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“ WE ARE LIVING IN THE 11TH HOUR AND CALLED TO REACH OUT IN THE TOUGHEST OF TIMES IN BIBLICAL HISTORY. ”

- Dr. William Wilson

President, Oral Roberts University
President & Global Co-Chair, Empowered 21

SPEAKING WI

“After they prayed, the place where
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and

The preceding chapter of Acts gives us the background to this prayer meeting. The Bible says, “Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o’clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. ... Peter said, ‘I don’t have any silver or gold for you. But I’ll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene get up and walk!’ Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man’s feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them. All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! ... Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. ‘People of Israel,’ he said, ‘what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness? For it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of all our ancestors—who has brought glory to his servant Jesus by doing this. This is the same Jesus whom you handed over and rejected before Pilate, despite Pilate’s decision to release him. You rejected this holy, righteous one and instead demanded the release of a murderer. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact!’ (Acts 3:1-15).

The Bible continues to say, “While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning. ... The next day the council of all the rulers and elders and teachers of religious law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, along with Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and other relatives of the high priest. They brought in the two disciples and demanded, “By what power, or in whose name, have you done this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of our people, are we being questioned today because we’ve done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was



Philip, the evangelist witnessing to the Ethiopian eunuch.

healed? Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. ... The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. ... So they ordered Peter and John out of the council chamber and conferred among themselves. ‘What should we do with these men?’ they asked each other. ‘We can’t deny that they have performed a miraculous sign, and everybody in Jerusalem knows about it. But to keep them from spreading their propaganda any further, we must warn them not to speak to anyone in Jesus’ name again.’ (Acts 4:1-3; 4:5-10, 13, 15-17).

Hence the early church gathered together to cry out to God and He anointed them with boldness to proclaim His Word! Among other evidences of being filled with the Holy Spirit is the fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal 5:22-23). But the initial evidence is, “**And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability**” (Acts 2:4). When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, He gives us boldness. The Bible says, “**For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and self-control**” (2 Tim 1:7).

THE BOLDNESS

they were meeting was shaken. spoke the word of God boldly” (Acts 4:31) NIV.

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

THE CHURCH MUST LEARN TO SPEAK BOLDLY THE WILL OF GOD

If there ever is a time to speak boldly it is now. We must speak boldly what He has told us, in His Word.

What The Will Of God Is Not.

1. It is not to slander, gossip or lie.

The Bible says, **“But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips”** (Col 3:8) and **“Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving”** (Eph 5:4) and **“Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices”** (Col 3:9).

The Bible Teaches Us What And How We Are To Speak With Boldness.

The Bible says, **“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen”** (Eph 4:29). We must boldly edify and build others up, so we might become a testimony to the Lord Jesus Christ and glorify Him.

We can make constructive criticism, which gives opportunity for growth and excellence. The Bible also says, **“Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone”** (Col 4:6). The Holy Spirit can teach us when we speak, with grace.

2. To Speak Boldly Is Not Loud Or Rude

Speaking boldly is to speak with confidence and with authority knowing the will of God. It was said of Jesus that, **“No one ever spoke the way this man does”** (John 7:46). Jesus is a beautiful example of a man who knew how to speak boldly because He always spoke the truth.

Do Not Let Fear Of Persecution Stop You From Speaking Boldly.

A young girl who wanted to go to Bible School was kept home bound for a month. Her mother thought that by stopping her from going to Church it would change her mind about going to Bible School. But the girl stood firm and told her mother she knew God’s will for her life. To get to the point, she went to Bible School, graduated, married a pastor and they are now both pastoring a growing church. Today, the parents are believers and attending church. This mother is a great soul winner for the Lord Jesus in the Chinese Church. Whatever the challenges you face, speak boldly, and God will see you through.

Testimony of Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego (Daniel 3:26-30)

God saved them from the fiery furnace because they stood for the truth and spoke boldly. The Babylonian law required

them to kneel and worship the image of the King. They said, **“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if he doesn’t, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up”** (Daniel 3:17-18).

THE BIBLE TELLS US GOD’S POWER IS AT WORK WHEN WE ARE BOLD IN THE LORD AND IN HIS WILL.

• Jesus commanded the storm to be still.

The Bible says, **“He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, ‘Quiet! Be still!’ Then the wind died down and it was completely calm”** (Mark 4:39). Like Jesus, you too can speak to your circumstances, knowing it is God’s will to help and strengthen you. Jesus tells us **“You don’t have enough faith, I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible”** (Mt 17:20). You are not supposed to speak about the mountain but to the mountain.

• Jesus spoke to the tree and it withered.

The Bible says, **“Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, ‘May you never bear fruit again’”** (Mt 21:19). And after He had spoken, that tree withered and died.

• Prophet Ezekiel spoke to the dry bones and they lived (Ezekiel 37:1-14).

Ezekiel spoke as instructed by the Lord. He spoke to the dry bones, telling the bones to come together with the tendons, the flesh and the skin and they came to life again! Boldly speak what God says and declare His Word.

• The Bible teaches us to rebuke the devil.

