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THROUGH PRAYER**



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CARVE YOUR OWN FUTURE Through Prayer

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We do not have to live our lives according to people's expectation of us, nor according to what others say we are. We have the power to change ourselves! Although our human power is limited, with God, all things are possible. God holds our future. Through prayer we can actively determine the direction of our life.



HOW PRAYER CHANGED THE DIRECTION OF LIFE OF AN INDIVIDUAL, A NATION AND A MOTHER

THE DIRECTION OF THE LIFE OF JABEZ

The Bible says, *"Jabez was more honourable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, 'I gave birth to him in pain.' Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.' And God granted his request"* (1 Chronicles 4:9-10).

The name Jabez means "sorrow and trouble". Despite being given a not-so-desirable name by his mother, the Bible says that Jabez was more honourable than his brothers. What we do know is that he was a praying man. Jabez 'submitted' himself under the divine blessing and protection, and God prospered him accordingly. Jabez 'carved' his own future through prayer.

THE DIRECTION OF THE LIFE FOR THE NATION WHEN LED BY KING HEZEKIAH

The Bible says, *"Hezekiah trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him. He held fast to the Lord and did not stop following him; he kept the commands the Lord had given Moses.*

And the Lord was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him" (2 Kings 18:5-7). Hezekiah was with God and God was with Him. He was successful in all he did. He broke the yoke of the King of Assyria, which his father had submitted to.

Unfortunately, King Hezekiah's courage and confidence in God disappeared at the threat of being conquered by the king of Assyria, Sennacherib.

The Bible says, *"In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah's reign, Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. So Hezekiah king of Judah sent this message to the king of Assyria at Lachish: 'I have done wrong. Withdraw from me, and I will pay whatever you demand of me.' The king of Assyria exacted from Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold"* (2 Kings 18:13-14). To pay the vast ransom, King Hezekiah was forced not only to empty the public treasures, he took the gold off the doors and pillars of the temple!

King Hezekiah was put to shame when Sennacherib sent him a letter to frighten him into a surrender (2 Kings 19:8-13). When Hezekiah read it, he went to the temple and spread it out before the Lord. Hezekiah humbled himself before God.

He prayed, *"LORD, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. Give ear, LORD, and hear; open your eyes, LORD, and see; listen to the words Sennacherib has sent to ridicule the living God. It is true, Lord, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste these nations and their lands. They have thrown their gods into the fire and destroyed them, for they were not gods but only wood and stone, fashioned by human hands. Now, LORD our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone, LORD, are God"* (2 Kings 19:15-19). God answered Hezekiah's prayer. When threatened by the facts of life it does not have to be a dead-end. PRAY. God can turn around and reverse the circumstances when you pray with all of your heart.

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GOD REVERSED THE DIRECTION OF THE NATION WHEN HEZEKIAH HUMBLLED HIMSELF AND PRAYED.

The Lord assured Hezekiah that He will deliver him from Sennacherib. The Bible says, *"The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. Therefore this is what the Lord says concerning the king of Assyria: 'He will not enter this city or shoot an arrow here. He will not come before it with shield or build a siege ramp against it. By the way that he came he will return; he will not enter this city,' declares the Lord"* (2 Kings 19:31b, 32-33).

God opens a way when there seems to be no way. God can turn around the circumstances. God glorifies Himself and saves His people.

THE DIRECTION OF THE LIFE OF A MOTHER

Hannah (the second wife) had no child. The first wife, Peninah had children. It was not that this family had sinned against God or was not giving to God. The Bible says, *"Because the Lord had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. This went on year after year. Whenever*

Hannah went up to the house of the Lord, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat" (1 Samuel 1:6-9).

Hannah did not like the circumstance she was in and she refused to stay in that condition. One day she prayed. The Bible says, *"In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. And she made a vow, saying, 'Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head'"* (1 Samuel 1:10-11).

Hannah prayed silently and fervently and was mistaken for being drunk. Eli, the priest asked her to put away her wine. *"... Hannah replied, 'I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief.' Eli answered, 'Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him.' She said, 'May your servant find favour in*

your eyes.' Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast" (1 Samuel 1: 15-18). Hannah's countenance changed when she received an answer from Eli.

God answered Hannah's prayer. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son. The Bible says, *"... She named him Samuel, saying, 'Because I asked the Lord for him'"* (1 Samuel 1:20). She not only had Samuel, God gave her more than what she asked for. She had three sons and two daughters. And her son Samuel whom she gave to the Lord became a priest and prophet.

One Calvarite intercessor prayed thus, *"We do not belong to this generation nor the generation of our father. We are the children of God, the generation of Jesus!"* As a Jesus generation, we are called to fulfil God's plan and purposes. Prayer is powerful. When we pray, we allow God to bring His destiny for our life, family, Church and nation to come true.

All Bible quotations are in New International Version.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; (Matthew 28-19-20)

Water Baptism

Congratulations to the 39 Calvarites in total who followed the Lord in water baptism. May you reap the blessings of obedience and do continue to grow from faith to faith.

