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# BEING FRUITFUL IN SERVING

BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

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Everything God created has a specific purpose and can only find true fulfilment in the Creator. The Bible says, ***“Only fools say in their hearts, “There is no God””*** (Psalm 14:1). It is only in God you can find ultimate meaning, purpose and fulfilment in your life. Fulfilling God’s purpose in your life cannot be compensated by the attainment of prestige, wealth or fame. Understanding God’s purpose of a fulfilled life is essentially knowing the secret of being fruitful as believers in Jesus Christ.

In the Gospels, Jesus often used parables to teach us biblical truths. The Parable of “The Vine” that Jesus taught was the secret of having a meaningful and purposeful life. Jesus said, *“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 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. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and my words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples”* (John 15:1-8 NKJV).

In the parable, Jesus is the Vine, God the Father is the Vinedresser, believers are represented by branches of the Vine and bearing fruit is the purpose of the branches. It is God’s desire that we, as believers, be fruitful. God did not create and redeem man just to be a branch; He desires that we bear fruits. This gives meaning to life. However, there are different degrees of fruitfulness. The parable speaks of much fruit, more fruit, fruit and no fruit. Again in the Parable of the Sower, who sowed seeds, Jesus said, *“Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”* (Matthew 13:8). There are consequences to branches that do not bear fruit. When Jesus saw a fruitless fig tree, the Bible says, *“He went over to see if there were any figs, but there were only leaves. Then he said to it, “May you never bear fruit again!” And immediately the fig tree*



*withered up*” (Matthew 21:19). In another parable, Jesus teaches about a master who gave talents to his servants and asked his servants to work. When the master returned, he commended the two servants who doubled their investments and the servant who failed to produce was called a wicked servant. The three servants had the same relationship with their master, but one was found to be unproductive or fruitless. In the same way, there are many believers today who are part of God’s family, yet fail to bear fruit. However, Jesus teaches that the secret to fruit-bearing is abiding in the vine (John 15:4-8).

- To abide is to feed on His Word and obey His commandments. The Bible says, *“If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully keep his commands that I am giving you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the world. You will experience all these blessings if you obey the Lord your God: Your towns and your fields will be blessed. Your children and your crops will be blessed. The offspring of your herds and flocks will be blessed. Your fruit baskets and breadboards will be blessed. The Lord will conquer your enemies when they attack you. They will attack you from one direction, but they will scatter from you in seven! The Lord will*

*guarantee a blessing on everything you do and will fill your storehouses with grain. The Lord your God will bless you in the land that He is giving you. If you obey the commands of the Lord your God and walk in His ways, the Lord will establish you as His holy people as He swore He would do. Then all the nations of the world will see that you are a people claimed by the Lord, and they will stand in awe of you”* (Deuteronomy 28:1-10).

- Abiding makes us fruitful believers, bearing spiritual fruits as a born-again believer. The Bible says, *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law”* (Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV). The tree is identified by the kind of fruit it produces. The fruit of the Spirit are the characteristics that define us abiding in Christ. When people see us, they see Jesus in us. The Bible says, *“In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father”* (Matthew 5:16).
- Abiding in Christ empowers us to be spiritually-gifted. The Bible says, *“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same*

*Spirit is the source of them all. There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have” (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).*

There are very clear evidences of an abiding believer:

1. His lifestyle is a testimony of his faith in Jesus Christ. The Bible says, *“If someone claims, ‘I know God,’ but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. This is how we know we are living in him”* (1 John 2:4-5). Abiding in Christ helps us express God’s character and doing what He has called us to do in being witnesses of His love and grace.
2. He has an unbroken fellowship with God. The Bible says, *“Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did”* (1 John 2:6). A person who abides in Christ has the Holy

Spirit, His fruits, works, character and conduct. Therefore, he is able to exemplify God’s values and testify of God’s saving grace.

3. He is free from habitual sin. The believer who abides in Christ is free from living a sinful lifestyle (Romans 6:15-18). In the times that he falls due to his imperfections, he comes to Jesus, repents and confesses his sin, knowing that God is at work in his life. The Bible says, *“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness”* (1 John 1:9).
4. He lives in unity and fellowship with fellow believers. The Bible records Jesus praying for believers, *“I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one – as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me”* (John 17:21).

