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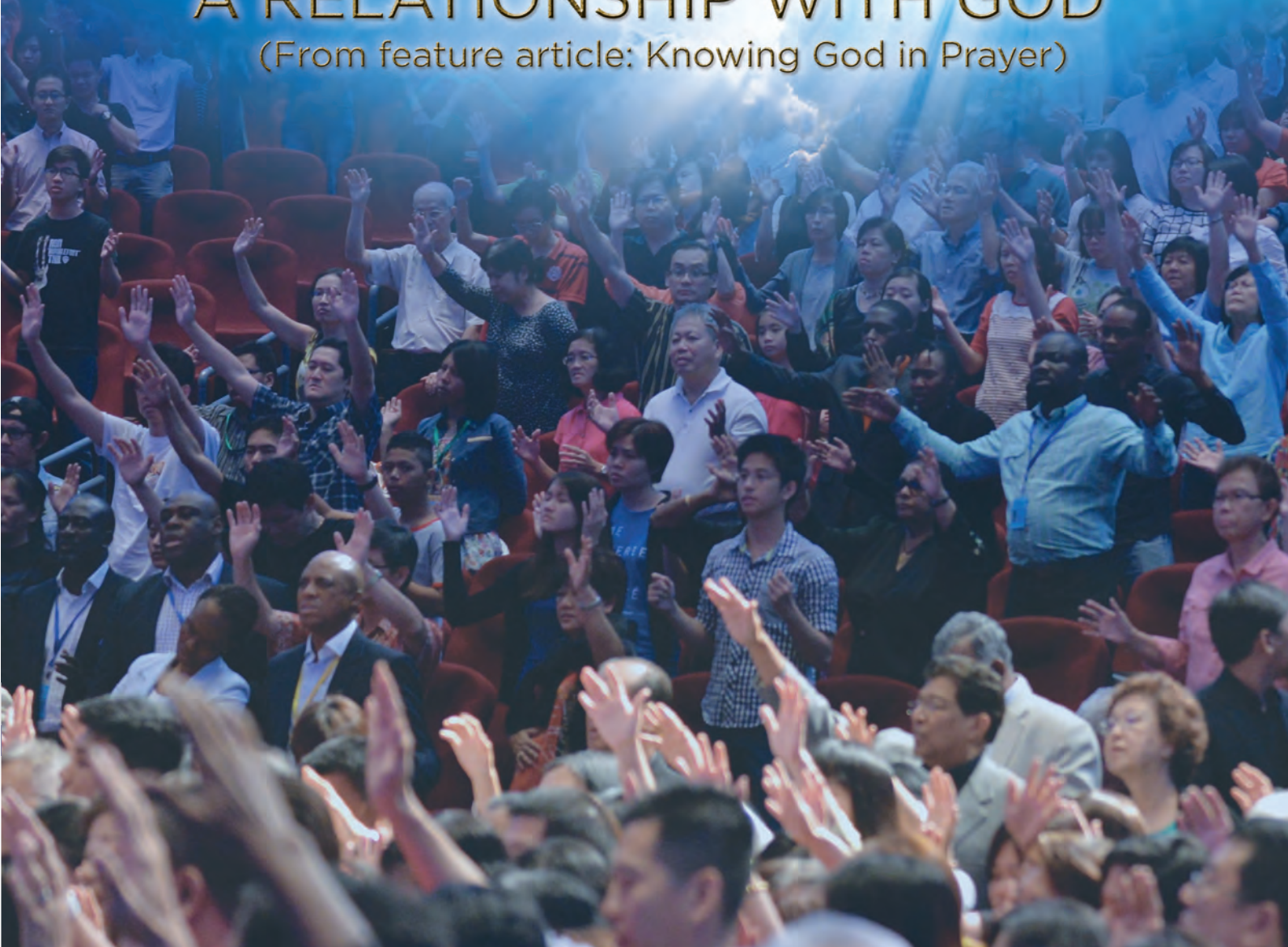
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“PRAYER OUGHT TO BE OUT OF  
A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD”

(From feature article: Knowing God in Prayer)



# KNOWING GOD IN PRAYER

By Associate Pastor Timothy Ong

In the Bible, those who did great exploits for God had personal encounters with God and knew their God. A good example is Moses. The Bible tells us Moses went up to Mt Sinai and **“The Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend”** (Exodus 33:11). We too can encounter God and have Him speak to us. One way is through praise and worship. Worship of God is an innate desire to come to God.

When we praise God, we are acknowledging His greatness and giving Him His rightful place. The Bible tells us that God is enthroned in our praises and He dwells in our praises (Psalm 22:3). Praise and worship gets God's attention and creates an environment in which God wants to dwell. Thus, there is power in praising God. Praise Him continually. Praise Him and you will see people drawn to God and His Church. When you sing His praises, and proclaim the goodness, power, mercy and glory of God, you will experience His power. When we pray we also know God as praying involves us seeking Him and praying for God's will to be done.

