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The Musical,
"MERCY CAME RUNNING"
Touched Many Lives

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Christians who want to remain as babes in Christ are suffering the "Peter Pan syndrome", which is negative and destructive. The "Peter Pan" syndrome believes in "Neverland", an imaginary place where they never grew up. They have a sickness that plagues their mind and imagination. "Spiritual" Peter Pans do not want to experience God's transforming power. They fail to realise that God loves them and wants them to grow up. He wants them to be a matured believer, experiencing their full potential in Christ. The call to maturity!

There were believers in the Corinthian Church who ought to be matured but remain as babes in Christ. Paul addresses this concern. "Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in the Christian life. I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world?" (1 Corinthians 3:1-3) NLT. Being a babe in Christ is just the beginning of growth to maturity. To remain a babe in Christ and continuing to practise your sinful ways is being carnal.

The writer to Hebrews also laments the lack of spiritual maturity amongst believers. "... of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil" (Hebrews 5:11-14). There is much more to the Christian life than confessing Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. When you do not practise what the Bible teaches, you will not grow to maturity. Desiring to live on milk is being a baby and feeding on solid food matures us to discern what is good or evil. Thus, we cannot be drinking milk all of our life. We must mature from milk to solid food. This enables us to be disciplined and effective witnesses to our families and communities.

Although there is much to learn and to gain from the Word of God, you can remain a carnal Christian if you do not feed on the solid Word of God and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you. The Bible says you are "dull in hearing". "Dull" also means lazy, lethargic and forgetful. It's a hearing that does not regenerate and inspire growth.

THREE CAUSES FOR BEING DULL IN HEARING.

1. AN UNPRODUCTIVE LIFESTYLE

God wants us to mature and grow in Him. A mature Christian brings honour to Him. When we are lazy and undisciplined we lead an unproductive lifestyle. We are hearers but not doers of God's Word or "dull" in hearing!

The Bible says, "... by this time you ought to be teachers" (Heb 5:12), "teachers" or witnesses of Christ. Our lifestyle is a testimony of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, where ever we are. We live out (preach) the character of Christ where ever we are placed. That's why the Bible says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel". Serving the Lord as witnesses helps you to grow spiritually as you have to practise and allow the new life within you to develop you. The way to mature is to get involved and touch lives, so others see Christ in you.

THREE STAGES IN GROWTH

a. Being Fed (Infant stage)

An infant only drinks milk and is fed. Do not remain an infant, study (2 Tim 2:15) and obey God's Word. The Bible says, "Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2: 1-2). When you have fully matured in Christ there is a demarcation from living as a babe. You lay aside all childishness and live a life pleasing to God by doing the will of God.

b. Feeding Yourself (Adolescent stage)

When infants grow, they feed themselves. Paul says, "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11). We are to be like the Berean Christians who hungered and desired for the Word and knew how to search the Scriptures daily for themselves. As believers, we must, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

c. Having The Ability To Feed Others (Adult stage)

Paul describes a mature believer as such, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we

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do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Corinthians 4:16-18). When you are mature, people learn from you. You are feeding on the Word daily and do not lose heart when facing storms and afflictions. You see beyond the natural circumstances with eyes of faith. You will be an overcomer and others will see and learn.

2. LIVING ONLY ON MILK

The writer of Hebrews says, “For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the Word of righteousness, for he is a babe” (Hebrews 5:13). Those who drink milk only and shun everything else are “spiritual Peter Pans”. They are believers living the “nest stage” and have “Don’t Disturb Me” sign on their nests. They only want preaching and teaching on “Feed and Bless me”, “Comfort me” and “Help me”!

The Prophet Elijah was a man who dared to trouble Israel. The Bible says, “Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, ‘Is that you, O troubler of Israel?’ And he answered, ‘I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father’s house have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and have followed the Baals’” (1 Kings 18:17-18). When you are not living as a testimony of a follower of Jesus Christ and refuse Biblical discipline, you call those who do, “troublers”. You get angry with the Messenger, when the cause is the message of God’s Word.

3. HAVING AN UNBALANCED DIET

When you are in a spiritual battle with the real enemy, the devil, having an unbalanced diet does not help you nor give you strength to overcome the enemy. The Bible says, “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For

we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:10-12). Putting on the whole armour of God gives you a balanced diet. It makes you strong in the power of His might. Otherwise you become a victim.

THE CURE FOR BEING DULL IN HEARING

• Reject the “Peter Pan syndrome”.

Get real, drink milk but don’t forget there is solid food to mature you, so you can be a responsible believer.

• Find a ministry.

Determine to serve God faithfully as witnesses and with purity, that your life may be a shining example. When you stand before the Judgement Seat, what matters is to hear the Lord commending you “Thou good and faithful servant.”

• Develop a balanced diet.

