

Redeem The Tim

BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph 5:15-18) English Standard Version.



e are living in evil days. Paul exhorts us to redeem the time by living wisely. This applies to how you conduct yourself, your business and carry out your responsibilities. "Look carefully" means be awake or be alert, so you will not be foolish and understand the will of God for you.

You are a sermon in shoes. Your life is a message of life or death. The Bible says, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life" (John 5:24). Those who believe in Jesus live the abundant life. The Bible also says, "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). He who does not believe is condemned.

We have to choose either to believe in Jesus and live as a wise person, understanding the will of God or be foolish and be condemned.

A FOOLISH PERSON LOVES THE WORLD

The Bible says, "For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world" (1John 2:16). The Bible cannot be clearer. We are not to love the world. If we love the world, the love of the Father cannot be in us. "... The world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever" (1John 2:17).

The prodigal son (Luke 15:11-32) is a classic example of foolish living, demonstrating three traits. Firstly, he wasted his father's inheritance. Secondly, he lived a life of lust and pride. Thirdly, he lived "notoriously" (KJV), or was "living recklessly" (Modern Language), or had "parties and prostitutes" (LivingBible).

A WISE PERSON FEARS GOD AND **WALKS IN CHRIST**

The Bible says, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10). For example, Jesus is wise. The Bible says, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men" (Luke 2:52). As Jesus grew in favour with God, so did He grow in favour with men. There was favour and grace upon Jesus' relationship with His Father as well with those around Him. Jesus was mature and balanced.

Paul tells us that we must walk in Jesus, "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him" (Col 2:6). John also tells us likewise, that we must walk as Christ walked. "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked" (1 John 2:6).



REDEEMING THE TIME

When we walk wisely, we redeem the time (Eph 5:15-16). Redeeming the time is not buying time. Time is a gift. It is not something you can buy. You take advantage of the gift. Time is a God-given opportunity. Let time benefit you. Use it to add value to yourself. Don't waste it by being foolish. Each day is a day of opportunity. Let us rise and seize the opportunity to live for the glory of God.

Four Suggestions For You To Redeem The Time.

1. LIVE GODLY, BE **GOD-INSPIRED AND** ENTHUSIASTIC.

Be thrilled and inspired at what God has done for you. He has forgiven you and

loves you. Live for Him.

The example of Joseph who knew how to seize the opportunity to live for God.

It is interesting to note the times and places in Joseph's life when this phrase was said, "the Lord was with him". In the first instance, the Bible says, "The Lord was with Joseph and he was a successful man. He was in the house of his master the Egyptian" (Genesis 39:2). "The Lord was with him" in Potiphar's house because his master's wife was a tempter and she was out to get Joseph. Joseph had the victory because the Lord was with him. Similarly, when we are tempted to walk in a corrupt way, the Lord is with us. He will walk with us and we will be wise and have victory over corruption. The second time, the Bible says, "But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison" (Genesis 39:21). Note in both cases, they were challenging times for Joseph, hardly

conducive to godly living! The Lord was with Joseph to enable him to be alert and walk circumspectly.

It is wonderful to sense the Lord is with you in Church. But you need to know that the Lord is with you wherever you may be, at home, in your office or community, especially when you are in what seems like a "prison" and you face temptations. Jesus is with you, seize the opportunity and act wisely. You are a sermon for others to see and know that Jesus is the answer to life challenges.

2. BE A WITNESS.

Testify of your born-again experience. To be the best witness you can be is to tell people how you got saved. Nobody can argue with you because this is your experience. You just need to tell your story like the man blind from birth (John 9:1-28). The Scribes and Pharisees were upset and angry with Jesus, claiming He was a sinner because He healed the blind man on a Sabbath day. When questioned persistently, he said of Jesus, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see" (John 9:25). Just telling your story can have a powerful impact in the world.

3. FAST AND PRAY.

Prayer is a powerful weapon that the Church needs to use to come against powers and principalities that sow seeds of discord and evil. Prayer and fasting brings victory over satan's attacks.

FINALLY, DO NOT BE DRUNK WITH WINE BUT BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.

The Bible tells us "not to be drunk with wine, in which is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph 5:18). Debauchery means corrupt living or indulgence in the flesh. Wine has alcohol which can affect you. Do not substitute the spirit of the world or carnal drunkenness for the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

• Drunkenness can make you bold to commit sin. A Spirit-filled life gives you spiritual boldness to do the things of God.

- Drunkenness numbs your conscience and takes away the fear of God. A Spirit-filled life gives you the boldness to do the things of God.
- · Drunkenness causes uncontrolled behaviour in you. A Spirit-filled person lives a disciplined life.
- Drunkenness causes us to do the works of the flesh. A Spirit-filled person produces the fruits of the Spirit. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Gal 5:22-24).
- Drunkenness excludes you from the Kingdom of God. The Bible says, "... nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God" (1Cor 6:10). Drunkenness is the spirit of the world and makes it impossible to redeem the time. The Bible says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise" (Prov 20:1).

It is undeniable that we are living in evil times. Jesus said, "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly" (Luke 21:34). Let us be wise and redeem the time, knowing the will of God for our life. When Jesus comes, we will be ready for His return.