21 Baptised on 13 September!

(Left to Right)

Front Row: Joel Nathan a/l Visvanathan, Abigail Loong Yen Yen, Zaydeen Kua Shun Ying, Yong Mei-En, Naomi Theophilus Hor, Jeremy Ee Xian Hong, Ian Bong Jin Shen

Second Row: Cheryl Goh Hwee Yee, Michael Wong Keah Voon, Aaron Kua Seng Khai, Kristine Chan Oi Ping, Kimberly Yip May Wann, Rhea Kovoov, Wong Siew Voon

Third Row: Shirazni Alagirsamy, Tiffany Chiu Ke Shuen, Chan Lai Ying @ Tan Li Eng, Yong Si-En, Ong Jo-Yi

Back Row:
Pang Lih Jen, Joshua Indran a/l Gopalkrishnan



18 Baptised on 11 October!

(Left to Right)

Front Row: Kenneth Chua Jun Jie, Victoria Grace T. Adigun, Kiersten Lum Hui Min, Katelynn Lum Wei Min, Danial Wong Kenn Hoe, Low Dong Yuan

Middle Row: Joshua Miguel Baguhin, Claudia Choo Ying Zci, Lydia Soong Wai Yan, Rina Ahsin, Loretta Hillman John Miles, James Chong Shang Yao

Back Row: Manuel Camilo Baguhin, Wuthaya Rajah A/L Rajah, David Gan Yeow Wai, Justin Chan Kean Young, Lim Seng Soo, Maureen M. Trinidad



in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

40 Received As Members!

Congratulations! On 7 September, 40 Calvarites were received as members at the Sunday Worship Service at CCC.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam commended them for their willingness to be part of the local body of Christ.

Each believer desires to have fellowship with others. Such fellowship can be found through membership in the local church.

Church membership helps the believer grow in the Christian faith as well as provides avenues for the believer to be involved in serving the Lord in various ministries.



Junior and Adult members recognised.

6 Babies Dedicated To The Lord

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam dedicated six babies to the Lord on 21 September 2014 at the Sunday Worship Service at Calvary Convention Centre.

He together with Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam then prayed for the parents that they will bring up their children in the nurture and the ways of the Lord.

1. Jeremy Heah and Joyce with baby Jayme Heah Chien Wern
2. Peter and Elaine Lim with baby Christabelle Lim Yong Yue
3. Raymond Chong and Hua Li (hidden) with baby Shannon Chong Weil Mynn
4. Adrian Ng and Joanne with baby Sophia Joy Ng Xuen En
5. Sri Bala Murugan and Hazel with baby Gabriel Ezekiel David
6. Indran Gopalkrishnan and Melina with baby Adreleena Indran



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JOY OF MULTIPLICATION IN LGs AND NEW LG LEADERS INSTALLED



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The Church family rejoiced at the multiplication of three Life Groups (LGs) and the installation of seven new LG leaders on 21 September 2014 at Calvary Convention Centre.

This brings us to a total of 135 LG Leaders leading 98 LGs.

This is a wonderful testimony of God's hand upon the respective LGs and the ministries of the LG leaders.

Multiplication or opening of new LGs provides more avenues for Calvarites to serve and more new ones in the Church to be disciplined. LGs provide an opportune environment for one to experience God and to learn spiritual disciplines and grow in faith.

- 1. Pastor David charges the new LG Leaders
- 2 -4. The three newly multiplied LGs

Ten Benefits Of Belonging To A Lg:

1. Experience the warmth in relationships.
2. Be cared for by dedicated leaders and members.
3. Be assured of consistent prayer support.
4. Be nourished by the systematic teaching of God's Word.
5. Find a place of ministry.
6. Grow in leadership.
7. Exercise your spiritual gifts.
8. Be able to better pursue your life's purpose.
9. A place where your family and friends are welcomed.
10. Be encouraged to impact your neighbourhood and community.

CALL 03 89995532 ex 434 TO JOIN A LG.

Helping the Hidden Hurt... Domestic Violence Awareness

BY CAROL WELLER

On the Saturday morning of 27 October, the awareness talk on Domestic Violence organised by Dimensions Extended drew a mixed crowd of men, women and youth. People helpers like Life Group leaders, children's ministry workers, lay counsellors and those keen to be informed on how to handle situations of abuse in the home were present. It was definitely a topic that was relevant to both sexes and all ages.

After the time of worship led by Pastor Yong Chee Weng and the worship team, Associate Pastor Lee Peng introduced the speaker Datin Yvonne Raj, member of the Malaysian Bar and partner of a legal firm, who was also a member of the Ministry of Women and Family's Committee on Law and Policy on Violence against Women. She is also no stranger to pastoral ministry as she had been a pastor in Melbourne prior to her return to Malaysia a couple of years ago.

Datin Yvonne began by defining the scope of 'domestic violence' under the Domestic Violence Act 1994 (amended 20/2/12) as acts committed by someone against his spouse, ex-spouse, a child, an incapacitated adult, an adult child, parent, sibling or other relative. It constituted an abuse of power in an intimate relationship when one partner attempts to control and dominate the other. It is not only physical but sexual, economic and almost always psychological leaving the victim disempowered and living in fear.

She explained that there are usually clear cycles of abuse beginning with a time of tension wherein there are 'warning signs' that violence is about to take place. After violent acts are committed then comes the 'honeymoon' stage where abusers will

seem sorry and try to draw the victim back into the relationship.

In a thoroughly engaging and often humorous style, Datin Yvonne proceeded to 'bust' some 'myths' about domestic violence; like the assumption that people with strong religious beliefs cannot be victims or perpetrators or that abusers are violent in all relationships. Domestic violence can occur at any level of society and within any race or religion.



