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What God has done through Calvary Church, amazes me! When we do what we can, He does what we cannot and that is a Miracle. It is by God's grace and anointed leading, we are now in Calvary Convention Centre. This enhances our calling to be an evangelistic and a missions-minded Church. It also makes us self-supporting, self-propagating and self-governing because of God's grace, love and mercy upon us. We must continue to do the will of God and therefore look forward to many more amazing miracles that are in store for us.

The challenge to operate a mega Church facility is no small task but God who has provided the facilities can provide the means. God can meet our financial challenges, when we do His will and fulfill His purpose. This takes faith and to act in faith, we must be bold to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). The debt of sin enslaves us to living after the flesh. But Jesus paid the debt for our sins by dying on the cross for us. As a result we enjoy salvation and all the benefits of salvation which the world cannot give.

God has the power to forgive us. He has set us free from the debt of sin.

Let me share with you how God helped a widow who had a debt which she could not pay.

The Bible says, "The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, 'Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the LORD. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.' Elisha replied to her, 'How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?' 'Your servant has nothing there at all,' she said, 'except a small jar of olive oil.' Elisha said, 'Go

around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side.' She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. When all the jars were full, she said to her son, 'Bring me another one.' But he replied, 'There is not a jar left.' Then the oil stopped flowing. She went and told the man of God, and he said, 'Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left'" (2 Kings 4:1-7) NIV.

Some facts to take note of from this biblical account:

1. The widow's husband was a prophet of God. In the course of doing God's will and honouring Him, he got into debt and he died. We do not know exactly what was the cause of the debt, but it is clear that he was a God fearing man and therefore, did what God told him.
2. The wonderful thing was that God took responsibility for the debt. God is a faithful God and a promise keeping God. Elijah asked the widow how he could help. He told her to go and "borrow" jars (the word "borrow" means to ask).
3. The widow said she had nothing, but a little oil in a jar. Don't despise the little you have, when God wants to use it. Obeying by faith is God's way to perform a miracle. There is a miracle in what you have. It was the little oil in the jar for the widow! God wants you to know and experience Him as a miracle working God.
4. Take note that Elisha asked the widow to ask for vessels "from everywhere". This shows the importance of thinking big. When it is beyond you then God gets the glory.
5. When her son told her there "was not another vessel", the oil ceased. Thus the provision was according to her faith.

Just as God performed a miracle in filling the many empty vessels from a little oil in her jar, He will not fail you when you obey in faith. Our responsibility is to do what we can and God will do what we cannot. We must use what we have and He will do the impossible and be glorified.

Three Steps To Receive Your Miracle.

1. Ask God.

Asking is a biblical principle. Asking is an opportunity for you to be blessed. You receive not because you ask not. The Bible says, "Ask and you shall receive. Knock and it will be opened. Seek and you shall find." The widow asked for more jars in obedience and gave the little she had.

2. Have Faith.

Faith pleases God (Heb 11:6). Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours" (Mk 11:24) NIV. She went and did what the prophet told her to do. This is faith with works!

3. Obey No Matter What.

The Bible says, "Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:17) and "For with God nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37). She not only asked in faith but acted in faith. She poured her little oil from one jar to another. God brought her out of her debt.

The Floating Axe Head.

In another Biblical account, God helped a son of a prophet recover his borrowed axe head which fell into the water. The Bible says, "The company of the prophets said to Elisha, 'Look, the place where we meet with you is too small for us. Let us go to the Jordan, where each of us can get a pole; and let us build a place there for us to meet.' And he said, 'Go.' Then one of them said, 'Won't you please come with your servants?' 'I will,' Elisha replied. And he went with them. They went to the Jordan and began to cut down trees. As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron axe head fell into the water. 'Oh no, my lord!' he cried out. 'It was borrowed!'" (2 Kings 6:1-5).

Here, the sons of the prophets were cutting down trees to expand the place for God's work. But one of them lost the axe head which was borrowed! When doing God's will, all sorts of difficulties, obstacles and challenges will arise. Growth to reach our city and the world is the will of God. The devil will fight the growth of God's Kingdom.

Here again, Elisha, "the man of God" asked, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it" (2 Kings 6:6-7). The stick (another version says the branch) is symbolic of the cross of Jesus Christ. Miracles

happen when we come to the cross where Jesus died and shed His blood. Jesus is the miracle worker when we meet challenges in doing what God calls us to do. Jesus is the answer when we act in faith. When you do the ridiculous, God does the miraculous. You cannot explain a miracle. If you can, it is no longer a miracle.

Jesus paid the temple tax for Peter and Himself.

The most difficult challenges faced by Jesus were not sinners but the religious people who thought they knew better. They asked Jesus why He did not pay the temple tax. Jesus provided the tax payment for both himself and Peter. He said, "Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you" (Matthew 17:27). Although Jesus supplied the tax money, Peter had to go and fish. It is faith that works, when we obey the Lord. The Bible says, "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:19). He desires you to experience His grace and power so you can be a channel of His blessings. But you need to ask, believe and obey.

God desires to use each of us to make this Church debt free by responding in faith to the opportunity to give. What you have may look very small, but as you obey and give to honour Him, you will know Him and experience His miracles for what seems impossible. God will not fail you!