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





MISSIONS EMPHASIS

Praying, giving and going to bring hope ... so that none would perish

BY MICHAEL LOON

he Friday Missions Prayer service at Damansara Heights on 29 August 2014 provided a powerful start to the eventful Missions Emphasis Weekend.

Heartwarming reports on how Calvarites are touching lives and bringing hope to the Ibans in Sibu, migrants and refugees and victims of human trafficking were shared by Missionary Pooshani, Associate Pastor Raymond Yong and Director of CLM, Pam Guneratnam respectively.

The Church then prayed for missions needs related to our missions projects and for peace in the Middle East.

A lively anointed preacher, Rev. Dr Garrison used touching stories to illustrate how hope lost can be regained! For instance, his alcoholic father was called to be a pastor from the day he was saved!

We are to be like Abraham who chose not to be limited by human impossibilities when God promised him a son. He chose to focus on God to do whatever necessary for Sarah to have the promised child. To have hope, have faith in God (faith is the substance of hope) and to allow the Holy Spirit to develop the hope. When hope is

strong, you are happy, generous, helpful and encouraged.

Dr. Garrison concluded by praying for needs at the altar.

We also prayed corporately for our congregation to be Faith Promise partners, to serve faithfully in an area of ministry and to respond joyfully if the Lord calls them to serve full time.

Finally, we prayed for the Lord of the Harvest to send more labourers into the harvest fields.

Let us be confident that God will multiply all our missions endeavours as He is not willing that any should perish!

SHARING OF ENCOURAGING MISSIONS REPORTS



POSITIVE IMPACT ON IBAN COMMUNITY

Praise God for the fruits of the ministry by Calvary Church Sibu to the Iban community.

- Many new ones added to the congregation.
- Youth Fellowship thriving since it was started in May 2014.
- Seven Bible study cells started to disciple those newly added.
- Reaching children at Bukit
- Reaching 15 families at Pulau Nudang longhouse.



- 1. Corporate prayer for missions needs at altar at DH
- 2. Pastor Alton Garrison sharing on
- 3. Missionary Pooshani
- 4. Pastor Raymond Yong
- 5. Director of CLM, Pam Guneratnam
- 6. Congregation of Calvary Church
- 7. Collecting food supplies contributed by Calvarites at DH
- 8-9. Ministry to refugee kids through process painting & at kindergartens



MINISTRY TO MIGRANTS, FOREIGN WORKERS AND REFUGEES

This ministry was initiated on 29 June 2014 by Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE

We have assisted in providing food and medical supplies to two families.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Join a social concern team to
- Contribute food and clothing.
- Share the Gospel when opportunities arise.

PRAYER NEEDS

Pray against exploitation by employers as they have no legal protection.

Pray for access to healthcare and educational opportunities. Pray for spiritual needs.





HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Since March 2014, CLM has been able to partner with SUKA (an NGO) to go into the Government protection homes to provide one to one counselling services to trafficked women survivors.

CLM has also been able to conduct a series of process painting sessions for women and children.

Since March of this year we have ministered to 27 children and 41 women.













- Men enjoying the Missions dialogue
- Missions speaker Pastor Alton Garrison
- 3. Pastor Richard giving opportunities for men to be involved in Church ministries
- Men at breakfast

BECOMING THE RIGHT

TEAM PLAYER BY C.T. LIM, LAU SIE HUI AND WONG YIH MUN

The key to fulfilling the Great Commission!

wesome! Humorous! Moving! Such was the atmosphere at the Calvary Men's Missions Dialogue with Rev. Dr Alton Garrison on 30 August 2014 at CCC Plaza. Though it was the Merdeka weekend, 103 men came out early in the morning with great expectations.

Associate Pastor Richard opened in prayer, followed by a rousing and inspiring worship led by Deacon Ngeow Zoo Gin.

Associate Pastor Steven introduced Dr Alton Garrison, who took the men on an 80-minute exhilarating journey. We were captivated!

Dr Garrison spoke with clarity, great humour and authority. His experience as a global leader was evident. He built his case, point by point, precept upon precept. God spoke powerfully to all present.

At the onset, we were challenged, "If in a day 3000 new members were added into Calvary, what should we do?"

The key is to have the right team players who are fit to take up the responsibilities and obey the Lord's Great Commission.

A TEAM is defined as "a small number of people with complementary skills who are committed to a common purpose, performance goals, and approach for which they hold themselves mutually accountable". Thus, in this sense, the body of Christ functions as a team. Teams can accomplish more than individuals working separately.

Right team players exhibit five qualities (5Cs):- Character, Competency, Chemistry, Cooperation and Common goal. Team players in a team must have trust which is built on consistency, loyalty and faithfulness. The proof of trusting relationship is delegation.

Other golden nuggets gleaned from Dr Garrison:

Empower your team by trusting, training and giving them the responsibility to do what you have delegated them. Monitoring the task delegated will maximise the potential of each team player. It promotes accountability. Essentially, it is about being a mentor to your team player.

We gain wisdom in two ways, namely learning from own mistakes and through mentorship. Mentors help us to strengthen our character, overcome weaknesses and are encouraging. Coaching from a trusted mentor can prevent a thousand heartaches.

