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**If we are going to possess what God says is ours, or claim His promises, we need to understand the importance of faith and obedience.**

**In the Old Testament, we see the children of Israel trusting God's authority, and obeying His instructions under the leadership of Joshua and this was how they possessed the Promised Land.**

God commanded Joshua, "... Arise, Go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them- the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses" (Joshua 1:2-3). "Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, 'Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, "Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.'" And to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua spoke, saying, 'Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, "The Lord your God is giving you rest and is giving you this land." Your wives, your little ones, and your livestock shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan. But you shall pass before your brethren armed, all your mighty men of valor, and help them, until the Lord has given your brethren rest, as He gave you,

and they also have taken possession of the land which the Lord your God is giving them. Then you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side of the Jordan toward the sunrise" (Joshua 1:10-15). The chain of command began with God to Joshua who faithfully instructed his officers of the various tribes, and heads of families to their children, until everyone was aware of the command.

The Bible says, "So they answered Joshua, saying, 'All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the LORD your God be with you, as He was with Moses. Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage'" (Joshua 1:16-18). Each one in the chain of command submitted to the authority of Joshua which originated from God.

When God instructs us, we are to obey, it is theocratic. It is not democratic, as no choice is involved. The Bible teaches a theocratic system of government. It is very authoritative in its leadership and relationship. For instance, the Bible says, we must repent for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). It also instructs us to confess with our mouth and believe in our hearts to be saved (Romans 10:9). We are commissioned to go and preach the Gospel in all the world (Mark 16:5). Our response is to trust God and obey. As the lyrics of the beautiful hymn says, "Trust and obey, for there is no other way". The problem with human nature, is it struggles with submission. But when God says so, there are no buts, no ifs. That was how the children of Israel responded to God's authority, if that was what the Lord said, they obeyed.

God does not speak to masses or to communities, because if He does, they will take a vote! He always speaks through His servant, who will declare His Word. For example, He found an Abraham, a Moses, a Joshua, His prophets and in the New Testament, a Paul, Peter, James and many more. This is God's method, He speaks through his chosen individual. The Church needs to understand God's method



of communication. The responsibility of God's people is to follow God's chosen leader. God's chosen leader is called, anointed and God's gift to the church (Ephesians 4:11).

There is a distinction between ministers and ministries. Ministers are God's gifts to the church, such as Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers (Ephesians 4:18). Ministries are gifts of the Holy Spirit and He gives as He wills, to spirit-filled believers (1 Corinthians 12:1,4-11). The Bible also speaks of other ministry gifts such as administration, hospitality, exhortation and many more (Romans 12:8). Therefore, all in the body of Christ can have a ministry.

### **THE STORY OF A SUCCESSFUL MAN AND THE USHER.**

This is a true story. A successful man came to a church and was

irritated because he was told by the usher where to sit. This made him critical of the church and he began to analyse, trying to find reasons for his criticism. He rationalised, "Churches are known to be free for all. The ushers are volunteers and it is free seating!" But somehow, he did not stop coming to church, because of the pulpit ministry. He continued coming, Sunday after Sunday, until the Holy Spirit dealt with him and he realised his pride. He thought of himself more important than the others and should not be told where to sit. He was not used to being told, when he was the one who told others what to do.

Further more, he was told where to sit by an usher, who was a volunteer and not by someone more important, like the Pastor. He did not realise that the usher was only

carrying out a responsibility given by the Pastor and all the believers in the Church belong to the family of God.

When he realised his own pride, he repented and began to grow and develop. The breakthrough came when he learnt to surrender his life to God, trust delegated authority and obey living the Christ life. Remember, God gives ministers and ministries to His church. When you submit to delegated authority and obey, pleasing God, it is a great testimony to both the believer and to others. For instance, follow the worship leader, as he gives direction during the praise and worship time, do not come late and leave before the benediction. Ministries in the church have delegated authority. They are part of the chain of command.







**FOR US TO POSSESS GOD'S PROMISES, THERE ARE THREE BASIC STEPS TO POSSESS BY TRUSTING AND OBEYING.**

**1. ADHERE TO THE TIME PERIOD.**

Joshua told the Israelites, "Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days, you will cross over this Jordan (Joshua 1:11). God has a time for everything. God gave Joshua three days for preparations. Many want to obey but refuse to move in God's time. Submitting to trusting and obeying in God's time, may involve a change or readjustment in your priorities. Check your priorities and align them to God's priorities and move in God's time.

**2. HELP THOSE WHO HAVE NOT ENTERED THEIR POSSESSION.**

The nation of Israel has 12 tribes. The tribes, Reubenites, Gadites and half the tribe of Manasseh had already taken possession of their land. So Joshua commanded them to leave their families behind to join and help the other nine and a-half tribes to possess theirs (Joshua 1:12-15). The message here is, we must be willing to leave our comfort zone of God's blessings and be a blessing to those of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10)

and even more so to those who are potential believers (Acts 1:8).

We need to be warned of the danger of isolating ourselves from those who are outside of their possession, and be critical, impatient and self-centred. We are to pursue unity, "being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3, NASB).

