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By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

“Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. ‘Where did this man get these things?’ they asked. ‘What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?’ And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.’ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith” (Mark 6:1-6, NIV).

Familiarity has a way of robbing us of better things in life. When Jesus went back to His hometown to minister, the people considered Him to be a carpenter. In those days, the sons normally followed the trade of their father, and Jesus’ father was a carpenter. They also knew His mother, Mary, brothers and sisters. This made it difficult for them to see Jesus as anything

more than a carpenter. They were amazed when they saw Jesus performing remarkable miracles and teaching with great wisdom, and “took offense at Him”. Their lack of faith resulted that Jesus could not do any more miracles in His hometown.

Let us not be like the people in Jesus’ hometown. Let us not allow familiarity rob us of what God desires to do in our life. We can allow church attendance and giving of offerings to become a ritual. We can turn our worship, hearing of the message and prayers become too familiar and miss what God wants to say and do for us. Instead, let us come with faith and expectancy to receive from Jesus each time we attend church.

In the last three years of Jesus’ life, He turned from carpentry, making and repairing things to working with people who were bound by sinful lifestyles and broken with all kinds of needs. Jesus became not a carpenter of things but one, who can change men and give them a new beginning in life with hope for the future, that is pleasing to God.

1. JESUS CAN DELIVER US, NO MATTER WHAT CONDITION WE ARE IN

The Bible tells the story of a man possessed by a “legion” (a Roman military term which means full strength) of demons who tormented him. The demon possessed man lived in the tombs and had a destructive behaviour. The Bible says, “Night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones” (Mark 5:5). He was a threat to the public and they feared him.

Jesus and His disciples came to the shores where the demon possessed man lived. On seeing Jesus, he knelt down and worshipped Him. The man confessed that he had many demons living in him, then Jesus casted out the demons. The demons were permitted to enter into a nearby herd of 2,000 pigs. The pigs promptly rushed off a cliff into the Sea of Galilee and drowned. The people who knew the



man were surprised to see him made whole. The Bible says, "Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind" (Mark 5:15). The man who was delivered of the demons decided to follow Jesus but Jesus said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.' And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marvelled" (Mark 5: 19-20).

We may not have demons but sin in our life has the power to make us slaves to sinful habits. This affects our character and is destructive to our well-being. Whatever you are going through, Jesus has all power and authority to deliver you from all bondages. No longer a carpenter of things, (Saviour and Lord), He can fix every kind of brokenness in our life. Believe and accept Him as your Saviour and Lord and He can bring healing and deliverance to your sinful and destructive lifestyle.

2. JESUS IS THE GIVER OF LIFE

There is a Bible story of a woman who lost her husband and shortly after, her only son died (Luke 7:11-17). Widows in those days had a hard time surviving. James described them as, "widows in their trouble" (James 1:27). This widow obviously needed her son for survival. Jesus met this widow at the funeral where she was taking her only son to be buried.

The Bible says, "When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, 'Young man, I say to you, arise.' So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother" (Luke 7:13-15). Jesus raised the widow's son from death to life. Jesus said, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). He also said, "He who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting

life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life" (John 5:24).

Today, Jesus can give life to what you may consider dead, be it a life that has lost hope, a dead relationship or lost opportunities to be successful and prosperous. Jesus who raised the boy from death, can cleanse the leper, open the eyes of the blind and make the lame whole again. He can heal, deliver and restore whatever your need may be. King David said, "Restore to me the joy of salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit (Psalm 51:12).

3. JESUS IS THE REFINER OF LIFE

A skilled carpenter does not only put together the various pieces of his handiwork together. He is also skilled in putting the finishing touches. He uses sandpaper to smooth and polish; he adds colour and oil, to enhance so there is a shine to the end product.

Likewise, we are God's handiwork. We can be made a new creation in

Christ and shine for Him. Paul said, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We are the salt and the light of the world. That is why we sing, "Shine Jesus Shine!" We shine because He lives in us, which is the new life we have in Jesus.

If we have lost the shine, Jesus can put the shine back into our life. The Bible says, "Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24).