At the end of the session, Pastor Richard encouraged Calvarite men to be involved in ministry opportunities in Interest and Connect Groups. A whopping 70% of men responded immediately, which is a good indication of seriousness about the Great Commission.

Praise the Lord for a powerful Spirit-filled meeting.

Testimonies from participants:

- I was refreshed and reminded on the power of team work to break barriers and build the Church.
 - Puan Chen Keck
- I am inspired to be a mentor.
 - Stephen Liu
- I always feel inadequate to evangelize, but today, Dr Garrison showed us how simple it is.
 - Samuel Gnaniah
- Two potential believers who came commented that what they learnt is relevant for their business.
 - C.T. Lim

EVERY WOMAN BY CAROL WELLER

IN MISSIONS

he cafeteria at the Calvary Convention Centre bustled with activity on 30 August, Saturday morning as the ladies enjoyed breakfast hosted by Dimensions Extended in conjunction with Missions Emphasis.

About 130 ladies had come to listen to Johanna Garrison, the lovely wife of Rev. Dr. Alton Garrison our Missions speaker.

After the lively worship by the worship team dressed in national costumes be fitting the Merdeka weekend, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam introduced Johanna who was born in Indonesia with a mixed Chinese and Dutch heritage.

The ladies were enthralled by Johanna's testimonies of her dramatic past. God had come through for her and her family. Her mother steeped in idol worship was saved at a Billy Graham

She quoted Romans 2:4, "Or do you show contempt for the riches of His kindness, forbearance and patience, not realising that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?" If we purpose each day to listen intently to people we

rally in Holland. Her father, disillusioned with God, being the sole survivor in his family of the Nazi holocaust and witness to horrible massacres was eventually saved

Johanna stressed the importance of remembering our past blessings. We often recall the negative events in life and neglect to pay sufficient attention to God's goodness to us. Remembering how God has blessed us is a powerful reminder of God's faithfulness and further reassures us of His future faithfulness. This motivates us to give of ourselves to the Lord for His use.

In the short interview conducted by Carol Weller, Johanna expressed her enthusiasm in building genuine relationships with potential believers.



meet and to show kindness and genuine interest in their welfare, they will experience the love of God through us. We carry the presence of God in us and ministry is just a natural outflow of our relationship with Him.

Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng wrapped up the session by inviting the ladies to make 'shifts' in their lives i.e. shifts in priorities, mind-set, commitment and attitudes so that they are ready to be used by God in a greater measure for the greater things He has in store for the church.

Every woman has something to offer to God . . . and God will multiply what is placed in His hands for the expansion of His Kingdom in Missions.

- 1. Carol Weller interviewing Johanna
- 2. Sister Petrina introducing the speaker
- 3. Johanna Garrison sharing an inspirational message
- 4. The worship team
- 5. Praying for altar respondents

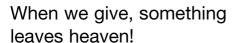








MAKING A NEW COMMITMENT WITH GOD BY JANA PONNUDURAI



t was a sight to behold when the Calvary Church choir came out in a variety of national costumes to mark Malaysia's 57th Independence Day.

How timely for the church to uphold our beloved nation to the Lord in prayer, proclaiming His greatness, love and power over our nation.

It was also a special day for Calvary Church as it was Faith Promise Sunday, a day to thank God for the privilege of partnering with Him in Missions.

We were greatly encouraged by the CMNN video report that showed us how our missions involvement through praying, giving and going had resulted in the transformation of lives both at home and abroad.

It was heartwarming to see more workers being trained, evangelistic work among migrants and the indigenous people of East Malaysia being established and strengthened, homeless being helped and children given a hope and a future through Christian care and nurture.



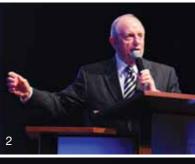
Rev. Dr Alton Garrison's message powerfully proclaimed that Jesus cannot be hid. No matter how hard satan tries to stamp out His existence and to stop the Gospel, Jesus is alive today and can never be "hidden". Even while Christians have been persecuted all these years, God continues to give us the strength to talk about Jesus Christ. The church continues to grow around the world and the Kingdom of God prevails.

It is a tremendous opportunity and privilege to be a part of this Great Commission, to be a partner in God's plan through being a faith promise partner.

Truly, the gates of hell cannot prevail against Church as long as we continue to preach the glorious Gospel to the ends of the earth! JESUS CANNOT BE HID!



- Praying for Faith Promise (FP)
 partners
- Pastor Alton Garrison sharing the Missions Challenge
- 3. Senior Pastor encourages Calvarites to renew our FP pledges
- 4. Mission Director Pastor Steven
- 5. Choir in various national costumes
- 6. Calvarites making our FP pledges









he Carpenter's Workshop children were greatly blessed during the Missions Weekend, 29 - 31 August 2014. The children were guided to "pray, give and go" through a line-up of interesting Missions lessons and activities.

Friday Kids Missions Prayer

(themed "That None Perish")
Highlights of the service include actionpacked worship and learning a cheer, "We
Will Pray, Give, Go, Amen, Amen, Amen!"

Fun lesson time

The kids learnt how to pray for the salvation of loved ones and friends. The Bible lesson was via an interactive skit based on the life of Jonah. God wants all people to be saved. The kids went through a prayer journey, based on Jonah's life experience, namely:

- Praying to receive God's call to go and make disciples;
- Praying for God's moulding and to be transformed;

- Repenting and asking God for a second chance to reach out; and
- Dedicating their lives to God. The kids were prayed for, to be anointed and empowered to bring the Gospel to their friends and families

They then prayed for Malaysia, missionaries and our outreaches.