Peter teaches, “You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen” (2 Peter 3:17-18). Timothy said, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,” (2 Timothy 3:16). The call to go on to maturity is non-negotiable for all, who are followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Desire to move deeper and higher in God’s school and He will anoint and empower you to shine for His glory.

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





A MOVING STORY OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS & RESTORATION

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Compiled from reports by Esther Wong, Cecilia Wong and Si-maan Wong

Throng of Calvarites, loved ones, friends and newcomers filled the Calvary Convention Centre Auditorium over the Easter Weekend, 3-5 April.

We were inspired and moved by the presentation, "Mercy Came Running" which lived up to all expectations and more!

The musical is a heart-warming story of forgiveness and restoration. It depicts the mercy of God reaching to those who are helpless in their own need.

Peter, the central character of the musical is devastated because he pretended not to know his Master despite swearing his undying devotion to Jesus! He thinks Jesus can no longer love him.

The audience could identify well with Peter and the other characters portrayed in the presentation. The Bible says, "We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God". Through drama, song and dance we saw the restoration of

Peter and in the process we learned about God's great love shown through Jesus Christ.

After part one of the presentation, a brief message was shared by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, Associate Pastor Richard Yun and Associate Pastor David Seah respectively, on Good Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Senior Pastor shared that all can experience the grace and mercy that Jesus offers. He is faithful to forgive. If you allow Him, you too can experience His resurrection power and the miracle.

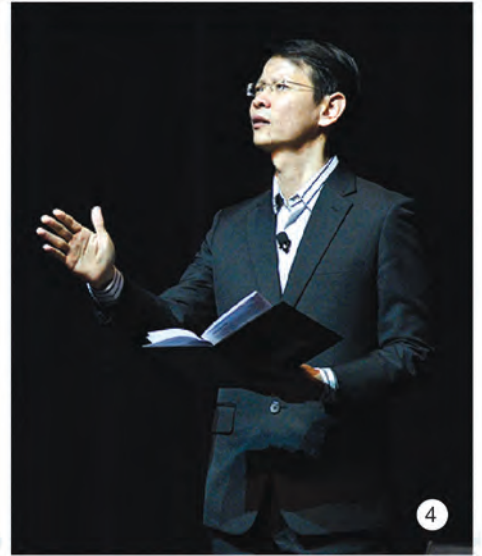
Pastor Richard shared that justice was meted out in full when Jesus died on the cross. That is why Jesus said, "It is finished!" when he breathed his last. He paid the price for our sin to be pardoned so all can receive God's mercy. Mercy is offered to all who believe in Christ. At Calvary, God's mercy triumphed over judgment. There is no longer any condemnation for those who are in Christ. Through Christ we are forgiven and given a new life (John 3:16).



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Pastor David gave two compelling reasons why we should believe in Jesus. First, He died for us while we were yet sinners (Romans 5:8). This demonstrates mankind does not have to beg for mercy but Jesus came running to offer us mercy! Second, Jesus' blood cleanses all our sin. The essence of the Easter story is how God offers help through Jesus, when you cannot help yourself. All you need to do is to acknowledge Jesus is the way, truth and life and appropriate the blood of Jesus. We can receive what God has done for us.

Opportunity was given to all, each night, to receive what God has done for us. Senior Pastor encouraged all to receive divine help to overcome whatever the need may be. "Jesus is alive. He can break the chains and fetters. He can give you the power over sin and be transformed."

Thank God for His hand upon Calvary Church's effort, being one in spirit and purpose, to share the Good News. All glory to God for the 7,400 in attendance for the presentations, 93 salvations, and 65 rededications.

After the altar call, the curtains were raised and it was time for the finale. The night of drama, dance and song ended with a lively rendition of "Jesus Be Lifted Up."



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1. "At The Cross" captures a sombre mood at Jesus' crucifixion
- 2-4. Preaching the Good News, respectively, Senior Pastor, Pastor Richard & Pastor David
- 5-6. Altar respondents being ministered to at the Prayer Room
7. Respondents at the altar



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“Mercy Came Running” Makes A Magnificent

Photographs by Andre Chan

The story of God’s love and mercy was powerfully portrayed in “Mercy Came Running” on 3-5 April at CCC.

The story began with the crucifixion of Jesus via a shadow play and unfolded through the perspective of Peter, a disciple of Jesus. Brief dramatic scenes captured well, the calling of the disciples, the healing ministry of Jesus and His teachings.

It was an anointed production. Dancers almost stole the show with creative dance moves. Beautifully delivered lyrics of songs like, “Love’s



“Mercy Came Running”

A Significant Impact

by Henry Tai and Ler Mei Yee

“Finest Hour”, “A Brighter Dawn” and “Mercy Came Running” accentuated the theme powerfully, and created the initial sombre mood which brightened and triumphed with the appearance of the resurrected Christ.