## KNOWING AND ENCOUNTERING GOD IN PRAYER

We often think the significance of prayer is meeting needs. But there are two vital things we must know about prayer.

### 1 PRAYER IS MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN IT IS TO OTHER PEOPLE

The one who is praying for others must be a person who prays and knows how to pray! For you to be able to pray effectively for others, you need to spend time praying on your own first.

Jesus spent much time in prayer before He did any ministry. This was the key to Jesus' effective ministry. The Bible tells us Jesus ministered intensively one evening, **“At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons”** (Mark 1:32-34). The next morning, He rose up early to pray again before going out to minister in power and authority. The Bible says, **“Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. When they found Him, they said to Him, ‘Everyone is looking for You.’ But He said to them, ‘Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have**

**come forth.’ And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons”** (Mark 1: 35-39).

### The importance of praying before we minister

It is important we pray first on our own before praying for others. Jesus' disciples prayed for an epileptic in Jesus' name but nothing happened. But when Jesus prayed, he was immediately delivered. Jesus enlightened His disciples, **“This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting”** (Matthew 17:21). Jesus was telling them that they should have spent time waiting on God, worshipping and fasting before they ministered.

The importance of praying on our own first before serving, applies to all ministries. For instance, before preaching, the preacher must study the Word of God and pray. In the early Church, the apostles recognised the importance of spending time praying. In Acts 6:4, they said, **“We will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word”** (Acts 6:4).

### 2 PRAYER OUGHT TO BE OUT OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Prayer goes beyond just calling out the name of Jesus and then saying what we need! Neither is it going through a set of 'steps' to have our prayers answered. What is vital is developing a personal relationship with God. Prayer is more than words. It is our attitude and a reflection of our relationship with a loving and caring God who can and will answer our prayer.

Some potential believers in critical need want to be prayed for, but are not ready to receive Jesus into their lives yet. The encouragement to them is to give an analogy of us seeing a medical doctor when we are sick. Usually, we choose to see a doctor whom we know personally and have confidence in. And if we need an operation, we would want to know the surgeon who will be operating and whether he is good. Similarly, the potential believer who wants prayers for healing is encouraged to know Jesus, so they will have a greater confidence in Jesus to answer their prayer. Anyhow, we will just pray for the need.

In other words, prayer that will bring an answer to your particular need requires that you know your God and know enough to know what He expects of you! Then you will have the assurance that whatever you are asking of Him, He will do for you. When God answers your prayer, it helps you know God better. And you give glory to God for answers to your prayers.

## HOW WE CAN EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF GOD'S GLORY

- **We can be as close to God as we want to be.**

As you desire for the Presence of God, you would spend more time with Him. You would experience His glorious presence abiding within you and His glory will overshadow you. If you want to see greater things happening in your life and ministry, draw closer to God.

In the Bible, no one spent more time with God than Moses! The Bible tells us that when Moses came down from Mt Sinai, after meeting with God, **"... The children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance ..."** (2 Cor 3:7). Moses had to cover his face with a veil!

- **The glory of the Presence of the Holy Spirit is more glorious than the glory of Mt.Sinai.**

It is undeniable that the glory of God on Moses' face was awesome. But it did not last. It faded with time. Paul tells us, **"But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, "How shall the ministry of the spirit (Holy Spirit) fail to be even more with glory?"** (2 Cor 3:7-8). Thus Paul concluded that the glory of the presence of the Holy Spirit is greater than what Moses experienced. Has anyone ever commented to you that he can see the glory of God in your life?

- **What will happen when the glory of God rests upon you?**

*The prophet Isaiah encourages us,*

*"Arise, shine; For your light has come!  
And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.  
For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,  
And deep darkness the people;  
But the Lord will arise over you,  
And His glory will be seen upon you.*

*The Gentiles shall come to your light,  
And kings to the brightness of your rising.  
Lift up your eyes all around, and see:  
They all gather together, they come to you;  
Your sons shall come from afar,  
And your daughters shall be nursed at your side.  
Then you shall see and become radiant,  
And your heart shall swell with joy"  
(Isaiah 60:1-5)*

When people see the glory of God upon our lives, they will see Jesus. We can shine for Jesus in our home, office, neighbourhood, college and wherever we go. When we behold the glory of God in our lives they will surely say God is here in the midst of the people of the Book. That is why it is important for us to know God in worship and in prayer. We are to be saturated with God's presence. And we can be like Moses who said to God, **"Please, show me Your glory"** (Exodus 33:18). This is what Malaysia needs to see in the Church. The people of this nation can only see Jesus through us by the way we live.



# DEVELOPING A LIFESTYLE OF PRAYER

## PRAYER IS NOT AN OPTION.

Jesus commanded us to pray without ceasing. "Prayer is not an option; and we can never pray enough", reminds Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam. When your heart hungers for souls to be saved and you desire to see our nation turn to God, PRAY.