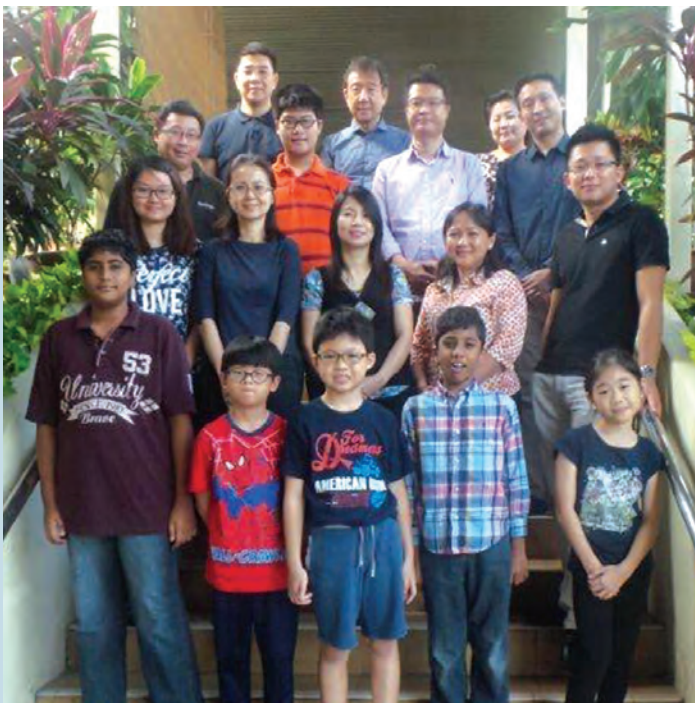
Cast the devil out, do not obey him. Declare you belong to Jesus and Jesus has given you authority over Satan, over sicknesses, hell and the grave (Acts 1:8).

Memorise and speak boldly the Word of God. Know what God’s will is and declare it. Whatever the circumstances may be, God wants you to be a winner, to prosper and have victory. Speaking boldly the Word of God brings honor and praise to God’s Mighty Name.

All Bible quotations are from the New Living Translation unless otherwise indicated (NLT).

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

“ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising 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)



17 Water Baptised On 12 December 2015

Left to Right

Front Row: Matthias Matthew Moses, Ian Ong Hsien Zern, Sia Ee Wen, Malcolm Miguel Moses, Emily Gan Tze Xin

2nd Row: Betty Chew Wan Yee, Gan Shiaw Sze @ Gan Gin Gin, Rebecca Ong Wei Tien, Jessica Jiskas AK Samuel, Wynlon Khor

3rd Row: Roger John Ung, Jonathan Ong Eng Kiat, Tommy Koay Boon Fu, Teo Ker-Wei

4th Row: Louis Voon Joon Tung, Lee Soon Young, Yang Hyun Sook

20 Water Baptised On 20 February 2016

Left to Right

Front Row: Ethan Ho Kai Choong, Emily Ho Mun Wai, Kayden Wong Zi Xuan, Alan Liew Soon Hin, Mary Chen Poh Yoke, Philip Liew Dat Kong

2nd Row: Nathaniel Vrinraj Devindran, Enoch Vrinraj Devindran, Rachel Lim Yuet May, Heng Yean Lynn

3rd Row: Dave Devindran Ganesh a/l Devaraj, Marinah a/p Anathan Avman Ankiah, Tommy Kiew Wei Yong

4th Row: Ng Poh Yee, Shalini Aramugam, Inimfon Aniema Essiet, Winnie Foo See Wei

Last Row: James Iyare, Amadi Chibueze B. Udoji, Oseji Solomon Ifechukwude



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.

35 RECEIVED AS MEMBERS!

Congratulations!

On 31 January, 35 Calvarites were received as members at the Sunday Worship Service at CCC. 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 and fellowship.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam commended these new members for their willingness to be part of the local body of Christ. Each believer desires to be part of the vision of Calvary Church and use their talents for the glory of God.



Senior Pastor prays for both the Junior and Adult members

4 BABIES DEDICATED TO THE LORD

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam dedicated four babies to the Lord on 6 December 2015 at the Sunday Worship Service at CCC. They also prayed for the parents that they will bring up their children in the ways of the Lord.



Yap Chern Wau and Tang Jenn Chien with their baby, Zachary Yap Zhi Sheng and baby's grandparents, Stephen and Julie Yap



Alex and Elizabeth Tan with their baby, Sophia Marie Tan Pei Ying and baby's grandparents, Tan Swee Hock and Margaret Tan



John and Serene Lim with their baby, Samantha Lim Xi Anne and baby's grandparents, Jack and Joyce Lim (partially hidden)



Manuel and Virma Presnilla with their baby, Manuel Condeza Presnilla Jr



SEEK HIM WHOLEHEARTEDLY

And You Will Find Him, His Favour And Anointing For Your Life

The Friday Missions Prayer Emphasis on 15 January 2016 at our Damansara Heights sanctuary provided a good start to the Missions Emphasis weekend.

The worship was vibrant and the Missions theme, "Today Is The Day Of Salvation" was well brought home through the entire service.

Two skits reminded us that life is short and circumstances can change, so we should seize every opportunity to proclaim our faith and reach out in love to those within our circle of influence, for example, our colleagues or neighbours. Irene Yeong's salvation testimony demonstrated the importance of witnessing. Her journey with Christ began because her colleague, Chris Lim, a Calvarite, offered to pray with her at her time of unspoken need and pointed her to Jesus. Praise and thank God that each of us can be anointed witnesses for Christ!

Missions Director Yong Chee Weng's interview with Wonna threw much light on the plight of Myanmar refugees in Malaysia. We are encouraged to allow

God to use us to bless others in need. Much-sought-after speaker, Dr. William Wilson exhorted us to "Seek The Lord". Seeking God is not a religious exercise. It is a relational pursuit. If we want to be with Him, to know Him and live in His presence, we are to seek Him wholeheartedly. The Bible says, "... you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul" (Deuteronomy 4:29).