Let us be found to be a true branch of the Vine, in order that our fruits in life will show that we are His disciples. The early disciples were recognized as Christians by the kind of lifestyle they had, one that exemplified Jesus Christ (Acts 11:36). In the same way, may we walk, live, love and serve God’s purpose and do the will of God for our lives by being fruitful witnesses.

All Bible quotations are from the New Living Translation, unless otherwise indicated.

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# CALVARY CHURCH *celebrates* 50 YEARS

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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...

## **TERIMA KASIH YESUS UNTUK GEREJA CALVARY!**

Sebelum kami mengenal Tuhan Yesus Kristus lebih dekat, kehidupan rumahtangga kami banyak mengalami persoalan dan tiada ketenangan. Walaupun kami pernah ke gereja namun belum sepenuhnya menyerahkan diri kepada Tuhan Yesus Kristus. Kami bersyukur karena Tuhan Yesus Kristus membawa Gereja Calvary ke tempat kerja kami. Dari situlah kami menerima Tuhan Yesus Kristus dan setelah itu dibaptis, dan menjadi ahli Gereja Calvary. Kami banyak mendapat bimbingan dari Kelompok Sel (Life Group) dan Pelayanan Bahasa Malaysia (BM) yang telah membawa kami menuju ke jalan keselamatan dan kematangan.

Juga sangat berterima kasih sekali pada kepemimpinan yang diterajui oleh Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam yang banyak menambah pengetahuan dan pengertian Firman Tuhan melalui penterjemahan BM di mimbar setiap kebaktian umum Ahad. Ini telah membuat kami bertumbuh dalam iman dan hidup kerohanian. Tuhan juga menunjukkan kebaikanNya atas puteri tunggal kami di Indonesia. Walaupun kami bekerja di sini, namun Tuhanlah yang menjadikan puteri kami berhasil, mendapat keputusan yang baik dalam pelajaran.

Kasih Tuhan Yesuslah yang memberi kami pengharapan dan sumber kehidupan sejati. Kami adalah saksi kebaikan dan kasih Yesus yang sentiasa mengiringi dalam hidup kami. Dialah sumber pengharapan dan sukacita kami!



## **THANK YOU JESUS FOR CALVARY CHURCH!**

Before we drew close to Christ, our household had no peace. We thank God that Jesus brought Calvary Church to our workplace. We accepted Christ, were later baptised and became Calvary Church's members. Through the guidance of our BM Life Group and Ministry, we grew in Christ.

We thank Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam for his teaching that has increased our spiritual knowledge on Sunday Services. God also takes care of our only daughter back in Indonesia. She is thriving and doing well in her studies.

We are witnesses of Christ's goodness and love in our lives. He is the source of our hope and joy!

**Sumarji and Kristin**

## SERVING WITH HUMILITY AND GRACE

There is nothing like home and that is what Calvary Church is to us. My husband, Chow Sang Hoe, and I were both born again Christians in Calvary Church, grew up here and now serve together as a family. This is also where God has seen us through our most challenging times, through sickness, career difficulties, financial situations, and our marriage and family challenges.

We are so thankful to God for giving us great pastors and leaders who love us, always pray with us and have taught us so much.

Our daughters, Eliza and Faythe, grew up in Calvary Church and have benefitted greatly from all the children's programmes such as the Carpenter's Workshop and Kids Creative Arts Team (KidsCAT), which they had the opportunity to serve in as they grew up.



L-R: Faythe, Sang Hoe, Jessyca and Eliza

The Church has also provided many opportunities for us to serve God in different ways and through serving we have learnt humility and obedience. The one significant thing that has impacted us was the way the Church leadership united in spirit and purpose when we were going through some challenges as a Church some years ago. They were calm and did not react in strife through all the challenges but instead encouraged us to pray, believe and trust. This exemplary conduct has taught us greatly.

We are looking forward to the greater things that God is going to do through our Church, for the glory of God to empower and propel us to new heights. Praise God and all glory to Him!

**Jessyca Chin**

## BELONGING TO CALVARY CHURCH

It is an honour and privilege to be found and be part of the Calvary Church family. I started attending Calvary Church in 2002 when my husband, Lee Yun Wing, was posted to Petaling Jaya. It was a struggle at first because I used to live in a small town and worship at a small church in "The Land below the Wind" (Sabah). Moving away from the comfort and warmth of our own family and church members was not an easy decision. I praise and thank God for His Word through the preaching of our pastors as we faithfully came Sunday after Sunday as well as the Friday Prayer Meetings.



