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We all know John 3:16 very well, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” but we seldom look beyond to the following two verses, “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God” (John 3:16-18).

Jesus came not to be the judge of the world. God sent Him to prepare mankind, for the judgement day that is coming, when we each have to give an account of ourselves before God. Jesus came to teach and show us God’s love, grace and mercy. The devil is always trying to lie to us and remind us of our sins and tells us we are disqualified to serve God. Do not succumb to the wiles of the devil who uses a false sense of guilt to condemn us. We are all sinners and all of us have disqualified ourselves, but Jesus has come to qualify us all. He came to save us and not to condemn and make us feel miserable and useless.

EXAMPLES OF HOW BIBLICAL CHARACTERS DEALT WITH CONDEMNATION

Saul and David

Both Saul and David were not perfect. Saul failed in his kingly duties, and did things he should not do, but his sense of condemnation did not drive him to God. It only made him into a hard person. He intruded into the office of the priesthood, offering sacrifices when he should not, wrongly thinking it was good to do so. As a result, he was admonished by God through the prophet Samuel, “.. to obey is better than sacrifice ..” (1 Samuel 15:22). I am so glad that our Church theme, this year is “Trust and Obey”. When we trust and obey God, we stay within the protection and will of God.

David also failed in many ways. He was a bad father and husband. But he knew how to come back to God, and dealt with his feeling of condemnation and failure as a result of committing adultery with Batsheeba and completely mishandling the occasion of Absalom raping his half-sister. David repented of his sins and obeyed God.

Judas and Peter

Again, both were not perfect. Both denied Jesus and felt condemned. Judas hanged himself over his condemnation in betraying Jesus (Matthew 27:3-5). Peter was ashamed, yet found courage to come back to Jesus who commanded him, “Feed my sheep” (John 21:15-17). He went on to serve God.



ILLUSTRATION OF WHEN JESUS DID NOT CONDEMN BUT BROUGHT CONVICTION

When the scribes and Pharisees wanted to have the woman caught in adultery stoned, Jesus did not condemn the woman but used this opportunity to bring conviction to this lady, rather than allow people to stone her. The Bible says, “Jesus said to them, ‘Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.’ ... But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ She said, ‘No one, Lord.’ And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more’” (John 8:2-11). Our life is not over as long as we are alive. “The Son of Man came not to

be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28). You can have victory over condemnation and allow God to use your life.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONVICTION AND CONDEMNATION

Conviction of sin leads to repentance and new hope for the future

The Bible says, “For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death” (2 Corinthians 7:9-10). In worldly sorrow, a person feels sorry for being caught rather than being sorry for doing wrong. It leads to a pity-party, anger, blaming others, and a sense of hopelessness. On the other hand, godly sorrow leads to repentance because God points out the wrong to you and brings conviction to seek to be made right

with Him. Conviction is life-giving, condemnation is life-destroying. Do not allow a sense of guilt to paralyse you and render you ineffective to God, yourself and others. God wants to use you to do great things.

THREE CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH CONDEMNATION COME INTO OUR LIVES

1. Satan, the devil.

Jesus says, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Peter warns, “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Do not live your life carelessly. Know who you are spending time with, and know what comes into your mind. Be

alert, for the devil is looking for every opportunity to point a finger at you and make you ineffective and hopeless. John says, “And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God”” (Revelation 12:10). The word devil in Greek, is diabolos, which means to accuse. He lives to accuse and finds satisfaction hurling accusations at us, so we will be paralysed and be of little use to the Kingdom of God. Thank God, we have the Holy Spirit who is our personal defence attorney before God who defends us against the accuser of the brethren, the devil.

2. Our Self.

When King David sinned, he was miserable inside but pretended nothing happened, until God used the prophet Nathan to convict him (2 Samuel 11 and 12). Psalm 51 records how he dealt with his conviction of sin. He prayed, “Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ...Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities” (Psalms 51:7-9).

3. Sin itself.

Sin is alive. It is actively at work in the world. It condemns us, haunts

us and takes us away from God. All of us have regrets but God wants us to know there is forgiveness through faith in Jesus. He wants us to stop blaming ourselves and feel condemned.

HOW TO HAVE VICTORY OVER CONDEMNATION

First, Know Your Enemy.

Know the schemes of the enemy, he is not omnipresent though he may have many demons working for him. The Bible says, “For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:3-5). Our thinking reflects our beliefs and wrong thinking leads to wrong behavior. Our mind is a battle ground for the devil. Let our thinking be shaped and transformed by the word of God. Be vigilant and alert.

Second, Go to God and Confess Your Need.

The Bible says, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Pray like David, “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence,

and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit” (Psalms 51:10-12). Be encouraged, “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death” (Romans 8:1-2). We have been set free from the power of sin through faith in Jesus and we can renew our faith in God and serve Him.

The Bible says, “.. whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything” (1 John 3:20). Our God is a God of hope. Whatever may be holding you back, or cause you to feel condemned, go to Jesus, He is mighty to save.

All Bible quotations are in the English Standard Version (ESV).

不是要定罪而是要拯救

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我们都很熟悉约翰福音3:16：「神爱世人，甚至将他独一的儿子赐给他们，叫一切信他的人不致灭亡，反得永生」。但我们很少看接下去两节经文：「因为神差他的儿子到世上来，不是要定世人的罪，而是要使世人因他得救。信的人不被定罪；不信的人已经被定罪了，因为他不信神独一儿子的名」（约3:17-18）。

耶稣来不是要作审判世人的主。神差他来是要为来临的审判日准备人类，当我们每个人都到在神面前交帐的时候。耶稣来教训和向我们显示神的爱，恩典和怜悯。魔鬼总是试图骗我们，提醒我们的罪和告诉我们我们无资格服事神。不要屈服于魔鬼的诡计，它使用虚假的内疚感来定罪我们。我们都是罪人，我们所有人没有资格，但耶稣已经来到恢复我们所有人的资格。他来是要拯救我们，不是要定罪，使我们感到沮丧和无用。