The pastoral heart of her ministry was evident as Datin Yvonne complimented Calvary Church for holding a talk on this topic. She quoted from Isaiah 58:6-12 where true religion is about us taking action to "loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke" and it is when we "satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noon day."

Practical advice on where and how to get help both legally and socially was also given. The matter of making police reports and applying for Interim Protection Orders (IPOs) were discussed along with tips on how 'ordinary' people could be friends to victims or even perpetrators of domestic violence. There was a short coffee break after which Datin Yvonne responded to questions posed by the attendees. This segment was moderated by Liau Qui Lin, one of the leaders of Dimensions. A couple of

questions were also directed to Associate Pastor Steven Kum who concluded the session with prayer.

As aptly concluded by the speaker, with knowledge comes responsibility. We can no longer stand by and do nothing whenever domestic violence is known to have occurred. Participants were left with a clear sense of social responsibility to act wisely as and when the need arises.



1. Listening attentively to the awareness talk
2. Pastor Lee Peng introducing the speaker
3. Datin Yvonne Raj sharing a light hearted moment
4. Pastor Steven Kum answering questions from the floor.



SMILE! GOD LOVES YOU.

BY CHANG FOONG JEU AND SOPHIA CHAN

Children had fun and experienced God's love on Children's Day

Fun! Blessed! Enjoyed very much! Such were the positive responses of the Carpenter's Workshop (CW) kids regarding Children's Day celebrations on 21 September at CCC. The babies and toddlers at Calvary Nursery Care (CNC) too were blessed.

The theme of the day was, "Smile! God Loves You", based on 1 John 3:1. The Children's Ministry Team made every effort to ensure that the children experience, learn and know they are:

- Special and loved by God;
- Wonderfully and fearfully made by God;
- God's precious children;
- To love and trust God as their Father in heaven.

Praise God for a total of 364 kids who attended, of whom, 63 were new visitors! All the kids were warmly greeted in turn by Pastor Susan Tan, the Children's Pastor and Associate Pastor Peter Ong who prayed for and blessed the children.

The festive and upbeat mood at both the CNC and CW classrooms were enhanced by the yellow and orange coloured balloons and party streamers decorations.

Babies and Toddlers Blessed AT CNC

Babies and toddlers were thrilled to see helium balloons flying up to the ceiling as they tugged on the strings of the balloons.

The toddlers learnt about Jesus' love through the puppet skit and story of Zacchaeus. During the altar call, the children readily raised their hands to indicate their desire to give their hearts to Jesus. They then expressed their faith by pasting their paper "hearts" on the Cross.

Fun and Exhilaration for CW Kids

All the new kids and CW kids who brought them were excited to play the games and to receive gifts.

A skit-cum-modelling presentation titled "Who Is The Best?" was presented to children ages 7-11. Children ages 5-6 enjoyed a role-play lesson of the same title which was based on the comparison of four biblical characters, Zacchaeus, Jacob, David and Samuel. The children learnt that Jesus loves and accepts them for who they are, irrespective of their background, past sins, or how they look!

At altar call, Pastor Susan and CW Coordinator Quek Lee Siu prayed with the children ages 7-11 and ages 5-6, respectively. Praise and thank God for 21 kids who responded for salvation and 87 kids who responded for rededication.



Fellowship, food and games

Refreshments and games time at both CNC and CW were popular with the kids. They enjoyed fellowshiping with the teachers over the scrumptious food contributed by the parents. All the kids enjoyed the fun and exciting games and winning teams were awarded prizes.

Gifts and more gifts

Every kid went home smiling. They enjoyed the celebrations and also took home a door gift and other gifts awarded for bringing friends, wearing the theme colour attire, winning games and "love notes" from their parents.

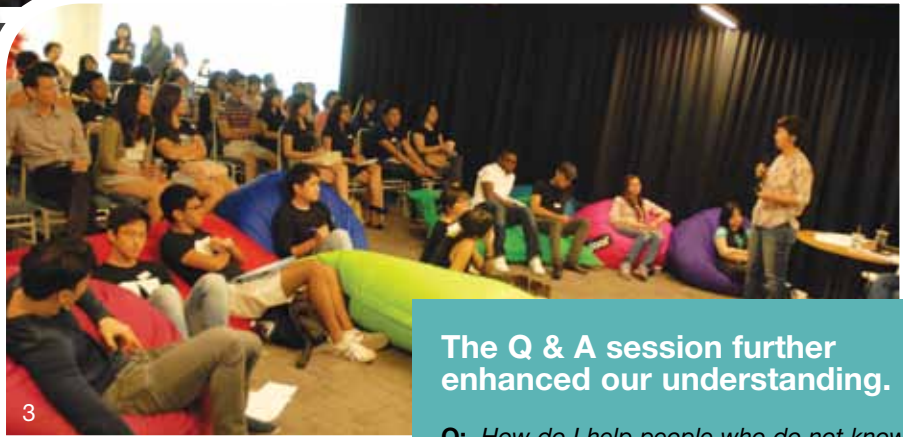
Praise and thank God for all parents, the Children's Day planning committee and the Children Ministry Team for their commitment and all the children who came and made this a splendid and enjoyable Children's Day!