Leonella with her husband, Yun Wing

God has blessed us in many areas of our lives and paved the way for us to serve Him in different ministries. I embarked on a new journey where I had the privilege to serve Him as a Missionettes sponsor and a Life Group leader. Truly, not by might nor by power but by the Spirit of the Lord, I was able to serve Him with joy and gladness in my heart.

Serving God in these ministries helped me get closer to many brothers and sisters in Christ. Praise the Lord! I am truly blessed to be part of the Calvary Church family and for every opportunity given to serve God and grow spiritually. All glory to our great, big and wonderful God.

**Leonella Gonzales**

## SERVING AND DRAWING CLOSER TO GOD

I started attending Calvary Church in 1984. After my wife, Christina Ng, and I married in 1988, we served together in different ministries. My first ministry was serving as an usher, while my wife served in the Children's Ministry.

In 1990, we decided to find a Life Group (LG) in Wangsa Maju and through God's planning and timing, our own home was opened soon after, where my wife decided to take up LG leadership. I then assisted and supported her in worship leading during our LG meetings.

It was during this period of assisting that the Holy Spirit led me to be bolder in sharing the Word of God and instilled in me the longing to serve Him more. In 2000, I went on to start up a Men's LG in Puchong, knowing God had prepared me to serve Him.



L-R: Esther, Christina, Michael, Lydia and Samuel

We thank God for our children, Samuel, Esther and Lydia, who also serve in the Royal Rangers and Missionettes Ministries. Personally, I thank God for the many opportunities to be involved in serving Him in various projects over the past years like the Bukit Jalil CCC Run, Christmas Evangelistic productions, Men's Ministry Dinner, Calvary Carnival and now the Calvary Living Space project.

Looking back on the past 30 years, God has always been good to us as we continue to look to Him. Thank You, Jesus!

**Michael Soong**

## GROWING IN GOD'S COMPETENCY

I thank God for leading me to Calvary Church in the 1970s. In my early years, I was introduced to the Life Group (LG) Ministry and I started attending them. After sometime, I was challenged to take up LG leadership which I thought was only a trial, but led on to a permanent role. I drew encouragement from 2 Corinthians 3:5-6a, "Not that we are competent in ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant."

I used to be a very quiet person with just a few friends when I was younger. But with encouragement, motivation and training from the LG Ministry, I am now more confident and have also made many friends. I am also involved in ushering as I like serving the Lord and His people.



When Calvary Church started her Cheras Satellite, I was asked to teach the School of Christian Growth classes. I must say, I had to really study to teach, and that is where I grew my faith in the Lord and His Word.

I thank God for our Senior Pastors and all our pastors who faithfully share God's Word with us week after week, giving us the opportunities to serve God and grow with the Church.

To God be the glory!

**Tan Boon Seng**



Group photo of rangers and leaders at the camp

# INVIGORATING POW WOW!

BY LISA TOH

From 13 to 16 June 2018, 21 leaders and 91 Royal Rangers from Calvary Church attended the 5th Royal Rangers Central District Pow Wow at Nur Laman Bestari, Ulu Yam, alongside 400 other leaders and Rangers from other churches. It was four days of fun-filled activities like getting drenched while aiming tennis balls into a bucket, fellowship with friends new and old, and spiritually-charged night rallies.

## HERE ARE SOME HEARTENING TESTIMONIES FROM OUR CAMPERS:

“I loved Pow Wow because it was really fun. I liked the stall games, sleeping in the tent, and having friends and commanders who were there for me. I enjoyed the night rallies as well because we got to sing, praise and worship God.” – **Hannah Priya Ponnudurai**, *Discovery Ranger*

“During the first night rally, I told God my problems. The next day, something amazing happened and I was impacted greatly! During one of the competitive games, my team won, and I have never been so proud! I realised God was showing me that I am not a failure. I am so happy I went to this camp, and very thankful for the commanders who advised and prayed for me.” – **Mak Kai Xiang**, *Expedition Ranger*