圣经人物如何处理被定罪的例子

扫罗和大卫

扫罗和大卫都是不完美的人。扫罗没有履行作为君王的职责，而做了不应该做的事情，但是他的被定罪感并没有驱使他来到神面前。它只使他变得刚硬。他僭越祭司的职分，擅自献祭，错误地认为这样做很好。结果，他受到神藉著先知撒母耳的责备。「…听命胜于献祭…」(撒15:22)。我很高兴我们的教会今年的主题是「信靠和顺服」。当我们信靠和顺服神的时候，我们就留在神的保护和旨意中。

大卫也在很多方面失败了。他是一个不好的父亲和丈夫。但他知道如何回到神面前，并处理他的被定罪感和失败，这是由于他与拔示巴犯了奸淫的罪和对押沙龙强奸他的同父异母妹妹的事完全处理不当的结果。大卫认罪悔改和顺服神。

犹大和彼得

再次，这两人都是不完美。他们都否认了耶稣，并感到被定罪。犹大因他背叛耶稣被定罪就出去吊死了(太27:3-5)。彼得感到羞愧，却有勇气回到耶稣面前，耶稣吩咐他：「喂养我的羊」(约21:15-17)。他就继续事奉神。

耶稣没有定罪而是使人认罪

悔改的例证

当文士和法利赛人想要让这个犯奸淫被捉的女人用石头打死时，耶稣没有对这个女人定罪，而是用这个机会使这个女人认罪悔改，而不是允许众人用石头打死她。圣经说道：「耶稣就直起腰来，对他们说：“你们中间谁没有罪，谁就先拿石头打她！”…他们听见这话，从老的开始，一个一个都走开了，只剩下耶稣一人和那仍然站在中间的女人。

耶稣就直起腰来，对她说：“妇人，那些人在哪里呢？没有任何人定你的罪吗？”她说：“主啊，没有。”耶稣说：“我也不定你的罪。去吧！从今以后不要再犯罪了”」(约8:2-11)。只要我们还活着，我们的生命并没有结束。「正如人子来，不是要受人的服事，乃是要服事人，并且要舍命，作多人的赎价」(太20:28)。你可以胜过定罪和让神使用你的生命。

悔罪和定罪的区别

悔罪导致悔改和有未来的新盼望

圣经说道：「敬虔的忧愁，就生出没有懊悔的悔改来，以致得救；但世俗的忧愁叫人死」(林后7:9-10)。在世俗的忧愁中，一个人因被抓而后悔，而不是为了犯错而难过。它导致失意自怜，愤怒，责怪他人和绝望的感觉。另一方面，敬虔的忧愁导致悔改，因为神指出你的过犯，并使你悔罪，寻求与他和好。悔罪赋予生命，而定罪毁坏生命。不要让内疚感使你瘫痪，使你对神，自己和他失去了效用。神要使用你成就大事。

定罪进入我们的生活的三个渠道

1. 撒旦，魔鬼

耶稣说：「盗贼来，无非要偷窃、杀害、毁坏；我来了，是要羊得生命，并且得的更丰盛」(约10:10)。彼得警告说：「务要谨慎，要警醒。因为你们的仇敌魔鬼，如同咆哮的狮子，走来走去，寻找可吞吃的人」(彼前5:8)。不要不要做糊涂人。要知道你是与谁在一起，知道你在想什么。保持警惕，因为魔鬼在寻找每一个机会来指责你，使你失去效用和绝望。约翰说：「我听见在天上有大声音说：“我神的救恩、能力、国度，和他所立的基督的权柄现在都来到了。因为那个在我们神面前、昼夜控告我们弟兄的，已经被摔下去了」(启12:10)。希腊文中的魔鬼一词是 diabolos，意思是控告。他活著是要控告和指责我们而感到满足，以致我们会瘫痪，而对神的国度没有什么用处。感谢神，我们有圣灵，他就是在神面前作我们的保惠师，为我们辩护，抵挡控告弟兄的魔鬼。

2. 我们自己

当大卫王犯罪时，他内心很痛苦，但假装什么也没有发生过，直到神用先知拿单使他认罪(撒下11和12章)。诗篇51篇记载他如何

处理他对罪的悔改。他祷告说：「求你用牛膝草洁净我，我就干净；求你洗涤我，我就比雪更白。…求你转脸不看我的罪，涂去我一切的罪孽」(诗51:7-9)。

3. 罪本身

罪一直活跃而积极地在世上工作。它定罪我们，困扰我们，使我们远离神。我们所有人都有遗憾，但神要我们知道藉著信靠耶稣能得到赦免。他要我们停止责怪自己和觉得被定罪。

如何胜过被定罪

首先，认识你的敌人。

知道敌人的诡计，他并不是无处不在，虽然他可能有许多恶魔为他工作。圣经说：「我们虽然在血气中行事，却不凭着血气争战。因为我们争战的兵器本不是属血气的，而是凭着神的能力，能够攻破坚固的营垒。我们攻破各样的计谋，和各样拦阻人认识神的高垒，又夺回人心来顺服基督」(林后10:3-5)。我们的思想反映了我们的信念和错误的思想导致错误的行为。我们的心意思是魔鬼的战场。让我们的思想被神的话来塑造和转化。要保持警惕和警觉。

第二，来到神面前，承认你的需要。

圣经说：「我们若认自己的罪，神是信实的，是公义的，必要赦免我们的罪，洗净我们一切的不义」(约壹1:9)。像大卫一样祈祷：「神啊，求你为我造清洁的心，使我里面重新有正直的灵。不要丢弃我，使我离开你的面；不要从我收回你的圣灵。求你使我重得救恩之乐，以乐意的灵来扶持我」(诗51:10-12)。被鼓励，「如今，那些在基督耶稣里的人就不被定罪了。因为赐生命的圣灵的律，在基督耶稣里从罪和死的律中把你释放出来」(罗8:1-2)。我们藉著信靠耶稣，从罪的权势中得释放，我们可以更新我们对神的信心和服事他。

圣经说道：「即使我们的心责备自己，神比我们的心大，他知道一切」(约壹3:20)。我们的神是赐盼望的神。无论有什么让你驻足不前，或让你感到被定罪，来到耶稣面前，他有大能拯救。

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EXQUISITE MOTHER'S

By Pastor Carol Weller



Participants enjoying a time of worship

It was a full house on Saturday, 13 May 2017 at Multipurpose and Banquet Hall, Calvary Convention Centre. Close to 500 men and women of all ages filled the hall for the Mother's Day Luncheon organised by Dimensions Extended. The festivity and grand set up in black and gold theme added to the grandeur of the event which began with a splendid instrumental comprising the erhu, flute and keyboard. Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng opened in prayer followed by a time of lively worship.