Many things are calling out for our attention to keep us from spending the necessary time for praying. We need to 'make' a radical, earnest discipline to pray! We must prioritise our time for prayer, because seeking God's face needs time. By God's grace and discipline on our part we will exercise our rightful spiritual authority.

Jesus revealed that when even the 'least' of believer prays, the church makes advances with spiritual power and authority.

Matthew 6:9-10 teaches: *"In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."*

Only a radical dedication to prayer will bring about "Thy Kingdom come".

### CONTACT US

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### PRAYER CALENDER IN SEPTEMBER

EVERY WEDNESDAY (Except 16th Sept)		Venue
7:00am	Morning Watch	CCC Prayer Tower Chapel & DH Sanctuary
7:30pm	Prayer for Malaysia	CCC Prayer Tower Chapel
12am to 12pm	24 hours prayer for the nation	CCC Prayer Tower Chapel

EVERY FRIDAY		
7.30pm	Friday Prayer	CCC Prayer Tower Chapel & DH Sanctuary

EVERY SATURDAY		
2.30pm – 4.30pm	Prayer Before Service	DH Prayer Hall

EVERY SUNDAY		
7.45am – 8.30am	Prayer Before Service	CCC Prayer Tower Chapel



# A SUPER INAUGURAL RANGER DERBY



## The first of its kind event for Royal Rangers in Malaysia!

By Jason Tan

**K**L#1 Outpost did itself proud to be the first in Malaysia to host Ranger Derby, an event organised by Royal Rangers (RR) outposts all over the world! In so doing, it also chalked a first for the RR in Calvary and RR in Malaysia to host this kind of event!

There was good response for this first time challenge. 30 parents and 36 Rangers signed up for the challenge. Each team comprised a father and Ranger/s and had to build their own car to race against other cars in the Ranger Derby.

The teams had three weeks to design and build their Derby cars from blocks of pinewood. They also had to comply with given design specifications which included the incorporation of the event theme, "Seek Ye First".

Executive Pastor Peter Ong, Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng and Councilman David Peter were the judges and they had a tough time deciding on the winners from the well designed cars displaying superb workmanship.

The Ranger Derby was held after Sunday Morning Worship Service at the Multi- Purpose Hall (MPH) on 28 June, a week after Father's Day. Thank God for MPH which comfortably housed the 30-foot long racetrack and more than 200 people, comprising special guests, the participants and other parents and Rangers invited. We were blessed to have our Senior Pastors Prince and Petrina Guneratnam grace the occasion. Other special guests included commanders from Selangor #9 Outpost, Metro Tabernacle.

There was much excitement well before the race started. Participants proudly showed off their cars to their family and friends at the Derby car display area. The race began with



Derby emcee, Commander Samuel Soong and Race Manager, Commander Kah Yun welcoming the audience and explaining the rules for the race.

There were three categories of cars being raced, namely, Ranger Kids, Discovery Rangers and Adventure Rangers. The names of the respective car owners were read out before they competed in the race.

Kids would gather around the finishing line of the race expectantly, hoping to see their cars crossing the finishing line first!

A final race was held at the end of all heats to determine the Race Champion from all the first-place winners from each categories. It was exciting for all winners, and equally enjoyable and fun for all present on this special occasion.



1. Parents and Rangers waiting for the race to begin
2. Judges diligently evaluating the race cars
3. A Father and Ranger team busy building their car
- 4a-4d. Some 1st time winners for the different race categories

# 39 CALVARITES PUBLICLY DECLARED THEY HAVE ACCEPTED JESUS AS SAVIOUR AND LORD OF THEIR LIVES

If you have believed in Jesus and want to be baptised in water to declare your faith, call the Church at 603 8999 5532 Ex 434 to sign up for our next Water Baptism Service.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”  
(Matthew 28:19-20).



## 24 Water Baptised on 13 June 2015

(Left to Right)

**Front Row:** Cha Soo Loo, Wong Chuan Yee, Nikhael Nathaniel Ravindran, Celyn Pan Xiao Ying, Chan Yin Peng

**Second Row:** Lee On Agong, Ng Jiun Shaun, Shawn Pan Xiao Song, Mak Lai Yung

**Third Row:** Samuel Lee Zhi Hong, James Prince Guneratnam Third, Josiah Saw Eu Wye, Ethan Lee Zhi Jian, Evelyn Saw Yeau Anne

**Fourth Row:** Emma Lau Pei Yeng, Kristine Mabanés, Grace Low Hui Peng

**Fifth Row:** Cindy Wong Ping Ping, Shanni Lau Fi Teing, Kellie Ng Kah Lee

**Back Row:** Lee Wah, Daniel Chandy Samuel, Michael Lim Sheng Yeong, Max Leong Wye Hoong

## 15 Water Baptised on 8 August 2015

(Left to Right)

**Front Row:** Tan Vin Chii, Aaron Loke Jun Keit, Timothy Chiu Yong Yi, Kelly Ung Xin Tien, Elsarine Ong Kai Ern

**Second Row:** Eunice Tan Chien Huei, Ashley Yong Hui Chee, Hoi Yoke Man, Carmen Ung Xin Win

**Back Row:** Emily Tan Li Yen, Yvonne Ng Fun Wei, Low Sow Khuan, Alex Leong Vee Choong, Grace Ann Ang Chooi Kean, Justine Joelle Tan Yih Tang



# Sanctified to Serve The Lord

(Hebrews 9:13-14)

9 August 2014 Membership Intake

## CALLED TO BELONG

**A** total of 69 Calvarites were received as members (including 20 junior members) at the Sunday Worship Service at Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) on 9 August 2015.