All Bible quotations are in the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.

E-TEAM EMPOWERED TO SOW AND HARVEST

“Good afternoon madam, I just want to tell you Jesus loves you!”

FRUITS OF E-TEAM

Today (January to August 2014), the E-Team has reached out to **698 potential believers** and **54.9%** of these made decisions to receive Christ.

Thus far, some **50 of the 383 salvations** have attended Calvary Church at CCC, many of them as family.

BY A MEMBER OF E-TEAM



All are welcome!
If you are new, we will train you.
Come and experience God's power.
We meet on
Saturdays, 3pm
at Berean Bungalow,
Damansara Heights.

This simple introduction often used by the E-Team (Calvary Church's Evangelism Team) in reaching out is instrumental in opening the door to share the love of God with potential believers.

Jesus is alive. Each time the E-Team goes out to witness in our community we have the assurance that Christ is with us! We experience the power of God's promise. The Bible says, *“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”* (Acts 1:8). God is faithful. Those we witness to experience the outpouring of God's salvation grace and the conviction of sin by the Holy Spirit. Every E-Team member is humbled and thrilled each time we lead someone to pray the sinner's prayer.

The E-Team comprises Calvarites from all walks of life, both old and young.

What binds us is our passion for the lost. Some of us were fearful and hesitant to share the Gospel initially. We thank God for His anointing and empowerment. We now have spiritual boldness to proclaim the message of salvation. God also enables us to love those who reject and insult us!

Prayer is key to all our evangelising.

We pray together as a team before going out and while sharing the Gospel in pairs we keep one another in prayer constantly. We also pray again before we return to our homes.

The E-Team members are blessed. When we take care of God's “business”, He takes care of ours.

Most of all, we thank God that as we experience His anointing, power and protection, we are strengthened in our faith.

Jesus says, *“... I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit”* (John 15:16). We are so privileged that He has chosen and appointed us!



TESTIMONIES OF SOME E-TEAM MEMBERS



1. Kids reached by E-Team attend CW
2. E-Team in prayer
3. E-Team on a Missions outreach

Sharing the Love of God

It's a blessing to go out with the E-team and share the Good News with the sick at the hospitals.

Let me share my encounter with an Egyptian who was admitted as a diabetic patient. He was alone on his bed and when I walked up to him, his face lightened up. After exchanging pleasantries, he opened up and shared his story. Then I asked him if I can share the love of God with him. He welcomed it.

I shared with him about the creation story and due to Adam's sin, man was separated from God, and how God so love the world that He sent His son, Jesus to die on the cross so that we may have a relationship with God. When I invited him to receive the gift of salvation, he said yes and I had the joy of leading him in the sinner's prayer.

I visited him several times before he was discharged and he has always testified that he has the peace of God in his heart.

- **Godwin Osuji- Bells**

God's Abundant Grace

I joined the E-Team recently, and am amazed and touched to see how lives have been transformed through the Gospel.

Those who are newly-saved receive hope for hopelessness, determination and strength in Christ to be an overcomer in the face life's challenges when they experience God answering their prayers and God's healing!

Seeing the lost saved gives me inexpressible joy. It also makes me more thankful to God that I am His child and co-heir with Christ in His promises. God's grace is abundant when we heed His call.

- **Laura Lim**

Overcoming challenges in witnessing

I started joining the E-Team as part of the AIM Leadership Program practicum and continued with the E-Team after I graduated from AIM.

At first, I was not keen about going to the hospital to talk to a few strangers, some of whom are in a bad shape.

However, once I overcame my initial fear of sharing the Gospel with strangers, I found it was pretty simple, except when they are non-English speaking!

It was frustrating to have to depend on a translator who can mistranslate! However, my translator and I learnt that His grace is sufficient. We thank God for the joy of leading some patients in the sinner's prayer.

The toughest thing for me is seeing the potential believer reject the Gospel. God encourages me that salvation belongs to Him and I am to be faithful as a witness.

- **Christian Chew**

Joy Of Harvesting

I thank God for the E-Team where I could serve Him with fellow Calvarites who have the passion for souls.

Through prayers, God helped me overcome my fear of approaching very sick patients and filled me with His love to share.

Praise God for His love and grace in touching patients through the E-Team. Even the nurses and doctors who sometimes pose a challenge for us to share are "silently" allowing us to pray for the sick in their wards.

- **Agnes Ong**



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ADVENTURE AT TAMAN NEGARA

BY RACHEL ONG

The Taman Negara trip over the Hari Raya holidays (27-29 August) organized by the Royal Rangers was a memorable and enjoyable experience for the 80 Calvarites, comprising families and singles who went.

Day 1: We checked into the Mutiara Taman Negara Resort after a 3-hour drive from Kuala Lumpur and a short boat ride across the river. It was a treat to stay at the chalet-style resort set amidst the lush tropical forest, with nature right at your doorstep.

At the quick briefing and buffet dinner, many were surprised but greatly encouraged to have our Senior Pastors Prince and Petrina Guneratnam with us.

Night jungle walk: We spotted various insects and fireflies flying and were thrilled to see a mother deer with its fawn from a tower hide.