Pastor Carol Weller shared the theme for the event from Proverbs 31:28-29, "Her children arise and call her blessed, her husband also and he praises her. Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all" and introduced the three mothers sharing testimonies.

(Full testimonies on pages 8-11)

Associate Pastor David Seah wrapped up the powerful testimonies with a short encouragement and called for the guests to make a choice to trust and believe in Jesus. Seven people responded to receive prayers.



Pastor David sharing devotional thought



Pastor Carol emceeing the luncheon



Unique instrumental presentation

DAY LUNCHEON



This was followed by the fashion parade organized by Hidden Treasure that began with an upbeat dance number by the Music and Creative Arts team. Forty women, men and youth boldly walked the purple runway to the enthusiastic cheers of family and friends. Some were delightfully surprised to find family members in the parade. Mothers present at the celebration received a gift each after enjoying a sumptuous buffet lunch.



Guests listening to the testimonies



Guests enjoying the luncheon

TESTIMONIES OF MOTHERS AT



FAITH TAY

I married Tay in 1989 and have two children Germaine and Samuel, both in their 20's.

I was an ambitious career woman in my 30's and 40's. I had big dreams to succeed, to have a comfortable life and provide for my children, and even dreamt of buying them each a house! I would often work long hours and push myself to excel. Then began a series of events where God led me to change my priorities and values.

I started serving in Carpenter's Workshop (CW) in 2009. When I attended a Children's Prayer Conference, I experienced God speaking to me as a group of children gathered to pray for me. I heard God's voice asking me "what do I love?" and I replied in my head that I loved my children. God spoke again correcting me "No, you actually loved yourself first and was always working too hard for yourself". It was such a clear message and I was deeply convicted.

Very soon after, my son was preparing for his SPM i.e. National Examination taken by Form 5 students. I am not proud to say that I had neglected him due to my work. I also made a choice to send him to a special tuition class on a Friday evening which meant that he would miss prayer meetings. Now this may sound reasonable to some but my son loved to spend time praying even at the age of 17. In the end, he was not able to sit for his SPM due to ill health and he was very disappointed. However, the following year he joined the Christian Home Schooling programme in Asian Institute of Ministries (AIM) and God restored him marvellously. Through chapel, Bible studies and prayers at school, he was renewed in his joy in the Lord. He was also healed and he did very well in his GCE 'O' Levels examination. Praise God!

As a result of seeing what my overwork caused, I decided to change career. I heard God calling me to full-time

service through Senior Pastor's message on blind Bartimaeus. Then God spoke to my family through Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam's message assuring us that it was the correct decision and that He would provide for us financially. I then joined the Calvary Education Resource Centre (CERC) as a staff.

As many of you know, I was a victim of a drive by shooting in 2015. That is another amazing testimony. Three months before the incident, God had prepared me through the messages preached in the Church, calling us to ground ourselves in God's Word. I began then to use an application on my phone and listen to hours of audio reading of the Bible. On the day of the incident, I was listening to the Psalms being read when a motorcyclist shot me at a traffic light. Until today we are not sure why all of this happened. One of the bullets pierced my right cheek and another grazed my knuckles. Incredibly at that instant, I could actually think that it was only honouring God that really mattered in life. "Wasted" were the words that came to my mind of all the work we did if we didn't put God at the centre. I collapsed and at that moment, I thought I had died. Sometime later, I regained consciousness and a pastor friend called and prayed for me over the phone. I also began to pray loudly, quoting Scriptures and promises even through my shattered gums. The pain was miraculously numbed and I felt joy taking over.

The doctors who attended to me could not believe what a close escape I had. If the bullet had hit my face just a centimetre above where it was, my eyesight and hearing would have been affected and the right side of my face would have collapsed. As for my hand, the doctor said I was very lucky that the bullet did not hit the nerves and ligaments as that would result in possible irreparable damage. I know it was not luck but the incredible hand of God upon my life. The gunshot however, did shatter my gums and upper teeth. I underwent one surgery to my face to remove the bullet and another to reconstruct my hand. Doctors told me it would take two years to recover but glory to God, through the intense prayers of the Church, family and friends, I recovered in just five months. Truly, we can stand on the promises of the Bible just as Isaiah 55:11 tells us that "the Word of God will not return to Him empty but it will accomplish what He desires and achieve the purpose for which He sent it."

I thank God for the prayer support of the Calvary Church's pastors and the Church family in CW, Calvary Nursery Care (CNC), CERC, AIM, Life Groups and Prayer Tower.

Since the incident, my family and my prayer life have been strengthened. I am now aware of the fragility of life and how precious every day is. We still face difficulties at work and life but nothing is as important as trusting, obeying, serving and honouring God. Putting God first in our lives is the source of true satisfaction and joy.

THE LUNCHEON

Looking at me now you may not even be able to tell that I had such a narrow escape with my life. This incident has brought me and my family closer to God and to one another. Samuel, my son has just graduated from College and we are currently attending the AIM Adult Leadership Programme together. How God loves and cherishes families!



LINA LAU

I was brought up in a Christian family but backslided soon after I started working. I married Antony and both of us being young and ambitious, wanted to achieve and accumulate a lot of things. When the children came along, I knew in my heart that I had to get right with God. I needed to walk in the ways of God to bring up my children and also the children needed God in their lives. God was gracious and I rededicated my life to Jesus after some struggles.

I started out attending Calvary Church alone. My children joined me later and after much prayer, my husband too came along. Antony accepted Christ in the year 2004 at the Christmas Evangelistic Meetings. At that point, Antony's health was starting to deteriorate. We consulted so many doctors but they could not find anything wrong with him.

Soon Antony had to stop working. Thank God the company paid him some compensation. I became the sole breadwinner of the family. Eventually, the doctors diagnosed Antony as having a nerve degenerative disease. Our hope was only God. We prayed regularly as a family.