Senior Pastor commended them for their willingness to be part of the local body of Christ at Calvary Church and prayed for them together with the congregation.

Senior Pastor's youngest grandson, Prince Guneratnam the third, was one of the junior members received into church membership that same morning.

### Privilege And Responsibility Of Membership

To be a member of Calvary Church means more than adding your name to the church membership list. Membership is a special covenant a believer makes between God and his/her fellow members to enjoy the privileges and carry out the responsibilities that come with being a part of God's family.

## Water Baptism Testimonies

### JESUS IS THE ONLY WAY

I first started attending Calvary Church satellite at Kolej Bandar Utama 10 years ago with my girlfriend, now my wife.

After my water baptism in April 2015, I had a wonderful sense of being renewed and cleansed, and set free from all my life's baggages. Deep inside me, I knew the Lord was touching me and I surrendered myself to Him.

I am grateful to the Lord for my family salvation and I commit myself to build a closer relationship with the Lord, obey and walk in His ways, knowing His ways are the only way. His Word is life and health to me. - James Loh Swee Wah

### GOD IS A MIRACLE WORKING GOD

I was brought up in another religion and taught not to ask for material prosperity and to accept my fate and karma. I faced much emotional problems, doubts and lacked confidence.

After accepting Jesus as my Saviour, I am renewed in my mind and set free from my old way of life through knowing God and reading the Bible.

I was water baptised on 11 April 2015 and felt like a new born person and I want to follow Him wholeheartedly.

A month later, when Senior Pastor prayed for us at the altar to believe God for the miracles we needed, I cried out to the Lord to give us a tenant for our factory. Within the week, the Lord provided us a short term tenant who paid a deposit the same day and also paid the four months' rental in advance. Praise the Lord for the speedy answer to my prayer and the 'unexpected' rental income which greatly eased our financial strain.

Praise the Lord for the miracle from God.- Meon

### THANK GOD FOR CCC

I accepted Christ as a teenager in my hometown, Ipoh. I attended Calvary Church in Damansara Heights briefly, when I started working in Kuala Lumpur, but dropped out of church when I backslided for many years until 2014.

I was going through a very challenging time when I heeded the Lord's call and went to CCC on a Monday morning. I met Pastor Raymond who prayed for me and I rededicated my life to Christ.

Since then, I have brought my family to church every Sunday. Looking back, I realised how futile my human wisdom and strength is. The only way to live a life worthy of Christ is to surrender totally to Him and rely on His wisdom and strength, through the Word of God.

I am grateful for His mercy and grace that I am saved and my family too are also saved in Christ.

Thank you Senior Pastor and the pastoral team for persevering in building CCC despite all the challenges! If not for CCC, I may not be where I am today and I am sure many lives will continue to be touched and blessed through CCC. - Alex Leong Vee Choong

# MENGENAL TUHAN DALAM DOA

Oleh Pastor Timothy Ong

**D**alam Alkitab, orang yang melakukan perkara-perkara besar untuk Tuhan mempunyai penemuan peribadi dengan Tuhan dan mengenal Tuhan mereka. Satu contoh yang baik ialah Musa. Alkitab memberitahu kita Musa naik ke Gunung Sinai dan **“Dan TUHAN berbicara kepada Musa dengan berhadapan muka seperti seorang berbicara kepada temannya.”** (Keluaran 33:11). Kita juga boleh bertemu Tuhan dan membenarkan Tuhan berbicara dengan kita. Salah satu cara ialah melalui pujian dan penyembahan. Menyembah Tuhan adalah satu keinginan semulajadi dalaman untuk mendekati Tuhan.

Apabila kita memuji Tuhan, kita mengakui kebesaranNya dan memberinya tempat yang sah. Alkitab memberitahu kita bahawa Tuhan bertakhta dalam puji-pujian kita dan Dia menetap dalam puji-pujian kita (Mazmur 22:3). Pujian dan penyembahan mendapat perhatian Tuhan dan mewujudkan persekitaran di mana Tuhan mahu menetap. Oleh itu, ada kuasa dalam pujian kepada Tuhan. Memujinya terus-menerus. Memuji-Nya dan anda akan melihat orang-orang tertarik kepada Tuhan dan GerejaNya. Apabila anda menyanyi puji-pujian kepadaNya, dan beritakan kebaikan, kuasa, belas kasihan dan kemuliaan Tuhan, anda akan mengalami kuasaNya. Apabila kita berdoa kita juga mengenal Tuhan kerana berdoa melibatkan kita mencariNya, dan berdoa untuk kehendak Tuhan untuk dilakukan.