Praise and thank God for the wonderful responses this Easter to God’s love and mercy. Thank God too for the 165-strong Music and Creative Arts Team who made this possible through their creativity, commitment and unity in purpose and spirit.



1. Group photo of production cast and crew with Senior Pastors Prince & Petrina Guneratnam
2. Jesus appears to His disciples after His resurrection
3. Narrator kicks off story line from the crucifixion scene
4. Musicians provide live music throughout entire musical
- 5-6. Healing ministry of Jesus
- 7-8. Beautiful renderings by soloists
9. A delightful duet
- 10-11. Refreshing dance moves
12. Dramatic crucifixion captured through shadow play

KNOW CHRIST AND HIS RESURRECTION POWER!

Jesus is Alive! Hallelujah! Jesus is Risen!

Calvarites made these declarations again and again, for good reasons, on Easter Sunday, 5 April at the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC).

The significance of the day, to celebrate our risen Lord was all apparent. In addition, Calvarites were basking in the goodness of God over what He has done on the previous two nights (Good Friday and Saturday) Easter evangelistic presentations for the souls saved.

The Easter choir opened with the beautiful song, "A Brighter Dawn". The "Mercy Came Running" dancers joined in, providing a graceful frame for the singers lined up in rows on the stage. Following was an uplifting praise and worship led by Associate Pastors Steven Kum and Chris Lee, Darren Yong and the worship team.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam acknowledged that the Easter presentation was a fresh and dramatic way to proclaim Jesus' coming, ministry, death and resurrection. We may have heard the Good News many times, but each time we hear it again, we are strengthened because it is God's story and we are encouraged to share it with others.

Senior Pastor shared that to know Christ is different from knowing of Christ. Knowing Christ is having a personal relationship with Him, and not just having head knowledge. We are to be like Paul who declared, "I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised Him from the dead" (Phil 3:10 NLT). We too can experience Christ's

resurrection power when we rightly value knowing Christ, like Paul who said, "Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage so that I could gain Christ" (Phil 3:8-9).

We can know Christ's resurrection power through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Bible says, "It is not by might nor by power but by my spirit says the Lord" (Zech 4:6). Knowing Christ's resurrection power frees us from sin and failures, so we can have a new life in Christ, have victory over our sinful nature, overcome every temptation and suffer for Christ.

The closing prayer and exhortation for the Church family was to realise what He has done for us through His death and resurrection. We are to trust Christ and know Him more, experience the power of His resurrection and act in faith.

Associate Pastor Peter acknowledged and appreciated our Senior Pastors Prince and Petrina Guneratnam for their leadership and passion to see souls saved that resulted in CCC being built and completed. He also acknowledged and appreciated all who were involved in the Easter evangelistic presentation.

The eventful Easter Sunday service concluded with the Easter choir presenting "Jesus Be Lifted Up". We all left, strengthened and encouraged to go and make a difference. Thank God for His presence and blessings. May Calvary Church be where people will know Christ and experience His resurrection power!

1. The Easter Sunday congregation at worship
2. An exuberant Easter Choir, Dancers & Worship Ensemble
3. Senior Pastor greeting the congregation on Easter morning
4. Senior Pastor preaching upclose amongst the congregation
5. Pastor Peter acknowledging and appreciating all involved in the Easter Evangelistic Presentation
6. Congregation showing appreciation for all participants
7. Worship leaders
8. Exuberant & agile dance moves





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STYLEUP, STANDOUT

An Informative and Professional
Workshop for Ladies

It was indeed a morning well spent for the 90 women, youth, young adults and their guests who attended the StyleUp, StandOut workshop organised by Dimensions Extended on 21 March. The workshop gave a holistic perspective of improving one's dress sense for a definite purpose.

Following the breakfast fellowship, Associate Pastor Lee Peng welcomed all present and the youth ensemble led the ladies in vibrant worship. The ladies participated in an ice-breaker where they short-listed characteristics that best described them and compared notes with how others who do not know them perceived them. It was an eye-opener for many as the image we wish to project may be very different from how others actually perceive us.

Carol Weller introduced the two workshop speakers viz. Dr. Liao Qui Lin and Ng Sun Jian. Qui Lin ran her own image consultancy firm before she responded to serve the Lord full-time and Sun Jian is an image consultant.

In the first segment, Qui Lin defined and explained the five primary style personalities that often characterise ladies i.e. classic, feminine, artistic, sporty and glamorous. Five live models illustrated the different styles. The ladies then identified their own preferred style or style combination by doing a questionnaire. Most of us tend to dress according to a favoured style that suits our personality type.