I started going to the Prayer Tower to seek comfort and refuge. It was through this solace and quiet times that I experienced God to be the pillar of strength, comfort and even joy for my family. It wasn't a bed of roses. Money was tight, there was stress from looking after Antony, working

in the office and managing the household. I recalled one time I was so overwhelmed that I cried and complained to God about this and that. And very quickly, the Holy Spirit reminded me that He has given me all the promises in the Bible that are Yes and Amen in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit taught me to pray and stand on God's promises and reminded me that He is my Helper, Counsellor and ever present help in time of need. This truth has sustained me and seen me through so many challenges and I tried not to complain anymore, be it to God or man.

Even though immobile, Antony attended Sunday Services regularly with the children. The children attended Carpenter's Workshop (CW) and Missionettes. The faith that they have been taught sustained them. Thank you CW teachers and Missionettes Sponsors. During these challenging times, we experienced God's love, grace and mercy through our Life Group (LG) members, pastors and the Calvary family. I realized now that we are the ones that God will use to extend grace and mercy to others who need it.

We had been standing on the promises of God, praying, believing and claiming for healing. But God had other plans. On 16 September 2012, God called Antony home. It was devastating and chaotic but at the same time, my daughters and I felt the peace of God. Again, there was the outpouring of love and support from pastors and the Calvary family. It was as if I was floating in the sea of grace – buoyed by His love and compassion.

Of course, I had questions. I was haunted with the "what ifs" of what I could have done or not done so that Antony would not pass on. God very gently told me in Ecclesiastes 3 that there is a time for everything, a time to be born and a time to die and whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it nor anything taken from it. I was much comforted and relieved of my guilt.

I know Antony is in a better place now. Honestly, until today, I don't have the answers as to why God didn't heal Antony. But I realized that sometimes, letting go the past means letting go trying to understand everything. One day perhaps, everything will be clear. I will not waste tomorrow trying to make sense of yesterday. When we can't see His hand, we will trust His heart that He always has a better plan for us.

It will be five years this September. Life goes on. There are still challenges but we remain steadfast in holding on to God's promises. God continues to provide faithfully for all our finances. He has very graciously to my daughters in their studies and has shown favour in my work. My values are different now. To me, the world and its possession are all temporal. It will not count when I meet my Maker. So, I have resolved in my heart that I will serve the Lord and His purposes and make my life count for His Kingdom where the rewards are lasting.

TESTIMONIES OF MOTHERS AT

When I reflect on what I have experienced, I can only see the trophies of God's grace and mercy upon our lives. So, whatever you are facing, hold fast to Jesus, the anchor of your soul.

I echo part of the lyrics of the song 'Blessings' by Laura Story.

*"Cause what if your blessings come through rain drops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know
You are near*

*What if my greatest disappointments or the aching of this life,
Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy?
What if trials of this life
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights,
Are Your mercies in disguise?"*



Liew Way Hong with her daughter Debbie Hong

LIEW WAY HONG

I thank God for His wonderful grace upon my life. I came to know Jesus at the time when I was experiencing many trials and tribulations in life. My third brother invited me to Calvary Church and I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Saviour in 1998.

I married when I was in my mid-20s. My husband and I had problems right from the start of our marriage. We would argue over many things and very often, my husband would resort to physical violence. He would disappear for many months and then suddenly show up at home. He was successful in his business but hardly supported the family. Life was very difficult and many times, I felt like taking my own life. But I was hesitant, "What if I kill myself but I can't die and instead have to suffer even more? That would be even worse." I was fearful, angry and hurt. I harboured much bitterness in my heart towards my husband. But over time, God did a work

in my heart and I was finally able to release forgiveness to him before something tragic happened in the year 2006.

In August that year, I had a strange feeling that death was approaching. I proceeded to write a will and gave it to my eldest son who laughed at me. On the night of fourth of September, my daughter and I felt very uncomfortable and restless, as though something bad was about to happen. True enough, the phone rang at about 9.30pm and I was informed that my husband had been brutally murdered by some robbers. I was shocked and found it hard to accept the news. The murder scene traumatized me. Fear gripped my heart. I shivered each time I saw a knife. My sister had to hide all the knives at home for a long period of time before I was finally delivered from this fear.

Amidst all that was happening, I got entangled with police investigations into the incident. Six months down the road, I could no longer take the pressure. I came down with an illness that doctors could not diagnose. I had to be confined to a wheel chair. In my agony, I cried out to God, "God, where are You? Why are You silent while I am suffering? Why did You allow all these things to happen to me even though I love You?" Doctors could not help me and no one could understand my pain. I wanted to end my life. But it was not up to me.

During this time of excruciating pain, God spoke to me through the book of Job. Job had lost his health, his wealth and children but not his faith in God. Ultimately, God doubled what Job had lost. The power of the Holy Spirit suddenly came upon me and I was deeply convicted. Jesus gave His life to save me, I no longer wanted to die. I was willing to do anything for Him. The God whom I trusted did not forsake me. In that still and quiet moment, the Lord touched my body without me realizing it. A week later, I was able to walk with some assistance. My pain gradually disappeared and within three months, I was healed completely without medication. Thank God that "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases" (Matthew 8:17).

However, I was still physically weak and was afraid to meet people. A pastor friend who visited me told me it was time to go back to church and inspired me to pray daily. I began seeking God fervently every day and would often pray together with my children. My daughter's piano teacher, a close family friend, journeyed with us through the difficult times, praying with me and guiding me in reading God's Word. Chua Ken Tee also visited me and gave me encouragement. I started taking online bible studies to equip myself to serve the Lord.

Difficult as it was, life still had to go on. Since I was not strong enough to go out to work, I started giving tuition together with my eldest son in the government flats where we were staying for about four to five years.

THE LUNCHEON

Once I regained my health, I was able to take on two jobs. Later, God opened another door for me to cook for a Japanese expatriate early in the morning before I went to work. The generous allowance I received from the Japanese over a period of six years was a great financial help. As the Lord enabled me, I was able to save up to purchase three low-cost properties and eventually disposed one to help with the children's education. Thank God that my daughter was able to secure a full scholarship for her college studies and that was one burden off my shoulders.