Day 2: We went for the forest canopy walk, the longest in the world. It took half hour to reach the destination and was worth the effort as it gave me a sense of walking on the edge of a skyscraper. I was scared and exhilarated at the same time! We were walking on suspended bridges made of ropes and cables that are connected from one tree to another, forming a long trail high above the forest floor. The forest view from high up is vantage and invigorating.

There are other optional activities for the adventurous. Some went for the river

rapid shooting and visited an Orang Asli settlement. Our family opted for a short hike in the forest to a beautiful bend in the river with sandy banks and an inviting pool called Lubuk Simpon. It was refreshing to swim in the cool clear-water of Sungai Tahan that flows from the mountains after the forest hike.

Barbeque dinner: We celebrated and rejoiced with the team who returned after their successful expedition to Gunung Tahan.

Day 3: We took a 45-minute boat ride to visit a fish sanctuary where we fed many large fish in their natural habitat. After a ten-minute hike, we reached the rapids of Lata Berkoh. It was dangerous to swim as the flow of the river water was swift and powerful but the view was beautiful. The boat ride afforded us breathtaking views of the greenery and pristine forest.

After we got back from Lata Berkoh, it was time to check out and head back home.

Thank God for this enriching trip. We made new friends and enjoyed fellowshiping with one another. We were blessed by the devotions shared by Associate Pastors David Seah and Lee Peng each morning.

We all left with a greater appreciation of God and His creation and beautiful memories of the adventure.

1. On the canopy walk
2. Senior Pastor addressing the participants
3. Starting out from the chalets
4. Feeding the fish
5. Resting after the hike
6. Going for the boat ride

CONQUERING GUNUNG TAHAN

BY ALICIA CHAN



A team of 16 Royal Rangers, comprising Commanders and Expedition Rangers set off to conquer the tallest peak of West Malaysia from 22-29 July 2014. We took the Kuala Tahan trail to Gunung Tahan which is one of the most difficult trails in Peninsula Malaysia!

Praise God for enabling us to complete the 110 kilometres-trek which reaches to 2,187 metres in elevation in seven days.

Thank God for 'perfect' weather throughout the expedition and His protection upon the team. A big thank-you also to the Commanders and expedition members for their dedication and perseverance throughout the expedition. This is certainly an expedition not to be forgotten!



1. On top of Gunung Tahan
2. Thank God for ladders
3. Wading a shallow river



SOME EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

Day 1: Depart from CCC at 5 am. Declared all our belongings (like plastics, cans, clothings, batteries) at the Taman Negara office. This is to ensure we do not leave any "trash" along the trail. Set off to Kem Melantai.

Day 2: Waded through 7 strong-current rivers and climbed 27 hills, including Bukit Jepun and Bukit Jerman! Reached Kem Teku at 8.30pm, exhausted.

Day 3: In the morning, forced to pack our campsite quickly because of the unfriendly intrusion of a swarm of bees. Started challenging hike to Gunung Pangkin. Relied heavily on branches, tree stumps and ropes to climb up the boulders.

Day 4: Started hike at crack of dawn. Saw stars like ornaments in the sky before the sun rose on the hill top. Climbed up and down 15 ladders along steep areas to scale Bukit Rezkit and Gunung Gedung.

The climax was the final kilometres to the summit. **At 5.00 pm, we are proud to say that we have conquered GunungTahan!**

Day 5: Began descending Gunung Tahan after spending a bone-chilling night on the peak.

Day 6: Finding our way back to the humid, tropical jungle! Crossed seven rivers to camp at Kem Puteh. Overjoyed to find a calm river where we could bathe. As it was the Lord's Day, we had a short service after dinner. Commander Horr Wai shared a devotion (God is our guide and we are to trust Him).

Day 7: Excited to head back to civilisation! Had early start, 5am. Reached the Resort at 6pm. Warmly welcomed by the Taman Negara Adventure group and had a hearty BBQ dinner.

Day 8: Enjoyed a scrumptious breakfast at the Resort restaurant. Passed the 'trash' inspection by the Taman Negara officers. At 12pm, we bade farewell to Taman Negara and headed home.

GOD
has done
Wondrously

1st ANNIVERSARY

A Special Thanksgiving



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Calvarities were encouraged and inspired at the CCC 1st Anniversary Service on 24 August 2014 (CCC was dedicated on 27 August 2013).

The keynote of the entire service was to bless the Lord, give glory and thanks to Him for His wondrous works. God has blessed us with a wonderful facility in CCC and Calvary Church is fulfilling its call as a fountainhead Church, in a greater measure.

We were reminded of God's faithfulness, goodness and power through the special video presentation. It recaptured key and significant moments of last year's dedication

service, major events held in CCC, praise report of new ones added to Church and upcoming events.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam highlighted that this 1st Anniversary is not just a celebration. It is also God's message to us that He can give us the victory, just as He has given to our Church.

We were reminded that CCC is God's Presence, Promise, Provision and Protection because God through these four Ps, enabled us to successfully build CCC amidst daunting challenges and circumstances and at a cost of RM225million! We are to trust Him similarly personally!