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| 1. Pastor Peter appreciating and blessing the toddlers | 6. Kids with "love letters" from their parents |
| 2. Toddlers doing their crafts | 7. Refreshments for the older kids |
| 3. Older kids enjoying the skit | 8. Toddlers enjoying the party at CNC |
| 4. Appreciating the kids and friends they invited | 9. Games time for the younger kids |
| 5. Toddlers pasting paper "hearts" on the Cross | 10. Worship time for the older kids |

YOUNG ADULTS CONNECT: Discovering Our Identity

BY ESTHER WONG

1. Registering for the Connect session
2. Pam Guneratnam, Director of CLM
3. Attendees engrossed with sharing



The Q & A session further enhanced our understanding.

Q: *How do I help people who do not know what they want to find their identity? Are there any techniques?*

Pam: There are a battery of Psychological tests you can get them to do that can help them learn about themselves. But, "I don't know" is a good place to be in. Encourage them to try things out for themselves. You never know unless you try. When you start doing things, new things open to you and when they do, discern – is this me or not, is this of God or not?

Q: *How do we come to terms with our failures?*

Pam: Failure is really a good thing, if you look at it from a larger perspective. Failure is part of the human journey. When you fail, you learn so much about yourself. Your relationship with God deepens. You understand relationships better. Failure is a great teacher.

Q: *What are your thoughts on self-esteem?*

Pam: Self-esteem is how we feel about ourselves. When something bad happens to us, we can get frozen in that space of hurt and pain, and that bad thing becomes our identity. Find someone good, non-judgmental and spiritual you can talk to who can help you so that you can move on and not become frozen.

Q: *How do we stay true to Biblical teachings in a world that offers us so much attractions?*

Pam: You are more than what the world says you are. The role of the church is to remind you that you are completely and fundamentally loved despite and in spite of what the world says we have to be.

“Who am I?” is an age-old question and a life-long search.

Calvary Youth and Young Adults were well enlightened by Pam Guneratnam, director of Calvary Life Ministry (CLM) on this important topic at the Connect session on 23 August 2014 at CCC.

A holder of three degrees in Psychology and with a wealth of experience in counseling, Pam was more than qualified to speak and answer any questions we had!

At the onset, Pam gave us an Identity Quiz. She then gave us a glimpse into her childhood, sharing defining moments in her life where she knew she wanted to be a counsellor. Her story telling is to illustrate that our identity is who we understand ourselves to be, it's the stories we tell ourselves about ourselves.

We learnt that our personality and character are not our identity! We are far more than that. What we are conscious about ourselves is like the tip of iceberg. But like an iceberg there is a massive structure underneath that is unseen- our inner being (our beliefs, values, feelings, and experiences).

“The question of ‘Who am I’ is a spiritual question. And it is the beginning of a spiritual journey of discovering what it means to be human.

To be human is to understand: you were created, you have a purpose, you are absolutely loved, and you have choices,” said Pam, skillfully summing up the essence of what it means to be a human being.

“It is a spiritual journey,” she emphasized. When you ask who you are, it signals that you don't have the answers. It signals a readiness to acknowledge there is a creator and that the creator has the answers you seek. It is a journey that requires consistent effort. “You've got move, to live and try!” Reflecting on your experiences helps you discover your identity.

Thank God for a great session of self-discovery. Pam's insights are a revelation to many of us. Most encouraging and comforting of all is that our identity is rooted in the love of the Father!

开辟你自己的未来

(文：翁有富牧师)

我们不必按照人们对我们的期望，或依照其他人对我们的所是来生活。我们有能力改变自己！虽然我们人为的力量是有限的，在神凡事都能。神掌管我们的未来。藉著祷告我们可以积极地确立我们的生命方向。

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告如何改变一个人，一个国家和一个母亲的生命方向。

雅比斯的生命方向

圣经上说：「雅比斯比他众弟兄更尊贵，他母亲给他起名叫雅比斯，意思说：『我生他甚是痛苦』。雅比斯求告以色列的神说：『甚愿你赐福与我，扩张我的境界，常与我同在，保佑我不遭患难，不受艰苦』。神就应允他所求的」（代上4:9-10）雅比斯这个名字的意思是「痛苦和烦恼」。尽管被妈妈起了一个不那么理想的名字，圣经上说，雅比斯比他的兄弟更尊贵。我们所知道的是他是一个祈祷的人。雅比斯「顺从」自己在神圣的祝福和保护之下，神因此使他兴盛。雅比斯藉著祷告「开辟」他自己的未来。

希西家王领导时国家的生命方向

圣经上说：「希西家倚靠耶和华—以色列的神，在他前后的犹大列王中没有一个及他的。因为他专靠耶和华，总不离开，谨守耶和华所吩咐摩西的诫命。耶和华与他同在，他无论往何处去尽都亨通。他背叛，不肯事奉亚述王」（王下18:5-7）。希西家是神同在和神也与他同在。他所做的一切都是亨通的。他折断了亚述王的轭，是他父亲所顺从的。

但不幸的是，希西家王的勇气和对神的信心在被亚述王西拿基立征服的威胁下消失了。

圣经上说：「希西家王十四年，亚述王西拿基立上来攻击犹大的一切坚固城，将城攻取。犹大王希西家差人往拉吉去见亚述王，说：我有罪了，求你离开我；凡你罚我的，我必承当。于是亚述王罚犹大王希西家银子三百他连得，金子三十他连得」（王下18:13-16）。为了支付庞大的罚金，希西家王不仅被迫把王官府库里所有的银子都给了亚述王，他还将殿门上的金子和包在柱上的金子都刮下来！