What I am today is by the grace of God. God's Word is faithful and powerful and I continue to stand firm on the promises of Jesus. Job 1:21 says, "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised." God has been faithful in providing for the last 11 years and even gave me an opportunity to serve in the Life Group and Prayer Tower ministry. It has been a long and tough journey. Sometimes, I wonder if I could go on for another day. But thank God, He was with me every step of the way. His love sustained me. His grace was more than sufficient for me. Today, my two sons are married and my daughter, Debbie is now working and faithfully serving God in the Church. I praise and thank God as He deserves all the glory.

吕惠香

感谢神在我生命当中的极大恩典。当我生命中遇到许多试验和困苦的时候，我的三哥，是他邀请我来到加略山教会。在一九九八年接受主耶稣为我的个人救主。

我在20多岁结婚。一开始我的婚姻就有了问题。我们时常都会吵架甚至打架。他还会使用暴力对付我、常常失踪好几个月，突然间又出现。虽然他的事业很成功，他很少给家用。

当然，生活非常艰苦，死的念头常在我脑海里，对我来说，一了百了；但是死不去，我的孩子将是怎样？我沮丧，很无奈；我很恨他。但随着时间的消失，上帝在我心里面做了一件大事，在多次的讲道信息中，我已经释放和原谅了他。

2006年八月，我有一种奇怪的感觉，好像觉得死亡即将临到我。我便写下遗嘱，交给我的大儿子，当时他还笑我。9月4日的晚上，我和女儿感觉非常不安，好像有事就要发生。就在晚上9点半电话铃响，讲是，我的丈夫被打枪。

我很惊慌。当时命案现场使到我精神崩溃，这件事过后，我每次看到尖刀就会心跳害怕。我的妹妹将所有的尖刀。都收藏起来。好多年后这个阴影才消失。

在命案发生的当中，我需要接受警方的调查，在整半年的调查里，使我精神更大的压力。

终于，我患上，连医生都查不出的病症，最后我得需要坐在轮椅上。在我很辛苦的时候。我呼求我的神，祂去了哪里？甚至我不能动，我知道我的神是谁。

这些事为什么偏偏发生在我身上？没有人可以帮到我，我好想死，但是我连拿，汤匙的力都没！

好奇妙，我的儿子拿来圣经，我翻开的就是约伯记，上帝通过约伯，对我说话；他失去了健康，财富和子女，但并约伯他，并没有对神失去信心。

最后，上帝使约伯所失去的，都加倍偿还给他。这个时候，圣灵突然间在我身上做工，我深深领悟到我自己是活在过犯的当中。是耶稣救了我，很感谢神，死这个字不在压制我。

我对神讲，耶稣，如果这次我可以站起来，我愿意为神做任何的事情。我知道神并没放弃我，不知道何时，我觉得我的身体渐渐没痛。

非常非常的感谢耶稣，几天之后，我开始不用人抬我，之后；我开始可以自己拿拐杖走，（马太福音8:17节）说“祂代替我们的软弱，担当我们的疾病。”阿门当我还是很虚弱，瘦骨如柴时，我怕见到人，我有一个牧师的朋友来探访我，鼓励我回教堂，叫我每天定时和他一起联合祷告神。

之后我就经常和我的儿女一起祈祷，我女儿的钢琴老师，她是我一个最好的朋友，我们每个星期，查经祷告。这里我都多谢 Ken Tee 姐妹探访，给我很多的鼓励。

我开始在网上，报读圣经学院，使自己更加充实，虽然生活很困难，我都需要经济的支撑，由于我身体不是很好，不可以做工，所以我和大儿子一起租了一间政府组楼教补习。

我身体恢复正常了，找到一份工作。上帝对我真的很好。再一次，我又找到一份帮日本人煮早餐的工作，一煮就煮了6年，而且薪水很高。

省吃俭用，我还可以靠自己买屋子。当我女儿要读大学时候，需要拿一笔钱出来，我预备要卖掉我其中一间屋子；感谢神最后她拿到奖学金，我又不用卖屋。

神的恩典成就今天的我，神是有能力的，以至于我能够站在神的应许上。约伯记 1:21 节说：赏赐的是耶和华，收取的也都是耶和华，耶和华的名是应当称颂的，今天我是小组领袖而且在祷告塔事奉。

我所面对的，每一步，神的恩典是足够我使用。今天，我的两个儿子已经结婚，我的女儿也在工作，而且在教会服事，赞美主，荣耀全归于祂。



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A HEART WARMING MOTHER'S

By Victoria Choi



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam sharing a powerful Mother's Day message



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for all mothers

Mothers are gems and precious gifts from God and the Church family honoured all mothers for their selfless and nurturing love at Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) on Sunday, 14 May 2017 as part of the customary Mother's Day celebrations.

The service began with a vibrant time of worship, after which the mothers were blessed by a special song presentation by our youths. They also received a momento (a handy cosmetic pouch) as a token of appreciation from the Church.

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam's message was enriching and encouraging. It was based on the story of Leah, whose father tricked her husband, Jacob into marrying her. Leah was

unloved by her husband who loved her more attractive sister Rachel. Leah's life-story seems to depict that "Life is not fair!" but her turning point came when she chose to name her son, Judah, which means "Praise God". Leah stopped striving to get Jacob to love her. She chose to direct her focus on Jehovah God, instead. Truly, trusting God is rewarding. Leah ultimately won her husband's love. Jacob's dying wish was to be buried with Leah (Genesis 49:31). Leah also left a rich godly legacy. The priestly line of Israel came through her third son, Levi and from that line came Moses, Aaron and Miriam. The Kingly line of Israel came from Leah's fourth son, Judah, and all kings came through this tribe, Boaz, King David and King Solomon. And



most important of all, the key player in the Christmas story came from Leah. Mary and Joseph belong to Judah. Zechariah and Elizabeth belong to Levi – from whom came John the Baptist. Therefore, without Leah, there is no Jesus; and without Jesus, there is no salvation.



Mothers receiving special Mother's Day gifts



DAY SERVICE



Mothers presenting a touching special number



The lesson for us is, like Leah, we must not be discouraged and defeated by unjust circumstances. We must focus on God, giving Him praise and thanks in every circumstance and He is our hope and fulfilment. Many responded for prayers and were strengthened during the altar call.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam led the congregation to pray for all the mothers, as a way of honouring our mothers before he prayed a prayer of blessing for all mothers.