When Jesus puts the finishing touches on our life, it can be painful, because it involves discipline. The work of finishing and polishing may hurt but is fruitful. The Bible says, "Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees" (Hebrews 12:11-12). Be yielded, pliable, committed, dedicated and humble and you will be grateful for its benefits.

Let Jesus, who is no longer the carpenter of things, (Saviour and Lord), the Bible says He is, "the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2), He is able to deliver you from all bondages, make you a new creature and be a blessing to bless others. The Bible says, "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

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

CONGRATULATIONS

TO ASSOCIATE PASTOR REV. CHRISTOPHER LEE

on his ordination by the Assemblies of God of Malaysia on Sunday, 25 September 2016 at Glad Tidings Assembly of God, Petaling Jaya.



Rejoicing together at the Ordination Service.

Front left to right: Azalea Lee, Senior Pastors Prince and Petrina Guneratnam, Linda and Tony Lee (Pastor Chris' parents) with Pastors and Calvarites present



Associate Pastor Rev. Chris and Pam Lee with his ordination credential certificate

YOUNG ADULTS CONNECT

By Joyce Bux



Benny Lee sharing enthusiastically about financial management



Young adults engaging with the session

How much money does one need to save?" "Do we need to do investment?" "Should we start having credit cards?"

These questions and more were addressed by Benny Lee at the Young Adults Connect on Financial Management on Saturday, 17 September 2016, a much needed topic among the young adults today.

Benny gave many practical tips on

managing one's personal budget, including the importance of:

1. Staying out of unnecessary debt
2. Saving for a rainy day
3. Setting a financial objective
4. Knowing how to increase your income
5. Having investments

The young adults were especially interested when Benny spoke on stocks and hedge fund managers. They asked many commercial

questions and were excited to learn about the financial market in our nation and how it works.

Overall, it was a very insightful session for the young adults. Benny closed the session reiterating that God needs to remain at the centre of all our financial needs and to set aside 10% for tithes. Associate Pastor Peter Ong then closed with prayer and the young adults committed their financial plans to God, seeking wisdom from Him in managing their finances. He also prayed for those who were experiencing financial difficulties and committed their struggles to a God who provides for us in our need.

Many expressed that the session was very helpful as they had a chance to understand basic financial management knowledge and they look forward to preparing themselves for a God-centred financial future.



Young adults fellowshiping with each other prior to the session

CHILDREN'S DAY

PRECIOUS

By Patrina Chan

On Sunday, 25 September 2016, we had a total of 431 kids attended the Children's Day, of whom 72 were new visitors, jointly organized by the Children's Ministry, Royal Rangers and Missionettes at Calvary Convention Centre.

The theme was "Precious" in His Sight, taken from Isaiah 43:4 - "Since you are precious and honoured in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life."



Yippie! We are all precious in His sight!



CW kids declaring "My God is so big"



Rangers and Missionettes having fun games with CW kids

Kids were ushered into the Multipurpose & Banquet Hall by the friendly Missionettes at the foyer that was beautifully decorated with balloons, ribbons and a treasure hunt standee.

We started with praise and worship. Then, a creative hand mime presentation was delivered by Missionettes, using hand gloves glowing in the dark to highlight the fact that we are so precious and through Christ we are redeemed.



KidsCAT performing a skit

IN HIS SIGHT



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam welcoming the kids

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam warmly welcomed the kids and blessed them with an opening prayer. Through a hilarious skit performed by KidsCAT and a series of exciting Amazing Race games organized by the Royal Rangers, the kids learned how precious they are in God's sight.



CNC kids fully captivated by the lesson



CNC game time - Nothing can blow away God's love from us

After the Amazing Race, an altar call was given to the Carpenters' Workshop (CW) and Calvary Nursery Care (CNC) kids. Praise God for the 41 who responded for salvation and 48 for rededication.



CW kids discovering God's love

We ended with each kid receiving a McDonald's Happy Meal contributed by parents. Every kid was truly blessed with joy and happiness on this special day.