希西家王因西拿基立写信给他要吓唬他投降而感到羞愧(王下19:8-13)。当希西家看完了书信，就上耶和华的殿，将书信在耶和华面前展开。希西家在神面前谦卑自己。

他祷告说：「坐在二基路伯上耶和华—以色列的神啊，你是天下万国的神，你曾创造天

地。耶和華啊，求你側耳而聽！耶和華啊，求你睜眼而看！要聽西拿基立打發使者來辱罵永生神的話。耶和華啊，亞述諸王果然使列國和列國之地變為荒涼，將列國的神像都扔在火里；因為他本不是神，乃是人手所造的，是木头石头的，所以灭绝他。耶和華—我们的神啊，现在求你救我们脱离亚述王的手，使天下万国都知道唯独你—耶和華是神」（王下19:14-19）。神应允希西家的祈祷。在被生命的现实威胁时，它不必是绝路。祈祷。当你全心全意地祈祷时，神可以扭转情况并使它变好。

当希西家王谦卑自己和祈祷时，神就扭转了国家的方向。

耶和華向希西家保證，祂必拯救他脫離西拿基立。圣经上说：「耶和華的热心必成就这事。所以，耶和華論亞述王如此說：他必不得來到這城，也不在這里射箭，不得拿盾牌到城前，也不築壘攻城。他从哪条路来，必从那条路回去，必不得来到这城。这是耶和華说的」（王下19:31B -33）

神会开道路，在似乎无路之处。神可以扭转情况。神会荣耀祂自己，并拯救祂的子民。

一个母亲的生命方向

哈拿(第二个妻子)还没有孩子。第一个妻子，昆尼拿有孩子。这并不是说这家人得罪了神或没有献祭给神。圣经上说：「昆尼拿见耶和華不使哈拿生育，就作他的对头，大大激动他，要使他生气。每年上到耶和華殿的时候，以利加拿都以双分给哈拿；昆尼拿仍是激动他，以致他哭泣不吃饭」（撒下1:6-7）。

哈拿不喜欢她的情况，她拒绝留在那种情况下。有一天她祈祷。圣经上说：「哈拿心里愁苦，就痛哭哭泣，祈祷耶和華，许愿说：『万军之耶和華啊，你若垂顾婢女的苦情，眷念不忘婢女，赐我一个儿子，我必使他终身归与耶和華，不用剃头刀剃他的头』（撒下1:10-11）。

哈拿默默地，热切地祈祷和被误认为醉酒。祭司以利叫她不要再喝酒。「…哈拿回答说：『主啊，不是这样。我是心里愁苦的妇人，清酒浓酒都没有喝，但在耶和華面前倾心吐意。不要将婢女看作不正经的女子。我因被人激动，愁苦太多，所以祈求到如今。



』以利说：『你可以平平安安地回去。愿以色列的神允准你向他所求的！』哈拿说：『愿婢女在你眼前蒙恩。』于是妇人走去吃饭，面上再不带愁容了」（撒下1:15-18）。当哈拿得到以利的答复，她的面容改变了。

神应允了哈拿的祷告。她就怀孕和生了一个儿子。圣经上说：「…哈拿给他起名叫撒母耳，说：这是我从耶和華那里求来的」（撒下1:20）。她不仅有撒母耳，神赐给她超过她所求的。她有三个儿子和两个女儿。她的儿子撒母耳归与耶和華成为了祭司和先知。

一位加略山教会的代祷者这样祈祷：「我们不属于这世代，也不属于我们父亲的世代。我们是神的儿女，耶稣的世代！」身为耶稣的世代，我们被呼召要完成神的计划和目的。祷告是大有能力的。当我们祷告，我们让神把祂对我们的生命、家庭、教会和国家的命定成为真实。

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本。

中文团契 感恩聚会

讲员：副主任牧师古师母
日期：30-11-14
时间：早上十一点半
地点：CCC影剧院1, B2 (敬备茶点招待)

申请浸礼及会籍 浸礼及会籍课程

日期：13-12-14 (六)
时间：下午一点
地点：加略山教会

浸礼聚会

日期：13-12-14 (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

Ukirlah Masa Depan Anda

OLEH PENDITA SEKUTU TIMOTHY ONG

Kita tidak perlu hidup menurut jangkaan orang lain tentang diri kita ataupun apa yang orang lain kata tentang kita. Kita ada kuasa untuk berubah sendiri! Walaupun kuasa manusia kita terbatas, namun dengan Tuhan, semuanya adalah mungkin. Tuhan memegang masa depan kita. Melalui doa kita menentukan haluan kehidupan kita.



BAGAIMANA DOA MENGUBAH HALUAN KEHIDUPAN SEORANG INDIVIDU, SATU BANGSA DAN SEORANG IBU

HALUAN KEHIDUPAN YABES

Alkitab berkata, “Yabes lebih dimuliakan daripada saudara-saudaranya; nama Yabes itu diberi ibunya kepadanya sebab katanya: “Aku telah melahirkan dia dengan kesakitan.” Yabes berseru kepada Tuhan Israel, katanya: “Kiranya Engkau memberkati aku berlimpah-limpah dan memperluas daerahku, dan kiranya tangan-Mu menyertai aku, dan melindungi aku dari pada malapetaka, sehingga kesakitan tidak menimpa aku!” Dan Tuhan mengabulkan permintaannya itu” (1 Tawarikh 4:9-10).

