



# Asbury Church



July 7, 2019  
Sermon Notes  
"Crazy RICH ASIANS"  
I CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

## I. Not one of us

- A. Crazy Rich Asians is a 2018 Romantic Comedy based on the 2013 \_\_\_\_\_ of the same name.
- B. Starting with the creation story, we see that we are all \_\_\_\_\_ in the sight of God.

## II. All you need is love

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ in Singapore is largely made up of people who are wealthy, better educated and speak English.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ is not materialistic.

## III. Selfless ambition

- A. Rachel is living out Philippians 2:3-4 in her willingness to \_\_\_\_\_ any future relationship with Nick so that he won't lose his family.
- B. It's Rachel's \_\_\_\_\_ love for Nick that prompts Eleanor to compromise and approve of their relationship.

**Things I would like to remember about this message:**

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# Asbury Daily Study Guide

## INTRODUCTION

Crazy Rich Asians is a 2018 Romantic Comedy based on the 2013 novel of the same name. The film follows native New Yorker and Chinese American Rachel Chu to Singapore to meet her boyfriend's family. Rachel is shocked to find out that her boyfriend's family are the biggest real estate developers in Singapore and extremely wealthy. The film deals with Rachel trying to be accepted by his family. So where does this film point us toward the Gospel?

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### Monday: Ephesians 4:25-32

In Crazy Rich Asians, Eleanor Young arrives at the Calthorpe Hotel with her son and other family members. When asking at the front desk for her reservation, the clerk and the manager lie about not having her reservation for obviously racist reasons. As Jesus followers, we are called to be kind and compassionate to all people regardless of race or ethnicity. When have you said words that hurt, and then thought, "Why did I say that?" How did you correct the problem?

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### Tuesday: I Corinthians 13:4-8

In Crazy Rich Asians, Nick's friends label Rachel "a gold digger," but in truth, she loved him before she learned of his wealth. In Paul's famous statement on love, wealth and money are never mentioned. Does wealth and money influence the way you treat others? Why or why not?

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### Wednesday: Philippians 2:3-11

In Crazy Rich Asians, Rachel's willingness to let Eleanor win in her bid to protect the family from public disgrace and her son from losing his family for love by sacrificing any future relationship points us toward Philippians 2. Would it have been difficult for you to walk away from someone you love in order for that person to not lose their family?

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### Thursday: Colossians 3:13

Scripture says we are to "forgive one another" just as "the Lord forgave you." Saying "I'm sorry" isn't always easy, but it's required to mend a broken relationship. In *Crazy Rich Asians*, we see two people who are worlds apart – two people who dislike one another -- come together and ask for forgiveness. Do you struggle forgiving people who have treated you poorly like the way Eleanor treated Rachel in the movie?

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### Friday: Colossians 3:2, Ephesians 6:4

In Crazy Rich Asians, these two verses were read at a Bible study led by Eleanor. The Bible study serves as a window into the tension between Rachel and Eleanor, as well as the tension within Eleanor herself. How do you set your mind on things that are above and not on things of this world? Do you struggle with this?

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## MOVING FORWARD

In Crazy Rich Asians, Eleanor argues that happiness shouldn't be a person's primary focus in life; instead, it should be other people. Rachel, too, provides an example of this later in the film. This doesn't mean we are to never take care of ourselves. But it does mean that our primary focus should be like that of Christ: others. What is one thing you can do this week to put someone else first.

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Answers to the sermon notes:

IA) novel, B) equal.

IIA) Christianity, B) Love.

IIIA) sacrifice, B) selfless.