CNC kids singing with joy "Yes, Jesus loves me"

We appreciate the 191 volunteers from the working committee, the Children's Ministry, Royal Rangers, Missionettes and KidsCAT for their commitment in making this Children's Day a meaningful event.



Nothing is too difficult if we do it hand in hand

We are looking for HeartShapers who:



- Love God and are passionate about kids
- Have a nurturing and shepherding heart
- Have good relational or people-skills
- Are approachable and friendly
- Are good listeners
- Desire to use their God-given giftings

If you have a desire to touch and shape children's lives for God, sign up now at CW Registration Counter at Level 2 or CNC at Level 1, CCC

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

By Associate Pastor Richard Yun



Senior Pastor leading the couples in renewing their marriage vows

We rejoice together with 18 couples who renewed their marriage vows on Sunday, 16 October 2016 at Calvary Convention Centre.

Most of these were married before they received Christ into their lives. It was their desire to renew their commitment to their marriage before the presence of the Lord and their family members and friends, as a testimony of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam shared from Psalm 112 – He renumerated eight wonderful blessings of a blessed person because they fear the Lord and honour Him.

Calvary Church stands along with them in prayer as they renewed their pledge of love and faithfulness in marriage.

Many friends and relatives were present to witness this beautiful occasion which serves as a significant personal commitment of the couples to seek God's blessing upon their marriage and family.

As the hymn writer said, "Great is Thy Faithfulness", and may the "As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be".



Senior Pastor sharing devotion



Praying for the couples



Senior Associates Pastor Petrina Guneratnam praying for the couples and their families



First row (L-R): Jonathan & Thangam Poobalan, Wai Mun & Tracie Lee, Kham Loong & Joanne Lai, Senior Pastors Prince & Petrina Guneratnam, Richard Ee & Yuek Mei, Eric Chin & Gaik Hoon, Jimmy & Grace Yap, Brian & Jacquelyn Yap
Second row (L-R): Sang Hoe & Jessyca Chow, Joe & Elaine Ng, Arthur & Audrey Yeo, Phang Wai & Mooi Foong Marudu, Bob & Iryine Gill, Samson & Jacqueline Ambrose
Third row (L-R): Kwong Meng & Jackie Low, Suresh & Jana Ponnudurai, Ramesh & Dhavindra Ramanathan, Christopher & Sharmila Raj, Tam Kok Meng & Bee Peng

WATER BAPTISM



On Saturday, 8 October 2016 we rejoiced with the 29 that followed the Lord in water baptism as a public declaration of their faith.

For more information on water baptism, call the church office at 03-8999 5532 ext. 434. Refer to back page for our next water baptism service.

Front Row (L-R): Asher Royce Anthony, Berry Fong Sheng, Arysa Riona Anthony, Calvin Paramasivan, Kyra Teo Shu-Yu, Lucerne Chock, Anchalai a/p Muthukaruppan

Sitted (L-R): Cheryl Yoon Chwee Teng, Kelvin Fong Soo Keong, Vivian Yun Kit Yee, Anson Lye Kiu Sang, Sherene Chan Choy Lai, Iris Lau Mei Tong, Eunice Chan Wai Leng, Jeff Chock Ming Tat, Averim Tan Chai Leng, Li Ying Jung

Standing (L-R): Wu Wenyuan, Natalie Fong Ji Cheng, Louis Fong Yew, Jiyong Park, Chew Ooi Kean, Sneha Thapa, Harsha Bhaskar Chavadi, Daniel Amarasingam Thuraiappah, Xavier Ariam Thuraiappah, Anushka Amara Thuraiappah, Reveka Elizabeth Thuraiappah, Rebecca Lau Ee Xin

MEMBERSHIP INTAKE



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for the new members

On 9 October 2016, 44 were received as church members at the Sunday Worship Service at Calvary Convention Centre. 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.

BABY DEDICATION

Five babies were dedicated to the Lord on 2 October 2016. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam prayed for the parents and their babies at the Sunday Worship Service at Calvary Convention Centre.