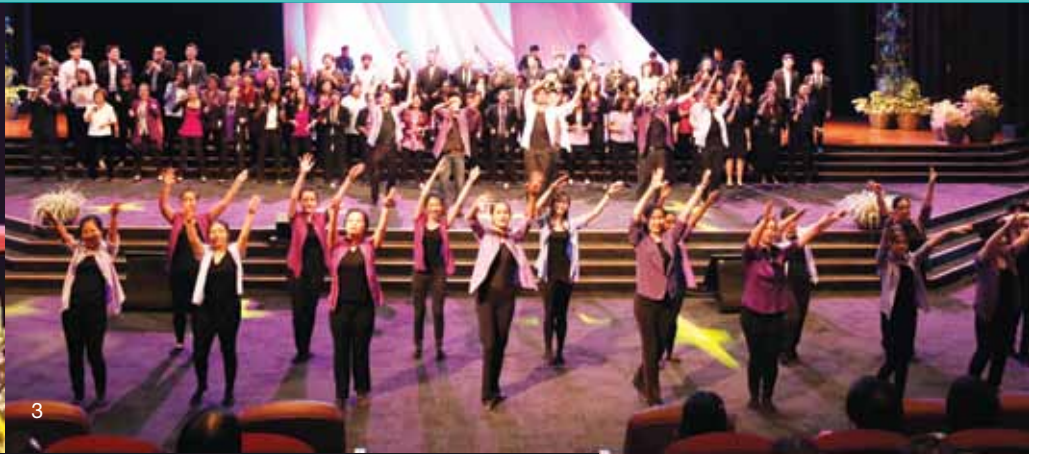
After the service, Calvarities enjoyed a time of fellowship at the Plaza over cup cakes and hot drinks. Many took time to read some of the 1,210 encouraging testimonies on the Testimony Wall.

Praise and thank God for a wonderful 1st Anniversary Service. We were reminded of God's awesome power through manifold ways and we dedicated and committed ourselves anew and afresh to be obedient to God's Great Commission to be witnesses.

What a mighty God we serve and what a privilege to serve Him!

AT CCC

Service For God's Wondrous Works



1. Senior Pastors, Deacons & CCC Committees gathering for the cake cutting
2. Senior Pastor sharing the exhortation
3. Opening song and dance presentation by the Music & Creative Arts Team
4. Writing our testimonies on the 1st Anniversary CCC Dedication envelopes
5. Calvarite family worshipping the Lord
6. Being inspired by hand-written testimonies on the Testimony Wall
7. Delicious cup cakes being snapped up
- 8-9. Fellowshiping at the Plaza after the service



INSPIRING!

Having The Right Priorities and Managing Our Time

BY BRIAN CHONG



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1. Chow relating with the young adults
2. Registration and welcome
3. Chow and emcee Benjamin
- 4 - 6. Warm fellowshiping



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The Calvary Young Adults (CYA) were enlightened and inspired by Deacon Chow Sang Hoe on the topic, “Priorities and Time Management” at the Connect Session on 19 July 2014.

The Connect Meeting started with a breakfast fellowship.

Benjamin Ong, the emcee of the day, introduced Chow and facilitated the session which ended with a time of Q & A.

Chow is married to Jessyca and they have two teenage daughters. He is the

Managing Partner of Ernst & Young Advisory Services Malaysia, with 22 years experience in the consulting business. He has worked on projects all over the world. He also serves as Deacon, Life Group Leader and guest SCG (School of Christian Growth) teacher in Church.

Chow started by doing an “Eulogy Exercise” where the YAs shared the key points from recent eulogies heard. Their findings: people are remembered for qualities such as faithfulness, generosity, commitment and so on. Rarely are people remembered for their fame, popularity, posh cars or straight As in examinations!

The exercise served to emphasize the importance of having the right priorities and spending time on the right priorities. This is the essence of time management.

Chow gave the following three tips:

First, begin with the end-in-mind.

Chow’s advice at the onset: know what you want and get what you want but make sure your ladder is leaning on the

An Unexpected Journey

At the Dimensions Extended on 19 July 2014, Maria Kon, a certified Spiritual Director from Tyndale Seminary, Toronto led about 50 women on an 'unexpected journey' that aptly describes our prayer experience where we often encounter God in ways we did not originally foresee. As Maria puts it, "Unseen expectations brought into the light of God's presence reveals a prayer life often different from what we initially expected."

Following the lively worship led by the women's ensemble, the 2 ½ hour prayer journey began with Maria encouraging the ladies to examine their perceptions and assumptions of God candidly. Our perspectives affect the way we pray and are often shaped by our past negative experiences. The ladies went through the spiritual exercises of assessing their prayer history and evaluating their 'prayer closet' of unanswered prayers. A deep and truthful relationship with God takes time and intent to develop. Three very important attitudes that help us align our prayers with God's will are the posture of listening, submitting and waiting.

Some ladies testified later that they were greatly encouraged to make a conscious effort to engage deeply in prayer and in so doing, reaped the fruit of enriching their prayer life. Some took to heart the practice of solitude for a period of 20 minutes with no agenda other than to listen to God and found it a truly blessed experience.



1. Women's ensemble leading in worship



2. Maria Kon leading the ladies in the prayer journey



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Second, be disciplined.

Planning helps one to prioritise long-term, annually, monthly, weekly and daily. God has given us

wisdom to plan, but more importantly, it is seeking Him and submitting your plans to the Lord. The Bible says, "A man's heart plans his ways, but the Lord directs his steps" (Proverbs 16:9) NIV.