Nama Yabes bermakna “kesedihan dan masalah”. Walaupun diberi nama yang tidak baik oleh ibunya, Alkitab berkata Yabes adalah lebih mulia daripada saudaranya. Apa yang kita tahu ialah ia merupakan seorang yang selalu berdoa. Yabes menyerahkan dirinya kepada berkat dan perlindungan ilahi, dan Tuhan turut memberkatinya. Yabes mengukir masa depannya melalui doa.

HALUAN KEHIDUPAN UNTUK BANGSA APABILA DIPIMPIN OLEH RAJA HIZKIA

Alkitab berkata, “Ia percaya kepada TUHAN, Tuhan Israel, dan di antara semua raja-raja Yehuda, baik yang sesudah dia maupun yang sebelumnya, tidak ada lagi yang sama seperti dia. Ia berpaut kepada TUHAN, tidak menyimpang daripada mengikuti Dia dan ia berpegang pada

perintah-perintah TUHAN yang telah diperintahkan-Nya kepada Musa. Maka TUHAN menyertai dia; ke manapun juga ia pergi berperang, ia beruntung. Ia memberontak kepada raja Asyur dan tidak lagi takluk kepadanya” (2 Raja-Raja 18:5-7). Hizkia bersama Tuhan dan Tuhan menyertainya. Dia berjaya dalam segala hal yang dilakukannya. Dia mematahkan kuk Raja Asyur, yang mana bapanya sendiri tunduk kepada Raja Asyur.

Malangnya, ketabahan Raja Hizkia dan keyakinannya dalam Tuhan hilang apabila diugut oleh Raja Asyur, Sanherib.

Alkitab berkata, “Dalam tahun keempat belas zaman raja Hizkia majulah Sanherib, raja Asyur, menyerang segala kota berkubu negeri Yehuda, lalu merebutnya. Hizkia, raja Yehuda, mengutus orang kepada raja Asyur di Lakhis dengan pesan: “Aku telah berbuat dosa; undurlah dari padaku; apapun yang kaubebankan kepadaku akan kupikul.” Kemudian raja Asyur membebaskan kepada Hizkia, raja Yehuda, tiga ratus talenta perak dan tiga puluh talenta emas” (2 Raja-Raja 18:13-14). Untuk membayar tebusan yang banyak itu, Raja Hizkia terpaksa bukan sahaja mengosongkan harta-harta awam, dia juga terpaksa mengeratkan emas dari pintu dan tiang bait!

Raja Hizkia dimalukan apabila Sanherib menghantarnya satu surat untuk menakutkannya agar mengalah (2 Raja-Raja 19:8-13). Apabila Hizkia membacanya, dia pergi ke bait dan membentangkan surat itu di hadapan Tuhan. Hizkia merendahkan dirinya di hadapan Tuhan.

Diaberdoo, “Ya TUHAN, Tuhan Israel, yang bertakhta di ataskerubim! Hanya Engkau sendirilah Tuhan segala kerajaan di bumi; Engkaulah yang menjadikan langit dan bumi. Sendengkanlah telinga-Mu, ya TUHAN, dan dengarlah; bukalah mata-Mu, ya TUHAN, dan lihatlah; dengarlah perkataan Sanherib yang telah dikirimnya untuk mengaibkan Tuhan yang hidup. Ya TUHAN, memang raja-raja Asyur telah memusnahkan bangsa-bangsa dan negeri-negeri mereka dan menaruh para Tuhan mereka ke dalam api, sebab mereka bukanlah Tuhan, hanya buatan tangan manusia, kayu dan batu; sebab itu dapat dibinasakan orang. Maka sekarang, ya TUHAN, Tuhan kami, selamatkanlah kiranya kami dari tangannya, supaya segala kerajaan di bumi mengetahui, bahwa hanya Engkau sendirilah Tuhan, ya TUHAN” (2 Raja-Raja 19:15-19). Tuhan menjawab doa Hizkia. Apabila diugut oleh fakta kehidupan, tidak bermakna ia adalah satu jalan buntu. BERDOA. Tuhan boleh menukar dan mengubah situasi itu apabila kamu berdoa dengan segenap hati.

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TUHAN MENGUBAH HALUAN BANGSA ITU APABILA HIZKIA MERENDAHKAN DIRI DAN BERDOA.

Tuhan memberi kepastian kepada Hizkia bahawa ia akan membebaskannya dari Sanherib. Alkitab berkata, *“giat cemburu TUHAN semesta alam akan melakukan hal ini. Sebab itu beginilah firman TUHAN mengenai raja Asyur: Ia tidak akan masuk ke kota ini dan tidak akan menembakkan panah ke sana; juga ia tidak akan mendatangnya dengan perisai dan tidak akan menimbun tanah menjadi tembok untuk mengepungnya. Melalui jalan, dari mana ia datang, ia akan pulang, tetapi ke kota ini ia tidak akan masuk, demikianlah firman TUHAN“* (2 Raja-Raja 19:31b, 32-33).

Tuhan membuka jalan saat tidak ada jalan. Tuhan boleh menukar situasi itu. Tuhan memuliakan DiriNya dan menyelamatkan umatNya.