Rangers and commanders erecting their tents



Chowing down on a delicious lunch





Campers gathering for a night rally

“I thank God for an amazing experience — meeting new people, participating in games, enjoying the fellowship among rangers and commanders as well as seeing our Master Ranger, Jesus Christ, at work during the night rallies.” – **Amanda Chong**, Lieutenant Commander

“God has been gracious to allow the camp to run smoothly and to see the rangers and commanders having fun. The greatest joy for me is to see the rangers come to know God better. All glory to God!” – **Lam Kah Meng**, Camp Commander

“Thank God for His care and love for the campers, especially younger ones in their first camp. It was a great blessing and encouragement to see campers responding to the call of salvation, rededication, and full-time ministry.” – **Cheah Siew Ying**, Councilwoman



Rangers posing during midgame



Participating in games



Strategic planning



All smiles while participating in the camp activities

Royal Rangers Ministry is for boys and girls from six to 17 years old. Join our activities on Sundays, 11.30am at Calvary Convention Centre. For more information, call 03-8999 5532 ext 408.



*The congregation responding to the altar call*



*Fathers delighted while receiving gifts and well wishes*



*One Voice dedicating a touching performance to all fathers*



# A TOUCHING RECOGNITION

BY ANDREW YEM

It was a Sunday filled with elation on 17 June 2018, as the Church acknowledged fathers in their roles as warriors, heroes and dads.

After a refreshing time of worship, each father received a bright and useful shoe bag as a small token, given out by the Royal Rangers, Missionettes, young adults and Carpenter's Workshop children. This was followed by a special performance entitled "For Who You Are" by One Voice, a children's choir of the Music and Creative Arts Ministry.



*Sister Petrina praying for fathers*



*Fathers being recognised and prayed for*

Associate Pastor Richard Yun delivered an encouraging sermon entitled “Battling Against Your Giants”, using the illustration of King David and the giants he faced in his life (2 Samuel 21:15-17). It was a good reminder that temptation can be a giant that is common to all, and past victories do not guarantee freedom from further temptations. However, we can always depend on Jesus who has won the victory for us over sin and death on the Cross.

After the message, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam and the Associate Pastors prayed a prayer of blessing over all fathers in the congregation. The service ended with another heart-warming song and dance performance by Calvary Youth titled “Not All Heroes Wear Capes”.

The faces of our fathers present in the service were jubilantly lit and everyone left the service truly blessed, ready to take on their giants!

 Watch Pastor Richard’s full message on our YouTube channel [@calvaryone](#)



*Pastor Richard sharing a personal lesson*



*Youths proclaiming their fathers are cape-less heroes through song and dance*

# BERHASIL DALAM PELAYANAN

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**Segala yang diciptakan Tuhan memiliki tujuan khusus dan hanya dapat menemukan kepuasan yang sejati dalam Pencipta. Alkitab berkata, “Orang bebal berkata dalam hatinya: “Tidak ada Tuhan” (Mazmur 14:1). Hanya di dalam Tuhan kamu dapat mencari makna, tujuan, dan kepuasan sesungguhnya dalam hidup kamu. Memenuhi tujuan Tuhan dalam hidup kamu tidak dapat diimbangi dengan pencapaian prestij, kekayaan, atau kemasyhuran. Memahami tujuan Tuhan dari kehidupan yang puas pada dasarnya adalah mengetahui rahsia menjadi berhasil sebagai orang percaya di dalam Yesus Kristus.**

Dalam Injil, Yesus sering menggunakan perumpamaan untuk mengajar kita kebenaran alkitabiah. Perumpamaan tentang “Pohon Anggur” yang Yesus ajarkan adalah rahsia memiliki kehidupan yang bermakna dan bertujuan. Yesus berkata, “Akulah pokok anggur yang benar dan Bapa-Kulah pengusahanya. Setiap ranting pada-Ku yang tidak berbuah, dipotong-Nya dan setiap ranting yang berbuah,

