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“ *How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!* ”

(Romans 10:15)

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BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

It is an honor and privilege to be called to serve in the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as well as a responsibility of every born-again believer to be a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. There are many ways in which we can serve the Lord. It could be packing your bags and going as a missionary or be faithful wherever God has placed you and be a witness for Jesus. It ought to be our joy to share with people who do not know the Gospel.

The encounter Isaiah the prophet had vividly unfolds to us lessons we can learn to effectively serve the Lord. It begins with a vacant throne on earth because of the death of King Uzziah. However, God is always on His throne. Man's rule may come to an end, but not God's. Isaiah served God as a prophet effectively after his encounter with God.

The Bible says, *"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!'" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said, 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.' Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here am I! Send me.' And He said, 'Go, and tell this people: "Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive'"*" (Isaiah 6:1-9).

ISAIAH HAD A VISION OF GOD THAT IMPACTED HIM TO SERVE THE LORD.

1. The Lord was on His throne and He was worshipped.

To effectively serve God, we need to know that God is on His throne, He is sovereign, His reign never ends and He is worthy to be worshipped.

2. The Lord is holy (Isaiah 6:3,5)

Isaiah saw the Lord as one who is holy and he needed to be made holy. To serve God effectively, we need to understand that we serve a holy God and He desires that we be holy, for the Bible says, *“Be holy, for I am holy”* (1 Peter 1:16).

ISAIAH’S RESPONSE WAS EFFECTIVE IN SERVING THE LORD:

1. Conviction

Isaiah saw the Lord and was immediately convicted of his sin (v.5). Similarly, for us to be effective in our service, we must be convicted of our sins and also have strong conviction that the Bible is God’s Word. Job, even though he was considered a righteous man in the Old Testament, was also convicted of his sin and he repented saying, *“My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore, I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes”* (Job 42:5-6 NIV). Do not repent only. Believe Christ has forgiven us and rise up as believers with determination to live, love and serve the Lord as did Isaiah, Job and all who served the Lord.

2. Confession

Isaiah confessed that his sin made him “undone” (v.5). The word “undone”, is “cut off” in another

translation. Sin cuts us off from God as the source of all life. Sin ruins our life. The Bible says, *“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear”* (Isaiah 59:2) and, *“He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”* (Proverbs 28:13 NIV). Isaiah did not only repent, but he responded to God, *“Lord, send me”* (Isaiah 6:8).

3. Cleansing

Cleansing takes place after conviction and confession of sin. The cleansing of Isaiah is a good foreshadow of the beautiful New Testament pattern for cleansing. At the command of God, the cherub flew and took the live coal off God’s altar and goes to touch Isaiah’s mouth. The cherub speaks of the Holy Spirit that brings conviction of our sin. The Bible says, *“And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment”* (John 16:8). The live coal speaks of the blood of Jesus Christ that has cleansed us from sin. There is no remission of sin apart from the shedding of blood (Hebrews 9:22). The altar speaks of Calvary, where Jesus died on the cross and shed His





blood. The finished work of Jesus at Calvary means that all who believe in Jesus are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). We are cleansed, empowered and free to live, love and serve God. The Apostle Paul exhorts us, ***“let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God”*** (2 Corinthians 7:1 NIV).

4. Challenge

When Isaiah was cleansed from his sin, he heard God say, ***“Go, and tell this people: “Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive””*** (Isaiah 6:9). God speaks to us and His voice can be heard in many different forms. Conviction, confession and cleansing are necessary if we are to be people who hear from God. In order to hear God’s voice, we must be holy, obedient and welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives. Jesus tells us, ***“My sheep hear My voice, and I***

know them, and they follow Me” (John 10:27). The Lord still speaks today through His Word by the Holy Spirit. The Bible says, ***“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you”*** (John 16:13-14) and ***“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”*** (Acts 1:8).

5. Consecration

There are two parts to consecration. The first is what Isaiah said, “Here am I”. This is an act of dedication. Then he said, “Send me”. The second is obedience. The Bible says, ***“...Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice”*** (1 Samuel 15:22).

The call to serve is just as needful and urgent to reach the world with the Gospel. God is looking for people who will serve Him like the prophet Isaiah. Paul the apostle said, ***“And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!”*** (Romans 10:15)

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.