HALUAN KEHIDUPAN SEORANG IBU

Hana (isteri kedua) tidak ada anak. Isteri pertama, Penina memiliki anak. Bukannya keluarga ini berdosa terhadap Tuhan atau meninggalkan Tuhan. Alkitab berkata, *“Tetapi madunya selalu menyakiti hatinya supaya ia gusar, karena TUHAN telah menutup kandungannya. Demikianlah terjadi dari tahun ke tahun; setiap kali Hana pergi ke rumah TUHAN, Penina*

menyakiti hati Hana, sehingga ia menangis dan tidak mau makan” (1 Samuel 1:6-9).

Hana tidak suka situasi dimana dia berada dan tidak mahu berterusan dalam keadaan itu. Satu hari dia berdoa. Alkitab berkata, *“dan dengan hati pedih ia berdoa kepada TUHAN sambil menangis tersedu-sedu. Kemudian bernazarlah ia, katanya: “TUHAN semesta alam, jika sungguh-sungguh Engkau memperhatikan sengsara hamba-Mu ini dan mengingat kepadaku dan tidak melupakan hamba-Mu ini, tetapi memberikan kepada hamba-Mu ini seorang anak laki-laki, maka aku akan memberikan dia kepada TUHAN untuk seumur hidupnya dan pisau cukur tidak akan menyentuh kepalanya”* (1 Samuel 1:10-11).

Hana berdoa diam-diam dan bersungguh-sungguh tetapi disangkakan mabuk. Eli, imam itu menyuruhnya untuk melepaskan dirinya dari mabuk itu. *“...Tetapi Hana menjawab: “Bukan, tuanku, aku seorang perempuan yang sangat bersusah hati; anggur ataupun minuman yang memabukkan tidak kuminum, melainkan aku mencurahkan isi hatiku di hadapan TUHAN. Janganlah anggap hambamu ini seorang perempuan dursila; sebab karena besarnya cemas dan sakit hati aku berbicara demikian lama.”* Jawab Eli:

“Pergilah dengan selamat, dan Tuhan Israel akan memberikan kepadamu apa yang engkau minta dari pada-Nya.” Sesudah itu berkatalah perempuan itu: “Biarlah hambamu ini mendapat belas kasihan dari padamu.” Lalu keluarlah perempuan itu, ia mau makan dan mukanya tidak muram lagi” (1 Samuel 1: 15-18). Wajah Hana berubah apabila dia menerima satu jawapan daripada Eli.

Tuhan menjawab doa Hana. Dia mengandung dan melahirkan seorang anak lelaki. Alkitab berkata, *“... Ia menamai anak itu Samuel, sebab katanya: “Aku telah memintanya dari pada TUHAN”* (1 Samuel 1:20). Dia bukan sahaja melahirkan Samuel, Tuhan memberikannya lebih dari apa yang dia minta. Dia mempunyai tiga anak laki-laki dan dua anak perempuan. Dan anaknya Samuel yang dia berikan pada Tuhan menjadi seorang imam dan nabi.

Seorang ahli gereja Calvary yang merupakan pendoa syafaat berdoa seperti ini, *“Kita bukannya dari generasi ini maupun generasi bapa kami. Kita adalah anak Tuhan, generasi Yesus!”* Sebagai generasi Yesus, kita dipanggil untuk memenuhi rencana dan tujuan Tuhan. Doa sangat berkuasa. Apabila kita berdoa, kita membenarkan Tuhan untuk menggenapkan rencanaNya untuk kehidupan kita, keluarga, Gereja dan bangsa kita.

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Alkitab Indonesia, Terjemahan Baru.

PRAYER RALLY

“PERSERVERING IN PRAYER”

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

– Charles Spurgeon

7 November 2014
 7.30pm
 Damansara Heights

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

consequences of praying

KNOWING GOD

Praying to God is encountering God and strengthening my relationship with Him.

When I pray or talk to God, He answers, guiding me or honouring my requests.

On one occasion, God showed me how one ought to react. He asked me this question, “Would you shout at the people whom you are talking to? You would only shout at a thief or an enemy!” - **Delilah Kong**

FULFILLING GOD’S CALL

My walk with God through prayers has given me a more in-depth understanding of Him and has enabled me to fulfill His calling. How do you work with God if you don’t talk to Him and know Him? – **Thomas Tan**

SALVATION OF SOULS

Through fervent prayers and evangelism, I have seen many souls being added into the Kingdom of God. The harvest is indeed plentiful! – **Gan Chew**

CONNECTING WITH GOD

I find I can connect with God easily at the CCC Prayer Tower, it’s a godly environment to experience God mightily. All glory to The Lord. - **K.C. Chan**

HEALING OF SPIRIT, HEART AND MIND

The day I decided to seek the Lord at the prayer closet at CCC Prayer Tower was the beginning of my intimate journey with God.

I was overwhelmed by life’s challenges. And the times of praying fervently in the prayer closet became my getaways!

God healed my spirit, my heart and my mind. He took away my pain and restored my brokenness. He gave me the inner strength to be an overcomer.

I am so grateful that God met me in the prayer closet. Jesus is truly the One and only “King of Hearts”. - **Tracie Liew**

FAITH STRENGTHENED

As I delight myself in His presence at the Prayer Tower on Fridays before service, my faith is strengthened. Resting in His presence also enables me to be victorious and live purposefully for Him.