**3. SUBMIT TO THE LORD AND THE LORD'S ORDAINED SERVANT.**

The Bible says, "Then Joshua rose early in the morning; and they set out from Acacia Grove and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over. So it was, after three days, that the officers went through the camp; and they commanded the people, saying, 'When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before.' And Joshua said to the people, 'Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you'" (Joshua 3:1-5). The

"ark of the covenant" represents the presence of God. The Lord told Joshua to instruct the priests who were carrying the Ark to cross over the Jordan River first and the people were to follow behind the priests at a specified distance. Despite the danger of stepping into the fast-moving flood waters of the Jordan at that time, the priests trusted and obeyed Joshua's instruction. They crossed over safely, as God had promised Joshua. The Bible says, "And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap" (Joshua 3:13). In any miracle, God looks to us to partner with him, we need to trust and obey His instructions by submitting to the leadership God puts over us.

**WHAT IS SUBMISSION?**

Submission is often misunderstood. Submission is not domination, nor subjugation, nor lack of responsibility for our actions. Biblical submission is not blind submission. What happened to the followers of cult leader, Jim Jones of Guyana, was blind submission. When we submit we must know that that the leader is called by God, anointed and a gift to the church and the instructions are Scriptural.

May we by God's grace possess what God has promised us by trusting and obeying the Word of God through God's chain of command.

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



# YOUTH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

By Timothy Yee



Joyous worship as we celebrate the King of Kings

Christmas is one of the best times of the year! A joyous occasion where we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

On Saturday, 17 December 2016, at Calvary Youth Fellowship – CY Nights, the young people came together to “Unwrap” the meaning of Christmas and took a look at the origins of our Christmas traditions. We had fun and celebrated with great food, crazy Christmas games, good fellowship and learning from the Word of God.

The next day, 18 December 2016, the Teens 1 (12-14 year olds) had their Christmas Celebration, themed, “Of Christmas Baubles and Candy Canes”. The teens were reminded through this celebration that, Christmas is not just about the decorations, candy canes or presents. Rather, it is about celebrating God’s greatest gift to all of us, Jesus, God’s only Son.

We thank God for the opportunity to sow seeds of the Gospel in the lives of potential believers and for the 20 youths who responded to rededicate their lives to God during these celebrations.

Calvary Youth Fellowship – CY Nights ministers to young people aged 12 to 24 on Saturdays, 7pm – 9pm at Calvary Damansara Heights fortnightly.

Teens 1 ministers to youths aged 12 to 14 every Sunday (except every first Sunday) at Theatre 1, Level B2, Calvary Convention Centre from 9am – 11am.

Find out more about our meetings and exciting events for 2017 at [www.facebook.com/calvaryyouthmy](http://www.facebook.com/calvaryyouthmy)



Praying for our youths



Paper ball fight since we don't have snow



# LIFE STORY

## BEING ANOINTED WITNESSES BY TRUSTING AND OBEYING GOD

By Jeffrey Teow

In November 2015, my Life Group (LG) and I visited a friend of mine who was in coma as a result of stroke and residing at a nursing home in Kuala Lumpur. We were reminded of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), and some LG members saw the nursing home as a good opportunity to share the Gospel.

We continued to visit and pray for my friend and we started to share the Gospel with some other residents at the home. Initially, they were not open and always gave reasons like they are too old to change, and that they have heard the Gospel before through their Christian relatives and friends but they have continued to pray to their gods who are good to them.

Despite their 'cold shoulder' we persevered to share the Gospel on a one-to-one basis with some residents. To the glory of God, three ladies accepted Christ by the fourth month. We were much encouraged and this gave us the boldness to approach the management of the nursing home to allow us to conduct monthly gatherings with the residents.

Praise the Lord for opening the door! We started having regular gatherings since April 2016. During the first few gatherings, the response was not encouraging, but God gave us the understanding that as we do our part, being witnesses and as watch

men, He will do His part. Conviction is God's responsibility. Praise God, by the end of 2016, a total of 11 residents have accepted the Lord.

On a personal note, I was back in Penang in April 2016, and tried to share the Gospel with my fourth brother. He avoided me, knowing my intention and purpose. However, God gave me an opportunity as he graciously gave me a ride to the airport, a journey of about 40 minutes from his house. Knowing that he would probably be resistant to the Gospel, I only talked about work during the journey. When we reached the airport, he accepted my invitation to buy him coffee. I had the opportunity to use the tract (Gulf

Bridge) to share with him. Praise the Lord, he accepted the Lord and said the sinner's prayer. Immediately I gave him a Bible and he attended Church the same weekend (I did some follow-up, by finding a Church near his house and connected him to the Church). Since then, he has been attending the Sunday services at the church and God has blessed my brother, his relationship with his family has improved. God is good and faithful.

Be encouraged to trust and obey God, because God never disappoints!

All Glory to God for what He has done.

Jeffrey Teow with his fourth brother





# MEN'S BRUNCH WITH PASTOR MAURY DAVIS "A CHANGE OF HEART"

By Raymond Ow



Pastor Maury Davis sharing his testimony passionately

The Men's Brunch on Saturday, 14 January 2017 at the Multipurpose and Banquet Hall, Calvary Convention Centre attracted the participation of 107 men. It started with a sumptuous brunch and after a time of worship led by Karl Edwards, the participants were ready to hear Pastor Maury Davis's testimony on his unique "Change of Heart".