The teachers were deeply encouraged to see their children participating in praying.

Sunday Faith Promise Renewal

Highlights of the service:

- Lively and fun praise and worship.
- In conjunction with the celebration of our National Day, the Jalur Gemilang was marched in with the children singing our national anthem.
- The children led in the Scripture reading and prayer for Malaysia.
- Through CMNN video report, the children were encouraged to see how their giving has impacted lives.

Lessons through skits Children ages 7-11

They learnt the importance of reaching out to others through the story of Jesus reaching out to Samaritan woman. They also had the privilege to be Faith Promise partners.

Children ages 5-6

They learnt via an illustrated lesson, "You Can Share". Each kid was given different types of goodies to try and asked to share the goodies they enjoyed with others. The practical was to demonstrate the need to share the Good News and to share by participating in the Coin Box giving, which given to Missions.

The kids went home with the understanding that it is God's desire, "That None Perish". They each received a Missions Poster, which is a reminder to Pray, Give and Go to expand God's kingdom.

Praise and thank God for a wonderful and fulfilling Kid's Missions Weekend!













CHANGE IS POSSIBLE!

t was Missions Emphasis weekend! And what better way to spend our Saturday (30 August 2014) than at our Calvary Youth Missions Service at

Damansara Heights.

The service also kicked off our community project, themed, Change Is Possible! Calvarite youths were challenged to bring change to the community by helping the marginalized and underprivileged.

The Bible says, "We are to act justly, love mercy (caring and championing the emotional, physical and spiritual needs of the needy) and to walk humbly before God, obeying Him and be led by Him" (Micah 6:8) paraphrase.

Our strategy is to invite our friends who do not know Christ to join our planned activities in September.

The Youth Missions service began with praise and worship. We just soaked in the Lord's presence, lost in worship.

Pastor Yong Chee Weng's message reinforced our "Change Is Possible" theme. We realized that external change is all well and good. More importantly, as believers we can and are to bring the hope of Jesus to those who are "perishing".

Youths to be changed inside out to touch our community! BY ALISA JAN CHIN SZE ANN





- 1. Praying for the salvation of friends whose names are written on the cards
- 2. Pastor Yong Chee Weng challenges youths to be changed by Christ to impact lives
- 3 -4. Committing names of friends for prayer
- 5-8. Submitting the names of those we are reaching out to

Change starts with us first. We need to be impacted, from inside out, by Christ first if we are to impact others. Then we can be the salt and light God has called us to be.

During altar call, 32 young people responded to the challenge to be agents of change for God, wherever He

40 of us committed to reach out to three friends. We wrote their names on the "That None Perish" cards. Missions Pastor Steven Kum prayed for the salvation of 108 (those we named) friends of ours.

Pray for us, that God will anoint and empower us as we reach out to our friends, family and the community. May they receive the gift of salvation.

TESTIMONIES OF SOME YOUTHS

Purposefully reaching out

During Youth Missions we were challenged to write down the names of three friends we want to reach for Christ. This has helped me focus. plan and be consistent in my efforts to reach out to them. I am praying for God's salvation grace to be upon them. - Ivan Ten

Challenged to pray

Missions emphasis has challenged me to more prayerful and to trust and depend more on the Lord.

- Chelsea Chin

We can never out give God

God has been faithful in providing for my Faith Promise pledges. Each time I pledge in faith, God has never failed to provide. I am challenged to continue trusting the Lord in every area of my life, just as I am trusting Him to help me fulfil my new pledge. - Jonathan Ngeow

「你们要谨慎行事,不要像愚昧人,当像智慧人。要爱惜光 阴,因为现今的世代邪恶。不要作糊涂人,要明白主的旨意如 何。不要醉酒,酒能使人放荡;乃要被圣灵充满。」 (弗5:15-18)

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们生活在邪恶的日子。 保罗 劝勉我们要赎回光阴明智地 ▲ 生活。这是指你的行事为

人,你如何经营你的业务和执行你的职 责。「谨慎」意味着清醒或保持警惕, 这样你就不会像愚昧人和明白神给你的 旨意。

你是一篇活的讲章。你的生活是一篇关 乎生命或死亡的信息。圣经上说:「我 实实在在的告诉你们,那听我话、又信 差我来者的,就有永生;不至于定罪, 是已经出死入生了」(约5:24)。那些 相信耶稣的人能过丰盛的生活。圣经上 说:「信他的人,不被定罪;不信的 人,罪已经定了,因为他不信神独生子 的名」(约3:18)。不相信祂的人已经 被定罪。

我们必须选择要相信耶稣, 生活像智慧 人,明白神的旨意或是作愚昧人而被定 罪。

愚昧的人爱世界

圣经上说:「**因为凡世界上的事,就像肉体** 的情欲,眼目的情欲,并今生的骄傲,都不 是从父来的,乃是从世界来的」(約壹2:16)。圣经不能再清楚了。 我们不要爱世 界。如果我们爱世界,爱父的心就不在我 们里面了。「…这世界和其上的情欲都要过 去,惟独遵行神旨意的,是永远常存」(約 壹2:17)。