## MENGENAL DAN MENEMU TUHAN DALAM DOA

Kita sering berfikir kepentingan doa adalah untuk memenuhi keperluan. Tetapi ada dua perkara yang penting kita mesti tahu tentang doa.

### 1 BERDOA LEBIH PENTING KEPADA SAYA DARIPADA UNTUK ORANG LAIN

Orang yang berdoa untuk orang lain mesti menjadi orang yang berdoa dan tahu bagaimana untuk berdoa! Bagi anda untuk dapat berdoa dengan berkesan untuk orang lain, anda perlu menghabiskan masa berdoa dengan sendiri terdahulu.

Yesus menghabiskan banyak masa dalam doa sebelum Dia melakukan apa-apa pelayanan. Ini adalah kunci kepada keberkesanan pelayanan Yesus. Alkitab memberitahu kita Yesus melayani dengan sesungguhnya pada suatu petang, **“Menjelang malam, sesudah matahari terbenam, dibawalah kepada Yesus semua**

**orang yang menderita sakit dan yang kerasukan setan. Maka berkerumunlah seluruh penduduk kota itu di depan pintu. Ia menyembuhkan banyak orang yang menderita bermacam-macam penyakit dan mengusir banyak setan; ia tidak memperbolehkan setan-setan itu berbicara, sebab mereka mengenal Dia.”** (Markus 1:32-34). Keesokan harinya, Dia bangkit awal untuk berdoa lagi sebelum keluar untuk melayani kebaktian dalam kuasa. Alkitab mengatakan, “Pagi-pagi benar, waktu hari masih gelap, Ia bangun dan pergi ke luar. Ia pergi ke tempat yang sunyi dan berdoa di sana. Tetapi Simon dan kawan-kawannya menyusul Dia; waktu menemukan Dia mereka berkata: “Semua orang mencari Engkau.” JawabNya: “Marilah kita pergi ke tempat lain, ke kota-kota yang berdekatan, supaya di sana juga Aku memberitakan Injil, karena untuk itu Aku telah datang.” **Lalu pergilah Ia ke seluruh Galilea dan memberitakan Injil dalam rumah-rumah ibadat mereka dan mengusir setan-setan”** (Markus 1: 35-39).

### Kepentingan berdoa sebelum kita melayani

Adalah penting kita terdahulu berdoa dengan sendiri sebelum berdoa untuk orang lain. Pengikut-pengikut Yesus berdoa untuk seorang yang mengidap penyakit epilepsi dalam nama Yesus tetapi tiada apa yang berlaku. Tetapi apabila Yesus berdoa, orang itu segera disembuhkan. Yesus menerangkan kepada muridNya, **“Jenis ini tidak dapat diusir kecuali dengan berdoa dan berpuasa”** (Matius 17:21). Yesus memberitahu mereka bahawa mereka sepatutnya meluangkan masa menunggu Tuhan, menyembah dan berpuasa sebelum mereka melayani.

Kepentingan berdoa bersendirian sebelum melayani, adalah sama dalam semua pelayanan. Sebagai contoh, sebelum berkhotbah, pengkhotbah mesti mengkaji Firman Tuhan dan berdoa. Dalam Gereja awal, para rasul mengakui kepentingan menghabiskan masa untuk berdoa. Dalam Kisah Para Rasul 6:4, mereka berkata, **“dan supaya kami sendiri dapat memusatkan fikiran dalam doa dan pelayanan Firman”** (Kisah Para Rasul 6:4).

### 2 BERDOA TIMBUL DARIPADA SATU HUBUNGAN DENGAN TUHAN

Doa menjangkau hanya memanggil nama Yesus dan kemudian mengatakan apa yang kita perlukan! Juga ia bukannya bererti mengikuti satu set 'langkah-langkah' agar doa kita dapat dijawab. Apa yang penting adalah menetapkan satu hubungan peribadi dengan Tuhan. Doa adalah lebih daripada kata-kata. Ianya adalah sikap kita dan mencerminkan hubungan kita dengan Tuhan yang penyayang dan prihatin yang boleh dan akan menjawab doa kita.



Sesetengah orang berpotensi untuk mempercayai Tuhan dan mempunyai keperluan yang kritikal mahu didoakan, tetapi tidak bersedia untuk menerima Yesus ke dalam hidup mereka lagi. Galakan kepada mereka adalah untuk memberi analogi - kita melihat seorang doktor apabila kita sakit. Biasanya, kita memilih untuk berjumpa doktor yang kita tahu secara peribadi dan mempunyai keyakinan terhadap doktor itu. Dan jika kita memerlukan pembedahan, kita akan ingin tahu siapa pakar bedah yang akan membedah dan sama ada ia bagus dalam pekerjaannya. Begitu juga, orang yang berpotensi untuk mempercayai yang mahukan doa untuk penyembuhan digalakkan untuk mengenal Yesus, supaya mereka akan mempunyai keyakinan yang lebih besar dalam Yesus untuk menjawab doa mereka. Walau bagaimanapun, kita mesti berdoa untuk keperluan itu.