One day he was arrested and jailed for being involved in a murder encounter. In prison he was given a Bible by the attorney who represented him. He witnessed the suicides (separately) of two inmates who had given up all hope on life. This shook him up pretty much. One night, while sleeping on his bunk, he felt an inmate's knife at his throat, but another inmate, Tommy, a believer, who was serving a 75-year prison sentence, came to his aid and saved his life. Tommy shared the Gospel with him and he gave his life to God and experienced a transformation in his heart. He says, "Changing our mind is our job; changing our heart is God's job."

He was delivered from the bad habit of cursing and overcame his insecurity. He became confident and became a radical believer in God. He has experienced this truth

powerfully, "For He who is in me is greater than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). He was unexpectedly released from prison, with his prison sentence shortened to eight and a-half years. God not only blessed him, but saved his family too. Both his mother and step-father gave their hearts to Jesus during one Christmas.

Today, Pastor Davis has served the Lord for over 40 years. Cornerstone Church which he pastors is one of the biggest in Tennessee, United States. It has impacted over 18,000 personal salvations and has planted over 2,000 churches worldwide.



Associate Pastor Peter Ong praying for the men

God is awesome. He has transformed Pastor Davis from his background of shame to one of abundant redemption and grace. All present were greatly encouraged by his sharing. Associate Pastor Peter Ong prayed for the needs of the men at the close of the meeting.



Men worshipping the Lord

Pastor Davis had a sombre childhood. When he was five years old, his father left home and his mother remarried. At the aged of 12, faced with a non-connecting step-father, he turned to drugs and was involved in a robbery. When he was 18, his own dad visited him and tried to talk him out of his wayward life and about God. But he did not believe there is a God, then.

Men fellowshiping while having a sumptuous brunch





# MISSIONS EMPHASIS:

By Jonathan Lim



Pastor Maury Davis sharing a powerful message



Praying for Faith Promise partners

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” (Isaiah 61:1-2)

Missions Emphasis kicked-off on Friday, 13 January 2017 with an exhortation, “To Change or Not To Change” by pastor Maury Davis, an experienced Pastor with 40 years of ministry under his belt.

Pastor Davis highlighted the differences between the decisions of Orpah and Ruth, daughters-in-law of Naomi, to illustrate the importance of being willing to accept challenges and leave our comfort zone in order to move into higher levels of spirituality. After the deaths of their husbands and father-in-law, Orpah chose to go back to her own family while Ruth chose to follow her mother-in-law and embrace the God Naomi worships. The rest is history, Ruth was the grandmother of King David and is listed among the lineage of Jesus.

At the Faith Promise services on 14-15 January 2017 at Damansara Heights and Calvary Convention Centre respectively, the Church family was treated to an inspiring

song, “Tell the Message”, sung in English, Mandarin, Bahasa Malaysia and Tagalog. This was followed by an edifying missions video report by our Missions Director, Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng. Highlights of the video included Calvary’s Missions report for projects such as the Jahut Bible translation, outreach to the Rakhine refugees children, and testimony of how the Nepalese church benefitted from the short-term missions trip by Calvarites. Other highlights included the global missions involvement of Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam’s preach

ing ministry at the Pentecostal World Conference in Brazil and other seminars in India and Kenya in 2016.

Pastor Davis shared on “A Place Call Best”, stirring us to trust and believe God for more in our life. He illustrated with his experiences in Kenya, where he built 2,000 church buildings. Life on the low plains was tough as compared to life on the highlands of Kenya. The analogy is we are created to live on the mountain tops, like the eagles Pastor Davis saw on the Kenyan mountains. The walk to the mountain top was exhausting for him. The message to us is that our journey of faith takes effort and we need to depend on God’s strength.

The Bible says, “And they shall not sell or exchange any of it; they may not alienate this best part of the land, for it is holy to the Lord” (Ezekiel 48:14). God assigns the best



Calvarites seeking the Lord on Friday



# PROCLAIM



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for the congregation



Calvarites responding to the Faith Promise pledges at Calvary Convention Centre



Calvarites exercising their faith at Calvary Damansara Heights

for the tribe of Levites, who were the priests in the Old Testament days. Today, we are the priests of God, and He has given us the best. Pastor Davis gave us five tips on how to possess the best that God has in store for each of us. First, we must believe it. Second, we must see it, in our minds. Third, we must claim it. Fourth, we need to take it. And lastly, we need to pay for it, by exercising faith in God. We were inspired by both biblical examples and personal testimonies Pastor Davis used to illustrate each tip.

Calvarites were challenged to exercise faith and make a Faith

Promise pledge. Senior Pastor led us in a corporate declaration that we will trust and obey God in fulfilling our Faith Promise pledge as God blesses us.

The Church family is thankful to God for the Church's vibrant Missions involvement and the opportunity to participate in fulfilling the Great Commission through our Faith Promise pledges. May God richly bless each Faith Promise partner for the extension of His Kingdom.