浪子的比喻(路15:11-32)是愚昧的生活的 典型例子,展示它三个特征。首先,他浪 费了他父亲的的财产。 其次,他的生活充 满欲望和骄傲。第三,他"声名狼藉" "臭名昭著"或"任意花费地生活"

智慧的人敬畏神和生活在基督里

圣经上说:「**敬畏耶和华是智慧的开端;认 识至圣者便是聪明」**(箴9:10)。例如,耶 稣是一个智慧人。圣经上说:「耶稣的智 慧和身量,并神和人喜爱他的心,都一齐增 长」(路2:52)。当耶稣得神的喜爱增长, 他得人的喜爱也增长。有恩惠和恩典临在 耶稣与祂父亲的关系以及与他周围的人的 关系。耶稣的生命成熟和平衡。

保罗告诉我们,我们行事为人必须遵从耶 稣,「<mark>你们既然接受了主基督耶稣,就当遵</mark> 他而行」(西2:6)。约翰也同样告诉我 们,我们必须照主所行的去行。「人若说 他住在主里面,就该自己照主所行的去行」 (約壹2:6)。

赎回光阴

当我们明智地行事,我们就是赎回光阴(弗 5:15-16)。赎回光阴不是买时间。时间是 一份礼物。它是买不到。 你要充分利用这 份礼物。时间是上帝赐予的机会。 让时间 使你受益。用它来增加自己的价值。 不要 愚昧而浪费它。每一天都是新机会。 让我 们兴起抓住机会,为神的荣耀而活。

赎回光阴的四个建议

1. 敬虔度日,被神激励和充满热情

对神已经为你成就的事感到兴奋和鼓舞。 他已经赦免了你和爱你。 为祂而活。 约瑟的例子,他知道如何抓住机会为神而 活。值得注意的是,在约瑟的生命中提到 「耶和华与他同在」这短语的时间和地 点。首先,圣经上说:「**约瑟住在他主人埃** 及人的家中,耶和华与他同在,他就百事顺 利」(创39:2)。在波提乏的家中「耶和华 与他同在」,因为他主人的妻子是诱惑 者,她引诱约瑟与她同寝。约瑟得胜利, 因为耶和华与他同在。同样地,当我们受 到引诱作道德败坏的事,主与我们同在。 祂将与我们同行,我们会明智地胜过败 坏。第二次,圣经上说:**「但耶和华与约瑟** 同在,向他施恩,使他在司狱的眼前蒙恩」 (创39:21)。请注意在这两个事例中,对 约瑟它们都是一个颇具挑战的时期,不利 于敬虔的生活!耶和华与约瑟同在,使他 警觉和谨慎行事。

在教会能体验到主与你同在是美好的。但 你需要知道无论你在那里主都与你同在, 在家里,在你的办公室或社区,尤其是当 你似乎是在一个「监狱」的情况下,你正 面对诱惑。耶稣与你同在,抓住机会,做 出明智的行动。你是一篇讲章让别人看见 和知道耶稣是生活挑战的解答。

2. 作一个见证人

分享你经历重生的见证。你要做最好的见证 人就是告诉人你是如何得救。没人能和你争 论,因为这是你的经历。你只需要说出你的 故事,就像那生来是瞎眼的人(约9:1-28) 。文士和法利赛人对耶稣不满和感到愤 怒,声称祂是个罪人因为他在安息日医治 了瞎子。在被不断质疑时,他这样论及耶 稣:「祂是个罪人不是,我不知道;有一件 事我知道,从前我是眼瞎的,如今能看见 了」(约9:25)。只是说出你的故事能对世 界产生重大的影响。

3. 禁食祷告

祈祷是一个强大的武器,教会需要使用它 来对付播种纷争和邪恶种子的执政及掌权 者。禁食祷告能战胜撒旦的攻击。

最后,不要醉酒,乃要被圣灵 充满。

圣经上告诉我们:「不要醉酒,酒能使人放 **荡:乃要被圣灵充满**」(弗5:18)。放荡意 味着败坏的生活或放纵肉体。酒含有酒精 会影响你。不要以世俗的灵或肉体醉酒来 取代圣灵赋予的能力。

- 醉酒可以让你大胆去犯罪。 圣灵充满的生 命给你勇气去行神的事。
- 醉酒麻木你的良知,夺走敬畏神的心。圣 灵充满的生命给你勇气去行神的事。
- 醉酒导致你的行为失控。一个被圣灵充满 的人生活有规律。
 - 醉酒导致我们行肉体的事。一个圣灵充满 的人结出圣灵的果子。「圣灵所结的果 子,就是仁爱、喜乐、和平、忍耐、恩 慈、良善、信实、温柔、节制。这样的事 没有律法禁止。凡属基督耶稣的人,是已 经把肉体连肉体的邪情私欲同钉在十字架 上了」(加5:22-24)
- 醉酒使你不能承受神的国。圣经上说: 「…偷窃的、贪婪的、醉酒的、辱骂的、 勒索的,都不能承受神的国」(林前6:10 。醉酒是世俗的灵,使你不能赎回光 阴。圣经上说: **「酒能使人亵慢,浓酒使** 人喧嚷;凡因酒错误的,就无智慧」(箴 20:1) •