Sun Jian emphasized the importance of having the right image for the right purpose. We should dress appropriately for each occasion as we are "His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand" (Ephesians 2:10) Many practical insightful tips were given on how to 'tone down' or 'power up' our dressing according to the occasion so that we can make a better impact at work, in ministry and within our social circles.

While dressing appropriately is important, it is just as vital to 'dress up our hearts.' Senior Associate Pastor Petrina concluded by citing the example of Esther whose inward and outward beauty gained her favour among many other women in the land and she was chosen to be Queen. Her position of favour eventually led to the saving of her people, the Jews from a plot to destroy them.

The ladies left with an apt reminder given in a lovely little bookmark: fadeless beauty is sustained by faith; calming beauty is sustained by prayer; poised beauty is sustained by knowing the Word and gracious beauty is sustained by forgiveness.



1. Participants enjoying the worship
2. Sister Petrina closing with a devotional thought
3. Qui Lin emphasizing a point
4. Sun Jian sharing a light moment
5. Models representing the 5 Style personalities
6. Youth ensemble engrossed in worship

成熟的呼召

(文: 古纳南主任牧师)

想继续在基督里为婴孩的基督徒是患了「彼得潘综合征」，这是消极和具破坏性的。「彼得潘综合征」是相信一个从未存在的「梦幻岛」。他们拒绝长大成人和承担作为一个成熟的信徒的责任。他们有一个疾病困扰着他们的思想和想象力，并拒绝经历上帝的转化能力。他们未能意识到上帝爱他们，要他们成长。祂要他们成为一个成熟的信徒，在基督里经历他们的全部潜力。这是成熟的呼召！

在哥林多教会有一些信徒应该长大成熟，但仍在基督里作婴孩。保罗要解决这个问题。「弟兄们，我从前对你们说话，不能把你们当作属灵的，只得把你们当作属肉体的，在基督里为婴孩的。我是用奶喂你们，没有用饭喂你们。那时你们不能吃，就是如今还是不能。你们仍是属肉体的，因为在你们中间有嫉妒、纷争，这岂不是属乎肉体、照着世人的样子行吗？」（林前3:1-3）在基督里作婴孩只是成长以致成熟的开始。仍然在基督里为婴孩是属肉体，并继续不断的犯罪。

希伯来书的作者也感叹信徒之间缺乏属灵的成熟。「... 我们有好些话，并且难以解明，因为你们听不进去。看你们学习的工夫，本该作师傅，谁知还得有人将神圣言小学的开端另教导你们，并且成了那必须吃奶，不能吃干粮的人。凡只能吃奶的都不熟练仁义的道理，因为他是婴孩；惟独长大成人的才能吃干粮；他们的心窍习练得通达，就能分辨好歹了」（来5:11-14）。基督徒的生活远不只是承认耶稣为你的主和救主。当你不实践圣经所教导的，你将不会长大成熟。希望靠吃奶生活是作婴孩，吃干粮使我们成熟能分辨好歹。因此，我们不能一生只吃奶。我们必须从吃奶成长到吃干粮成熟。这使我们有纪律和有效的向我们的家人和社区作见证。

虽然能从上帝的话语学到很多并从中获益，如果你不吃干粮并让圣灵来引导你，你可以仍然是一个属肉体的基督徒。圣经上说你是「听不进去」。「听不进去」也意味着懒惰，无精打采和健忘。这是一个不会使生命更新并激励成长的听觉。

听不进去的三个原因

1. 徒劳无益的生活方式

神要我们成熟和在他里面成长。一个成熟的基督徒会给祂带来尊荣。当我们懒惰又举止散漫时，我们过着徒劳无益的生活方式。我们听道，而不行道或听觉「迟钝」！

圣经上说：「...看你们学习的工夫，本该作师傅」（来5:12）。「作师傅」是指基督的见证人。无论我们在哪里，我们的生活方式是在见证耶稣基督是我们的主和救主。我们活出(传扬)基督的品格，无论我们身在何处。这就是为什么圣经说：「你们往普天下去传福音」。作为见证人事奉主能帮助你的属灵成长，因为你必须实践，让新生命在你里面建立你。成熟的方法是参与和去触摸生命，这样让别人在你身上看到基督。