We are also to seek God without delay. We have been given this moment! Yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come but we have an amazing Today! The Bible says, "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near" (Isaiah 55:6).

Five reasons why we are to seek Him: He is our Saviour, Provider, Boss (we get our directions from Him), our Approver and our First Love and Friend.

Dr. Wilson prayed that we will not miss any moment when God comes very close to us. We are to seek Him and pursue Him and leave everything until His face shine upon us and our lives.

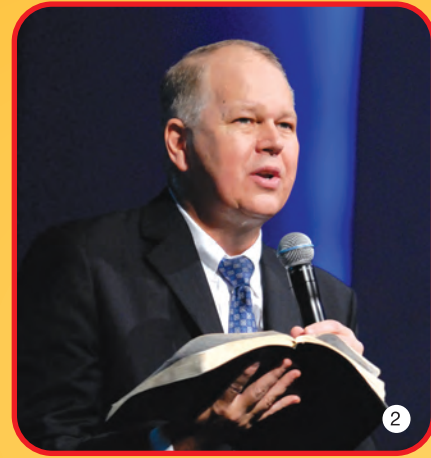
We gathered at the altar for the closing prayers. Associate Pastor Steven Kum

prayed that God would use us in new ways, open doors and provide for us in unexpected ways. Associate Pastor Richard Yun prayed that as we align ourselves to His will, seek His face, He will empower us to obey His Word and do His Will.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam in his closing prayer thanked the Lord for giving us a clear sense of direction. He prayed that we will reposition ourselves so His face can shine upon us. This may mean changing our attitudes, mindsets and lifestyle, humbling ourselves and obeying what the Lord asks of us.

We left, strengthened, knowing the Lord will favour us as we seek Him and 2016 will be a spiritually significant year for each of us.

1. Senior Pastor exhorting and praying for all Calvarites at the altar
2. Missions speaker, Dr. Wilson shares on "Seeking Him"
3. Skit - 2 colleagues expressing their surprise about deceased Christian colleague's faith after his funeral
4. Skit - A mother being informed by her son that their ex-neighbour had migrated
5. Irene Yeong sharing how she got to know Jesus through a Calvarite
6. Pastor Chee Weng interviewing Wonna, a Myanmar refugee



ENCOURAGED TO BE ELEVE

Faith Promise service for the first half of 2016 at Damansara Heights and CCC on 16 -17 January started with powerful worship and song presentation.

Dr. William Wilson brought home a challenging message on how God is looking for people who will accept tough jobs, the difficult assignments, who show up when others walk out. In the missions sense, He likens our generation to Jeremiah who may have had the most difficult job of all time in the Bible, having to prophesy to people who for the most part would not listen. We are living in the 11th hour and called to reach out in the toughest of times in Biblical history. We can be like Jeremiah who lived out his calling with God's courage.

Firstly, we are to respond and resign to our Creator. If we are to be effective as God's voice to the nations we must come to grips that God has ordained our purpose before we were born (Psalm 139:13-16). Each of us has been uniquely gifted by Him to do His will.

Secondly, we are to receive God's courage, know that He is with us and has everything in control. Nothing touches us that has not passed through Him first. God encouraged Jeremiah, "Get yourself ready! Stand up and say to them whatever I command you. Do not be terrified by them ... Today I have made you a fortified city, an iron pillar and a bronze wall to stand against the whole land... They will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you and will rescue you," (Jeremiah 1:17-19).

Finally, we are to rejoice in His care for when we do the will of God, we will be unstoppable. The painful situations will catapult us towards our destiny. No one could stop Jeremiah from doing what he was born to do. Jeremiah discovered what the Bible says, "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'" (Jeremiah 29:11).

During the altar call, Dr. Wilson prayed for those who needed God's courage to face their challenges. Calvarites were given the opportunity to encourage and affirm one another, through an uplifting Word, a hug or prayer. Praise and thank God for the powerful time of mutual encouragement.



NTH HOUR WITNESSES

Live Purposefully With Boldness And Stand Up For Him

Church Missions Pastor Steven Kum introduced the Calvary Missions News Network (CMNN) video which showcased highlights of the various Missions works for the latter part of 2015. Missions Director Yong Chee Weng highlighted the Faith Promise (FP) budget for 2016 and shared two new Missions projects for 2016. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam exhorted us to trust God and make our pledges based on faith and not what we can afford, for faith pleases God. Praise God for a 8% increase in the number of FP partners over the last period.

Before the conclusion of the service, six people were recognized for their faithful service in the Extended Ministry. For serving 20 years, Pam Guneratnam, and for serving 10 years, Pastor Shereen Wong, Kiang Teck

Chin, Katherine Lee, Chon Yen Li and Tan Choon King.

In conjunction with Missions Emphasis, after the Sunday service at CCC, Iraqi food prepared by Iraqi refugees was sold at Olive Café. They were so happy that all the food was sold out as the income was much needed by them. They were very grateful to the Church.

The children also had their own Children Missions Emphasis for they are God's witnesses too.

Praise and thank God for giving the Church family a clear sense of direction and encouragement to commit ourselves to the work of Missions. We must be God's anointed witnesses at this eleventh hour.

*If you missed taking part in the Faith Promise, you may still do so. Please speak with any of the pastors.