不可否认,我们正生活在邪恶的时代。耶 稣说道:「**你们要谨慎,恐怕因贪食、醉** 酒,并今生的思虑累住你们的心,那日子就 如同网罗忽然临到你们」(路21:34)。让我 们作智慧人和赎回光阴,知道神对我们生 命的旨意。当耶稣来的时候,我们会为祂 的再临做好准备。

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本。

中文团契

(与教会增长会议联合)

日期:28-31/10/14

申请浸礼及会籍

浸礼及会籍课程 日期:6-12-14(六) 时间:下午一点 地点:加略山教会

浸礼聚会

日期:6-12-14(六) 时间:下午五点 地点:加略山教会(大堂)

报名截止日期: 8-11-14

Mempergunakan Waktu

Oleh PENDITA KANAN PRINCE GUNERATNAM

"Karena itu, perhatikanlah dengan saksama, bagaimana kamu hidup, janganlah seperti orang bebal, tetapi seperti orang arif, dan pergunakanlah waktu yang ada, karena hari-hari ini adalah jahat. Sebab itu janganlah kamu bodoh, tetapi usahakanlah supaya kamu mengerti kehendak Tuhan. Dan janganlah kamu mabuk oleh anggur, karena anggur menimbulkan hawa nafsu, tetapi hendaklah kamu penuh dengan Roh" (Efesus 5:15-18).



ita hidup dalam hari-hari yang jahat. Paulus menasihati kita untuk mempergunakan waktu dengan menjalani kehidupan dengan bijak. Ini termasuklah bagaimana kamu mengendalikan diri, perniagaan kamu dan menjalankan tanggungjawab kamu. "Perhatikanlah dengan saksama" bererti sedar atau peka, supaya kamu tidak akan menjadi bodoh dan dapat mengerti kehendak Tuhan untuk kamu.

Kamu adalah khotbah dalam kasut. Hidupmu adalah mesej hidup atau mati. Alkitab mengatakan, "Aku berkata kepadamu: Sesungguhnya barangsiapa mendengar perkataan-Ku dan percaya kepada Dia yang mengutus Aku, ia mempunyai hidup yang kekal dan tidak turut maut ke dalam hidup" (Yohanes 5:24). Orang-orang yang percaya kepada Yesus, hidup dalam kehidupan yang berlimpah. Alkitab juga berkata, "Barangsiapa percaya kepada-Nya, ia tidak akan dihukum; barangsiapa tidak percaya, ia telah berada di bawah hukuman, sebab ia tidak percaya dalam nama Anak Tunggal Tuhan" (Yohanes 3:18). Dia yang tidak percaya akandihukum.

Kita perlu memilih untuk percaya kepada Yesus dan hidup sebagai seorang yang bijak, mengerti kehendak Tuhan atau menjadi bodoh dan dihukum.

ORANG YANG BODOH MENGASIHI DUNIA

Alkitab mengatakan, "Sebab semua yang ada di dalam dunia, yaitu keinginan dagi dan keinginan mata serta keangkuhan hidup, bukanlah berasal dari Bapa, melainkan dari dunia" (1 Yohanes 2:16). Alkitab tidak boleh menjadi lebih jelas. Kita tidak boleh mengasihi dunia. Jika kita mengasihi dunia, kasih akan Bapa tidak dapat berada dalam kita "...Dan dunia ini sedang lenyap dengan keinginannya, tetapi orang yang melakukan kehendak Tuhan tetap hidup selamalamanya" (1 Yohanes 2:17).

Anak yang hilang (Lukas 15: 11-32) ialah contoh klasik kehidupan bodoh, yang menunjukkan tiga sifat. Pertama, dia mensia-siakan warisan bapanya. Kedua, dia hidup dalam kehidupan yang bernafsu dan sombong. Ketiga, dia hidup "terkenal berdosa", atau mempunyai "pesta pora dan pelacuran".

ORANG YANG BIJAK TAKUT AKAN TUHAN DAN BERJALAN DALAM KRISTUS

Alkitab mengatakan, "Permulaan hikmat adalah takut akan TUHAN, dan mengenal Yang Mahakudus adalah pengertian" (Amsal 9:10). Sebagai contoh, Yesus adalah bijak. Akitab mengatakan, "Dan Yesus makin bertambah besar dan bertambah hikmat-Nya dan besar-Nya, dan makin dikasihi oleh Tuhan dan manusia" (Lukas2:52). Apabila Yesus membesar dengan dikasihi Tuhan, Dia juga membesardan dikasihi oleh manusia. Terdapat kasih dan anugerah ke atas hubungan Yesus dengan Bapa-Nya dan juga dengan orang di sekelilingNya. Yesus adalah matang dan seimbang.

Paulus memberitahu kita bahawa kita mesti berjalan dalam Kristus, "Kamu telah itu hendaklah hidupmu tetap di dalam Dia' (Kolose 2:6). Yohanes juga berkata demikian, bahawa kita mesti berjalan seperti Yesus berjalan. "Barangsiapa mengatakan, bahwa ia ada di dalam Dia, ia wajib hidup sama seperti Kristus telah hidup" (1 Yohanes 2:6).