For instance, before he knew the Lord, Chow's plans and goals were self-centred and driven by his family's advice to work hard. His perception was that the world is limited and thus one has to look out for oneself. But since becoming a Christian in 1998, his values and goals have changed. He now values God, family and people now. So he prioritises his time accordingly.

God is faithful when you submit to His plans.

Third, connect.

Staying connected with God is of utmost importance. The Bible says Jesus rose early in the morning to pray (Mark 1:35). It is important to have a consistent devotional time where we read the Bible, meditate on God's Word and pray. This is the key to experience God's blessings in every aspect of life.

Praise God for Chow who is a shining example of one reaping the blessings of having the right priorities and good time management. God has granted him a loving family, a successful career and he is faithfully serving in Church.

God's Word never returns void. The Bible says, "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matt 6: 33) NIV.

right side of the wall! It is important to have the right priorities. Knowing how you want to be remembered by your loved ones, helps you focus or know your priority.

Seeking God and spending time with Him should be our first priority. When you prioritise God, you will be on the right track.

Buat Apa Yang Mampu

OLEH SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM



Apa yang Tuhan telah lakukan melalui Gereja Calvary, adalah menakjubkan! Apabila kita melakukan apa yang kita mampu, Dia akan melakukan apa yang kita tidak mampu dan itu ialah suatu mujizat. Ia adalah melalui rahmat Tuhan dan dipimpin melalui urapan, kita kini di Pusat Konvensyen Calvary. Ini memperbesarkan panggilan pelayanan kita untuk menjadi sebuah Gereja penginjilan dan berfikiran misi. Ia juga membuatkan kita berdikari dari segi kewangan, pertumbuhan dan pengurusan kerana rahmat, kasih dan belas kasihan Tuhan kepada kita. Kita mesti terus melakukan kehendak Tuhan dan oleh itu mengharapkan lebih banyak mujizat keajaiban yang disediakan bagi kita.

Cabaran untuk mengendalikan kemudahan sebuah gereja besar adalah bukan tugas yang kecil tetapi Tuhan yang telah menyediakan kemudahan mampu memberikan kita jalan. Tuhan dapat membantu memenuhi cabaran kewangan kita, apabila kita melakukan kehendak-Nya dan memenuhi tujuan-Nya. Ini memerlukan iman dan untuk bertindak dalam iman, kita mesti berani untuk taat kepada pimpinan Roh Kudus.

Alkitab mengatakan, *“Sebab upah dosa ialah maut; tetapi karunia Tuhan ialah hidup yang kekal dalam Kristus Yesus, Tuhan kita”* (Roma 6:23). Hutang akibat dosa menjadikan hidup kita hamba kepada kedagingan. Tetapi Yesus telah melunaskan hutang kita dengan mati di atas salib untuk kita. Hasilnya kita menikmati keselamatan dan semua kebaikan dari keselamatan yang dunia

tidak dapat berikan. Tuhan berkuasa untuk mengampuni kita. Dia telah membebaskan kita daripada hutang dosa.

Biar saya berkongsi dengan kamu bagaimana Tuhan menolong seorang janda yang mempunyai hutang yang dia tidak mampu dibayar. Alkitab berkata, “Salah seorang dari isteri-isteri para nabi mengadukan halnya kepada Elisa, sambil berseru: “Hambamu, suamiku, sudah mati dan engkau ini tahu, bahwa hambamu itu takut akan Tuhan. Tetapi sekarang, penagih hutang sudah datang untuk mengambil kedua orang anakku menjadi budaknya.” Jawab Elisa kepadanya: “Apakah yang dapat kuperbuat bagimu? Beritahukanlah kepadaku apa-apa yang kaupunya di rumah.” Berkatalah perempuan itu: “Hambamu ini tidak punya sesuatu apapun di rumah, kecuali sebuah buli-buli berisi minyak.” Lalu berkatalah Elisa: “Pergilah,

mintalah bejana-bejana dari luar, daripada segala tetanggamu, bejana-bejana kosong, tetapi jangan terlalu sedikit. Kemudian masuklah, tutuplah pintu sesudah engkau dan anak-anakmu masuk, lalu tuanglah minyak itu ke dalam segala bejana. Mana yang penuh, angkatlah!” Pergilah perempuan itu dari padanya; ditutupnyalah pintu sesudah ia dan anak-anaknya masuk; dan anak-anaknya mendekati bejana-bejana kepadanya, sedang ia terus menuang. Ketika bejana-bejana itu sudah penuh, berkatalah perempuan itu kepada anaknya: “Dekatkanlah kepadaku sebuah bejana lagi,” tetapi jawabnya kepada ibunya: *“Tidak ada lagi bejana.”* Lalu berhentilah minyak itu mengalir. Kemudian pergilah perempuan itu memberitahukannya kepada abdi Tuhan, dan orang ini berkata: *“Pergilah, juallah minyak itu, bayarlah hutangmu, dan hiduplah dari lehernya, engkau serta anak-anakmu”* (2 Raja-raja 4:1-7).