CALVARY CHURCH *celebrates* 50 YEARS

2018 MARKS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CALVARY CHURCH.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE, CALVARYNEWS WILL BE FEATURING 50 TESTIMONIES OF CALVARITES THROUGHOUT 2018.

BE BLESSED BY THESE TESTIMONIES...

CALVARY CHURCH, ME AND THE SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE

My identification with Calvary Church ('Calvary') began some 35 years ago when I was saved by the grace of God in this same church in August 1981. My adult life was moulded through the strong Christian foundation that was taught and practised in Calvary and the many opportunities that Calvary had provided me to grow in my faith.

My involvement with the Music & Creative Arts Ministry coincides very closely to the progress and vitality this ministry has achieved over the years. When I first joined the choir in 1982, we had a very excellent men ensemble to minister on special occasions. In the 1980s, the leadership of Calvary took a radical decision to use a 'large-scale musical presentation' as an evangelistic event to win the city of Kuala Lumpur for Christ!

This gave birth to 'The Singing Christmas Tree' (SCT), a human Christmas tree of choir members on different levels of the beautifully constructed tree dressed with Christmas trimmings and rising to 30 feet! This was a real hit with the city folks and even drew the attention of out-stationers who made a bee-line to each night of the full-house production. Praise God, Calvary was able to minister the gospel message to thousands, and thousands more in the years following that!



I can still recall on the first night of the SCT how grateful we were to the Lord to see so many come to our musical and to hear the gospel message for the first time and, after many weeks of practice and memorizing 24 songs, many of us were in tears to see the miracle happen!

My involvement with the Music & Creative Arts Ministry has allowed me to meet many new friends in the church who have today become my family in Calvary. I have learned so much like how to read musical scores, sight sing, sing in harmony, worship lead, work with musicians and sound crew, act and dance. Each of these has enriched my Christian life and I have been blessed to have grown with this ministry! Thank you Calvary!

Philip Tan

CALVARY CARNIVAL – PERSONAL JOURNEY

Being part of organizing the Calvary Carnivals has been a spiritually life changing experience for me. When I was first approached to be part of the committee in the first ever carnival in 2006, it was easy to say yes, as I had been praying since 2005 for God to use me.



I worked in the event industry for a long time and the experience I have would help the church events. Planning for an event is second nature to me. So, the inclination to rely on self was the start of the many challenges I went through. I later learnt that serving God calls for unequivocal dependence on Him.

Pride is a terrible thing. God will not use someone who thinks they can do without Him. I went through ‘character adjustments’ and it has taught me the most important lesson in life – humility.

God never missed the opportunity to teach, encourage, and nurture the talents and skills He has blessed me with because He is a great economist. That is why I seldom miss the chance to serve Him in organizing church events.

Jesus said “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). This scripture has become the cornerstone of everything I do now, both in ministry and business.

Today, I marvel at God’s handiwork in my life. I was a slow learner but thankfully after the third carnival I got it – serving Him with joy and gratitude!

Annabbel Lily

THE CALVARY FAMILY SUPPORTS EACH OTHER

I have had the privileged of coming to church ever since I was a young boy and the one specific thing that I am grateful to God for all these years is the community of people at Calvary Church. It truly is amazing how people from all walks of life, of different ages, demographics and passions can come together in faith under one roof to worship God and ‘do life’ as a body of believers.

I am often reminded of the famous phrase ‘No man is an Island’ by John Donne that no one man is self-sufficient and that everyone needs companionship.

Throughout my years of attending Calvary Church, I have been blessed to meet many wise individuals (of which age is certainly no barrier) who have impacted my life and helped shaped me to become the person I am today.



I love the simple truth that although we are all different, we are ultimately united in purpose and faith through our Lord Jesus as said in Galatians 3:28-29.

As we celebrate 50 wonderful years, it is my prayer that many more will be included into this community of believers where we can all grow in faith and in life.

Darren Yong

GOD'S PERFECT TIMING TO MY FAMILY

I accepted the Lord after attending Calvary Church in early 2015 and immediately felt like I had found a home. I signed up to serve in the Christmas production and attended Young Adults Life Group (YA LG). With the encouragement of my YA LG leader, I was baptized in water in 2016.

Since then, I have been praying for my parents' salvation. The YA LG leader and members also prayed for them too.

My father was born into a Catholic family and my mother a Buddhist. They liked to watch YouTube videos. One day, while they were watching some videos, a Christian sermon video was recommended to them. Ever since that day, they continued to watch Christian sermon videos online. They started to ask me about Jesus. I believed the salvation's seed had been planted into their hearts.