*(Pastor Maury Davis' sermons can be watched online via our **Calvaryone** YouTube channel)*



Rev. Sally Leong receiving her award from Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam for recognition of her 10 years faithful service as Ministry Supervisor at Calvary Sunshine Home

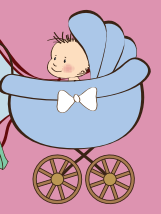
## CONGRATULATIONS

to Rev. Sally Leong  
whose faithfulness in service  
was recognised on  
Sunday, 15 January 2017 at  
Missions Emphasis Service at  
Calvary Convention Centre.





# Baby Dedication



On 12 February 2017, 10 babies were dedicated to the Lord by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam at the Sunday Worship Service at Calvary Convention Centre. They also prayed for the parents, together with their grandparents, that they will bring up their children in the ways of the Lord.



**L-R :** Chow Tze Foong & Chong Sow Lin with their baby Ian Chow Ke Yang, Dwayne & Joe Reen Perry Kiat-Ong Gelacio with their baby Amanda May-Anne Koek Gelacio, Joseph & Glennise Tan with their baby Zacus Tan Jin Yang, Leow Yuon Yau & Ng Fong Lan with their baby Elisha Leow Hui En, Steven & Sakvinderjit Tanivill with their baby Semira Steven



**L-R :** Suresh & Anna Jayaseelan with their baby Chaynan Jayakumar, Lai Wei Min & Sum Siew Hui with their baby Micah Lai Yi Qian, Raymond & Rowena Prakash Peter with their baby Annika Natalia-Anne Peter, Adrian & Joanne Ng with their baby Joshua Sage Ng Ching En, Yap Eu-Jay & Sara Sarita Sarma with their baby Asher Kyzen Yap



# 神的指令系统

文：古纳南主任牧师

**如果我们要得著神所说是我们的，或支取他的应许，我们需要理解信心和顺服的重要性。在旧约中，我们看到以色列的子民依靠神的权柄，在约书亚的领导下遵守他的指示，这就是他们如何得著应许之地。**

神命令约书亚说：「…现在你要起来，和众百姓过这约旦河，往我所要赐给以色列人的地去。凡你们脚掌所踏之地，我都照我所应许摩西的话赐给你们了」（书1:2-3）。「于是，约书亚吩咐百姓的官长说：『你们要走遍营中，吩咐百姓说：『当预备食物，因为三日之内你们要过这约旦河，进去得耶和华—你们神赐给你们为业之地。』』」约书亚对吕便人、迦得人和玛拿西半支派的人说：『你们要记得耶和华的仆人摩西所吩咐你们的话说：『耶和华—你们的神使你们得享安宁，必将这地赐给你们。』你们的妻子、孩子和牲畜可以留在约旦河东、摩西所给你们的地。但你们中间所有大能的勇士都要带着兵器，在你们的弟兄前面过去，你们要帮助他们。等到耶和华使你们的弟兄和你们一样得享平静，并且得着耶和华—你们神所赐他们为业之地的时侯，你们才可以回到你们所得之地，承受为业，就是耶和华的仆人摩西在约旦河东、向日出的方向所给你们的地。』」（书1:10-15）。这指令是从神对约书亚开始，他忠实地指示他各支派的官长和家到他们的孩子，直到大家都知道这指令。

圣经上说道：『他们回答约书亚说：“凡你吩咐我们的，我们都必做；凡你差我们去的地方，我们都必去。我们在一切事上怎样听从摩西，也必照样听你。惟愿耶和华—你的神与你同在，像与摩西同在一样。无论什么人违背你的命令，不听从你所吩咐他的一切话，就必处死。你只要刚强壮胆！”』」（书1:16-18）。在指令系统中的每一个人都顺服约书亚的权柄，这权柄是起源于神的。

当神指示我们，我们要顺服，这是神权的统治。这不是民主，因为没有涉及选择。圣经教导神权的统治制度。它在其领导和关系方面非常具有权威性。例如，圣经说，我们必须悔改使罪得赦免（徒2:38）。它也指示我们要口里宣认和心里相信我们就必得救（罗10:9）。我们受命要往普天下去传福音（可16:15）。我们的回应是要信靠神和顺服。正如美丽的赞美诗的歌词所说：『信靠顺服以外并无别法』。人性的问题是它与顺从争斗。

但是当神如此说的话，不要找借口或理由。这就是以色列人如何回应上帝的权柄，如果这是耶和华所吩咐的，他们就顺服。

神不对群众或群体说话，因为如果他这样做，他们将会以投票来决定！他常常是通过他的仆人说话，他将宣告他的话。例如，他找到了一个亚伯拉罕，摩西，约书亚，他的先知和在新约中找到了一个保罗，彼得，雅各等人。这是神的方法，他通过他所拣选的个人说话。教会需要理解神的传达方式。神子民的责任就是跟随神所拣选的领袖。神所拣选的领袖被呼召，受膏抹和是神给教会的恩赐（弗4:11）。

牧者和事奉之间是有区别的。牧师是神给教会的恩赐，例如：使徒，先知，传道人，牧者和教师（弗4:18）。事奉是圣灵的恩赐，是他随着自己的旨意分给受圣灵充满的信徒（林前12:1，4-11）。圣经也有说到其他的事奉的恩赐，例如：治理的，款待的，劝勉的等等和更多（罗12:8）。因此，所有在基督的身体里的信徒都可以有一个事奉。