Michael and Cheryl Wong with their baby, Carly Madelene Wong Jing En



Vincent and Amanda Khoo with their baby, Hailey Khoo Hui En



Tan Yew Siong and Yze Shuan with their baby, Tytus Tan Cheng Ean



Chieng Wen and Meela Hu with their baby, Lucas Hu Shan Qi



Onyebuchi and Nicole Chukwuebuka with their baby, Onyebuchi David

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

A call to pray for the Nation on Malaysia Day was held on Friday, 16 September 2016 at Calvary Church Damansara Heights in collaboration with the Assemblies of God Prayer Commission. Calvarites prayed in unity and joined in one faith together for the Church of Jesus Christ in Malaysia as well as the various aspects of National needs such as government, economy, safety and education.



Han Joke Kwang and Gan Chew leading in corporate prayer respectively



Calvarites seeking the Lord

TUKANG KAYU DARI BETLEHEM

Oleh Pendita Kanan Prince Guneratnam

"Kemudian Yesus berangkat dari situ dan tiba di tempat asal-Nya, sedang murid-murid-Nya mengikuti Dia. Pada hari Sabat Ia mulai mengajar di rumah ibadat dan jemaat yang besar takjub ketika mendengar Dia dan mereka berkata: "Dari mana diperoleh-Nya semuanya itu? Hikmat apa pulakah yang diberikan kepada-Nya? Dan mujizat-mujizat yang demikian bagaimanakah dapat diadakan oleh tangan-Nya? Bukankah Ia ini tukang kayu, anak Maria, saudara Yakobus, Yoses, Yudas dan Simon? Dan bukankah saudara-saudara-Nya yang perempuan ada bersama kita?" Lalu mereka kecewa dan menolak Dia. Maka Yesus berkata kepada mereka: "Seorang nabi dihormati di mana-mana kecuali di tempat asalnya sendiri, di antara kaum keluarganya dan di rumahnya." Ia tidak dapat mengadakan satu mujizatpun di sana, kecuali menyembuhkan beberapa orang sakit dengan meletakkan tangan-Nya atas mereka. Ia merasa heran atas ketidakpercayaan mereka" (Markus 6:1-6).

Kebiasaan boleh merompak kita daripada perkara yang lebih baik dalam kehidupan. Apabila Yesus kembali melayani penduduk-penduduk di kampung halamanNya mereka menganggapNya sebagai seorang tukang kayu. Pada zaman itu, anak-anak lelaki biasanya mengikuti pekerjaan bapa mereka, dan bapa Yesus adalah seorang tukang kayu. Mereka juga mengenali ibuNya, Maria, dan adik beradikNya. Ini menyukari mereka untuk melihat Yesus sebagai apa-apa lebih daripada seorang tukang kayu. Mereka kagum apabila mereka melihat Yesus melakukan mukjizat yang luarbiasa dan mengajar dengan

kebijaksanaan yang hebat, dan "tersinggung terhadapNya". Ketiadaan iman mereka menyebabkan Yesus tidak dapat melakukan mukjizat lagi di kampung halamanNya.

Janganlah kita menjadi seperti orang-orang di kampung halaman Yesus. Janganlah kita membenarkan kebiasaan merompakkan apa yang Tuhan ingin melakukan dalam hidup kita. Kita boleh membenarkan kehadiran dalam gereja dan pemberian persembahan menjadi satu ibadah. Kita boleh menjadikan penyembahan kita, pendengaran ajaran dan doa-doa menjadi terlalu biasa dan terlepas apa yang Tuhan hendak mengatakan dan melakukan untuk kita. Sebaliknya, marilah kita datang dengan iman dan harapan untuk menerima daripada Yesus setiap kali kita menghadiri gereja.

Dalam tempoh tiga tahun terakhir kehidupan Yesus, Dia berpaling dari pertukangan, membuat dan memperbaiki barang kepada melayani orang-orang yang terikat dengan gaya hidup berdosa dan rosak dengan semua jenis keperluan. Yesus bukan sahaja menjadi seorang tukang memperbaiki barang tetapi tukang yang boleh mengubah orang-orang dan memberikan mereka suatu permulaan baru dalam kehidupan dengan harapan untuk masa depan, yang menyenangkan Tuhan.