成长的三个阶段

a. 被喂养（婴儿期）

婴儿只能吃奶，是被喂养。不要继续作婴儿，学习真理的道（提后2:15）和顺服神的道。当你在基督里已完全成熟时，就与婴孩的生活有一个区分（彼前2:1-2）。你弃绝所有属肉体的欲望和遵行神的旨意过一个讨神喜悦的生活。

b. 喂养自己（少年期）

当婴儿长大后，他们能喂养自己。我们要像庇哩亚的基督徒，他们渴慕和渴望神的道，他们知道如何亲自天天考查圣经（徒17:11）。作为信徒，我们必须「当竭力在神面前得蒙喜悦，作无愧的工人，按着正意分解真理的道」（提后2:15）。

c. 有喂养别人的能力（成年期）

当你长大成熟，人们向你学习。你每天都以神的道为灵粮，并且

当面临风暴和苦楚时不丧胆。你以信心的眼睛看见那超越自然的情况（林后4:16-18）。你就会成为得胜者和让别人看到和学习。

2. 只依赖吃奶生活

希伯来书的作者说道：「凡只能吃奶的都不熟练仁义的道理，因为他是婴孩」（来5:13）。那些只吃奶和避免其他食物的人是「属灵的彼得潘」。他们是生活在「窝巢期」的信徒和挂着「不要打扰我」的标志在它们的巢外。他们只想要听「喂饱我，祝福我」、「安慰我」、「帮助我」的讲道和教导。

3. 有不均衡的饮食

当你在属灵争战上与真正的敌人魔鬼争战时，有不均衡的饮食并不能帮助你或给你力量去战胜敌人。圣经上说：「我还有未了的话：你们要靠着主，倚靠他的大能大力作刚强的人。要穿戴神所赐的全副军装，就能抵挡魔鬼的诡计。因我们并不是与属血气的争战，乃是与那些执政的、掌权的、管辖这幽暗世界的，以及天空属灵气的恶魔争战。穿戴神所赐的全副军装给你一个均衡的饮食」（弗6:10-12）。它会使你倚靠他的大能大力作刚强的人。否则，你会成为受害者。

听不进去的治愈

• 拒绝接受「彼得潘综合征」

做一个真正的信徒，吃奶，但别忘了你有使你成熟的固体食物，因此你能成为一个负责任的信徒

• 找一个事奉的岗位

下决心以纯洁的心作见证人忠诚事奉神，你的生活可以为主发光成为别人的榜样。当你站在审判台前，重要的是要听主称赞你说：「你这又良善又忠心的仆人」。

• 建立均衡的饮食习惯

彼得教导说：「亲爱的弟兄啊，你们既然预先知道这事，就当防备，恐怕被恶人的错谬诱惑，就从自己坚固的地步上坠落。...」（彼后3:17-18）。提摩太说道：「圣经都是神所默示的（或作：凡神所默示的圣经），于教训、督责、使人归正、教导人学义都是有益的」（提后3:16）。继续成长成熟的呼召对所有主耶稣基督的跟随者是不容协商的。

渴望在上帝的学校里更进深和更登高，祂将膏抹并赋予你能力为祂的荣耀发光。

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本。

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五月份聚会
与加略山家庭营联合（六月1-4日）
讲员：Rev Stephen Ong

六月份聚会
日期：28-6-15
时间：早上十一点半
讲员：翁有富牧师
主题：彼此激励
地点：CCC影剧院1, B2

欢迎大家参加。请携带亲友一起出席！

申请浸礼及会籍

浸礼及会籍课程
日期：13-6-15（六）
时间：下午一点半
地点：加略山教会

浸礼聚会
日期：13-6-15（六）
时间：下午五点
地点：加略山教会（大堂）
报名截止日期：3-5-15（日）

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Prince Guneratnam

Orang Kristian yang hendak kekal sebagai bayi dalam Kristus sedang mengalami "sindrom Peter Pan", yang mana adalah bersifat negatif dan binasa. Sindrom "Peter Pan" percaya dalam "Neverland" yang tidak wujud. Mereka enggan untuk membesar dan mengambil tanggungjawab sebagai orang Kristian yang matang. Mereka mempunyai penyakit yang melanda minda dan imaginasi mereka dan enggan mengalami kuasa transformasi Tuhan. Mereka gagal untuk sedar bahawa Tuhan mengasihi mereka dan mahu mereka membesar. Dia hendak mereka menjadi orang Kristian yang matang, mengalami potensi penuh mereka dalam Kristus." Ia adalah panggilan untuk bermatang!

Terdapat orang Kristian dalam Gereja Korintus yang sepatutnya matang tetapi kekal sebagai bayi dalam Kristus. Paulus mengutarakan masalah ini. "Dan aku, saudara-saudara, pada waktu itu tidak dapat berbicara dengan kamu seperti dengan manusia rohani, tetapi hanya dengan manusia duniawi, yang belum dewasa dalam Kristus. Susulah yang kuberikan kepadamu, bukanlah makanan keras, sebab kamu belum dapat menerimanya. Dan sekarangpun kamu belum dapat menerimanya. Karena kamu masih manusia duniawi. Sebab, jika di antara kamu ada iri hati dan perselisihan bukankah hal itu menunjukkan, bahwa kamu manusia duniawi dan bahwa kamu hidup secara manusiawi?" (1 Korintus 3:1-3). Menjadi bayi dalam Kristus hanyalah peringkat awal dalam pertumbuhan ke arah kematangan. Untuk kekal menjadi bayi dalam Kristus ialah bersifat duniawi dan masih terus mempraktikkan kehidupan dosa.