One Sunday they decided to attend Calvary Church with me. After the service they went to the Visitors' Lounge, and Gan Chew led them in the sinners' prayer. God is so amazing! He can bring salvation in the most miraculous way, more than we could ever imagine. It was astonishing to me as I never thought they would accept Jesus so fast. Indeed, it was a big step for them to make that decision.



Tommy (top right) with his parents

After my parents were baptised in water, they decided to remove all idols in our house in obedience to God's commandments. Today, they are faithfully attending Sunday Services and Chinese Life Group, and help in providing food at the monthly Chinese Fellowship.

Thank God for His amazing grace and unconditional love to my family. His timing is always perfect.

Tommy Kiew

SERVING WITH GOD'S MISSION

I have been church hopping since 2008. Though I served in multiple ministries, I always felt burned out because of my lack in spiritual knowledge.

Then I found myself at Calvary Church in January 2014 without knowing what the church was really about or what it stood for. I came searching for more than the Sunday church culture. The first experience was overwhelming, as I was not exposed to large church setting.

But I knew I was where I belonged when I heard Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam preached about serving and he said if we are just coming to warm the seats, this is not the church for us.



I thank God for the opportunity the church has provided for me and my family. Today, I am serving full time in Calvary Communication Ministry. Through this ministry I get to work with most of the church ministries. I love how God's leadership concept works, that through serving Him we are made leaders.

I thank the Lord as He led me to this wonderful church where my own mission and vision to serve has been revealed to me.

Joshua Indran

WE ARE CALLED FOR MISSIONS

BY MELISSA SAMUEL



Apostle Dr. Opoku Onyinah

Jesus is coming soon. He commands us to watch for Him, to be found doing His work when He comes.

We had the privilege of having Apostle Dr. Opoku Onyinah, Senior Pastor of Kaneshie Church of Pentecost in Ghana, to empower us at our Missions Emphasis on 19-21 January 2018.

Inspiring Ministry Growth through a Teaching Session

On Friday night, Dr. Onyinah taught about how new churches are planted in Ghana, the system of communication and governance of the church as well as how people are raised to be part of the ministry. He also related the Biblical principles on time management issues, stagnant ministries and overcoming complacency.

We were indeed inspired and encouraged to multiply

our ministry by learning and applying the principles used by Dr. Onyinah.

A Wonderful Reminder of God's Treasure in Earthen Vessels

The families came together in worship and prayer for missions on Saturday morning, giving the kids an opportunity to see and follow after the example set by their parents.

Dr. Onyinah then spoke to the adults while the kids went to their class. He emphasized that the treasure of the Gospel is invested in us – human beings who are weak, with suffering and sinful. This only amplifies God's all-surpassing power in us to transform lives, reveal God's wisdom, and minister despite our weaknesses. So, he urged us to acknowledge this treasure, advance the work of the ministry, and appropriate God's power in our lives.



Praying at the altar on Friday



Senior Pastor Brince Guneratnam leading in prayer



A skit performed to illustrate the need to be watchful



Praying as a family in small groups



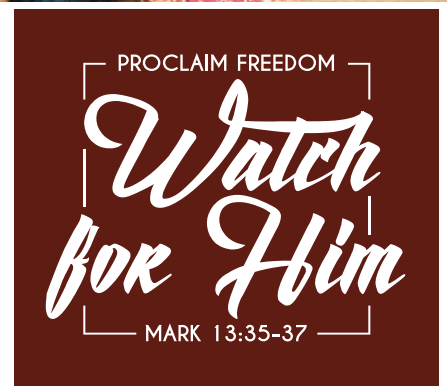
Our Missions to Rebuild the Tabernacle of David

At the Saturday and Sunday Faith Promise Services, Dr. Onyinah highlighted Acts 15:16-17 and Amos 9:11-12 to exemplify missions work. He used the example of King David in which he had the maturity and wisdom to see that God is not only Lord of Israel but of all nations and tribes. Dr. Onyinah stressed that we need this same maturity to Go for missions, to Give to missions and to Pray for missions.

We were thankful to God and the Church for the challenge to participate in Faith Promise. This is a biblical method of giving towards God's work in missions and CCC debt-free.

"If Faith Promise seems daunting, it should be. Faith Promise requires faith," encouraged Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng.