## 一位成功人士和招待员的故事

这是一个真实的故事。有一位成功的人士来到一间教会，他很生气因为招待员指示他要坐的座位。这使他对教会感到不满，他开始分析，试图寻找他不满的理由。他的理由是「众所周知，教会是对任何人开放的。招待员是志愿者，座位是不设划位！」因为讲台的事奉，他还是照样，没有停止上教会。他一个星期天接着一个星期天地来参加聚会，直到圣灵对付他，他才意识到他的骄傲。他认为自己比别人更重要，不应该坐在要他坐的地方。当他是吩咐别人做事的人，他不习惯照人的吩咐去做。

此外，他是被一位当招待员的志愿者指示在那里坐，而不是更重要如牧师的人物。他不知道那位招待员只是执行牧师所委派的任务，教会中所有的信徒都是属于神的家庭。

当他意识到自己的骄傲，他就悔改，并开始成长与发展。当他学会将自己的生命交给神，信任被授权者和顺服过基督的生活时，他得到突破。记住，神赐给他的教会牧师和各样的事奉。当你顺从被授权者和顺服，讨神的喜悦，这是给信徒和他人一个伟大的见证。例如，跟随主领敬拜领袖，当他在赞美和敬拜的时候给的指示，不要迟到和在祝祷前离开。教会的各样事奉都获授权力。他们是指令系统的一部分。

## 我们要得著神的应许，需有藉由信靠和顺服的三个基本步骤。

### 1. 坚守时间期限

约书亚吩咐以色列人说：『当预备食物，因为三日之内你们要过这约旦河，进去得耶和华—你们神赐给你们为业之地』」（书1:11）。神凡事都有定时。神给约书亚三

天准备。许多人想要顺服，但拒绝在神定的时间行动。顺从于信靠和顺服神的时间，可能涉及你的优先事项的改变或调整。检查你的优先事项，并使它们与神的优先事项对齐，并在神定的时间行动。

### 2. 帮助那些还没有得著他们地土的人

以色列人有12个支派。吕便人、迦得人和玛拿西半支派的人已经得著他们的土地。所以约书亚吩咐他们要离开他们的家人，加入并帮助其他九个半支派的人去得著他们的地土（书1:12-15）。这里的信息是，我们必须愿意离开我们蒙神祝福的舒适区，并成为信徒一家的人的祝福（加6:10），更是要为那些是潜在信徒的人（徒1:8）。

我们需要防备有可能将自己与那些在得自己地土之外的人隔离，并且成为批判，不耐烦和以自我为中心的危险。我们要追求合一，「以和平彼此联系，竭力保持圣灵所赐的合一」（弗4:3）。

### 3. 顺从耶和华和耶和华所按立的仆人

圣经上说道：『约书亚清早起来，和以色列众人起行，离开什亭，来到约旦河，过河以前住在那里。过了三天，官长走遍营中，吩咐百姓说：“当你们看见利未家的祭司抬着耶和华—你们神的约柜的时候，你们就要起行离开所住的地方，跟着约柜走，使你们知道所当走的路，因为这条路是你们从来没有走过的。只是你们要与约柜相隔约二千肘，不可太靠近约柜。”』约书亚吩咐百姓说：“你们要使自己分别为圣，因为明天耶和华必在你们中间行奇事。”」（书3:1-5）。『神的约柜』代表神的同在。耶和华吩咐约书亚指示抬着约柜的祭司先越过约旦河，众人要在指定距离跟随祭司。尽管当时有踏入约旦快速流动的洪水的危险，祭司信靠并顺服约书亚的指示。他们安全地过去，正如神应许约书亚。圣经上说道：『当抬耶和华全地之主约柜的祭司，脚掌踏入约旦河水里的时候，约旦河的水，就是从上往下流的水，必然中断，竖立成垒』（书3:13）。在任何奇迹中，神都期望我们与他合作，我们需要信靠并顺服祂的指示，藉顺从神为我们委派的领袖。

## 什么是顺从？

顺从常常被误解。顺从不是压迫，也不是征服，也不是为我们的行动不负责任。圣经的顺从不是盲目的顺从。邪教领袖，圭亚那的吉姆琼斯的追随者的遭遇，是盲目的顺从。当我们顺从时，我们必须知道那领袖是被神呼召的，受膏抹和给教会的恩赐和他的指示是符合圣经的教导。

愿我们凭着神的恩典，通过信靠和顺服神的话藉由神的指令系统，得著神应许我们和说是我们的。

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# RANTAIAN PERINTAH TUHAN

Oleh Pendita Kanan Prince Guneratnam

**Jika kita memiliki apa yang Tuhan berkata adalah milik kita, atau menuntut janji-janji-Nya, kita perlu memahami kepentingan iman dan ketaatan. Dalam Perjanjian Lama, kita melihat umat Israel mempercayai kuasa Tuhan, dan mentaati segala perintah-Nya di bawah pimpinan Yosua dan ini adalah bagaimana mereka berjaya memiliki Tanah Perjanjian.**