1. YESUS BOLEH MENYELAMAKAN KITA, DALAM APA JUA KONDISI YANG KITA BERADA

Alkitab memberitahu sebuah kisah mengenai seseorang yang dirasuki roh jahat "legion" (istilah tentera Roman

yang bermaksud kekuatan penuh) syaitan-syaitan yang menyeksanya. Orang yang dirasuki syaitan itu tinggal di perkuburan dan mempunyai tingkah laku yang membinasakan. Alkitab mengatakan, "siang malam ia berkeliraran di perkuburan dan di bukit-bukit sambil berteriak-teriak dan memukuli dirinya dengan batu" (Markus 5:5). Beliau merupakan satu ancaman kepada orang ramai dan mereka takut akannya.

Yesus dan murid-murid-Nya datang ke pantai di mana orang yang dirasuki syaitan itu tinggal. Apabila dia ternampak Yesus dia bersujud dan menyembahNya. Orang itu mengakui yang dia mempunyai banyak syaitan-syaitan yang hidup di dalamnya, kemudian Yesus mengusir syaitan-syaitan itu. Syaitan-syaitan itu dibenarkan memasuki sekumpulan 2,000 ekor khinzir yang berhampiran. Khinzir-khinzir itu dengan segera bergegas terjun dari tebing jurang ke dalam danau Galilee dan mati lemas. Mereka yang mengenali orang itu terkejut apabila melihat yang dia telah dipulihkan. Alkitab mengatakan, "Mereka datang kepada Yesus dan melihat orang yang kerasukan itu duduk, sudah berpakaian dan sudah waras, orang yang tadinya kerasukan legion itu" (Markus 5:15).

Orang yang telah dipulihkan daripada rasukan iblis itu berputus untuk mengikuti Yesus tetapi Yesus berkata kepadanya, "Pulanglah ke rumahmu, kepada orang-orang sekampungmu, dan beritahukanlah kepada mereka segala sesuatu yang telah diperbuat oleh Tuhan atasmu dan bagaimana Ia telah mengasihani engkau!" Orang itupun pergilah dan mulai memberitakan di daerah Dekapolis segala apa yang telah diperbuat Yesus atas dirinya dan mereka semua menjadi heran" (Markus 5: 19-20).

Mungkin kita tidak mempunyai roh-roh jahat tetapi dosa-dosa di dalam kehidupan kita mempunyai kuasa untuk menjadikan kita hamba kepada tabiat-tabiat yang berdosa. Ini memberi kesan kepada perangai kita dan adalah pembinasakan kesejahteraan kita. Apa jua yang kamu melalui, Yesus mempunyai

segala kuasa dan autoritas untuk menyelamatkan kamu dari segala ikatan. Bukan lagi seorang tukang kayu memperbaiki barang, (Juruselamat dan Tuhan), Dia boleh memperbaiki setiap jenis kerosakan di dalam kehidupan kita. Percaya dan menerimanya sebagai Juruselamat dan Tuhan kamu dan Dia boleh membawa penyembuhan dan kebebasan daripada gaya hidup kamu yang berdosa dan membinasakan.

2. YESUS ADALAH PEMBERI HIDUP

Terdapat sebuah cerita Alkitab mengenai seorang wanita yang kehilangan suami dan tidak lama selepas itu, anak tunggalnya juga meninggal dunia (Lukas 7: 11-17). Janda-janda pada zaman itu menghadapi kesukaran bertahan dalam meneruskan kehidupan mereka. Yakobus menggambarkan mereka sebagai, "janda-janda dalam kesusahannya mereka" (Yakobus 1:27). Dengan jelasnya janda ini memerlukan anak tunggalnya untuk terus hidup. Yesus menemui janda ini di upacara pengebumian di mana dia membawa anak tunggalnya untuk dikebumikan.