Penulis buku Ibrani turut sedih atas kekurangan kematangan rohani di antara orang-orang Kristian, "...Tentang hal itu banyak yang harus kami katakan, tetapi yang sukar untuk dijelaskan, karena kamu telah lamban dalam hal mendengarkan. Sebab sekalipun kamu, ditinjau dari sudut waktu, sudah seharusnya menjadi pengajar, kamu masih perlu lagi diajarkan asas-asas pokok dari pernyataan Tuhan, dan kamu masih memerlukan susu, bukan makanan keras. Sebab barangsiapa masih memerlukan susu ia tidak memahami ajaran tentang kebenaran, sebab ia adalah anak kecil. Tetapi makanan keras adalah untuk orang-orang dewasa, yang karena mempunyai pancaindera yang terlatih untuk membedakan yang baik dari pada yang jahat." (Ibrani 5:11-14). Terdapat lebih banyak lagi dalam kehidupan orang Kristian daripada hanya pengakuan Yesus sebagai Tuan dan Juruselamat. Apabila kamu tidak mempraktikkan apa yang Alkitab ajar, kamu tidak akan bertumbuh dalam kematangan. Berkeinginan untuk hidup dengan susu ialah menjadi bayi tetapi bila memakan makanan pepejal menjadikan kita matang untuk membezakan apa itu baik dan jahat. Maka itu, kita tidak boleh minum susu sepanjang hidup. Kita mesti bertumbuh dan tukar daripada susu kepada makanan pepejal. Ini membolehkan kita berdisiplin dan menjadi saksi yang berkesan kepada keluarga dan masyarakat.

Walaupun terdapat banyak yang anda dapat belajar dan meraih keuntungan daripada Firman Tuhan, anda boleh kekal sebagai orang Kristian yang bersifat duniawi jika anda tidak mengisi diri anda dengan Firman Tuhan yang tetap dan membenarkan Roh Kudus untuk memimpin anda. Alkitab mengatakan anda "kusam dalam pendengaran". "Kusam" juga bermakna malas, lesu dan pelupa. Ia adalah satu pendengaran yang tidak menjana semula dan memberi inspirasi kepada pertumbuhan.

PANGGUNG UNTUK BER

TIGA SEBAB UNTUK MENJADI KUSAM DALAM PENDENGARAN

1. GAYA HIDUP YANG TIDAK PRODUKTIF

Tuhan mahu kita matang dan bertumbuh dalamNya. Seorang Kristian yang matang akan memuliakanNya. Apabila kita malas dan tidak berdisiplin kita menjalani gaya hidup yang tidak produktif. Kita menjadi pendengar tetapi bukan pelaku Firman Tuhan atau "kusam" dalam pendengaran!

Alkitab berkata, "...ditinjau dari sudut waktu, sudah seharusnya menjadi pengajar" (Ibrani 5:12). "Pengajar" bererti saksi Kristus. Gaya hidup kita adalah kesaksian Yesus Kristus sebagai Tuhan dan Juruselamat kita, di mana sahaja kita berada. Kita hidup mencontohi karakter Kristus di mana pun kita berada. Itulah sebabnya Alkitab mengatakan, "Pergilah ke seluruh dunia, beritakanlah Injil". Melayani Tuhan sebagai saksi membantu anda untuk bertumbuh secara rohani kerana anda perlu mengamalkan dan membenarkan kehidupan yang baru dalam diri anda untuk bertumbuh. Cara untuk matang adalah untuk melibatkan diri dan menjamah kehidupan orang lain, supaya orang lain melihat Kristus dalam diri anda.

TIGA TAHAP DALAM PERTUMBUHAN

a. Menjadi Bayi (Tahap bayi)

Bayi hanya minum susu dan disuap. Jangan kekal sebagai bayi, mengkaji (2 Tim 2:15) dan patuh Firman Tuhan. Alkitab berkata, "Karena itu buanglah segala kejahatan, segala tipu muslihat dan segala macam kemunafikan, kedengkian dan fitnah. Dan jadilah sama seperti bayi yang baru lahir, yang selalu ingin akan air susu yang murni dan yang rohani, supaya olehnya kamu bertumbuh dan beroleh keselamatan," (1 Petrus 2: 1-2). Apabila anda telah matang sepenuhnya dalam Kristus terdapat penandaan daripada hidup sebagai bayi. Anda meninggalkan semua perbuatan keduniawian dan menjalani kehidupan yang berkenan kepada Tuhan dengan melakukan kehendak Tuhan.