Tuhan memerintahkan Joshua, "...bersiaplah sekarang, seberangilah sungai Yordan ini, engkau dan seluruh bangsa ini, menuju negeri yang akan Kuberikan kepada mereka, kepada orang Israel itu. Setiap tempat yang akan diinjak oleh telapak kakimu Kuberikan kepada kamu, seperti yang telah Kujanjikan kepada Musa" (Yosua 1:2-3). "Lalu Yosua memberi perintah kepada pengatur-pengatur pasukan bangsa itu, katanya: "Jalanilah seluruh perkemahan dan perintahkanlah kepada bangsa itu, demikian: Sediakanlah bekalmu, sebab dalam tiga hari kamu akan menyeberangi sungai Yordan ini untuk pergi menduduki negeri yang akan diberikan Tuhan, Tuhanmu, kepadamu untuk diduduki." Kepada orang Ruben, kepada orang Gad dan kepada suku Manasye yang setengah itu berkatalah Yosua, demikian: "Ingatlah kepada perkataan yang dipesankan Musa, hamba TUHAN itu, kepadamu, yakni: Tuhan, Tuhanmu, mengaruniakan keamanan kepadamu dan memberikan kepadamu negeri ini; perempuan-perempuan dan anak-anak di antara kamu dan ternakmu boleh tinggal di negeri yang diberikan Musa kepadamu di seberang sungai Yordan, tetapi kamu, semua pahlawan yang gagah perkasa, haruslah menyeberang di depan saudara-saudaramu dengan bersenjata, dan haruslah menolong mereka, sampai TUHAN mengaruniakan keamanan kepada saudara-saudaramu seperti kepada kamu juga, dan mereka juga menduduki negeri yang akan diberikan kepada mereka oleh Tuhanmu. Kemudian bolehlah kamu pulang kembali ke negerimu sendiri dan menduduki negeri yang diberikan Musa, hamba Tuhan itu, kepadamu di seberang sungai Yordan, di sebelah matahari terbit" (Yosua 1:10-15). Rantailah perintah bermula

dengan Tuhan kepada Yosua yang dengan setianya mengarahkan pegawainya daripada pelbagai suku kaum, dan ketua-ketua keluarga untuk anak-anak mereka, sehingga semua orang sedar arahan tersebut.

Alkitab berkata, "Lalu mereka menjawab Yosua, katanya: "Segala yang kau perintahkan kepada kami akan kami lakukan dan ke manapun kami akan kau suruh, kami akan pergi; sama seperti kami mendengarkan perintah Musa, demikianlah kami akan mendengarkan perintahmu. Hanya, TUHAN, kiranya menyertai engkau, seperti Ia menyertai Musa. Setiap orang yang menentang perintahmu dan tidak mendengarkan perkataannya, apapun yang kau perintahkan kepadanya, dia akan dihukum mati. Hanya, kuatkan dan teguhkanlah hatimu!" (Yosua 1:16-18). Setiap satu dalam rantailah perintah dikemukakan kepada pihak berkuasa Yosua yang berasal dari TUHAN.

Apabila Tuhan mengajar kita, kita harus taat, ianya adalah teokratik. Ia bukannya demokratik, kerana tidak melibatkan pilihan. Alkitab mengajar sistem teokratik kerajaan. Ia adalah sangat berwibawa dalam kepimpinan dan perhubungannya. Sebagai contoh, Alkitab mengatakan, kita mesti bertaubat untuk pengampunan dosa-dosa (Kisah Para Rasul 2:38). Ia juga mengajar kita untuk mengaku dengan mulut kita dan percaya di dalam hati kita untuk diselamatkan (Roma 10:9). Kami ditugaskan untuk pergi dan memberitakan Injil di seluruh dunia (Markus 16:5). Respon kita adalah untuk mempercayai Tuhan dan taat. Seperti lirik lagu pujian yang indah berkata, "Percaya dan taat, kerana tidak ada cara lain". Masalah dengan sifat manusia, ia

bergelut dengan penyerahan. Tetapi apabila Tuhan berkata begitu, tidak ada tetapi, tidak ada jika. Itulah bagaimana orang Israel merespon kepada autoritas Tuhan, jika itu adalah apa yang Tuhan berkata, mereka taat.

Tuhan tidak berkata-kata kepada orang ramai atau kepada masyarakat, kerana jika Ia lakukan, mereka akan mengambil undi! Ia senantiasa bercakap melalui hamba-Nya, yang akan mengisytiharkan Firman-Nya. Sebagai contoh, Ia mendapati Abraham, Musa, Yosua, nabi-nabiNya dan di dalam Perjanjian Baru, Paulus, Petrus, Yakobus dan banyak lagi. Ini adalah kaedah Tuhan, Dia berbicara melalui individu pilihanNya. Gereja perlu memahami kaedah Tuhan komunikasi. Tanggungjawab umat Tuhan adalah untuk mengikuti pemimpin pilihan Tuhan. Pemimpin pilihan Tuhan dipanggil, diurapi dan merupakan anugerah Tuhan kepada gereja itu (Efesus 4:11).

Ada perbezaan antara pelayan dan pelayanan. Pelayan adalah anugerah Tuhan kepada gereja, seperti Rasul, Nabi, Penginjil, Pendita dan Guru (Efesus 4:18). Pelayanan adalah anugerah Roh Kudus dan Dia memberi seperti yang dikehendakiNya, kepada umat yang dipenuhi dengan rohNya (1 Korintus 12: 1,4-11). Alkitab juga bercakap tentang anugerah pelayanan lain seperti pentadbiran, hospitaliti, pemberian nasihat dan banyak lagi (Roma 12:8). Oleh itu, semua orang dalam tubuh Kristus boleh mempunyai pelayanan.