Alkitab mengatakan, "Dan ketika Tuhan melihat janda itu, tergeraklah hati-Nya oleh belas kasihan, lalu Ia berkata kepadanya: "Jangan menanngis!" Sambil menghampiri usungan itu Ia menyentuhnya, dan sedang para pengusung berhenti, Ia berkata: "Hai anak muda, Aku berkata kepadamu, bangkitlah!" Maka bangunlah orang itu dan duduk dan mulai berkata-kata, dan Yesus menyerahkannya kepada ibunya (Lukas 7: 13-15). Yesus membangkitkan anak tunggal janda itu dari kematian. Yesus berkata, "Pencuri datang hanya untuk mencuri dan membunuh dan membinasakan; Aku datang, supaya mereka mempunyai hidup, dan mempunyainya dalam segala kelimpahan" (Yohanes 10:10). Beliau juga berkata, "Sesungguhnya barangsiapa mendengar perkataan-Ku dan percaya kepada Dia yang

mengutus Aku, ia mempunyai hidup yang kekal dan tidak turut dihukum, sebab ia sudah pindah dari dalam maut ke dalam hidup" (Yohanes 5:24).

Hari ini, Yesus dapat menghidupkan apa yang kamu menganggap telah mati, sama ada kehidupan yang telah kehilangan harapan, perhubungan yang buntu dan kehilangan peluang-peluang untuk berjaya dan makmur. Yesus yang membangkitkan seorang budak lelaki daripada maut, boleh membersihkan pesakit kusta, membuka mata yang buta dan memulihkan lagi seorang lumpuh.

Dia boleh menyembuhkan, menyelamatkan dan mengembalikan apa sahaja keperluan kamu. Raja Daud berkata, "Bangkitkanlah kembali padaku kegirangan karena selamat yang dari pada-Mu, dan lengkapilah aku dengan roh yang rela" (Mazmur 51:12).



3. YESUS ADALAH PENYARING HIDUP

Seorang tukang kayu yang mahir bukan sahaja mencantumkan pelbagai potongan buatanNya. Beliau juga mahir dalam mengemaskan sentuhan pelengkap. Dia menggunakan kertas pasir untuk melicinkan dan menggilap; beliau menambahkan warna dan minyak, untuk meningkatkan hasil barang buaatannya supaya ia bersinar.

Begitu juga, kita adalah hasil karya Tuhan. Kita boleh menjadi ciptaan baru dalam Kristus dan bersinar untukNya. Paulus berkata, "Jadi siapa yang ada di dalam Kristus, ia adalah ciptaan baru: yang lama

sudah berlalu, sesungguhnya yang baru sudah datang" (2 Korintus 5:17). Kita bagaikan garam dan terang dunia. Itulah sebabnya kita menyanyi, "Bersinar Yesus Bersinar!" Kita bersinar kerana Dia hidup di dalam kita, iaitu kehidupan yang baru yang kita miliki dalam Yesus.

Jika kita telah kehilangan sinar itu, Yesus boleh mengembalikan sinar itu ke dalam kehidupan kita. Alkitab mengatakan, "Bagi Dia, yang berkuasa menjaga supaya jangan kamu tersandung dan yang membawa kamu dengan tak bernoda dan penuh kegembiraan di hadapan kemuliaan-Nya" (Yudas 24).

Apabila Yesus mengemaskan sentuhan pelengkap kepada kehidupan kita, ia boleh menyakitkan, kerana ia melibatkan disiplin. Kerja-kerja kemas dan penggilapan boleh menyakiti tetapi ia berhasil. Alkitab mengatakan, "Memang tiap-tiap ganjaran pada waktu ia diberikan tidak mendatangkan sukacita, tetapi dukacita. Tetapi kemudian ia menghasilkan buah kebenaran yang memberikan damai kepada mereka yang dilatih olehnya. Sebab itu kuatkanlah tangan yang lemah dan lutut yang goyah" (Ibrani 12: 11-12). Jadilah orang yang mudah dibentuk, lembut, berkomited, berdedikasi dan rendah hati dan kamu akan bersyukur atas manfaatnya.