Apostle Dr. Opoku Onyinah's messages can be watched online via our Calvaryone Youtube channel.



Calvarites responding to Faith Promise at Calvary Damansara Heights

Children from the Pudu Myanmar outreach of Calvary Church performing a special number at both services





The vibrant praise team and choir leading in worship



Dr. Onyinah sharing an insightful message



Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng introducing the missions highlights



Calvarites filling out Faith Promise cards



Senior Pastors, Associate Pastors, Deacons, Elder, Missions Committee with Dr. Onyinah and his wife, praying for Faith Promise partners



Woong Suh Shian receiving her award from Senior Pastor

CONGRATULATIONS

to Woong Suh Shian for her 10 years faithful service as Administrator of AIM (Asian Institute of Ministries) Christian College. She was recognised on Sunday, 21 January 2018 at Missions Emphasis Service at Calvary Convention Centre.



Learning to pray for the lost on Saturday morning

KIDS' MISSIONS EMPHASIS

BY PASTOR QUEK LEE SIU

Calvary Kids organised three fun and engaging Missions Learning Experience on 19-21 January 2018 for the Kids' Missions Emphasis. Kids are very important to God and never too young to be a part of God's work.

On Friday night, the kids experienced what it is like to be a missionary to China. Every journey that they took emphasized the urgency to keep watch and tell others about Christ. The reward of seeing people getting saved outweighed the struggles and the challenges that they faced through their journey. We closed with a corporate time of prayer for the nations and a call for celebration.

Without hesitating to keep watch and tell, we moved the kids to keep watch and pray on Saturday morning. The kids paired up two by two and moved from one place to another to do their "Missions Prayer Walk". Every step that they took, they were guided to focus on praying and seeking God to save the lost – seeking God to tear down the enemies' stronghold and trusting God to make a difference in

their lives to be bold and courageous witness for Christ. We ended our prayer walk with "Shout of Victory" as an indication that God has and will grant us the victory to come.

Lastly on Sunday, the kids were challenged to keep "Watch for Him" and with great excitement and enthusiasm all our Calvary Kids participated in the Faith Promise as they want to be part of God's missions work to reach out and touch many people for Christ.

It's true that it is never too late to start; never too young to give and never too little to love. Together we keep "Watch for Him"!

The kids making their Faith Promises



The kids showing their completed Faith Promise cards

DIPANGGIL UNTUK MELAYANI TUHAN

OLEH PENDITA KANAN PRINCE GUNERATNAM

Adalah satu kehormatan dan keistimewaan untuk dipanggil melayani dalam pelayanan Injil Yesus Kristus dan juga satu tanggungjawab setiap umat percaya yang telah lahir baru sebagai saksi untuk Yesus Kristus. Ada banyak cara kita boleh melayani Tuhan. Sama ada membungkus pakaian dalam beg dan pergi sebagai seorang misionari atau tetap setia dimanapun Tuhan telah menempatkan kamu dan menjadi saksi bagi Yesus. Sepatutnya adalah sukacita kita untuk berkongsi dengan orang yang belum mengenal Injil.

Pertemuan nabi Yesaya alami menyerlahkan kepada kita pelajaran yang kita boleh pelajari untuk melayani Tuhan secara berkesan. Ianya bermula dengan takhta yang kosong dibumi oleh kerana kematian Raja Uziah. Namun begitu, Tuhan selalu berada diatas takhtaNya. Pemerintahan manusia mungkin berakhir tetapi pemerintahan Tuhan tidak berakhir. Yesaya melayani Tuhan dengan berkesan setelah pertemuannya dengan Tuhan.