Forty mothers, graced the stage, clad in their beautiful red attire,

and sang a blessed rendition of "Lord, I need You".

Praise and thank God for His hand upon all mothers and our families. We left with our hearts warmed and greatly encouraged.

Youth presenting a specially written song for mothers



TIDAK MENGHAKIMI TETAPI UNTUK MENYELAMATKAN

Oleh Pendeta Sekutu Steven Kum

Kita semua mengetahui Yohanes 3:16 dengan sangat baik, “Karena begitu besar kasih Tuhan akan dunia ini, sehingga Ia telah mengaruniakan Anak-Nya yang tunggal, supaya setiap orang yang percaya kepada-Nya tidak binasa, melainkan beroleh hidup yang kekal” tetapi jarang sekali kita melihat lebih jauh daripada dua ayat berikut ini, “Sebab Tuhan mengutus Anak-Nya ke dalam dunia bukan untuk menghakimi dunia, melainkan untuk menyelamatkannya oleh Dia. Barangsiapa percaya kepada-Nya, ia tidak akan dihukum; barangsiapa tidak percaya, ia telah berada di bawah hukuman, sebab ia tidak percaya dalam nama Anak Tunggal Tuhan” (Yohanes 3:16-18).

Yesus datang bukan untuk menjadi hakim dunia. Tuhan mengutusNya untuk mempersiapkan umat manusia, untuk hari penghakiman yang akan datang, ketika kita masing-masing harus memberi pertanggung jawaban tentang diri kita di hadapan Tuhan. Yesus datang untuk mengajar dan menunjukkan kepada kita kasih Tuhan, anugerah dan belas kasihan. Iblis selalu berusaha berdusta kepada kita dan mengingatkan kita akan dosa-dosa kita dan mengatakan bahwa kita tidak layak untuk melayani Tuhan. Jangan menyerah pada tipu muslihat iblis yang menggunakan rasa bersalah palsu untuk menghukum kita. Kita semua adalah orang berdosa dan kita semua sememangnya tidak layak, namun Yesus telah memenuhi syarat untuk melayakkan kita semua. Dia datang untuk menyelamatkan kita dan bukan menghukum dan membuat kita merasa sedih dan tidak berguna.

CONTOH BAGAIMANA KARAKTER BIBLIS BERURUSAN DENGAN PENGHUKUMAN

Saul dan Daud

Baik Saul maupun Daud tidak sempurna. Saul gagal dalam tugas rajanya, dan melakukan hal-hal yang seharusnya tidak dilakukannya, namun rasa penghukumannya tidak mendorongnya

kepada Tuhan. Itu hanya membuatnya menjadi orang yang keras. Dia menyusup ke dalam hal-hal tanggungjawab seorang imam, mempersembahkan korban saat walaupun ia tidak seharusnya melakukan sebegitu, salah berfikir bahwa itu baik untuk melakukannya. Akibatnya, dia diingatkan oleh Tuhan melalui nabi Samuel, “.. mendengarkan lebih baik dari pada korban sembelihan ..” (1 Samuel 15:22). Saya sangat senang bahwa tema Gereja kita tahun ini adalah "Percaya dan Taat". Saat kita percaya dan taat kepada Tuhan, kita tetap berada di dalam perlindungan dan kehendak Tuhan.

Daud juga gagal dalam banyak hal. Dia adalah seorang bapa dan suami yang tidak baik. Tapi dia tahu bagaimana harus kembali kepada Tuhan, dan menghadapi rasa penghukuman dan kegagalannya sebagai akibat melakukan perzinahan dengan Batsheeba dan benar-benar salah mengendalikan hal Absalom memperkosa saudara tirinya. Daud bertobat dari dosa-dosanya dan mentaati Tuhan.

Yudas dan Petrus

Sekali lagi, keduanya tidak sempurna. Keduanya menyangkal Yesus dan merasa dikutuk. Yudas menggantung dirinya atas penghukumannya kerana mengkhianati Yesus (Matius 27:3-5).

Petrus merasa malu, namun mem-beranikan diri untuk kembali kepada Yesus yang memerintahkannya, “Gembalakanlah domba-domba-Ku” (Yohanes 21:15-17). Dia terus melayani Tuhan.

ILUSTRASI KETIKA YESUS TIDAK MENGHUKUM TAPI MEYAKINKAN

Ketika ahli-ahli Taurat dan orang-orang Farisi ingin agar wanita yang tertangkap dalam perzinahan dilempari batu, Yesus tidak menghukum wanita itu, tetapi menggunakan kesempatan ini untuk menginsafkan wanita ini, daripada membiarkan orang melempari dia dengan batu. Alkitab berkata, “Iapun bangkit berdiri lalu berkata kepada mereka: ‘Barangsiapa di antara kamu tidak berdosa, hendaklah ia yang pertama melemparkan batu kepada perempuan itu.’...Tetapi setelah mereka mendengar perkataan itu, pergilah mereka seorang demi seorang, mulai dari yang tertua. Akhirnya tinggal Tuhan Yesus seorang diri dengan perempuan itu yang tetap di tempatnya. Lalu Yesus bangkit berdiri dan berkata kepadanya: ‘Hai perempuan, di manakah mereka? Tidak adakah seorang yang menghukum engkau?’ Jawabnya: ‘Tidak ada, Tuhan.’ Lalu kata Yesus: ‘Akupun tidak menghukum engkau. Pergilah, dan jangan berbuat dosa lagi mulai dari sekarang’” (Yohanes 8:2-11). Hidup kita tidak berakhir selama kita masih hidup. “Anak Manusia datang bukan untuk dilayani, melainkan untuk melayani dan untuk memberikan nyawa-Nya menjadi tebusan bagi banyak orang” (Matius 20:28). Kamu boleh memiliki kemenangan atas hukuman dan membenarkan Tuhan menggunakan hidup kamu.