Beberapa fakta untuk diambil perhatian daripada peristiwa dalam alkitab ini:

1. Suami janda itu adalah seorang nabi Tuhan. Dalam perjalanan melakukan kehendak Tuhan dan memuliakan Dia, dia telah berhutang dan meninggalkan dunia. Kita tidak tahu hutang itu berpunca dari mana, tetapi adalah jelas bahawa dia seorang yang takut akan Tuhan dan oleh itu, dia melakukan apa yang Tuhan kehendaki supaya dia lakukan.
2. Perkara yang indah adalah Tuhan bertanggungjawab atas hutang itu. Tuhan adalah Tuhan yang setia dan menepati janji. Elisa bertanya janda itu bagaimana dia boleh membantu. Dia memberitahu janda itu untuk pergi dan "meminjam" bejana (perkataan "meminjam" bererti untuk meminta).
3. Janda itu berkata dia tidak mempunyai apa-apa, tetapi cuma ada sebuah buli-buli berisi sedikit minyak. Jangan pandang rendah terhadap sedikit yang kamu ada, apabila Tuhan mahu menggunakannya. Mentaati dengan iman adalah cara Tuhan untuk melakukan mujizat. Ada mujizat di dalam apa yang kamu miliki. Ia adalah minyak yang sedikit dalam sebuah buli-buli itu yang dimiliki oleh janda itu! Tuhan mahu kamu kenali dan mengalami Dia sebagai Tuhan yang melakukan mujizat.
4. Perhatikan bahawa Elisa meminta janda itu untuk meminta bejana "dari mana-mana". Ini menunjukkan betapa pentingnya berfikir luas. Apabila ia di luar kemampuan kamu maka Tuhanlah yang mendapat kemuliaan.
5. Apabila anaknya memberitahu dia "tidak ada bejana lain lagi", minyak itu berhenti. Oleh itu perbekalan adalah mengikut imannya.

Sama seperti Tuhan melakukan mujizat dengan mengisi banyak bejana kosong daripada sedikit minyak dalam buli-buli janda itu, Dia tidak akan menghampakanmu apabila kamu mentaatinya. Tanggungjawab kita ialah melakukan apa yang kita mampu dan Tuhan akan melakukan apa yang kita tidak mampu. Kita mesti menggunakan apa yang kita ada dan Dia akan melakukan perkara yang mustahil dan akan dipermuliakan.

Tiga Langkah Untuk Menerima Mujizat Kamu.

1. Meminta daripada Tuhan

Meminta adalah prinsip alkitab. Meminta adalah satu kesempatan untuk kamu diberkati. Kamu tidak menerima kerana kamu tidak meminta. Alkitab mengatakan,

"Mintalah dan kamu akan menerima. Ketuklah dan ia akan dibuka. Carilah, maka kamu akan mendapat". Dalam ketaatan, janda itu meminta lebih banyak bejana dan memberikan sedikit yang dia ada.

2. Ada Iman

Iman menyenangkan Tuhan (Ibrani 11: 6). Yesus berkata, "Karena itu Aku berkata kepadamu: apa saja yang kamu minta dan doakan, percayalah bahwa kamu telah menerimanya, maka hal itu akan diberikan kepadamu" (Markus 11:24). Dia pergi dan melakukan apa yang nabi suruh dia lakukan. Ini adalah iman dengan perbuatan!

3. Taatlah Walau Apa Jua

Alkitab berkata, "*Demikian juga halnya dengan iman: Jika iman itu tidak disertai perbuatan, maka iman itu pada hakekatnya adalah mati*" (Yakobus 2:17) dan "*Sebab bagi Tuhan tidak ada yang mustahil*" (Lukas 1:37). Dia bukan hanya meminta dalam iman tetapi bertindak dalam iman. Dia menuangkan minyak sedikit itu dari satu bejana ke bejana yang lain. Tuhan membebaskan dia dari hutang itu.

Kepala Kapak yang Terapung

Dalam satu lagi peristiwa Alkitab, Tuhan menolong seorang anak seorang nabi mencari semula kepala kapak yang dipinjamnya yang jatuh ke dalam air. Alkitab mengatakan, "Pada suatu hari berkatalah rombongan nabi kepada Elisa: 'Cobalah lihat, tempat tinggal kami di dekatmu ini adalah terlalu sesak bagi kami. Baiklah kami pergi ke sungai Yordan dan masing-masing mengambil satu balok dari sana, supaya kami membuat tempat tinggal untuk kami.' Jawab Elisa: 'Pergilah!' Lalu berkatalah seorang: 'Silakan, ikutlah dengan hambahambamu ini.' Jawabnya: '*Baik aku akan ikut.*' Maka ikutlah ia dengan mereka. Setelah mereka sampai di sungai Yordan, merekapun menebang pohon-pohon. Dan terjadilah, ketika seorang sedang menumbangkan sebatang pohon, jatuhlah mata kapaknya ke dalam air. Lalu berteriak-teriaklah ia: '*Wahai tuanku! Itu barang pinjaman!*'" (2 Raja-raja 6: 1-5).