Alkitab berkata, "Dalam tahun matinya raja Uziah aku melihat Tuhan duduk di atas takhta yang tinggi dan menjulang, dan ujung jubah-Nya memenuhi Bait Suci. Para Serafim berdiri di sebelah atas-Nya, masing-masing mempunyai enam sayap; dua sayap dipakai untuk menutupi muka mereka, dua sayap dipakai untuk menutupi kaki mereka dan dua sayap dipakai untuk melayang-layang. Dan mereka berseru seorang kepada seorang, katanya: "Kudus, kudus, kuduslah TUHAN semesta alam, seluruh bumi penuh kemuliaan-Nya!" Maka bergoyanglah alas ambang pintu disebabkan suara orang yang berseru itu dan rumah itupun penuhlah dengan asap. Lalu kataku: "Celakalah aku! aku binasa! Sebab aku ini seorang yang najis bibir, dan aku tinggal di tengah-tengah bangsa yang najis bibir, namun mataku telah melihat Sang Raja, yakni TUHAN semesta alam." Tetapi seorang dari pada Serafim itu terbang mendapatkan aku; di tangannya ada bara, yang diambalnya dengan sepit dari atas mezbah. Ia menyentuhkannya kepada mulutku serta berkata: "Lihat, ini telah menyentuh bibirmu, maka kesalahanmu telah dihapus dan dosamu telah diampuni." Lalu aku mendengar suara Tuhan berkata: "Siapakah yang akan Kuutus, dan siapakah yang mau pergi untuk Aku?" Maka sahutku: "Ini aku, utuslah aku!" Kemudian firman-Nya: "Pergilah, dan katakanlah kepada bangsa ini: Dengarlah sungguh-sungguh, tetapi mengerti: jangan! Lihatlah sungguh-sungguh, tetapi menanggapi: jangan!" (Yesaya 6:1-9).

YESAYA MEMPUNYAI VISI YANG MEMBAWA KESAN KEPADA PELAYANANNYA KEPADA TUHAN.

1. Tuhan berada diatas takhta dan Dia disembah.

Untuk melayani Tuhan dengan berkesan, kita perlu tahu bahawa Tuhan ada di atas takhta, Ia yang berdaulat, pemerintahNya tidak berakhir dan Dia layak disembah.

2. Tuhan adalah kudus (Yesaya 6:3,5)

Yesaya melihat Tuhan sebagai yang kudus dan ia sendiri harus dijadikan kudus. Untuk melayani Tuhan secara berkesan, kamu perlu memahami bahawa kamu melayani Tuhan yang kudus dan Ia inginkan kamu juga kudus, kerana Alkitab berkata, “Kuduslah kamu, sebab Aku kudus” (1 Petrus 1:16).

RESPON YESAYA ADALAH BERKESAN DALAM MELAYANI TUHAN:

1. Keinsafan

Yesaya melihat Tuhan dan dengan segera insaf akan dosanya (ayat 5). Sama seperti itu, agar kita berkesan dalam pelayanan kita, kita mesti insaf akan dosa kita dan mempunyai keinsafan yang kuat bahawa Alkitab adalah Firman Tuhan. Ayub, walaupun dia dianggap seorang yang benar dalam Perjanjian Lama, ia diinsafkan tentang dosanya dan dia bertobat dengan berkata, : “Hanya dari kata orang saja aku mendengar tentang Engkau, tetapi sekarang mataku sendiri memandang Engkau. Oleh sebab itu aku mencabut perkataanku dan dengan menyesal aku duduk dalam debu dan abu” (Ayub 42:5-6). Tetapi jangan bertobat sahaja tetapi percaya Kristus telah mengampuni kamu dan bangkit sebagai umat percaya yang betekad untuk hidup, mengasihi dan melayani Tuhan seperti Yesaya, Ayub dan orang-orang lain yang melayani Tuhan.

2. Pengakuan

Yesaya mengakui bahawa dosanya telah menjadikan ia “binasa”. Kata “binasa”, ialah “diasingkan” dalam terjemahan lain. Dosa mengasingkan kita dari Tuhan sebagai sumber segala yang hidup. Dosa

membinasakan hidup kamu. Alkitab berkata, “tetapi yang merupakan pemisah antara kamu dan Tuhanmu ialah segala kejahatanmu, dan yang membuat Dia menyembunyikan diri terhadap kamu, sehingga Ia tidak mendengar, ialah segala dosamu” (Yesaya 59:2) dan, “Siapa menyembunyikan pelanggaran-pelanggarannya tidak akan beruntung, tetapi siapa mengakuinya dan meninggalkannya akan disayangi” (Amsal 28:13). Yesaya bukan sahaja bertobat, malahan dia memberi respon kepada Tuhan, “Tuhan, utuslah aku!” (Yesaya 6:8).