## **KISAH SEORANG LELAKI YANG BERJAYA DAN PENYAMBU TETAMU.**

Ini adalah kisah benar. Seorang lelaki yang kaya datang ke gereja dan berasa jengkel kerana dia telah diberitahu oleh penyambut tetamu di mana untuk duduk. Ini menjadikan dia mengkritik gereja dan dia mula menganalisis, cuba untuk memberi sebab-sebab atas kritiknya. Beliau cuba merasionalkan dan berkata, "Gereja sememangnya adalah untuk semua orang. Penyambut tetamu hanyalah merupakan sukarelawan dan semua orang boleh duduk dimana-mana!" Namun begitu, dia tidak berhenti datang ke gereja, oleh kerana pelayanan mimbar. Dia terus datang,





## UNTUK KITA MEMILIKI JANJI TUHAN, TERDAPAT TIGA LANGKAH ASAS UNTUK MEMILIKI IAITU DENGAN PERCAYA DAN TAAAT.

### 1. MEMATUHI TEMPOH MASA.

Yosua memberitahu umat Israel, "Sediakan peruntukan untuk diri kamu sendiri, sebab dalam tiga hari, kamu akan menyeberangi sungai Yordan ini" (Yosua 1:11). Tuhan mempunyai masa untuk segala-galanya. Tuhan memberikan Yosua tiga hari untuk persediaan. Ramai mahu taat tetapi tidak mahu melakukan menurut masa Tuhan. Penyerahan diri kepada kepercayaan dan pentaatan menurut masa Tuhan, mungkin melibatkan perubahan atau penyesuaian semula dalam keutamaan kamu. Periksa keutamaan kamu dan selaraskannya dengan keutamaan Tuhan dan maju dalam masa Tuhan.

setiap hari Ahad, sehingga Roh Kudus menegurnya dan dia sedar akan kesombongan diri sendiri. Dia menyangka dirinya lebih penting daripada orang lain dan tidak boleh diberitahu di mana untuk duduk. Dia tidak biasa dilayani seperti itu, kerana selalunya dialah orang yang memberitahu orang lain apa yang perlu dilakukan.

Tambahan pula, beliau telah diberitahu di mana untuk duduk oleh penyambut tetamu, yang merupakan seorang sukarelawan dan bukannya oleh seorang yang lebih penting, seperti Pendita. Dia tidak sedar bahawa penyambut tetamu hanya menjalankan tanggungjawab yang diberikan oleh Pendita dan semua umat di Gereja tergolong dalam keluarga Tuhan.

Apabila dia sedar akan sifat bongkaknya, dia bertaubat dan mula bertumbuh dan dibangunkan. Penerobosan itu datang apabila dia belajar untuk menyerahkan hidupnya kepada Tuhan, percaya kepada kuasa yang diwakilkan dan taat kehidupan Kristus. Ingat, Tuhan memberikan pelayan dan pelayanan untuk gereja-Nya. Apabila kamu menyerahkan kepada pihak berkuasa yang diwakilkan dan taat, menyenangkan Tuhan, ini adalah kesaksian besar kepada umat Kristian dan juga orang yang belum mempercayai Tuhan Yesus. Sebagai contoh, ikut pemimpin persembahan, kerana dia memberikan arahan waktu pujian dan penyembahan, jangan datang lewat dan meninggalkan kebaktian sebelum pengucapan doa benediksi. Pelayanan dalam gereja mempunyai kuasa yang telah diwakilkan kepadanya. Mereka adalah sebahagian daripada rantaian perintah.

### 2. BANTU MEREKA YANG BELUM DIMASUKKAN DALAM PEMILIKAN MEREKA.

Bangsa Israel mempunyai 12 suku kaum. Suku-suku, Ruben, Gad dan setengah suku Manasye telah mengambil milik tanah mereka. Lalu Yosua memerintahkan kepada mereka untuk meninggalkan keluarga mereka di belakang untuk menyertai dan membantu yang sembilan dan setengah suku yang lain untuk memiliki tanah mereka (Yosua 1: 12-15). Mesej di sini ialah, kita perlu bersedia untuk meninggalkan zon selesa kita yang diberkati Tuhan dan menjadi berkat kepada orang-orang yang seiman (Galatia 6:10) dan lebih-lebih lagi kepada yang berpotensi untuk menjadi umat Kristian (Kisah Para Rasul 1: 8).

Kita perlu diberi amaran tentang bahaya mengasingkan diri daripada orang-orang yang berada di luar milik mereka, dan menjadi kritikal, tidak sabar dan mementingkan diri sendiri. Kita harus mengajar kesatuan, "rajin untuk memelihara kesatuan Roh oleh ikatan damai sejahtera" (Efesus 4: 3).