b. Menyuaip Sendiri (Tahap remaja)

Apabila bayi membesar, mereka menyuaip diri sendiri. Paulus berkata, "Orang-orang Yahudi di kota itu lebih baik hatinya dari pada orang-orang Yahudi di Tesalonika, karena mereka menerima firman itu dengan segala kerelaan hati dan setiap hari mereka menyelidiki Kitab Suci untuk mengetahui, apakah semuanya itu benar demikian." (Kisah Para Rasul 17:11). Kita sepatutnya menjadi seperti orang Kristian Berean yang lapar dan berkeinginan untuk Firman

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dan tahu bagaimana untuk mencari Alkitab setiap hari untuk diri mereka sendiri. Sebagai umat Kristian, kita mesti, "Usahakanlah supaya engkau layak di hadapan Tuhan sebagai seorang pekerja yang tidak usah malu, yang berterus terang memberitakan perkataan kebenaran itu." (2 Timotius 2:15).

c. Mempunyai kebolehan untuk menyuap orang lain (Tahap dewasa)

Paulus menggambarkan seorang Kristian yang matang seperti berikut, "Sebab itu kami tidak tawar hati, tetapi meskipun manusia lahiriah kami semakin merosot, namun manusia batiniah kami dibaharui dari sehari ke sehari. Sebab penderitaan ringan yang sekarang ini, mengerjakan bagi kami kemuliaan kekal yang melebihi segala-galanya, jauh lebih besar dari pada penderitaan kami. Sebab kami tidak memperhatikan yang kelihatan, melainkan yang tak kelihatan, karena yang kelihatan adalah sementara, sedangkan yang tak kelihatan adalah kekal." (2 Korintus 4:16-18). Apabila anda sudah matang, orang lain belajar daripada anda. Anda menyuap Firman setiap hari dan tidak berputus asa apabila menghadapi ribut dan kesusahan yang menimpa. Anda melihat di luar keadaan semula jadi dengan mata iman. Anda akan menjadi pemenang dan orang lain akan melihat dan belajar.

2. HIDUP HANYA DENGAN SUSU

Penulis Ibrani berkata, "Sebab barangsiaapa masih memerlukan susu ia tidak memahami ajaran tentang kebenaran, sebab ia adalah anak kecil." (Ibrani 5:13). Mereka yang minum susu sahaja dan menjauhi segala yang lain adalah "Peter Pan yang rohani". Mereka adalah orang Kristian yang hidup dalam "kategori "buaian bayi" dan mempunyai tanda "Jangan Mengganggu Aku" dibuaian mereka. Mereka hanya mahu khutbah dan pengajaran tentang "Suap dan Berkatilah aku", "Hiburkan aku" dan "Bantulah aku"!

3. MEMPUNYAI PEMAKANAN YANG TIDAK SEIMBANG

Apabila anda berada dalam peperangan rohani dengan musuh nyata, syaitan, mempunyai pemakanan yang tidak seimbang tidak akan membantu anda atau memberi anda kekuatan untuk mengatasi musuh. Alkitab mengatakan, "Akhirnya, hendaklah kamu kuat di dalam Tuhan, di dalam kekuatan kuasa-Nya. Kenakanlah seluruh perlengkapan senjata Tuhan, supaya kamu dapat bertahan melawan tipu muslihat Iblis; karena perjuangan kita bukanlah melawan darah dan daging, tetapi melawan pemerintah-pemerintah, melawan penguasa-penguasa, melawan penghulu-penghulu dunia yang gelap ini, melawan roh-roh

jahat di udara." (Efesus 6:10-12). Memakai seluruh perlengkapan senjata Tuhan memberikan anda makanan yang seimbang. Ia membuat anda kuat dalam kekuatan kuasaNya. Jika tidak, anda menjadi mangsa.

RAWATAN UNTUK BOSAN DALAM PENDENGARAN

• Menolak "Sindrom Peter Pan".

Hakikatnya, boleh minum susu tetapi jangan lupa ada makanan pepejal untuk menjadi matang, supaya anda boleh menjadi seorang Kristian yang bertanggungjawab.

• Mencari satu pelayanan.

Bertekad untuk melayani Tuhan dengan setia sebagai saksi dan dengan kekudusan, bahawa hidup anda boleh menjadi contoh yang bersinar. Apabila anda berdiri di hadapan Kerusi Penghakiman, apa yang penting adalah untuk mendengar Tuhan memuji anda dengan mengatakan "Engkau hamba yang baik dan setia."

• Memakan makanan yang seimbang.