1. Praying for FP partners
2. Dr. William Wilson preaches on "The Jeremiah Generation"
3. Senior Pastor encouraging Calvarites to make their pledges in faith
4. Missions Pastor Steven Kum
5. Missions Director, Pastor Chee Weng
- 6-7. Calvarites making their FP pledges at CCC & DH Sanctuary respectively
8. Calvarites seeking God at altar
9. Choir & Worship Team clad in national costumes
10. Good demand for food sold by Iraqi refugees at Olive Café
- 11-12. CW kids with their FP cards

CONGRATULATIONS

TO EXTENDED MINISTRY STAFF WHOSE FAITHFULNESS
IN SERVICE WERE RECOGNISED ON 17 JANUARY 2016

Faithful Service Awards

20
YEARS

Pam Guneratnam
Calvary Life Ministries (CLM)



Pam (right) receiving her award from Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam. Pam is married to Pastor Chris Lee, our Music Pastor and is the daughter of our Senior Pastors. She is Director of CLM Counseling & Care as well as the Calvary Education Resource Centre (CERC).

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YEARS



Pastor Shereen Wong
Calvaryland Pastor



Kiang Teck Chin
Calvaryland Home Supervisor
for older adults



Katherine Lee
Calvary Education Resource
Centre (CERC) / AIM Christian
College - President



Chon Yen Li
Calvary Education Resource
Centre (CERC) Head of
Academic & Student Studies



Tan Choon King
Calvary Communication
Ministry Administrator

ANOINTED WITNESSES

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life,
and whoever captures souls is wise”
(Proverbs 11:30) ESV.

Amazing Connect!

I was attending my company’s workshop in Munich in 2011 when I met my Korean counterpart, Amanda Ryu and we communicated briefly during our hectic working years.

Subsequently, I retired and was pleasantly surprised when Amanda contacted me in December 2015 that she will be coming over to work in Malaysia. I was really happy to reconnect with her again and I invited her for our Christmas Musical, “Angel Alert” held in December 2015. Amanda enjoyed and was much impressed with the musical, especially, the children’s performance.

She then came with me and my husband for the very first Prayer Meeting on New Year’s day, 1 January 2016, held at Damansara Heights. During the time of sharing our testimonies and praying in small groups, Amanda gave her life to Jesus when Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam prayed for her.

Truly, Heaven rejoices! Amanda now attends CCC. The ways of our God truly amazes me and I am certainly encouraged too! All glory to Him forever and ever.

- **Chew Yoke Ching**

START-UP

By Melissa Samuel



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The Young Adults (YA) Connect on 28 November at CCC hosted Jan Wong, one of the ministry's very own leaders as the speaker of the day.

The topic was "Start-Up" and Jan was a natural choice as he has gained much entrepreneurship prowess, for his age! He started his first business at 17 and to date, he has built seven profit generating companies. Jan was also an online strategist and has worked with many renowned brands in the industry, assisting them to gain a stronger foothold in the digital space. He has been featured in media, from print, (The Star, The Edge and Focus Malaysia) to radio (BFM and others).

According to Jan, entrepreneurship is not a "science" but an experiential journey. His journey began with a dream to open a computer shop at Low Yat Plaza and he has gained invaluable experiences and discoveries since.

The statistics on the success rate of start-ups is daunting. Only one out of four start-ups survives the first three years of its business. An entrepreneur has to make sacrifices. Jan and his team went without salary for one and a half years when building OpenMinds, Jan's third start-up. They had to plow back all the company funds to invest in the business. When they could afford to draw salaries, it was a meagre sum! The team's sacrifices and strategic planning paid off. Today, OpenMinds is thriving!

Participants learnt more during the lively Q&A session.

- Q:** Where did you find the courage to take the first step in starting up?
A: Curiosity gave me the push. I wanted to experience opening my own shop, and started putting down my ideas in black and white and talking to experienced people.
- Q:** How do you know or find out your passion?
A: Just like hobbies and anything else you like, try it out!
- Q:** What are the requirements of an entrepreneur?
A: Starting your own business takes time and funds. It eats into your time with friends and family, relaxation and going without pay at times. If you are willing to make sacrifices, then it is for you.

Associate Pastor David Seah closed the session by reminding those present that one may have to sacrifice when building your own business, but we should never sacrifice our time with God. The Bible says, "What is the use if you gain the whole world but lose your soul?" Keeping close to God and having a steadfast relationship with the Lord is vital. Whatever the outcome of your risk taking in doing business, God is your cornerstone.

1. Pastor David appreciates Jan Wong, co-founder of OpenMinds after his sharing
2. Young adults being enlightened on entrepreneurship
- 3-5. During Q&A session

BERCAKAP DENGAN KEBERANIAN

“Dan ketika mereka sedang berdoa, goyanglah tempat mereka berkumpul itu dan mereka semua penuh dengan Roh Kudus, lalu mereka memberitakan firman Tuhan dengan berani” (Kisah Para Rasul 4:31).