Dalam erti kata lain, doa yang akan membawa jawapan kepada keperluan tertentu anda memerlukan anda mengenal Tuhan anda dan tahu sepenuhnya dengan apa yang Dia menjangkakan daripada anda! Kemudian anda akan mempunyai jaminan bahawa apa sahaja yang anda minta daripadaNya, Dia akan melakukannya untuk anda. Ketika Tuhan menjawab doa anda, ia membantu anda mengenal Tuhan dengan lebih baik. Dan anda memberikan kemuliaan kepada Tuhan untuk doa-doa anda yang terjawab.

## BAGAIMANA KITA BOLEH MENGALAMI KUASA KEMULIAAN DOA

### • Kita boleh menjadi dekat dengan Tuhan seperti yang kita mahu.

Apabila anda inginkan Hadirat Tuhan, anda akan menghabiskan lebih banyak masa denganNya. Anda akan mengalami hadiratNya yang mulia yang menetap dalam diri anda dan kemuliaanNya akan menaungi anda. Jika anda mahu melihat perkara yang lebih besar berlaku dalam hidup dan pelayanan anda, mendekatkan diri kepada Tuhan.

Dalam Alkitab, tidak ada orang lain yang menghabiskan lebih banyak masa dengan Tuhan daripada Musa! Alkitab memberitahu kita bahawa apabila Musa turun dari Gunung Sinai, selepas bertemu dengan Tuhan, **“...Sebab sekalipun pudar juga, cahaya muka Musa begitu cemerlang, sehingga mata orang-orang Israel tidak tahan menatapnya ... ”** (2 Kor 3:7). Musa terpaksa menutup mukanya dengan kain!

### • Kemuliaan Hadirat Roh Kudus adalah lebih mulia daripada kemuliaan Gunung Sinai.

Tidak dapat dinafikan bahawa kemuliaan Tuhan pada wajah Musa adalah menakjubkan. Tetapi ia tidak kekal. Ia pudar dengan masa. Paulus memberitahu kita, **“Pelayanan yang memimpin kepada kematian terukir dengan huruf pada loh-loh batu. Namun demikian kemuliaan Tuhan menyertainya waktu ia diberikan. Sebab sekalipun pudar juga, cahaya muka Musa begitu cemerlang, sehingga mata orang-orang Israel tidak**

**tahan menatapnya. Jika pelayanan itu datang dengan kemuliaan yang demikian betapa lebih besarnya lagi kemuliaan yang menyertai pelayanan Roh!”** (2 Kor 3:7-8). Oleh itu Paulus menyimpulkan bahawa kemuliaan hadirat Roh Kudus adalah lebih besar daripada apa yang dialami Musa. Adakah sesiapa yang pernah berkata kepada anda bahawa dia boleh melihat kemuliaan Tuhan dalam hidup anda?

### • Apa yang akan berlaku apabila kemuliaan Tuhan menetap pada diri anda?

*Nabi Yesaya menggalakkan kita,*

*“Bangkitlah, menjadi teranglah, sebab terangmu datang, dan kemuliaan TUHAN terbit atasmu!*

*Sebab sesungguhnya, kegelapan menutupi bumi, dan kekelaman menutupi bangsa-bangsa; tetapi terang TUHAN terbit atasmu, dan kemuliaan-Nya menjadi nyata atasmu.*

*Bangsa-bangsa berduyun-duyun datang kepada terangmu, dan raja-raja kepada cahaya yang terbit bagimu.*

*Angkatlah mukamu dan lihatlah ke sekeliling, mereka semua datang berhimpun kepadamu; anak-anakmu laki-laki datang dari jauh, dan anak-anakmu perempuan digendong.*

*Pada waktu itu engkau akan heran melihat dan berseri-seri, engkau akan tercengang dan akan berbesar hati”* (Yesaya 60:1-5)

Apabila orang melihat kemuliaan Tuhan dalam hidup kita, mereka akan melihat Yesus. Kita boleh bersinar untuk Yesus di rumah, pejabat, komunitas, kolej dan di mana sahaja kita pergi. Apabila kita mempunyai kemuliaan Tuhan dalam kehidupan kita, mereka akan berkata Tuhan berada di sini di tengah-tengah orang-orang yang mengenalNya. Itulah sebabnya adalah penting bagi kita untuk mengenal Tuhan dalam penyembahan dan doa. Kita akan tepu dengan hadirat Tuhan. Dan kita boleh menjadi seperti Musa yang berkata kepada Tuhan, **“Perlihatkanlah kiranya kemuliaan-Mu kepadaku”** (Keluaran 33:18). Ini adalah apa yang Malaysia perlu melihat dalam Jemaat. Rakyat negara ini hanya boleh melihat Yesus melalui cara kita hidup.