MEMPERGUNAKAN WAKTU

Apabila kita berjalan secara bijaksana, kita mempergunakan waktu (Efesus 5:15-16). Mempergunakan waktu bukannya membeli waktu. Waktu adalah sebuah pemberian. Ia bukannya sesuatu yang kamu boleh beli. Kamu mengambil kesempatan terhadap pemberian itu. Waktu adalah kesempatan yang diberikan Tuhan. Biarkan waktu memberi manfaat kepada kamu. Menggunakannya untuk menambah nilai kepada diri kamu sendiri. Jangan membazirkannya dengan menjadi bodoh. Setiap hari adalah hari yang mempunyai kesempatan. Mari kita bangkit dan merebut kesempatan untuk hidup bagi kemuliaan Tuhan.

Empat Cadangan Untuk Mempergunakan Waktu

HIDUP SALEH, DIILHAMI TUHAN DAN BERSEMANGAT

Teruia dan diilhamkan denganapa vang dilakukan Tuhan untuk kamu. Dia telah mengampunimu dan mengasihimu. Hiduplah untukNya.

Contoh ialah Yusuf yang tahu bagaimana untuk merebut kesempatan untuk hidup bagi Tuhan.

la adalah menarik untuk melihat waktu dan tempat dalam kehidupan Yusuf apabila frasa ini telah dikatakan,

"Tuhan ada menyertai dia". Dalam contoh pertama, Alkitab mengatakan, "Tetapi TUHAN menyertai Yusuf, sehingga ia menjadi seorang yang selalu berhasil dalam pekerjaannya; maka tinggallah ia di rumah tuannya, orang Mesir itu" (Kejadian 39:2). "Tuhan ada menyertai dia" di dalam rumah Potifar kerana isteri tuannya itu adalah penggoda dan dia berniat untuk mendapatkan Yusuf. Yusuf mempunyai kemenangan kerana Tuhan menyertainya. Begitu juga, apabila kita digoda untuk berjalan dalam kefasikan, Tuhan ada menyertai kita. Dia akan berjalan dengan kita dan kita akan menjadi bijak dan mempunyai kemenangan ke atas kefasikan. Kali kedua. Alkitab mengatakan, "Tetapi TUHAN menyertai Yusuf dan melimpahkan kasih setia-Nya kepadanya, dan membuat Yusuf kesayangan bagi kepala penjara itu" (Kejadian39:21).Perhatikan dalam kedua-dua kes, ia adalah waktu mencabar untuk Yusuf, tidak sesuai untuk hidup saleh! Tuhan menyertai Yusuf untuk membolehkan dia berjaga-jaga dan berjalan berhati-hati.

la adalah indah untuk merasai Tuhan ada bersamamu dalam Gereia. Tetapi kamu perlu tahu bahawa Tuhan ada menyertaimu di

mana pun kamu berada, di rumah, di pejabat atau komuniti kamu, terutamanya apabila kamu berada dalam apa yang kelihatan seperti "penjara" dan menghadapi pencobaan. Yesus bersertamu, rebutlah kesempatan ini dan bertindaklah dengan bijak. Kamu adalah khotbah untuk orang lain melihat dan mengetahui bahawa Yesus adalah jawapan kepada cabaran kehidupan.

2. MENJADI SAKSI

Memberi kesaksian tentang pengalaman kamu dilahirkan semula. Untuk menjadi saksi yang terbaik kamu boleh memberitahu orang bagaimana kamu diselamatkan. Tiada siapa yang boleh berhujah dengan kamu kerana ini adalah pengalamanmu. Kamu hanya perlu memberitahu kisah kamu seperti lelaki buta sejak dilahirkan (Yohanes 9:1-28). Para ahli Taurat dan orang Farisi kecewa dan marah terhadap Yesus, dengan mendakwa Dia ialah seorang yang berdosa kerana Dia menyembuhkan orang buta pada hari Sabat. Ketika ditanya berterusan, dia berkata tentang Yesus, "Apakah orang itu orang berdosa, aku tidak tahu: tetapi satu hal aku tahu, yaitu bahwa aku tadinya buta, dan sekarang dapat melihat" (Yohanes 9:25). Hanya memberitahu kisah kamu dapat mempunyai kesan yang mendalam kepada dunia.

3. PUASA DAN BERDOA

Doa adalah senjata yang kuat yang Gereja perlu gunakan untuk menentang kuasa dan pemerintah yang menyemai benih perpecahan dan jahat. Doa dan puasa membawa kemenangan ke atas serangan setan.

AKHIRNYA, JANGANLAH MABUK OLEH ANGGUR, TETAPI PENUHILAH DENGAN ROH

Alkitab memberitahu kita "Dan janganlah kamu mabuk oleh anggur, karena anggur menimbulkan hawa nafsu, tetapi hendaklah kamu penuh dengan Roh" (Efesus 5:18). Perbuatan yang tidak bermoralbermaksud hidup fasik atau bertindak mengikut nafsu. Air anggur mempunyai alkohol yang boleh memberi kesan kepadamu. Jangan menggantikan roh duniawi atau kemabukan dalam nafsu untuk kuasa Roh Kudus.

