eve was an equal to Adam, but created for Adam.

Satan was able to deceive Eve, but Adam sinned knowingly. After Eve sinned Adam knew he lost her. He then made the decision to follow HER instead of God. He loved the gift more than the giver of the gift. We can speculate as to the why's but let us consider this issue, because this is a sin that we, as Christians, continue to commit. As we walk with God, God gives us some valuable gifts that are meant to help us. These gifts bring us great satisfaction and security. Unfortunately the temptation is always there to focus on the gift. Often we find ourselves more dedicated to this gift than to God. This opens the door and puts up a welcome sign for Satan to come in and to do his thing.

## PRIORITIES REVEALED

*Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. Ephesians 5:52 (NIV)*

It is right to love your spouse more than your own life. This is even commanded that we are to love our wives as Christ loved the church willing to lay down our life for her.

What was revealed in Adam's decision was an error in priority. In this moral dilemma Adam had a choice between God and spouse. Adam chose wrong. This same dilemma was presented to Abraham. (Abraham to sacrifice Isaac Gen. 22). Abraham proved to himself: to God; and the world, that God was first in his life. Although all of us have prioritized most everything in our life, few of us realize how we have prioritized things. Only during trauma are our priorities revealed. If our priorities are found to be right and pure we are blessed, gain confidence, and our stress levels are reduced. We should remember how God reacted to Abraham willing to place God above all, even his own son, his greatest gift. God said to Abraham,

*"I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, 18 and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me." Genesis 22:16-18 NIV*

## TODAY'S CHALLENGE:

Keep God first. Do not let the blessings of God replace a relationship with God. Remind myself that God's gifts are not God.