Oleh Pendita Kanan Prince Guneratnam

Bab sebelum ini memberikan kita latar belakang kepada perjumpaan doa ini. Alkitab mengatakan, “Pada suatu hari menjelang waktu sembahyang, yaitu pukul tiga petang, naiklah Petrus dan Yohanes ke Bait Tuhan. Di situ ada seorang laki-laki, yang lumpuh sejak lahirnya sehingga ia harus diusung. Tiap-tiap hari orang itu diletakkan dekat pintu gerbang Bait Tuhan, yang bernama Gerbang Indah, untuk meminta sedekah kepada orang yang masuk ke dalam Bait Tuhan. Ketika orang itu melihat, bahwa Petrus dan Yohanes hendak masuk ke Bait Tuhan, ia meminta sedekah. Mereka menatap dia dan Petrus berkata: "Lihatlah kepada kami." Lalu orang itu menatap mereka dengan harapan akan mendapat sesuatu dari mereka. Tetapi Petrus berkata: "Emas dan perak tidak ada padaku, tetapi apa yang kupunyai, kuberikan kepadamu: Demi nama Yesus Kristus, orang Nazaret itu, berjalanlah!" Lalu ia memegang tangan kanan orang itu dan membantu dia berdiri. Seketika itu juga kuatlah kaki dan mata kaki orang itu. Ia melonjak berdiri lalu berjalan kian ke mari dan mengikuti mereka ke dalam Bait Tuhan, berjalan dan melompat-lompat serta memuji Tuhan. Seluruh rakyat itu melihat dia berjalan sambil memuji Tuhan, lalu mereka mengenal dia sebagai orang yang biasanya duduk meminta sedekah di Gerbang Indah Bait Tuhan, sehingga mereka takjub dan tercengang tentang apa yang telah terjadi padanya. Karena orang itu tetap mengikuti Petrus dan Yohanes, maka seluruh orang banyak yang sangat keheranan itu datang mengerumuni mereka di serambi yang disebut Serambi Salomo. Petrus melihat orang banyak itu lalu berkata: "Hai orang Israel, mengapa kamu heran tentang kejadian itu dan mengapa kamu menatap kami seolah-olah kami membuat orang ini berjalan karena kuasa atau kesalehan kami sendiri? Tuhan Abraham, Ishak dan Yakub, Tuhan nenek moyang kita telah memuliakan Hamba-Nya, yaitu Yesus yang kamu serahkan dan tolak di depan Pilatus, walaupun Pilatus berpendapat, bahwa ia harus dilepaskan. Tetapi kamu telah menolak Yang Kudus dan Benar, serta menghendaki seorang pembunuh sebagai hadiahmu. Demikianlah ia, Pemimpin kepada hidup, telah kamu bunuh, tetapi Tuhan telah membangkitkan Dia dari antara orang mati; dan tentang hal itu kami adalah saksi! (Kisah Para Rasul 3:1-15).

Alkitab terus mengatakan, “Ketika Petrus dan Yohanes sedang berbicara kepada orang banyak, mereka tiba-tiba didatangi imam-imam dan kepala pengawal Bait Tuhan serta orang-orang Saduki. Orang-orang itu sangat marah karena mereka mengajar orang banyak dan memberitakan, bahwa dalam Yesus ada kebangkitan dari antara orang mati. Mereka ditangkap dan diserahkan ke dalam tahanan sampai keesokan harinya, karena hari telah malam.. ... Pada keesokan harinya pemimpin-pemimpin Yahudi serta tua-tua dan ahli-ahli Taurat mengadakan sidang di Yerusalem dengan Imam Besar Hanas dan Kayafas, Yohanes dan Aleksander dan semua orang lain yang termasuk keturunan Imam Besar. Lalu Petrus dan Yohanes dihadapkan kepada sidang itu dan mulai diperiksa dengan pertanyaan ini: "Dengan kuasa manakah atau dalam nama siapakah kamu bertindak demikian itu?" Maka jawab Petrus, penuh dengan Roh Kudus: "Hai pemimpin-pemimpin umat dan tua-tua, jika kami sekarang harus diperiksa karena suatu kebajikan kepada seorang sakit dan harus menerangkan dengan kuasa manakah orang itu



Filipus, penginjil bersaksi kepada sida-sida Etiopia.

disembuhkan, maka ketahuilah oleh kamu sekalian dan oleh seluruh umat Israel, bahwa dalam nama Yesus Kristus, orang Nazaret, yang telah kamu salibkan, tetapi yang telah dibangkitkan Tuhan dari antara orang mati--bahwa oleh karena Yesus itulah orang ini berdiri dengan sehat sekarang di depan kamu.. ... Ketika sidang itu melihat keberanian Petrus dan Yohanes dan mengetahui, bahwa keduanya orang biasa yang tidak terpelajar, heranlah mereka; dan mereka mengenal keduanya sebagai pengikut Yesus.. ... Dan setelah mereka menyuruh rasul-rasul itu meninggalkan ruang sidang, berundinglah mereka, dan berkata: "Tindakan apakah yang harus kita ambil terhadap orang-orang ini? Sebab telah nyata kepada semua penduduk Yerusalem, bahwa mereka telah mengadakan suatu mujizat yang menyolok dan kita tidak dapat menyangkalnya. Tetapi supaya hal itu jangan makin luas tersiar di antara orang banyak, baiklah kita mengancam dan melarang mereka, supaya mereka jangan berbicara lagi dengan siapapun dalam nama itu” (Kisah Para Rasul 4:1-3; 4:5-10, 13, 15-17).

Oleh itu gereja awal berkumpul bersama-sama untuk berseru kepada Tuhan dan Dia mengurapi mereka dengan penuh keberanian untuk memberitakan Firman-Nya! Antara bukti-bukti lain tentang dipenuhi dengan Roh Kudus adalah buah Roh- kasih, sukacita, damai sejahtera, kesabaran, kemurahan, kebaikan, kesetiaan, kelemahlembutan, penguasaan diri (Gal 5:22-23). Tetapi bukti awal ialah, “Maka penuhlah mereka dengan Roh Kudus, lalu mereka mulai berkata-kata dalam bahasa-bahasa lain, seperti yang diberikan oleh Roh itu kepada mereka untuk mengatakannya” (Kisah Para Rasul 2:4). Apabila kita dipenuhi dengan Roh Kudus, Dia memberikan kita keberanian. Alkitab mengatakan, “Sebab Tuhan memberikan kepada kita bukan roh ketakutan, melainkan roh yang membangkitkan kekuatan, kasih dan ketertiban” (2 Tim 1:7).