3. Penyucian

Penyucian berlaku setelah keinsafan dan pengakuan dosa. Penyucian Yesaya adalah satu contoh yang baik corak Perjanjian Baru untuk penyucian. Atas perintah Tuhan, Serafim terbang dan mengambil bara api dari mezbah dan pergi menyentuh bibir Yesaya. Serafim adalah simbol Roh Kudus yang membawa keinsafan tentang dosa kita. Alkitab berkata, “Dan kalau Ia datang, Ia akan menginsafkan dunia akan dosa, kebenaran dan penghakiman” (Yohanes 16:8). Bara api itu simbol darah Yesus Kristus yang telah menyucikan kita dari dosa kita. Tidak ada pengampunan dosa melainkan melalui penumpahan darah (Ibrani 9:22). Mezbah melambangkan Kalvari, dimana Yesus mati di atas salib dan mencurahkan darahnya. Kerja Yesus yang sudah selesai di Kalvari bermakna semua yang percaya dalam Yesus adalah ciptaan baru (2 Korintus 5:17). Kita disucikan, di beri kuasa dan merdeka untuk hidup, mengasihi dan melayani Tuhan. Rasul Paulus menasihati kita, “marilah kita menyucikan diri kita dari semua pencemaran jasmani dan rohani, dan dengan demikian menyempurnakan kekudusan kita dalam takut akan Tuhan” (2 Korintus 7:1).

4. Cabaran

Apabila Yesaya disucikan dari dosanya, dia mendengar Tuhan berkata, “Pergilah, dan katakanlah kepada bangsa ini: Dengarlah sungguh-sungguh, tetapi mengerti: jangan! Lihatlah sungguh-sungguh, tetapi menanggapi: jangan!” (Yesaya 6:9). Tuhan berbicara kepada kita dan suaranya boleh didengari dalam pelbagai bentuk yang berlainan. Keinsafan,



pengakuan dan penyucian adalah perlu sekiranya kita mahu menjadi umat yang mendengar dari Tuhan. Agar dapat mendengar suara Tuhan, kita mestilah kudus, taat dan mengalu-alukan Roh Kudus ke dalam hidup kita. Yesus memberitahu kita, “Domba-domba-Ku mendengarkan suara-Ku dan Aku mengenal mereka dan mereka mengikut Aku” (Yohanes 10:27). Tuhan masih berbicara hari ini melalui FirmanNya oleh Roh Kudus. Alkitab berkata, “Tetapi apabila Ia datang, yaitu Roh Kebenaran, Ia akan memimpin kamu ke dalam seluruh kebenaran; sebab Ia tidak akan berkata-kata dari diri-Nya sendiri, tetapi segala sesuatu yang didengar-Nya itulah yang akan dikatakan-Nya dan Ia akan memberitakan kepadamu hal-hal yang akan datang. Ia akan memuliakan Aku, sebab Ia akan memberitakan kepadamu apa yang diterimanya dari pada-Ku” (Yohanes 16:13-14) dan “Tetapi kamu akan menerima kuasa, kalau Roh Kudus turun ke atas kamu, dan kamu akan menjadi saksi-Ku di Yerusalem dan di seluruh Yudea dan Samaria dan sampai ke ujung bumi” (Kisah Para Rasul 1:8).

5. Pentahbisan

Ada dua bahagian dalam pentahbisan. Yang pertama ialah apa yang dikatakan oleh Yesaya, “Ini aku”. Ini adalah aksi dedikasi. Kemudian ia berkata, “Utuslah aku”. Yang kedua ialah ketaatan. Alkitab berkata, “...Sesungguhnya, mendengarkan lebih baik dari pada korban sembelihan” (1 Samuel 15:22).

Panggilan untuk melayani adalah sesuatu yang perlu dan segera untuk menjangkau dunia dengan Injil. Tuhan mencari orang yang akan melayaninya seperti nabi Yesaya. Rasul Paulus mengatakan, “Dan bagaimana mereka dapat memberitakan-Nya, jika mereka tidak diutus? Seperti ada tertulis: “Betapa indahnyanya kedatangan mereka yang membawa kabar baik!” (Roma 10:15).

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari terjemahan Bahasa Indonesia melainkan dinyatakan.