Di sini, anak-anak sedang menebang pokok untuk memperluaskan tempat untuk pekerjaan Tuhan. Tetapi salah seorang daripada mereka hilang kepala kapak yang dipinjam! Apabila melakukan kehendak Tuhan, segala macam kesulitan, halangan dan cabaran akan muncul. Perkembangan untuk menginjil kepada kota kita dan dunia adalah kehendak Tuhan. Iblis akan berjuang menentang pertumbuhan Kerajaan Tuhan.

Di sini sekali lagi, Elisa, "hamba Tuhan" bertanya, "Di mana ia jatuh?" Dan dia menunjukkan tempat itu kepada Elisa. Jadi

Elisa memotong sebatang kayu, dan melemparkan ia ke dalam; dan membuat besi itu terapung. Oleh itu Elisa berkata, "*Ambil sendiri.*" Jadi dia menghulurkan tangan dan mengambilnya" (2 Raja-raja 6: 6-7). Batang kayu (versi lain mengatakan ranting) adalah simbolik salib Yesus Kristus. Mujizat berlaku apabila kita datang kepada salib dimana Yesus mati dan mencurahkan darah-Nya. Yesus ialah pelayan mujizat apabila kita menghadapi cabaran dalam melakukan apa yang Tuhan panggil kita untuk lakukan. Yesus adalah jawapan apabila kita bertindak dalam iman. Apabila kamu melakukan perkara yang tidak masuk akal, Tuhan melakukan keajaiban. Kamu tidak dapat menjelaskan mujizat. Jika kamu dapat jelaskan, ia bukan lagi mujizat.

Yesus telah membayar cukai bait Tuhan untuk Petrus dan Diri sendiri.

Cabaran yang paling sukar yang dihadapi oleh Yesus bukan mereka yang berdosa tetapi ahli agama yang merasakan mereka sendiri mempunyai lebih pengetahuan. Mereka bertanya kepada Yesus mengapa Dia tidak membayar cukai bait Tuhan. Yesus menyediakan bayaran cukai untuk kedua-dua dirinya dan Petrus. "*Dia berkata, 'Tetapi supaya jangan kita menjadi batu sandungan bagi mereka, pergilah memancing ke danau. Dan ikan pertama yang kau pancing, tangkaplah dan bukalah mulutnya, maka engkau akan menemukan mata uang empat dirham di dalamnya. Ambillah itu dan bayarkanlah kepada mereka, bagi-Ku dan bagimu juga'*" (Matius 17:27). Walaupun, Yesus membekalkan wang cukai itu, Petrus masih perlu pergi dan menangkap ikan. Ia adalah iman yang bekerja, apabila kita taat kepada Tuhan. Alkitab mengatakan, "*Tuhanku akan memenuhi segala keperluanmu menurut kekayaan dan kemuliaan-Nya dalam Kristus Yesus*" (Filipi 4:19). Dia berhasrat untuk kamu merasai kasih karunia dan kuasa-Nya supaya kamu boleh menjadi saluran berkat-Nya. Tetapi kamu perlu meminta, percaya dan taat.

Tuhan ingin memakai setiap daripada kita untuk menjadikan Gereja ini bebas daripada hutang dengan memberi respon dalam iman terhadap kesempatan untuk memberi. Apa yang kamu lihat mungkin sangat kecil, tetapi apabila kamu taat dan memberi penghormatan kepada-Nya, kamu akan mengenali-Nya dan mengalami mujizatNya untuk apa yang kelihatannya mustahil. Tuhan tidak akan menggagalkan kamu.

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dalam Versi Terjemahan Baru kecuali dinyatakan sebaliknya.

做你所能做的

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神 通过加略山教会所做
的事，真让我惊讶！当我们
做我们能做的，祂就做我
们不能做的，那就是一个
奇迹。蒙神的恩典和恩膏的带领，我
们现在就在加略山会议中心。这增强
了我们要成为一个传福音和有宣教意
识的教会的呼召。它也让我们能自
立，自传和自治因为神的恩典，慈爱
和怜悯临到我们身上。我们因此必须
继续遵行神的旨意，并因此期待更多
为我们而准备的惊人奇迹。

操作巨型教会设施的挑战是不小的任
务，但提供了设施的神，祂能提供方
法。神能满足我们在财务方面的挑
战，当我们遵行祂的旨意和完成祂的
目的。这需要信心和信心的行动，我
们必须勇敢听从圣灵的带领。

圣经上说：「**因为罪的工价乃是死；惟有神的恩赐，在我们的主耶稣基督里，乃是永生**」(罗6:23)。罪债奴役我们过体贴肉体的生活。但耶稣为我们死在十字架上，为我们偿还罪债。因此我们能享受救恩和所有救恩的好处，这是世界不能给的。神有权柄赦免我们。祂已使我们从罪债中得释放。

让我与你们分享神如何帮助一个寡妇，她有无法偿还的债务。圣经上说：「**有一个先知门徒的妻哀求以利沙说：你仆人我丈夫死了，他敬畏耶和华是你所知道的。现在有债主来，要取我两个儿子作奴仆。以利沙问他说：我可以为你做什么呢？你告诉我，你家里有什么？他说：婢女家中除了一瓶油之外，没有什么。以利沙说：你去，向你众邻舍借空器皿，不要少借；回到家里，关上门，你和你儿子在里面将油倒在所有的器皿里，倒满了的放在一边。于是，妇人离开以利沙去了，关上门，自己和孩子在里面；儿子把器皿拿来，他就倒油。器皿都满了，他对儿子说：再给我拿器皿来。儿子说：再没有器皿了。油就止住了。妇人去告诉神人，神人说：你去卖油还债，所剩的你和你儿子可以靠着度日**」(王下4:1-7)。