- Kemabukan boleh membuat kamu berani untuk melakukan dosa. Kehidupan yang dipenuhi Roh memberi kamu keberanian kerohanian untuk melakukan perkara Tuhan.
- Kemabukan mengeraskan suara hatimu dan menyingkirkan rasa takut kepada Tuhan. Kehidupan kepenuhan Roh memberi kamu keberanian untuk melakukan perkara-perkara Tuhan.

- Kemabukan menyebabkan sikap yang tidak terkawal dalam kamu. Kehidupan kepenuhan Roh memberi kamu keberanian untuk hidup dalam kehidupan berdisiplin.
- Kemabukan menyebabkan kita melakukan perbuatan kedagingan. Orang yang dipenuhi Roh akanmenghasilkan buah-buah Roh. "Tetapi buah Roh ialah: kasih, sukacita, damai sejahtera, kesabaran, kemurahan, kebaikan, kesetiaan, kelemahlembutan, penguasaan diri. Tidak ada hukum yang menentang hal-hal itu. Barangsiapa menjadi milik Kristus Yesus, ia telah menyalibkan daging dengan segala hawa nafsu dan keinginannya" (Galatia 5:22-24).
- Kemabukan mengecualikan kamu daripada Kerajaan Tuhan. Alkitab mengatakan, pencuri, orang kikir, pemabuk, pemfitnah dan penipu tidak akan mendapat bagian dalam Kerajaan Tuhan" (1Kor 6:10). Kemabukan ialah roh duniawi dan menjadikannya tidak mungkin untuk mempergunakan waktu. Alkitab mengatakan,"Anggur adalah pencemooh, minuman keras adalah peribut, tidaklah bijak orang yang terhuyung-huyung karenanya" (Amsal 20:1).

Memang tidak boleh dinafikan kita hidup dalam waktu kejahatan, Yesus berkata, "Jagalah dirimu, supaya hatimu jangan sarat oleh pesta pora dan kemabukan serta kepentingan-kepentingan duniawi dan supaya hari Tuhan jangan dengan tiba-tiba jatuh ke atas dirimu seperti suatu jerat" (Lukas 21:34). Biar kita menjadi bijak dan mempergunakan waktu, mengetahui kehendak Tuhan dalam hidup kita. Apabila Yesus datang, kita akan bersedia untuk kedatanganNya ke dua kali.

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



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29 October 2014 (WED) 12.00 NOON - 2PM Multi Purpose Banquet Hall, **Basement 2 CCC**

Registration Fee: RM60 Tel: 03 8999 5532

Closing date: 5 October 2014



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An independent operator of a pre-school/ child care centre will commence operations at the CCC on January 1, 2015.

Miss Sheena Anne Ignatius operator of The Montessori Place can be contacted for information relating to the nursery/day care at: 03 -89991986 / 012 9601987



Calvary Kindergarten

Calvary Church is now at planning stage to resume its kindergarten operations in the Calvary Convention Centre. Further information on operations of the kindergarten will be announced in due course.



2014 SERVICE SCHEDULE

DAMANSARA HEIGHTS

Saturday ■ 5.00pm

CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE

Sunday ■ 9.00am

OCTOBER

Holy Communion

Associate Pastor Steven Kum

OCT 4

Water Baptism

Associate Pastor Raymond Yong

OCT 11

Dr Marilyn Hickey

OCT 18

Associate Pastor Richard Yun

OCT 25

Holy Communion

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

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Associate Pastor Timothy Ong

OCT 12

Dr Marilyn Hickey

OCT 19

Associate PastorDavid Seah

OCT 26

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Jesus Through Every
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18 October (5.00pm)
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28-31 OCTOBER 2014
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CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE

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NIGHT REVIVAL & HEALING RALLIES (WITH MANDARIN INTERPRETATION)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Note:

Friday Prayer Meetings at CCC and DH are combined with Church Growth Conference.

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

DATE: 6 DECEMBER 2014 (SAT)

TIME : 1.00PM
VENUE : DH, WORSHIP
NURSERY

WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

DATE: 6 DECEMBER 2014 (SAT)

TIME : 5.00PM

VENUE: DH, SANCTUARY

CLOSING DATE
FOR SUBMISSION OF FORMS:
8 NOV 2014, SUNDAY

"PERSERVERING IN PRAYER"

Persistence in prayer yields results! "By perseverance the snail reached the ark"

- Charles Spurgeon

7 November 20147.30pmDamansara Heights

Benefits Of Praying In Church:

Prayer Rally inspired my husband to pray

My husband attended the first Prayer Rally for this year for the very first time. He benefited much from it and came again for the second Prayer Rally. Praise God for spurring him to pray in a different dimension.

Effective intercession at second Prayer Rally

Intercessory prayer complements my personal prayer. At the second Prayer Rally, I left knowing that I had prayed through my burdens for the nations through the prolonged and intense corporate intercession.

- Lyndon

Looking forward to this Prayer Rally

Due to our busy schedule, we are not always able pray together as a family. At the last Prayer Rally, we had a precious time praying together as a family. This has brought us closer to each other and also to God.

God restored our relationships and new family priorities were set. The Prayer Rally had been a stepping stone for us in deepening our trust in God as a family. We now pray more together as a family.

We look forward to this upcoming Prayer Rally.

– Martha

Come and experience God's power and presence as you pray!





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