Bagi Yesus, yang bukan lagi tukang kayu barangan, (Juruselamat dan Tuhan), Alkitab mengatakan Dia adalah, "yang memimpin kita dalam iman, dan yang membawa iman kita itu kepada kesempurnaan" (Ibrani 12:2). Dia boleh menyelamatkan kamu dari segala ikatan, menjadikan kamu makhluk yang baru dan menjadi berkat untuk memberkati orang lain. Alkitab mengatakan, "Akan hal ini aku yakin sepenuhnya, yaitu Ia, yang memulai pekerjaan yang baik di antara kamu, akan meneruskannya sampai pada akhirnya pada hari Kristus Yesus" (Filipi 1: 6).

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dalam versi Indonesia melainkan dinyatakan.

来自伯利恒的木匠

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耶稣离开那里，来到自己的家乡；门徒也跟从他。到了安息日，他在会堂里教训人。众人听见，就甚稀奇，说：这人从那里有这些事呢？所赐给他的是甚麽智慧？他手所做的是何等的异能呢？这不是那木匠麽？不是马利亚的儿子雅各、约西、犹大、西门的长兄麽？他妹妹们不也是在我们这里麽？他们就厌弃他。（厌弃他：原文是因他跌倒）耶稣对他们说：大凡先知，除了本地、亲属、本家之外，没有不被人尊敬的。耶稣就在那里不得行甚麽异能，不过按手在几个病人身上，治好他们。他也诧异他们不信，就往周围乡村教训人去了。（马可福音6：1-6）

熟悉的事物能够抢夺我们生命里更美好的事。耶稣回到祂自己的家乡，服事那些认识祂为木匠身份的人。在耶稣时代，儿子通常跟随父亲在外贸易，耶稣的父亲正是一位木匠。他们也认识耶稣的母亲，马利亚以及他的兄弟和姐妹。这使他们很难看见耶稣木匠以外的身份。当他们看见耶稣行非凡的神迹以及充满智慧的教导时，他们感到极其惊讶，并且厌弃祂。他们的不信导致耶稣不能在祂的家乡做更多的奇迹。

让我们不要像耶稣家乡里的人一样。让我们阻止熟悉的事物抢夺神要在我们生命里做的事。我们可能让出席聚会及奉献成为一种仪式。我们可以把我们的敬拜，听道及祷告变得太熟悉而错过上帝想要做的事或说的话。相反，让我们在每一次参加教会时以信心和期盼领受耶稣。

在耶稣生平最后的三年，他从制造及维修东西的木匠转为帮助破碎的人、被罪恶捆绑的人以及有各种需要的人。耶稣不再是维修东西的木匠，而是救主能够改变人，赐给他

们讨神喜悦并对于未来有盼望的新生命。

1. 无论我们处在什么情况里，耶稣都能释放我们。

圣经告诉我们关于一个人被名为“群”的污鬼附身（罗马军事术语的意思为充满力量）并折磨他。这被污鬼附身的人就住在坟茔里，并有破坏性的行为。圣经说“他昼夜常在坟茔里和山中喊叫，又用石头砍自己。”（马可福音5：5）。对于民众来说他是一个威胁，民众都惧怕他。

耶稣和门徒来到这污鬼附身的人所居住的岸边。当他看见耶稣，就跪下并且拜祂。这男人承认许多污鬼附在他身上，耶稣便把这些污鬼从他身上赶出来。耶稣准许这些污鬼进约2000头猪群里，附着猪去。于是猪群闯下悬崖掉到加利利海淹死了。那些认识他的人们看到他痊愈了都感到惊奇。圣经说，“他们来到耶稣那里，看见那被鬼附着的人，就是从前被群鬼所附的，坐着，穿上衣服，心里明白过来，他们就害怕。”（可5：15）。那被鬼附身的人得着释放以后决定跟随耶稣，但耶稣对他说，“你回家去，到你的亲属那里，将主为你所做的是何等大的事，是怎样怜悯你，都告诉他们。那人就走了，在低加波利传扬耶稣为他做了何等大的事，众人就都希奇（可5：15）。

我们可能没有污鬼附身，但是我们生命里的罪有能力使我们成为罪行的奴隶。这会影响我们的性格，破坏我们的生命。无论你正在经历什么，耶稣拥有能力和权柄把我们所有捆绑中释放我们。耶稣不再是一个木匠而是救主，祂能解决我们生活中每一个破碎的事。相信并接受祂作你的救主，祂可以带来医治并把你从罪恶和带来灭亡的生活中