PERBEZAAN ANTARA KEINSAFAN DAN PENGHUKUMAN

Penghukuman dosa menyebabkan pertobatan dan harapan baru untuk masa depan Alkitab mengatakan, “Sebab dukacita menurut kehendak Tuhan menghasilkan pertobatan yang



membawa keselamatan dan yang tidak akan disesalkan, tetapi dukacita yang dari dunia ini menghasilkan kematian" (2 Korintus 7:9-10). Dalam kesedihan dunia, seseorang merasa sesal kerana tertangkap dan bukannya menyesal kerana melakukan kesalahan. Ini menyebabkan rasa belas kasihan diri sendiri, marah, menyalahkan orang lain, dan rasa putus asa. Di sisi lain, dukacita yang saleh menyebabkan pertobatan kerana Tuhan menunjukkan kesalahan kepada kamu dan membawa keinsafan untuk berusaha dibuat benar denganNya. Keinsafan adalah pemberi hidup, penghukuman adalah memusnahkan kehidupan. Jangan biarkan rasa bersalah melumpuhkan kamu dan membuat kamu tidak efektif terhadap Tuhan, diri sendiri dan orang lain. Tuhan ingin menggunakan kamu untuk melakukan hal-hal besar.

TIGA SALURAN DIMANA PENGHUKUMAN DATANG DALAM KEHIDUPAN KITA

1. Setan, iblis itu.

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). Petrus memperingatkan, "Sadarlah dan berjaga-jagalah! Lawanmu, si Iblis, berjalan keliling sama seperti singa yang mengaum-aum dan mencari orang yang dapat ditelannya" (1 Petrus 5:8). Jangan hidup dengan sembarangan. Kenali dengan siapa kamu menghabiskan waktu bersama, dan tahu apa yang ada dalam pikiran kamu. Waspadalah, kerana iblis sedang mencari setiap kesempatan untuk menunjukkan pada

kamu dan membuat kamu tidak efektif dan tanpa harapan. Yohanes berkata, "Dan aku mendengar suara yang nyaring di sorga, dan berkata," Sekarang telah tiba keselamatan dan kuasa dan pemerintahan Tuhan kita, dan kekuasaan Dia yang diurapi-Nya, karena telah dilemparkan ke bawah pendakwa saudara-saudara kita, yang mendakwa mereka siang dan malam di hadapan Tuhan kita" (Wahyu 12:10). Kata setan dalam bahasa Yunani, adalah diablos, yang bererti menuduh. Dia hidup untuk menuduh dan menemukan kepuasan dengan melemparkan tuduhan kepada kita, jadi kita akan lumpuh dan tidak berguna dalam Kerajaan Tuhan. Puji Tuhan, kita memiliki Roh Kudus yang adalah pembela pribadi kita di hadapan Tuhan yang membela kita melawan penuduh saudara-saudara, iaitu iblis.

2. Diri Kita.

Ketika Raja Daud berdosa, dia menderita dengan diam, tapi berpura-pura tidak terjadi apa-apa, sampai Tuhan menggunakan nabi Natan untuk menginsafkannya (2 Samuel 11 dan 12). Mazmur 51 mencatat bagaimana dia memberi respon dengan keinsafannya akan dosa. Dia berdoa, "Bersihkanlah aku dari pada dosaku dengan hisop, maka aku menjadi tahir....Sembunyikanlah wajah-Mu terhadap dosaku, hapuskanlah segala kesalahanku" (Mazmur 51:7-9).

3. Dosa itu sendiri.

Dosa masih hidup. Ianya aktif bekerja di dunia. Ianya menghukum kita, menghantui kita dan membawa kita menjauh dari Tuhan. Kita semua memiliki penyesalan namun Tuhan ingin kita tahu bahwa ada pengampunan melalui iman kepada Yesus. Dia ingin kita berhenti menyalahkan diri sendiri dan merasa dikecam.

CARA MEMILIKI KEMENANGAN ATAS KUTUKAN

Pertama, Kenali Musuhmu.

Mengetahui skema musuh, dia bukannya berada dimana-mana, meskipun dia mungkin memiliki banyak setan yang bekerja untuknya. Alkitab berkata, "Memang kami masih hidup di dunia, tetapi kami tidak berjuang secara duniawi, karena senjata kami dalam perjuangan bukanlah senjata duniawi, melainkan senjata yang diperlengkapi

dengan kuasa Tuhan, yang sanggup untuk meruntuhkan benteng-benteng. Kami mematahkan setiap siasat orang dan merubuhkan setiap kubu yang dibangun oleh keangkuhan manusia untuk menentang pengenalan akan Tuhan. Kami menawan segala pikiran dan menaklukkannya kepada Kristus" (2 Korintus 10:3-5). Pemikiran kita mencerminkan keyakinan dan pemikiran salah kita menyebabkan perilaku salah. Pikiran kita adalah medan pertempuran bagi iblis. Biarkan pemikiran kita dibentuk dan diubah oleh firman Tuhan. Waspada dan berjaga-jaga.

Kedua, Pergilah kepada Tuhan dan Mengakui Keperluan Kamu.

Alkitab berkata, "Jika kita mengaku dosa kita, maka Ia adalah setia dan adil, sehingga Ia akan mengampuni segala dosa kita dan menyucikan kita dari segala kejahatan" (1 Yohanes 1: 9). Berdoalah seperti Daud, "Jadikanlah hatiku tahir, ya Tuhan, dan perbaharuilah batinku dengan roh yang teguh! Janganlah membuang aku dari hadapan-Mu, dan janganlah mengambil roh-Mu yang kudus dari padaku" (Mazmur 51: 10-12). Doronglah, "Demikianlah sekarang tidak ada penghukuman bagi mereka yang ada di dalam Kristus Yesus yang memberi hidup telah memerdekakan kamu dalam Kristus dari hukum dosa dan hukum maut" (Roma 8:1-2). Kita telah dibebaskan dari kuasa dosa melalui iman kepada Yesus dan kita dapat memperbarui iman kita kepada Tuhan dan melayani Dia.

Alkitab mengatakan, "...sebab jika kita dituduh olehnya, Tuhan adalah lebih besar dari pada hati kita serta mengetahui segala sesuatu" (1 Yohanes 3:20). Tuhan kita adalah Tuhan harapan. Apa pun yang mungkin menahan kamu, atau menyebabkan kamu merasa dihukum, pergi ke Yesus, Dia kuat untuk menyelamatkan.

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari versi Bahasa Indonesia.