dibersihkan-Nya, supaya ia lebih banyak berbuah. Kamu memang sudah bersih karena firman yang telah Kukatakan kepadamu. Tinggallah di dalam Aku dan Aku di dalam kamu. Sama seperti ranting tidak dapat berbuah dari dirinya sendiri, kalau ia tidak tinggal pada pokok anggur, demikian juga kamu tidak berbuah, jikalau kamu tidak tinggal di dalam Aku. Akulah pokok anggur dan kamulah ranting-rantingnya. Barangsiapa tinggal di dalam Aku dan Aku di dalam dia, ia berbuah banyak, sebab di luar Aku kamu tidak dapat berbuat apa-apa. Barangsiapa tidak tinggal di dalam Aku, ia dibuang ke luar seperti ranting dan menjadi kering, kemudian dikumpulkan orang dan dicampakkan ke dalam api lalu dibakar. Jikalau kamu tinggal di dalam Aku dan firman-Ku tinggal di dalam kamu, mintalah apa saja yang kamu kehendaki, dan kamu akan menerimanya. Dalam hal inilah Bapa-Ku dipermuliakan, yaitu jika kamu berbuah banyak dan dengan demikian kamu adalah murid-murid-Ku” (Yohanes 15:1-8).

Dalam perumpamaan, Yesus adalah Pokok Anggur, Tuhan Bapa adalah Pengusaha Anggur, orang percaya diwakili oleh ranting pohon anggur dan menghasilkan buah adalah tujuan dari ranting-rantingnya. Adalah keinginan Tuhan bahwa kita, sebagai orang percaya menjadi berhasil. Tuhan tidak menciptakan dan menebus manusia hanya untuk menjadi cabang; Dia ingin kita menghasilkan buah. Ini memberi makna pada kehidupan. Namun, ada berbagai tingkat keberhasilan. Perumpamaan berbicara tentang banyak buah, lebih banyak buah, berbuah dan tiadanya buah. Sekali lagi dalam Perumpamaan tentang Penabur, yang menabur benih, Yesus berkata, “Dan sebagian jatuh di tanah yang baik lalu berbuah: ada yang seratus kali lipat, ada yang enam puluh kali lipat, ada yang tiga puluh kali lipat” (Matius 13:8). Ada akibatnya bagi cabang yang tidak berbuah. Ketika Yesus melihat pohon ara yang tidak berbuah, Alkitab berkata, “Dekat jalan Ia melihat pohon ara lalu pergi ke situ, tetapi Ia tidak mendapat apa-apa pada pohon itu selain daun-daun saja. Kata-Nya kepada pohon itu: “Engkau tidak akan berbuah lagi selama-lamanya!” Dan seketika itu juga keringlah pohon ara itu” (Matius 21:19). Dalam perumpamaan lainnya, Yesus mengajar tentang seorang tuan yang memberi talenta kepada para hambanya dan meminta para hambanya untuk bekerja. Ketika tuannya kembali, ia memuji dua pelayan yang melipat gandakan pelaburan mereka dan hamba yang gagal menghasilkan digelar pelayan jahat. Ketiga pelayan itu memiliki hubungan yang sama dengan tuan mereka, tetapi yang satu ditemukan tidak berhasil atau tidak membuah hasil. Dengan cara yang sama, ada banyak orang percaya saat ini yang merupakan bagian dari keluarga Tuhan, namun gagal menghasilkan buah. Namun, Yesus mengajar-



kan bahwa rahsia untuk menghasilkan buah adalah tinggal di dalam pokok anggur (Yohanes 15:4-8).

- Menetap adalah untuk memakan FirmanNya dan mematuhi perintah-perintahNya. Alkitab mengatakan, “Jika engkau baik-baik mendengarkan suara TUHAN, Tuhanmu, dan melakukan dengan setia segala perintah-Nya yang kusampaikan kepadamu pada hari ini, maka TUHAN, Tuhanmu, akan mengangkat engkau di atas segala bangsa di bumi. Segala berkat ini akan datang kepadamu dan menjadi bagianmu, jika engkau mendengarkan suara TUHAN, Tuhanmu: Diberkatilah engkau di kota dan diberkatilah engkau di ladang. Diberkatilah buah kandunganmu, hasil bumimu dan hasil ternakmu, yakni anak lembu sapimu dan kandungan kambing dombamu. Diberkatilah bakulmu dan tempat adonanmu. Diberkatilah engkau pada waktu masuk dan diberkatilah engkau pada waktu keluar. TUHAN akan membiarkan musuhmu yang maju berperang melawan engkau, terpukul kalah olehmu. Bersatu jalan mereka akan menyerangi engkau, tetapi bertujuh jalan mereka akan lari dari depanmu. TUHAN akan memerintahkan berkat ke atasmu di dalam lumbungmu dan di dalam segala usahamu; Ia akan memberkati engkau di negeri yang diberikan kepadamu oleh TUHAN, Tuhanmu. TUHAN akan menetapkan engkau sebagai umat-Nya yang kudus, seperti yang dijanjikan-Nya dengan sumpah kepadamu, jika engkau berpegang pada perintah TUHAN, Tuhanmu, dan hidup menurut jalan yang ditunjukkan-Nya. Maka segala bangsa di bumi akan melihat, bahwa nama TUHAN telah disebut atasmu, dan mereka akan takut kepadamu” (Ulangan 28:1-10).