GEREJA MESTI BERANI BELAJAR BERKATA DENGAN BERANI TENTANG KEHENDAK TUHAN

Jika terdapat masa untuk bercakap dengan berani, ianya adalah sekarang. Kita mesti berani bercakap apa yang telah Tuhan katakan kepada kita, dalam Firman-Nya.

Apa Yang Bukannya Kehendak Tuhan.

1. Ia bukannya untuk fitnah, gosip atau dusta.

Alkitab mengatakan, **“Tetapi sekarang, buanglah semuanya ini, yaitu marah, geram, kejahatan, fitnah dan kata-kata kotor yang keluar dari mulutmu”** (Kol 3:8) dan **“Demikian juga perkataan yang kotor, yang kosong atau yang sembrono--karena hal-hal ini tidak pantas--tetapi sebaliknya ucapkanlah syukur”** (Efesus 5:4) and **“Jangan lagi kamu saling mendustai, karena kamu telah menanggalkan manusia lama serta kelakuannya”** (Kol 3:9).

Alkitab Mengajar Kita Apa Dan Bagaimana Kita Perlu Bercakap Dengan Keberanian.

Alkitab mengatakan, **“Janganlah ada perkataan kotor keluar dari mulutmu, tetapi pakailah perkataan yang baik untuk membangun, di mana perlu, supaya mereka yang mendengarnya, beroleh kasih karunia”** (Efesus 4:29). Kita mesti berani memperbaiki akhlak dan membina orang lain, agar kita mungkin menjadi satu kesaksian kepada Tuhan Yesus Kristus dan memuliakanNya.

Kita boleh membuat kritikan yang membina, yang memberi peluang untuk pertumbuhan dan kecemerlangan. Alkitab juga mengatakan, **“Hendaklah kata-katamu senantiasa penuh kasih, jangan hambar, sehingga kamu tahu, bagaimana kamu harus memberi jawab kepada setiap orang”** (Kol 4:6). Roh Kudus boleh mengajar kita bercakap dengan rahmat.

2. Bercakap Dengan Berani Bermakna Tidak Berchakap Dengan Suara Yang Lantang Ataupun Biadap

Bercakap berani adalah untuk bercakap dengan keyakinan dan dengan kuasa mengetahui kehendak Tuhan. Dikatakan Yesus yang, **“Belum pernah seorang manusia berkata seperti orang itu”** (Yohanes 7:46). Yesus adalah contoh yang indah seorang manusia yang tahu bagaimana untuk bercakap dengan berani kerana Dia sentiasa berkata benar.

Jangan Benarkan Ketakutan Akan Penganiayaan Menghentikan Kamu Dari Bercakap Dengan Berani.

Seorang gadis muda yang mahu pergi ke Sekolah Alkitab telah ditahan dirumah selama sebulan. Ibunya berfikir bahawa dengan menghalang dia dari pergi ke Gereja akan mengubah fikiran tentang pergi ke sekolah Alkitab. Tetapi gadis itu berdiri teguh dan memberitahu ibunya dia tahu kehendak Tuhan untuk hidupnya. Untuk mendapatkannya, dia pergi ke Sekolah Alkitab, lulus, berkahwin dengan seorang pendita dan mereka kini berdua menggembala gereja yang semakin meningkat. Hari ini, ibu bapanya adalah orang yang percaya dan menghadiri gereja. Ibunya adalah pemenang jiwa yang besar bagi Tuhan Yesus dalam Gereja Bangsa Cina. Apa sekalipun cabaran yang kamu hadapi, berkata-kata dengan berani, dan Tuhan akan menyertai kamu.

Kesaksian Mesakh, Sadrakh Dan Abednego (Daniel 3:26-30)

Tuhan memelihara mereka dari tungku api kerana mereka berdiri teguh untuk kebenaran dan berbicara dengan berani. Undang-undang Babylon memerlukan mereka untuk berlutut dan menyembah patung Raja. Mereka berkata, **“Jika Tuhan kami yang kami puja sanggup melepaskan kami, maka Ia akan melepaskan kami dari perapian yang menyala-nyala itu, dan dari dalam tanganmu, ya raja; tetapi seandainya tidak, hendaklah tuanku mengetahui, ya raja, bahwa kami tidak akan memuja dewa tuanku, dan tidak akan menyembah patung emas yang tuanku dirikan itu”** (Daniel 3:17-18).

ALKITAB MEMBERITAHU KITA KUASA TUHAN SEDANG BEKERJA APABILA KITA BERANI DALAM TUHAN DAN BERADA DALAM KEHENDAKNYA

• Yesus Mengarahkan Ribut Berhenti

Alkitab mengatakan, **“Iapun bangun, menghardik angin itu dan berkata kepada danau itu: “Diam! Tenanglah!”** Lalu angin itu reda dan danau itu menjadi teduh sekali” (Markus 4:39). Seperti Yesus, kamu juga boleh bercakap kepada situasi kamu, mengetahui ia adalah kehendak Tuhan untuk menolong dan menguatkan kamu. Yesus memberitahu kita **“Karena kamu kurang percaya. Sebab Aku berkata kepadamu: Sesungguhnya sekiranya kamu mempunyai iman sebesar biji sesawi saja kamu dapat berkata kepada gunung ini: Pindah dari tempat ini ke sana, maka gunung ini akan pindah, dan takkan ada yang mustahil bagimu”** (Matius 17:20). Kamu tidak sepatutnya bercakap mengenai gunung tetapi kepada gunung.