- **Sue Kili**

2014 SERVICE SCHEDULE

DAMANSARA HEIGHTS

Saturday ■ 5.00pm

CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE

Sunday ■ 9.00am

NOVEMBER 2014

Bishop
Mosa Sono

NOV 1

Bishop
Dag Heward-Mills

NOV 2

Holy Communion
Associate Pastor
David Seah

NOV 8

Holy Communion
Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam

NOV 9

Water Baptism
Associate Pastor
Timothy Ong

NOV 15

Associate Pastor
Steven Kum

NOV 16

Associate Pastor
Chan Lee Peng

NOV 22

Associate Pastor
Peter Ong

NOV 23

Associate Pastor
Raymond Yong

NOV 29

Associate Pastor
Richard Yun

NOV 30

CHINESE FELLOWSHIP | NOVEMBER

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SPEAKER: SENIOR ASSOCIATE PASTOR
PETRINA GUNERATNAM

DATE : 30 NOVEMBER 2014

TIME : 11.30AM

VENUE : THEATRETTE 1, LEVEL B2, CCC

BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP | NOVEMBER

30 NOV (SUNDAY) 11.30AM

SPEAKER

ASSOCIATE PASTOR DAVID SEAH

TOPIC: "OUR DESTINY IS SECURED"
(TAKDIR KITA DIJAMIN)

VENUE: ROOM 10, LEVEL 4, CCC

KIDS' ADVENTURE



REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

Date : 27 – 30 November 2014

Venue : Calvary Convention Centre

Day /Time:

- 27 & 28 November (Thurs & Fri) : 9 am – 5 pm
- 29 November (Sat) : 9am – 4 pm
- 30 November (Sun) : 9 – 11 am concurrent with Sunday Worship Service



FOR ENQUIRIES :

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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

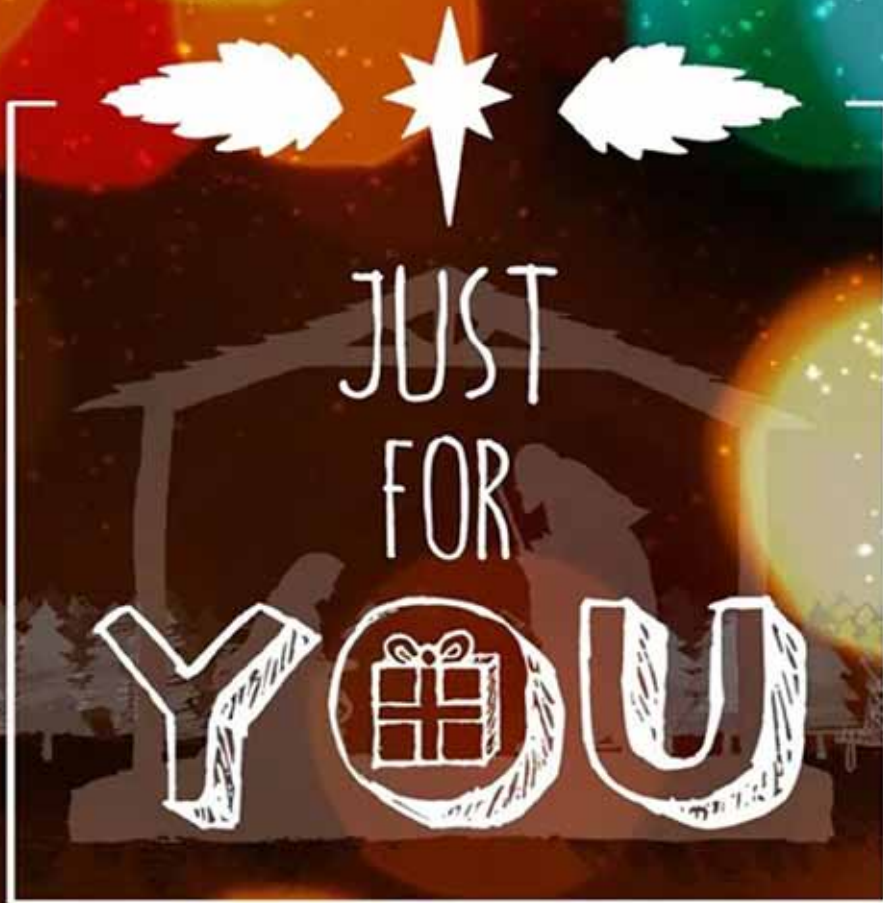
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FOR SUBMISSION OF FORMS:

8 NOV 2014, SUNDAY

CHRISTMAS FEST

20 DECEMBER 10AM -3PM AT CCC



Treat your family and friends to a Christmas lunch and snacks at fun-filled stalls and take your pick of bazaar items of crafts and gifts.

There are also games for children and everyone.

Calvarites can sign up to be involved in one of the following at the counters starting 7 November onwards.

- i. Hospitality hosts.
- ii. Take a stall (as a family, as a LG, as a Ministry, as a group) – Games / Food.
- iii. Fest Assistants – provide manpower for the day - manual help rendered.

Do Not Miss This EVANGELISTIC Opportunity !

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COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Preferred candidates with minimum SPM/STPM entry level with some working experience in secretarial and administrative work function. Fresh grads are encourage to apply. Good communication skills and basic accounting knowledge would be an advantage. Proficient in English and computer literate.

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