从这圣经的记载，我们要注意一些事实：

1. 寡妇的丈夫是一位神的先知。在尊崇和遵行神的旨意的过程中，他欠下债务，不久他死了。我们不知道欠债的原因是什么，但很明显他是个敬畏神的人，所以他听从神的吩咐。
2. 奇妙的是神承担了债务的责任。神是信实的神和守承诺的神。以利亚对寡妇提出他

- 如何能帮助她。他告诉她去“借”空器皿(“借”的意思是要求)。
3. 寡妇说她除了一个瓶子里的少许油之外，什么都没有。不要轻看你有的很少，当神要使用它。凭信心顺服是神奇迹的方式。有一个奇迹在你有的。对寡妇来说，这是瓶子里的少许油！神想让你知道和经历祂是行奇迹的神。
 4. 请注意，以利沙要求寡妇去向“众邻舍”借空器皿。这显示出往大的目标想的重要性。当它超过了你的能力，那么神就得荣耀。
 5. 当她的儿子告诉她：「再没有器皿了」，油就止住了。因此，供应是按照她的信心。

就像神行了一个奇迹用她瓶子里的少许油来填满很多空器皿，当你凭信心顺服时，祂不会让你失望。我们的责任是做我们所能做的，神会做我们不能的。我们必须使用我们所拥有的，祂会做不可能的事和得荣耀。

领受你的奇迹的三个步骤

1. 祈求神

祈求是一个圣经原则。祈求是一个让你得到祝福的机会。你得不到因为你没有求。圣经上说：「你们祈求，就给你们；寻找，就寻见；叩门，就给你们开门。」寡妇顺服地去要求更多的瓶子，并给予了她的少许油。

2. 有信心

信心能得神的喜悦(来11:6)。耶稣说道：「所以我告诉你们，凡你们祷告祈求的，无论是什么，只要信是得着的，就必得着」(可11:24)。她就出去并照着先知吩咐她的去做。这是有行为的信心！

3. 无论怎样要顺服

圣经上说：「这样，信心若没有行为就是死的」(雅2:17)和「因为，出于神的话，没有一句不带能力的」(路1:37)。她不仅凭信心要求，而且凭信心行动。她把她的少许的油从一个瓶子倒到另一个瓶子。神使她还清她的债务。

漂浮的斧头

在另一个圣经的记载，神帮助了一位先知的门徒找回他借来的掉在水里的斧头。圣经上说：「先知门徒对以利沙说：看哪，我们同你所住的地方过于窄小，求你容我们往约但河去，各人从那里取一根木料建造房屋居住。他说：你们去吧！有人说：求你与仆人同去。回答说：我可以去。于是以利沙与他们同去。到了约但河，就砍伐树木。有一人砍树的时候，斧头掉在水里，他就呼叫说：哀哉！我主啊，这斧子是借的。」(王下6:1-5)

在这里，先知的门徒在砍伐树木要为神的工作扩大所住的地方。但其中一人丢失了借来的斧头！当遵行神的旨意时，种种的困难，障碍和挑战将会出现。为要向我们的城市和世界传福音而增长是神的旨意。魔鬼会同神的国度增长战争。

在这里，「神人」以利沙再次问说：「『掉在哪里了？』他将那地方指给以利沙看。以利沙砍了一根木头，抛在水里，斧头就漂上来了。以利沙说：拿起来吧！那人就伸手拿起来了」(王下6:6-7)。那根木头(另一个版本说是柱子)是象征着耶稣基督的十字架。当我们来到十字架耶稣受死和流血的地方，奇迹就会发生。当我们在做神呼召我们去做的工而面对挑战时，耶稣是行奇迹者。当我们凭信心行动时，耶稣就是答案。当你行荒谬可笑的事，神就行奇迹。你不能解释一个奇迹。如果你能解释，它不再是一个奇迹。

耶稣为彼得和他本人交圣殿税

耶稣所面临的最困难的挑战不是罪人，而是宗教人士，他们认为他们懂得更多。他们问耶稣为什么祂不交圣殿税。耶稣为自己和彼得提供了要交的税银。祂说：「**但恐怕触犯他们，你且往海边去钓鱼，把先钓上来的鱼拿起来，开了他的口，必得一块钱，可以拿去给他们，作你我的税银**」(太17:27)。虽然耶稣提供要交的税银，彼得不得不去钓鱼。这是有行为的信心，当我们顺服主。圣经上说：「**我的神必照他荣耀的丰富，在基督耶稣里，使你们一切所需用的都充足**」(腓4:19)。祂渴望你经历祂的恩典和能力，那么你可以成为祂祝福的管道。但你需要祈求，相信和顺服。

神渴望使用我们每个人，通过信心的回应给予的机会使这教会的债务自由。你有的看起来很少，但当你顺服和尊崇祂时，你就会认识祂和经历祂似乎是不可能的奇迹。神不会让你失望。

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本。

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