The Joy

Nowadays the task of raising kids problems are shared by both parents. For some fathers, bringing up children is a challenge. For others, it comes naturally. Parenting is a great responsibility, but the joys that come with it are always greater. Fatherhood is an experience that is to be treasured.

The fathers we interviewed broke into smiles and their eyes twinkled as soon as we popped the questions. It confirms that indeed there is nothing like the joy of being a father.

- 1) What gives you great joy in being a father?
- 2) What's one of the most challenging aspects of being a father?
- 3) What's one of the most helpful parenting advices you've ever received? Imagine you're writing a letter to your younger self when you're a first time and younger parent. What would you want to say to yourself?

We also asked a question to their children, "What's one of the most important piece of advice given to you by your father?"



CHOW SANG HOE

- 1) Seeing them grow in our Lord Jesus Christ, having an intimate relationship with our God and depending and serving Him.
- 2) Changing my own mindset that I need not worry about them for God loves them, and also changing my view that they are growing up and I need not overly concern about their well-being.
- 3) The most helpful advice from my wife, Jessyca. The most important thing for our daughters is not wealth, or education, but their love and relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eliza – *“Humility is very important. We should always be humble and have a teachable spirit. This advice have taught me the importance of being humble and always being willing to learn, in order to grow and make the best out of every life experience. It also teaches me to trust God in every aspect.”*

Faythe – *“Always manage my time well, prioritizing what had to be prioritized. Specifically, always put God first, then family and then studies and friends. It's one of the most important because by putting God first, He would lead me through the rest of my responsibilities and activities.”*



EDDY LAW

- 1) Having my daughters give me a cuddle at the end of a long day.
- 2) Trying to protect them all the time especially when there is so much negative news in the media.
- 3) Don't expect your kids to be you as they learn and react differently compared to how I was brought up. As a parent, I need to come down to their level and see the world from their viewpoint.

Tiffany – *“Do my homework and then I get to play with our pet, tortoise.”*

Symphony – *“Brush my teeth because I don't want my teacher to faint when I talk to her.”*

SURESH RAMAN

- 1) When I come home, my sons will race to the door to give me a great big hug, and every hardship happened that day just melts away. It has just made me grow as an individual and grow as a man.
- 2) It hurts you more to see your child in pain, yet 'spare a rod, spoil the child' always rings in my ear. So, teaching and training of children requires more strength, wisdom, spirituality, perseverance, and hard work than any other challenge we might have in life.
- 3) 'Invest time teaching your children about God from His Word', quote

Of Fatherhood



AMANI JOHN MAYAGE

- 1) Seeing my children glowing and excel in God's wisdom; loving and saving God. I also feel joy having fellowship with my children.
- 2) Parenting is most challenging aspect to me. Raising my children according to the way I feel is better for them as Christian. Sometimes children may not like what you think is good for them; it may require time and prayers to convince them.
- 3) One most helpful parenting is from Psalm 127:1 – "Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good" and "The heart that fears God will obey". Child who love and obey God will respect parent. I will rather invest much in teaching and leading my

children to the knowledge of God and use less of my own understandings (Proverb 22:6).

Margaret – *"Pull up your socks"; in the other words strive for the best in everything. It has really helped me to set my focus on important things such as spiritual life. And it has become my everyday motto as I do everything that I am responsible for to my best. I give thanks to God Almighty for giving me such a wonderful father.*

Mark – *"The more things you know, the more places you go'. Basically, it means, the more I gain knowledge and wisdom, the more people will need my help in various situations."*

Matthew (7 years), **Michelle** and **Mathea** (4 years), **Micaella** (3 months)

from Pastor Richard Yun. It helps in correcting me and being spiritually 'correct' in correcting my son; action speaks louder than word of course. Parenting is a journey and should cherish every moment. Pick up yourself each time you fall, there is always room for correction. In everything, acknowledge Him, and He shall direct you path.

Joel – *"If you want something, you must earn it, because then I'll appreciate what I have and that I can be proud of myself for owing it."*

Amos – *"You must share your toys."*



JASON CHOI

- 1) It gives me great joy in seeing my children growing up and serving the Lord faithfully in church.
- 2) Needing to provide a good education for both my children, raising them to be God-fearing.
- 3) We are the immediate role models of our children. So live the way you want them to emulate you for. Communication is vital. Always keep them close in prayer for God is all they need.

Victoria – *"Always seek first the kingdom of God. Trust in His ways, your simple act of faith can move mountains."*

Nicholas – *"Life is futile and short. Why dwell on fleeting pleasures of the flesh when you can do so much more good with your life?"*

Our dad never fails to remind us to turn to God and choosing to live according to His ways.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE JUNE 2017

SATURDAY AT 5.00PM

Calvary Damansara Heights

- 03 Bishop Mosa Sono
Communion
- 10 Associate Pastor Raymond Yong
Water Baptism
- 17 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
- 24 Associate Pastor Steven Kum

SUNDAY AT 9.00AM

Calvary Convention Centre

- 04 Bishop Mosa Sono
Communion
- 11 Associate Pastor Steven Kum
- 18 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
Father's Day
- 25 Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng

THIS MONTH'S GUEST SPEAKER



Bishop Mosa Sono is Founder and Senior Pastor of Grace Bible Church, South Africa.

He has a passion for the local church. He believes that the church's missions is to preach the gospel to all and win people to Christ, to be the extension of God's love in ministering to the pain and hurt of its communities and to build 'prevailing' churches.

Under his leadership, the church hosts an annual Good Friday programme at the stadium, targeting a mass harvest of people into God's kingdom. The church also organized seminars on Leadership, Church Planting and Cell Groups. As part of its contribution to the nation, the church runs HIV/AIDS programs, a feeding scheme, distribution of clothes and food to the needy, and prison ministry.

Bishop Mosa Sono is our Church Camp speaker which will be held on 5-8 June 2017.

Water Baptism

Date: Saturday, 10 June 2017
Time: 5.00pm
Venue: Calvary Damansara Heights

Chinese Fellowship

Date: Sunday, 11 June 2017
Time: 11.30am
Venue: Theatre 1, Level B2,
Calvary Convention Centre
Speaker: Rev. Lynda Choi

Father's Day Service

Date: Sunday, 18 June 2017
Time: 9.00am
Venue: Calvary Convention Centre
Speaker: Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



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