#### KELAS PEMBAPTISAN AIR DAN KEAHLIAN

1.30PM 10 Oktober Sabtu  
Worship Nursery, Damansara Heights

#### KEBAKTIAN PEMBAPTISAN AIR

5.00PM 10 Oktober Sabtu  
Sanctuary, Damansara Heights

#### KEBAKTIAN BM

11.30AM 29 September Ahad

Pengkhotbah: Pendita David Seah  
Topik : Kuasa Pemberian  
Lokasi : b1.03 Paras B1, CCC

Untuk maklumat selanjutnya,  
hubungi 8999 5532 sambungan 414



# 在祷告中认识神

(文: 翁有富牧师)

在圣经中，那些为神刚强行事的人都是与神有个人的相遇并且认识他们的神。一个很好的例子就是摩西。圣经告诉我们，摩西上西乃山，「耶和华与摩西面对面说话，好像人与朋友说话一般」(出33:11)。我们也能与神相遇，让祂与我们说话。一个途径是藉着赞美和敬拜。敬拜神是一种来到神面前的天生渴望。

当我们赞美神时，我们承认祂的伟大和给祂应有的地位。圣经上告诉我们神是以我们的赞美为宝座和祂住在我们的赞美中(诗22:3)。赞美和敬拜得到神的关注并创造一个神想要居住的环境。因此，赞美神是有能力的。不停地赞美祂。赞美祂，你就会看到人们来亲近神和来到祂的教会。当你唱歌赞美祂，宣扬神的美善、权能、怜悯和荣耀时，你将会体验到祂的能力。当我们祈祷时我们也认识神，因祈祷涉及到我们寻求祂和祈求神的旨意被成就。

## 在祷告中认识神和与神相遇

我们经常认为祷告的意义是满足需要。但有两件重要的事关于祈祷我们必须知道。

### 1 祷告对我来说比它对其他人更重要

为别人祈祷的人一定是一个祷告的人，并且知道如何祈祷！为了你能够有效地为别人祈祷，你首先需要花时间独自祈祷。

耶稣在祂服事之前花了很多时间祈祷。这是耶稣有效服事的关键。圣经告诉我们有一个晚上耶稣整晚忙于服事。「天晚日落的时候，有人带着一切害病的，和被鬼附的，来到耶稣跟前。合城的人都聚集在门前。耶稣治好了许多害各样病的人，又赶出许多鬼」(可1:32-35)。次日早晨，天未亮的时候，耶稣起来再次祷告，然后才出去以权能和权柄服事。圣经上说道：「次日早晨，天未亮的时候，耶稣起来，到旷野地方去，在那里祷告。西门和同伴追了他去，遇见了就对他说：『众人都找你』。耶稣对他们说：『我们可以往别处去，到邻近的乡村，我也好在那里传道，因为我是为这事出来的』。于是在加利利全地，进了会堂，传道，赶鬼」(可1:35-39)。

## 在我们服事前祈祷的重要性

在为他人祈祷之前，我们首先要独自祈祷是很重要的。耶稣的门徒奉耶稣的名字为一个害癫痫病的人祈祷，但什么事都没发生。但当耶稣祈祷时，他立即得到释放。耶稣给祂的门徒启示说：「至于这一类的

鬼，若不祷告、禁食，他就不出来」(太17:21)。耶稣在告诉他们时，他们应该在服事前花时间等候神，敬拜和禁食。

在服事之前先独自祈祷的重要性是适用于所有的事工。例如，在讲道前，牧师必须研读神的话语和祈祷。在早期教会里，使徒们意识到花时间祈祷的重要性。在徒6:4，他们说道：「但我们要专心以祈祷、传道为事」。

## 2 祈祷是源自与神的关系

祈祷不仅仅是呼唤耶稣的名字，然后说出我们的需要！也不是通过一系列‘步骤’要使我们祈祷得应允。至关重要是与神建立个人的关系。祈祷是超过用的话语。它是我们的态度和反映了我们与一位慈爱和关怀的神的关系，祂能并且会应允我们的祷告。

一些有迫切需要的潜在信徒希望得到祷告，但还没准备好要接受耶稣进入他们的生命里。我给他们的鼓励是用一个我们生病时要去医生的类比。通常，我们会选择去看我们所认识和对他有信心的医生。如果我们需要动手术，我们想要知道将动手术的外科医生是谁，他是否是位好医生。同样地，我们会鼓励想要为医治祷告的潜在信徒认识耶稣，这样他们对耶稣能应允他们的祈求有更大的信心。不管怎样，我们都会为需要祷告。

换句话说，能为你的特别需要得应允的祷告需要你认识你的神并有足够的认识知道祂对你的期望！那么你就会有保证，无论你向祂求什么，祂必会为你成就。当神应允你的祷告，它能帮助你更认识神。你会为你的祷告得应允将荣耀归给神。