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蒙召参与耶稣基督福音职事的事奉是一项尊荣和特权，也是每一个重生的信徒的责任，为主耶稣基督作见证。我们有许多方法可以事奉主。它可以是整理行装去作宣教士，或者是在神安置你的地方，为耶稣作忠心的见证人。向不认识基督的人分享福音应该是我们的喜乐。

先知以赛亚的经历，生动地向我们展现了如何有效事奉主的功课。它始于乌西雅王的驾崩，地上的政权更替。然而，神永远坐在他的宝座上。人的掌管可能会结束，但神一直在掌权。以赛亚在与神相遇之后，有效地作先知事奉神。

圣经上说：「当乌西雅王崩的那年，我看见主坐在高高的宝座上。他的衣裳下摆遮满圣殿。上有撒拉弗侍立，各有六个翅膀：两个翅膀遮脸，两个翅膀遮脚，两个翅膀飞翔，彼此呼喊说：“圣哉！圣哉！圣哉！万军之耶和華；他的荣光遍满满地！”因呼喊者的声音，门槛的根基震动，殿里充满了烟云。那时我说：“祸哉！我灭亡了！因为我是嘴唇不洁的人，住在嘴唇不洁的民中，又因我亲眼看见大君王 - 万军之耶和華。”有一撒拉弗向我飞来，手里拿着烧红的炭，是用火钳从坛上取下来的，用炭沾我的口，说：“看哪，这炭沾了你的嘴唇，你的罪孽便除掉，你的罪恶就赦免了。”我听见主的声音说：“我可以差遣谁呢？谁

肯为我们去呢？”我说：“我在这里，请差遣我！”他说：“你去告诉这百姓说：‘你们听了又听，却不明白；看了又看，却不晓得。’”

以赛亚看见神的异象而大大影响了他去事奉主。

1. 耶和華高坐在他的寶座上，他被敬拜。

要有效地事奉神，我們需要知道神是在他的寶座上，他執掌王權，他永遠都在掌管和護理。他是配受敬拜的。

2. 耶和華是聖潔的（賽6:3,5）

以賽亞看見耶和華是一位聖潔的神，而他需要成為聖潔。為了有效地事奉神，你需要明白你所事奉的是一位聖潔的神，他要你成為聖潔，因為聖經上說：「你們要成為聖，因為我是神聖的」（彼前1:16）。

以賽亞的回應是有效的事奉主：

1. 定罪

以賽亞看見主，立即意識到自己被定罪（5節）。同樣地，我們要有有效的事奉，我們必須意識到自己被定罪，並堅信聖經是神的話語。約伯雖然在舊約中被認為是一個義人，但他也意識到自己被定罪而悔改說道：「我從前風聞有你，現在親眼看見你。因此我撤回，在塵土和爐灰中懊悔」（伯42:5-6）。但是不要只是悔改，而要相信基督已經赦免你，並起來成為信徒，像以賽亞，約伯和一切事奉耶和華的人一樣，決心要生活，愛主並事奉主。

2. 承認

以賽亞承認自己的罪使他「滅亡」（5節）。「滅亡」一詞在另一個翻譯中被譯為「隔絕」。罪將我們與神，一切生命的源頭隔絕。罪毀壞了你的生命。聖經上說：「但你們的罪孽使你們與神隔絕，你們的罪惡使他轉臉不聽你們」（賽59:2）和「遮掩自己過犯的，必不順利；承認且離棄過犯的，必蒙憐憫」（箴28:13）。以賽亞不但悔改，而且回應神說：「主啊，請差遣我」（賽6:8）。

3. 潔淨

潔淨是在定罪和認罪之後進行。以賽亞的潔淨是一個美麗的新約潔淨模式的好例子。在神的命令下，有一撒拉弗飛來，把燒紅的炭從神的壇上取下來，去沾了以賽亞的口。撒拉弗講述的是我們的罪的聖靈。聖經上說：「他來的時候，要為罪、為義，為審判，指證世人」（約16:8）。燒紅的炭講述的是耶穌基督的寶血，洗淨了我們的罪。沒有流血，就沒有赦罪（來9:22）。祭壇講述的是加略山，耶穌在十字架上死了，流下了他的寶血。耶穌在加略山所完成的工作意味著所有相信耶穌的人都是新造的人（林後5:17）。我們被潔淨，賦予權力，並得