Petrus mengajar, "Tetapi kamu, saudara-saudaraku yang kekasih, kamu telah mengetahui hal ini sebelumnya. Karena itu waspadalah, supaya kamu jangan terseret ke dalam kesesatan orang-orang yang tak mengenal hukum, dan jangan kehilangan peganganmu yang teguh. Tetapi bertumbuhlah dalam kasih karunia dan dalam pengenalan akan Tuhan dan Juruselamat kita, Yesus Kristus. Bagi-Nya kemuliaan, sekarang dan sampai selama-lamanya." (2 Peter 3:17-18). Timotius berkata, "Segala tulisan yang diilhamkan Tuhan memang bermanfaat untuk mengajar, untuk menyatakan kesalahan, untuk memperbaiki kelakuan dan untuk mendidik orang dalam kebenaran." (2 Timotius 3:16). Panggilan untuk menjadi matang adalah sesuatu yang wajib untuk semua orang yang merupakan pengikut Tuhan Yesus Kristus.

Beringinlah untuk maju lebih dalam di sekolah Tuhan dan Dia akan mengurapi dan memberi kuasa kepada anda untuk bersinar demi kemuliaanNya.

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah di New King James Version, kecuali dinyatakan sebaliknya.

KELAS PEMBAPTISAN AIR DAN KEAHLIAN

1.30PM 13 Jun Sabtu
Damansara Heights Worship Nursery

KEBAKTIAN PEMBAPTISAN AIR

5.00PM 13 Jun Sabtu
Damansara Heights Sanctuary

TARIKH TUTUP Untuk memberi borang
3 Mei, Ahad

KEBAKTIAN BM

11.30AM 31 Mei Ahad

Pengkhottbah : Pendita David Seah
Topik : "Kuasa Kehidupan
Yang Berdisiplin"
Lokasi : Bilik 10, Tingkat 4, CCC



Rev David Sumrall
Camp Speaker

Introduction To Our Camp Speaker

- Dr. David Sumrall has been Senior Pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Manila for more than 30 years. This vibrant church ministers to more than 10,000 people on three campuses.
- He is a much respected teacher and preacher of the Word and has ministered extensively at international conferences.
- He is married to Beverley, a gifted teacher and worship leader and they have a daughter Alisha.
- He is no stranger to Calvary Church having known our Senior Pastor and Sister Petrina for more than 20 years and ministered from our pulpit on various occasions.

Nancy testifies...

*Before I came to camp, I felt weary and heavy laden over what I do not know. Just feeling very tired and not interested in anything whether in the office or at home. **During the camp not only was I blessed by the fellowship, worship and the good food, I felt blessed by the Word of God in all the sessions.***

Veronica testifies...

*I have been very encouraged by the Word shared by the camp speakers during the camp. I felt **God had spoken to me on the direction** and desires I was seeking Him concerning a job opportunity. Praise God.*

REGISTRATION

CLOSES MAY 10

Only 2 more Sundays to sign up!

Our recent site recce to Bukit Gambang was immensely full-filling from a food and fun perspective! More importantly, it can only get better with more Calvarites signing up! Our organising team is excited to welcome you to be a part of church camp this year. Be prepared to be blessed and be a blessing to one another!

Jeffrey

[On behalf of the camp committee]

REGISTRATION COUNTERS OPEN AFTER SERVICES AT DH AND CCC

May SERVICE SCHEDULE

Damansara Heights
Saturday 5.00pm

02 Communion
AIM Graduation
Associate Pastor
Peter Ong

09 Associate Pastor
Steven Kum

16 Associate Pastor
Chan Lee Peng

23 Associate Pastor
David Seah

30 Associate Pastor
Richard Yun

Calvary Convention Centre
Sunday 9.00am

03 Communion
Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam

10 **Mother's Day**
Senior Associate Pastor
Petrina Guneratnam

17 Associate Pastor
Peter Ong

24 Associate Pastor
Timothy Ong

31 Rev David Sumrall

CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

May's Fellowship
combined with
Calvary Church Camp
(1-4 June)

Camp Speaker for
Chinese congregation:
Rev Stephen Ong

BAHASA FELLOWSHIP

31/5/15 (SUN)

Time : 11.30am
Speaker: Associate Pastor
David Seah
Topic : Power Of A Disciplined Life
Venue : Room 10,
Level 4, CCC

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS 13/6/2015 (SAT)

Time : 1.30PM
Venue : Damansara Heights
Worship Nursery

WATER BAPTISM SERVICE 13/6/2015 (SAT)

Time : 5.00PM
Venue : Damansara Heights
Sanctuary

CLOSING DATE

For submissions of forms:
3/5/2015, Sunday

Mother's Day

10 May,
Sunday
at CCC

Bring your mothers and invite your friends
and their mothers too, and join the Church family
to honour and pray for all mothers!

Highlights:

- Message by Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam
- CW children's song presentation to appreciate all mothers
- Stalls providing food and gifts for sale after the service
- Invite your friends and loved ones



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