## 我们如何能体验到神的荣耀的能力

### • 我们可以像我们想要的那样亲近神

当你渴望神的同在，你会花更多时间与祂在一起。你会经历祂的荣耀同在在你里面和祂的荣耀荫庇你。如果你希望看到更大的事发生在你的生命和事奉中，要更亲近神。

在圣经中没有人比摩西花更多的时间与神在一起！圣经告诉我们，当摩西与神会面之后，从西乃山上下来，「以色列子民不能注视摩西的脸因为他脸上的荣光」(林后3:7)。摩西需要用帕子蒙在脸上。

### • 圣灵同在的荣光比西乃山的荣光更加光荣。

不可否认，在摩西脸上的荣光令人敬畏。但它并没有持续下去。它随着时间渐渐消失。保罗告诉我们：「那用字刻在石头上属死的职事尚且有荣光，甚至以色列人因摩西面上的荣光，不能定睛看他的脸；这荣光原是渐渐退去的，何况那属灵的职事岂不更有荣光吗？」(林后3:7-8)因此，保罗认为圣灵同在的荣光是超过摩西所经历的。有人对你说过他能看见你生命里面有神的荣光吗？

### • 当神的荣光在你身上时会发生什么事？

先知以赛亚鼓励我们：「兴起，发光！因为你的光已经来到！耶和华的荣耀发现照耀你。看哪，黑暗遮盖大地，幽暗遮盖万民，耶和华却要显现照耀你；他的荣耀要现在你身上。万国要来就你的光，君王要来就你发现的光辉。你举目向四方观看；众人都聚集来到你这里。你的众子从远方而来；你的众女也被怀抱而来。那时，你看见就有荣光；你心又跳动又宽阔；因为大海丰盛的货物必转来归你；列国的财宝也必来归你。」(赛60:1-5)

当人们看到神的荣光在我们的身上时，他们会看见耶稣。我们可以在我们的家里、办公室、邻居、学院和无论我们到哪里，我们可以为耶稣发光。当他们看到神的荣光在我们的生命里面时，他们一定会说神就在这里，在有圣经的人的中间。这就是为什么我们在敬拜和祈祷中认识神是重要的。我们要被神的同在充满。我们可以像摩西一样对神说：「求你显出你的荣耀给我看」(出33:18)。这是马来西亚需要在教会中看到的！这个国家的人民只能透过我们的生活方式来认识耶稣。

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本。

### 中文团契

#### 九月份聚会

日期: 20-9-15  
时间: 早上十一点半  
讲员: 古纳南师母  
主题: 在祷告中亲近神  
地点: CCC影剧院1, B2  
欢迎大家参加。请携带亲友一起出席！

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#### 申请浸礼及会籍

##### 浸礼及会籍课程

日期: 10-10-15 (六)  
时间: 下午一点半  
地点: 加略山教会  
报名截止日期: 6-9-15 (日)

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#### 浸礼聚会

日期: 10-10-15 (六)  
时间: 下午五点  
地点: 加略山教会(大堂)

# September

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Saturday (DH)

**05** Communion  
Associate Pastor  
Richard Yun

**12** Service combined with  
Sunday Worship Service

**19** Pastor Yong Chee Weng

**26** Associate Pastor  
Raymond Yong

### Sunday (CCC)

**06** Communion  
Senior Pastor  
Prince Guneratnam

**13** Associate Pastor  
David Seah

**20** Associate Pastor  
Richard Yun

**27** Associate Pastor  
Steven Kum

### CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

20/9/15 (SUN)

Time : 11.30AM  
Speaker : Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam  
Topic : Draw Near To Him In Prayer  
Venue : Theatrette 1, Level B2, CCC

### BAHASA FELLOWSHIP

27/9/15 (SUN)

Time : 11.30AM  
Speaker : Associate Pastor David Seah  
Topic : The Power of Giving  
Venue : Room b1.03, Level B1, CCC  
For more information, call 8999 5532 Ext 414

### WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

10/10/2015 (SAT)

Time : 1.30PM  
Venue : Damansara Heights  
Worship Nursery

### WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

10/10/2015 (SAT)

Time : 5.00PM  
Venue : Damansara Heights  
Sanctuary

### NEXT WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

10/10/2015 (SAT)

Time : 1.30PM  
Venue : Worship Nursery,  
Damansara Heights

**CLOSING DATE** for submissions  
of forms: 6/9/2015 (SUN)

# CALVARY LIFE GROUP CONFERENCE

# BE BOLD

Wed, 23 Sept 2015 @ 7.30pm  
ALL ARE WELCOME

Thurs, 24 Sept 2015 @ 8am  
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& ASPIRING LEADERS  
(Registration Required)

Calvary Convention Centre

**“ He answered our prayer ....  
through fasting and prayer ”**  
Ezra 8:21 - 23



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