• Yesus berkata kepada pokok itu dan ia layu.

Alkitab mengatakan, **“Dekat jalan Ia melihat pohon ara lalu pergi ke situ, tetapi Ia tidak mendapat apa-apa pada pohon itu selain daun-daun saja. Kata-Nya kepada pohon itu: “Engkau tidak akan berbuah lagi selama-lamanya!”** Dan seketika itu juga keringlah pohon ara itu” (Matius 21:19). Dan selepas Dia telah bercakap, pokok itu layu dan mati.

• Nabi Yehezkiel berkata dengan tulang yang kering dan mereka hidup kembali (Yehezkiel 37:1-14).

Yehezkiel bercakap seperti yang diarahkan oleh Tuhan. Beliau berkata demikian kepada tulang kering, memberitahu tulang untuk datang bersama-sama dengan tendon, daging dan kulit dan mereka menjadi hidup semula! Berani berkata-kata apa yang Tuhan katakan dan mengisytiharkan Firman-Nya.

• Alkitab mengajar kita untuk mengherdik syaitan.

Halau syaitan keluar, jangan patuh kepadanya. Isytiharkan bahawa kamu kepunyaan Yesus dan Yesus telah memberikan kuasa kepada kamu ke atas Setan, ke atas penyakit, neraka dan kubur (Kisah para Rasul 1:8).

Hafal dan bercakap dengan berani Firman Tuhan. Tahu apa kehendak Tuhan dan mengisytiharkannya. Dalam apa jua keadaan pun, Tuhan mahu kamu untuk menjadi seorang pemenang, makmur dan mempunyai kemenangan. Bercakap berani Firman Tuhan akan membawa kemuliaan dan pujian kepada Nama Tuhan Maha Kuasa.

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Alkitab Bahasa Indonesia Terjemahan Baru.

KELAS PEMBAPTISAN AIR DAN KEAHLIAN

1.30PM 9 Apr Sabtu
Damansara Heights, Worship Nursery

KEBAKTIAN PEMBAPTISAN AIR

5.00PM 9 Apr Sabtu
Damansara Heights Sanctuary

KEBAKTIAN BM

Kebaktian Bahasa Malaysia bulan Mac digabungkan dengan Perayaan Hari Paskah pada 27 Mac jam 5 petang di CCC.

放胆传讲

「他们祷告完了，聚会的地方震动；他们都被圣灵充满，放胆传讲神的道」（徒4：31）。

（文：古纳南主任牧师）

使徒行传的前一章节为我们提供这个祷告会的背景。圣经上说道：「下午三点钟祷告的时候，彼得和约翰上圣殿去。一个从母腹里就是瘸腿的人正被人抬来，他们天天把他放在圣殿的一个叫美门的门口，求进圣殿的人施舍。他看见彼得、约翰将要进圣殿，就求他们施舍。彼得和约翰定睛看他，彼得说：“看着我们！”那人就注目看他们，指望从他们得着什么。彼得却说：“金银我都没有，但把我有的给你：奉拿撒勒人耶稣基督的名起来行走！”于是彼得拉着他的右手，扶他起来；他的脚和踝骨立刻健壮了，就跳起来，站着，又开始行走。他跟他们进了圣殿，边走边跳，赞美神。百姓都看见他又行走，又赞美神，认得他是那素常坐在圣殿的美门口求人施舍的，就因他所遇到的事满心惊讶诧异。那人正在称为所罗门的廊下，拉住彼得和约翰，大家都觉得很惊讶，一齐跑到他们那里。彼得看见，就对百姓说：“以色列人哪，为什么因这事而惊讶呢？为什么定睛看我们，以为我们凭自己的能力和虔诚使这人行走呢？亚伯拉罕的神、以撒的神、雅各的神，就是我们列祖的神，已经荣耀了他的仆人耶稣，这耶稣就是你们交付官府的那位，彼拉多决定要释放他时，你们却在彼拉多面前弃绝了他。你们弃绝了那圣洁公义者，反而要求释放一个凶手给你们。你们杀了那生命的创始者，神却叫他从死人中复活；我们都是这事的见证人」（徒3：1-15）。

圣经继续说道：「彼得和约翰正向百姓说话的时候，祭司们、守殿官和撒都该人来了，就很烦恼，因为使徒们教导百姓，传扬在耶稣的事上证明有死人复活，于是下手拿住他们；因为天已经晚了，就把他们押在拘留所到第二天。...第二天，官长、长老和文士在耶路撒冷聚集，又有亚那大祭司、该亚法、约翰、亚历山大，和大祭司的亲族都在那里。他们叫使徒站在中间，问他们：“你们凭什么能力，奉谁的名做这事呢？”那时，彼得被圣灵充满，对他们说：“民间的官长和长老啊，倘若今日我们被查问是因为在残障的人身上所行的善事，就是这人怎么得了痊愈，那么，你们大家和以色列全民都当知道，站在你们面前的这人得痊愈，是因你们所钉在十字架、神使他从死人中复活的拿撒勒人耶稣基督的名。...他们见彼得、约翰的胆量，又看出他们原是没有学问的平民，就很惊讶，认出他们曾是跟耶稣一起的；...于是他们吩咐他们两人从议会退出，就彼此商议，说：“我们当怎样办这两个人呢？因为他们诚然行了一件明显的神迹，凡住在耶路撒冷的人都知道，我们也不能否认。但为避免这事越发在民间传扬，我们必须威吓他们，叫他们不可再奉这名对任何人讲论。”」（徒4：1-3；4：5-10，13，15-17）