释放你。

2. 耶稣是赐生命的主

圣经里有一个故事关于一个女人，失去丈夫不久后，唯一的儿子也去世了。（路加福音7：11-17）。在耶稣时代，寡妇的生活非常困苦。雅各描述她们为“在患难中的寡妇”（雅各书1：27）。显然的，这寡妇需要她的儿子才能生存。耶稣在这妇女准备埋葬她儿子的丧礼里遇见她。

圣经说，“主看见那寡妇，就怜悯他，对他说：不要哭！於是进前按着杠，抬的人就站住了。耶稣说：少年人，我吩咐你，起来！那死人就坐起，并且说话。耶稣便把他交给他母亲。。（路加福音7：13-15）。耶稣叫寡妇的儿子从死里复活。耶稣说，“盗贼来，无非要偷窃，杀害，毁坏；我来了，是要叫羊（或作：人）得生命，并且得的更丰盛。（约翰福音10：10）。祂也说“我实实在在的告诉你们，那听我话、又信差我来者的，就有永生；不至於定罪，是已经出死入生了。”约翰福音（5：24）



今天，耶稣能够赐生命给那些你以为已经“死”了的事情，可能是绝望的生命，破碎的关系，或者是一个使你成功及兴旺的机会。使那男孩从死里复活的耶稣能够洁净麻风病，使瞎眼的能看见，瘸腿的得痊愈。无论你的需要是什么，耶稣都能够医治，释放及恢复。大卫王如此说，“求你使我仍得救恩之乐，赐我乐意的灵扶持我”（诗篇51：12）。

3. 耶稣是生命的陶造者

一个有技术的木匠不仅把自己的各件作品放在一起。他还会作最后的修饰。他会用砂纸打磨和擦亮；他会增添作品的色彩，使完成的作品更有光泽。

同样的，我们是神的作品。在基督里我们成为新造的人并为主发光照耀。保罗说“若有人在基督里，他就是新造的人，旧事已过，都变成新的了。”（哥林多后书5：17）我们是世界的盐和光，因此我们高唱“耶稣照耀！”我们能够发光照

耀因为祂住在我们生命里面，就是我们在耶稣里得着的新生命。

如果我们失去照耀的光芒，耶稣能够再次使我们的生命发光照耀。圣经说“那能保守你们不失脚、叫你们无瑕无疵、欢欢喜喜站在他荣耀之前的我们的救主—独一的神”（犹大书24）

当耶稣在我们生命里做最后修饰的工作时，也许会感到痛苦，因为这涉及到纪律。最后的修饰和打磨可能是痛苦的，但却能结出果子。圣经说“凡管教的事，当时不觉得快乐，反觉得愁苦；后来却为那经练过的人结出平安的果子，就是义。”（希伯来书12：11-12）所以，你们要把下垂的手、发酸的腿、挺起来；也要为自己的脚，把道路修直了，使瘸子不至歪脚（或作：差路），反得痊愈。当你愿意屈服，柔韧，委身，献身及谦卑时，你会因为这样而带来的好处感到感恩。

耶稣不再是木匠而是救主，圣经说他是“为我们信心创始成终的耶稣

，他能够就我们脱离一切捆绑，让我们成为新造的人，并成为别人的祝福。圣经说，“我深信那在你们心里动了善工的，必成全这工，直到耶稣基督的日子。

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- 12** Rev. Dr. Fred Seaward
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- 19** Associate Pastor Peter Ong
- 26** Associate Pastor David Seah

Calvary Convention Centre Sunday at 9.00am

- 06** Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
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- 13** Rev. Dr. Margaret Seaward
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- 20** Associate Pastor David Seah
- 27** Associate Pastor Peter Ong

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Time: 11.30am
Venue: Theatre 1, Level B2, CCC
Speaker: Senior Associate Pastor
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Time: 11.30am
Venue: Room b1.03, Level B1, CCC
Speaker: Associate Pastor David Seah

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