自由地生活，愛和事奉神。使徒保羅勸誡我們：

「所以，親愛的，既然我們有这样的應許，就當潔淨自己，除去身體和靈魂一切的污穢，藉着敬畏神，得以成聖」（林後7:1）。

4. 挑戰

當以賽亞的罪獲得潔淨後，他聽到神說：「你去告訴這百姓說：‘你們听了又听，却不明白；看了又看，却不晓得。’」（賽6:9）。神與我們說話，他的聲音可以用許多不同的方式被聽見。如果我們要成為聽見神說話的人，定罪，認罪和潔淨就是必要的。為了聽到神的聲音，我們必須聖潔，順服和歡迎聖靈進入我們的生命中。耶穌告訴我們：「我的羊聽我的聲音，我認識它們，它們也跟從我」（約10:27）。主今天仍然靠聖靈藉着他的話語與人說話。聖經上說：「但真理的靈来的时候，他要引導你們進入一切真理。因為他不是憑着自己說的，而是把他所聽見的都说出來，並且要把將要來的事向你們傳達。他要榮耀我，因為他要把從我領受的向你們傳達」（約16:13-14）和「但聖靈降臨在你們身上，你們就必得着能力，並要在耶路撒冷、猶太全地和撒瑪利亞，直到地極，作我的見證」（徒1:8）。

5. 承受聖職

承受聖職有兩個部分。首先是以賽亞所說的：「我在这里」。這是一種奉獻的行為。然後他說：「請差遣我」。其次是順從。聖經上說：「看哪，聽命勝於獻祭」（撒15:22）。

事奉的呼召和向世界傳揚福音是同樣必要和迫切。神正在尋找像先知以賽亞那樣事奉他的人。使徒保羅說：「若沒有奉差遣，怎能傳道呢？如經上所記：“報福音、傳喜信的人，他們的腳踪何等佳美！”」（羅10:15）。

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Michael Loon

Attending AIM helped me discover more of God, more about myself and more about the people I serve with. The theological courses and relevant, practical curriculum inspired me to be developed as a leader in the Youth Ministry and there was no looking back since. I believe that during my time at AIM, God was preparing me for something greater. Today, I am serving as a Ministerial Staff in the Youth & Young Adults Ministry and AIM had a pivotal role to play in the process. All glory to God!



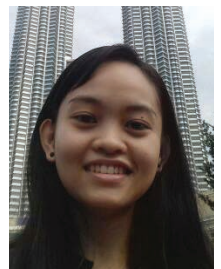
Marcus Solomon

AIM has given me an opportunity to know and understand God better. It was not so much of getting head knowledge but an encounter with God. The pastors played an important role in equipping me with the Word of God through the interactive lessons. The practicum enabled me to be bolder to reach out to the potential believers. AIM as has enabled me to know the Word deeper and also to improve my leadership skills, as a Life Group Leader and Altar Workers' Coordinator.



Salome A James

Shalom! AIM changed my life tremendously. After completing the course, I became braver and more confident to serve the Lord. I have started to share devotions in the Iban Services at Calvary Bintulu. The Lord touched and changed me through the word of God in John 15:16 so that I am more fruitful and know God is working daily in my life.



Nellie Low

The class sessions, group discussions and practicums were rewarding and enriching, enhanced by the lecturing Pastors. More excitingly, AIM has led me to serve with the Myanmar adult outreach at Pudu. I am so thankful, experiencing God's faithfulness. I am determine to return for another AIM term, as I avail myself to Him, God most high.



Looi Sook Ming

Apart from classroom learning, AIM has also given us practical experience in evangelism and leadership training. I have learnt not only Biblical principles but also application of these principles. After AIM, God's hand has directed me to serve in the Puchong outreach and at CERC.



Raymond Ow

AIM deepened my understanding of the Word and ministry principles. Ministry exposure increased my boldness and effectiveness in reaching out and I learned the importance of staying connected with others and most importantly, our God. AIM has enabled me to be a better Life Group leader and it has blessed our LG with additional members. John 8:31 says, "if you hold to my teaching, you are truly my disciple."



Debbie Hong

I am deeply grateful today as I reflect back at the time I spent in the youth AIM leadership programme (2011) with my fellow AIM mates. It has shaped and prepared me to strive better and understand the calling of God. Today I am serving in various ministries as a musician. This year I took up the challenge to become a YA LG leader.



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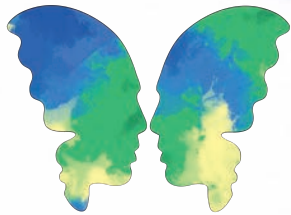
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Saturday, 5.00pm Calvary Damansara Heights

- 03 Associate Pastor Raymond Yong
Communion
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- 17 Associate Pastor David Seah
- 24 Associate Pastor Steven Kum
- 31 Combined with Easter Worship Service

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Topic: Soul Detox

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Speaker: Associate Pastor Peter Ong

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24 MARCH 2018

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