因此，早期教会聚集在一起向神求告，他就膏抹他们放胆传扬他的话语！被圣灵充满的其他的证据是圣灵的果子——就是仁爱、喜乐、和平、忍耐、恩慈、良善、信实、温柔和节制（加5：22-23）。但最初的证据是：「他们都被圣灵充满，就按着圣灵所赐的口才

说起别国的话来」（徒2：4）。当我们被圣灵充满时，他赐给我们胆量。圣经上说道：「因为神赐给我们的不是胆怯的心，而是刚强、仁爱、自制的心」（提后1：7）。

教会必须学习放胆传讲神的旨意

如果有要放胆传讲的时候，那就是现在。我们必须放胆传讲神在他的话语中所告诉我们的。

什么不是神的旨意”

1. 它不是毁谤，流言和谎言

圣经上说道：「但现在你们要弃绝这一切的事，就是恼恨、愤怒、恶毒、毁谤和口中污秽的言语」（西3：8）。和「淫词、妄语和粗俗的俏皮话都不合宜；总要感谢的话」（弗5：4）和「不要彼此说谎，因为你们已经脱去旧人和旧人的行为」（西3：9）。

圣经教导我们要传讲什么，以及我们如何放胆传讲。

圣经上说道：「一句坏话也不可出口，只要随着需要说造就人的好话，让听见的人得益处」（弗4：29）。我们必须放胆建立和造就他人，如此我们可以成为主耶稣基督的见证人和荣耀他。

我们可以给建设性的批评，这给人有机会成长和成为卓越的人。圣经也说道：「你们的言谈要时常带着温和，好像用盐调味，让你们知道该怎样应对每一个人」（西4：6）。圣灵可以教导我们，当我们带著温和说话。

2. 放胆地传讲不是大声或无礼

放胆传讲是有自信和权威性的说话，因知道何为神的旨意。有人说耶稣：「从来没有像他这样说话的」（约7：46）。耶稣是一个美好的例子，他是一个知道如何放胆传讲的人因为他总是传讲真理。

不要让受迫害的恐惧阻止你放胆传讲

一个想去读圣经学校的年轻女孩被禁止出外一个月。她的母亲认为，阻止她去教会将能改变她要去读圣经学校的主意。但这女孩不屈服，并告诉她的母亲，她知道神对她的生命的旨意。切入重点，结果她进入圣经学校就读，毕业后嫁给了一位牧师，他们现在正在牧养一间不断增长的教会。如今，她的父母亲都信了主，并参加教会。这位母亲在中文教会是一位为主耶稣赢得灵魂的人。不管你面对的挑战是什么，放胆地传讲，神会帮助你渡过困难。

米煞、沙得拉和亚伯尼歌的见证（但3：26-30）神拯救他们脱离烈火的窑，因为他们持守真理，放胆地传讲。巴比伦的法律要求他们跪下拜王的像。他们说道：「即便如此，我们所事奉的神能将我们从烈火的窑中救出来。王啊，他必救我们脱离你的手；即或不然，王啊，你当知道，我们绝不事奉你的神明，也不拜你所立的金像」（但3：17-18）。

圣经告诉我们当我们在主里和在他的旨意中壮胆时，神的能力正在工作。

• 耶稣命令风暴平静

圣经上说道：「耶稣醒了，斥责那风，向海说：“住了吧！静了吧！”风就止住，大大平静了」（可4：39）。像耶稣一样，你也可以对你的情况说话，知道这是神的旨意要帮助和加力



量给你。耶稣告诉我们：「是因你们的信心小。我实在告诉你们，你们若有信心像一粒芥菜种，就是对这座山说：‘你从这边移到那边’，它也会移过去，并且你们没有一件不能做的事了」（太17：20）。你不应该谈论山的难题，而是对山说话。

• 耶稣对树说话，它就枯干了。

圣经上说道：「看见路旁有一棵无花果树，就走到跟前，在树上找不到什么，只有叶子，就对树说：“从今以后，你永不结果子！”」（太21：19）。在他说完之后，那无花果树立刻枯干了。

• 先知以西结对骸骨说话和它们就活过来（结37：1-14）。

以西结对神的指示说话。他对枯干的骸骨说话，吩咐骸骨要它们加上筋，长出肉和包上皮，然后它们就活过来！大胆地传讲神说的话和宣告他的话语。

• 圣经教导我们要斥责魔鬼

把魔鬼赶出去，不要服从它。宣告你是属于耶稣的，耶稣已赐给你权柄胜过撒旦，胜过疾病，地狱和死亡的权势（徒1：8）。

背诵和放胆传讲神的话语。知道何为神的旨意并宣告它。无论在任何情况下，神要你成为得胜者，兴盛和胜利。放胆传讲神的话语能为神大能的名字带来荣耀和赞美。

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Sunday 9.00am

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Richard Yun

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Prince Guneratham

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Timothy Ong

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Associate Pastor
Peter Ong

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