### 3. SERAH KEPADA TUHAN DAN PELAYAN TUHAN YANG DITAHBISKAN.

Alkitab berkata, "Yosua bangun pagi-pagi, lalu ia dan semua orang Israel berangkat dari Sitim, dan sampailah mereka ke sungai Yordan, maka bermalamlah mereka di sana, sebelum menyeberang. Setelah lewat tiga hari, para pengatur pasukan menjalani seluruh perkemahan, dan memberi perintah kepada bangsa itu, katanya: "Segera sesudah kamu melihat tabut perjanjian TUHAN, Tuhanmu, yang

diangkat para imam, yang memang suku Lewi, maka kamu harus juga berangkat dari tempatmu dan mengikutinya-- hanya antara kamu dan tabut itu harus ada jarak kira-kira dua ribu hasta panjangnya, janganlah mendekatinya--maksudnya supaya kamu mengetahui jalan yang harus kamu tempuh, sebab jalan itu belum pernah kamu lalui dahulu." Berkatalah Yosua kepada bangsa itu: "Kuduskanlah dirimu, sebab besok TUHAN akan melakukan perbuatan yang ajaib di antara kamu" (Yosua 3:1-5). "Tabut perjanjian" mewakili kehadiran Tuhan. Tuhan berfirman kepada Yosua untuk mengarahkan para imam yang membawa Tabut untuk menyeberangi sungai Yordan dahulu dan yang lainnya mengikuti imam dari belakang para imam pada jarak yang ditetapkan. Walaupun bahaya melangkah ke dalam air bah yang bergerak pantas dalam sungai Jordan pada masa itu, para imam mempercayai dan taat kepada arahan Yosua. Mereka telah menyeberangi dengan selamat, kerana Tuhan telah berjanji Joshua. Alkitab berkata, "Segera sesudah kaki para imam pengangkat tabut TUHAN, Tuhan semesta bumi, berhenti di dalam air sungai Yordan, maka air sungai Yordan itu akan terputus; air yang turun dari hulu akan berhenti mengalir menjadi bendungan" (Yosua 3:13). Dalam mana-mana mukjizat, Tuhan melihat kepada kita untuk bekerjasama denganNya, kita perlu percaya dan taat perintahNya dengan menyerahkan kepada kepimpinan yang Tuhan letakkan ke atas kita.

### APA ITU PENYERAHAN?

Penyerahan sering disalah faham. Penyerahan bukan dominasi, atau penaklukan, dan bukannya Ketiadaan tanggungjawab untuk aksi kita. Penyerahan dalam Alkitab bukannya penyerahan buta. Apa yang berlaku kepada pengikut pemimpin kultus, Jim Jones Guyana, adalah penyerahan buta. Apabila kita menyerah diri, kita harus tahu bahawa pemimpin itu dipanggil oleh Tuhan, diurapi dan merupakan anugerah kepada gereja dan arahan adalah mengikut firman dalam Alkitab.

Semoga kita oleh kasih karunia Tuhan memiliki apa yang Tuhan telah janjikan kepada kita dan berkata adalah milik kita dengan mempercayai dan menaati Firman Tuhan melalui rantaian Tuhan perintah.

*Semua petikan Alkitab dipetik daripada Alkitab Terjemahan Baru melainkan dinyatakan.*



# KID'S MISSIONS EMPHASIS

By Pastor Quek Lee Siu

Children gathered together for a fun-filled Missions adventure, with impactful lesson and activities on Friday, 13 January 2017. Their faith were further strengthened as they learned that God has called and equipped them to do great things for Him.

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Children worshipping the Lord.

Children participated in Faith Promise Commitment with excitement



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**Saturday & Sunday, 5pm**

**Calvary Convention Centre**



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**16 April 2017, 9am**

**Calvary Convention Centre**

Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday. It is when the Holy Spirit came upon the believers in the upper room (Acts 2:1-4).

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As we learn to trust and obey the Lord, we need to prepare ourselves to be filled with the fullness of the Spirit.

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**50 Days Fasting & Prayer**  
**16 April - 4 June 2017, 8pm**  
**Prayer Tower Chapel,**  
**Calvary Convention Centre**



# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## MARCH 2017

### SATURDAY AT 5.00PM

#### Calvary Damansara Heights

- 04** Associate Pastor David Seah  
**Communion**
- 11** Associate Pastor Raymond Yong
- 18** Associate Pastor Steven Kum
- 25** Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng

#### Calvary Youth Fellowship (CY Nights)

**Dates:** Saturdays, 4 & 18 March 2017  
**Time:** 7:00pm  
**Venue:** Calvary Damansara Heights  
**Video Sermon:** "When God" by Andy Stanley

#### Chinese Fellowship

**Date:** Sunday, 26 March 2017  
**Time:** 11.30am  
**Venue:** Theatrette 1, Level B2,  
Calvary Convention Centre  
**Speaker:** Associate Pastor Raymond Yong

### SUNDAY AT 9.00AM

#### Calvary Convention Centre

- 05** Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam  
**Communion**  
**Leaders' Installation**
- 12** Associate Pastor Steven Kum
- 19** Associate Pastor David Seah
- 26** Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng  
**Baby Dedication**

#### Water Baptism

**Date:** Saturday, 8 April 2017  
**Time:** 5.00pm  
**Venue:** Calvary Damansara Heights  
**Closing date for submission of application:**  
Sunday, 19 March 2017

#### Stewardship Day (AGM)

**Date:** Friday, 21 April 2017  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Calvary Damansara Heights



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