- Menetap membuat kita menjadi orang percaya yang berhasil, menghasilkan buah rohani sebagai orang percaya yang dilahirkan kembali. Alkitab mengatakan, “Tetapi buah Roh ialah: kasih, sukacita, damai sejahtera, kesabaran, kemurahan, kebaikan, kesetiaan, kelemahlembutan, penguasaan diri. Tidak ada hukum yang menentang hal-hal itu” (Galatia 5:22-23). Pohon itu dikenal pasti oleh jenis buah yang dihasilkannya. Buah Roh adalah ciri-ciri yang menentukan bahawa kita menetap di dalam Kristus. Ketika orang melihat kita, mereka melihat Yesus di dalam kita. Alkitab berkata, “Demikianlah hendaknya terangmu bercahaya di depan orang, supaya mereka melihat perbuatanmu yang baik dan memuliakan Bapamu yang di sorga” (Matius 5:16).
- Menetap di dalam Kristus memberikan kita kuasa berkarunia secara rohani. Alkitab berkata, “Ada rupa-rupa karunia, tetapi satu Roh. Dan ada rupa-rupa pelayanan, tetapi satu Tuhan. Dan ada berbagai-bagai perbuatan ajaib, tetapi Tuhan adalah satu yang mengerjakan semuanya dalam semua orang. Tetapi kepada tiap-tiap orang dikaruniakan penyataan Roh untuk kepentingan bersama. Sebab kepada yang seorang Roh memberikan karunia untuk berkata-kata dengan hikmat, dan kepada yang lain Roh yang sama memberikan karunia berkata-kata dengan pengetahuan. Kepada yang seorang Roh yang sama memberikan iman, dan kepada yang lain Ia memberikan karunia untuk menyembuhkan. Kepada yang seorang Roh memberikan kuasa untuk mengadakan mujizat, dan kepada yang lain Ia memberikan karunia untuk bernubuat, dan kepada yang lain lagi Ia memberikan karunia untuk membedakan bermacam-macam roh. Kepada yang seorang Ia memberikan karunia untuk berkata-kata dengan bahasa roh, dan kepada yang lain Ia memberikan karunia untuk menafsirkan bahasa roh itu. Tetapi semuanya ini dikerjakan oleh Roh yang satu dan yang sama, yang memberikan karunia kepada tiap-tiap orang secara khusus, seperti yang dikehendaki-Nya” (1 Korintus 12:4-11).

Ada bukti yang sangat jelas dari orang percaya yang menetap:

1. Gaya hidupnya adalah kesaksian imannya dalam Yesus Kristus. Alkitab mengatakan, “Barangsiapa berkata: Aku mengenal Dia, tetapi ia tidak menuruti perintah-Nya, ia adalah seorang pendusta dan di dalamnya tidak ada kebenaran. Tetapi barangsiapa menuruti firman-Nya, di dalam orang itu sungguh sudah sempurna kasih Tuhan; dengan itulah kita ketahui, bahwa kita ada di dalam Dia” (1 Yohanes

2:4-5). Menetap di dalam Kristus membantu kita menunjukkan karakter Tuhan dan melakukan apa yang Dia panggil kita lakukan untuk menjadi saksi akan kasih dan anugerahNya.

2. Dia memiliki persekutuan yang tak terputus dengan Tuhan. Alkitab berkata, “Barangsiapa mengatakan, bahwa ia ada di dalam Dia, ia wajib hidup sama seperti Kristus telah hidup” (1 Yohanes 2:6). Seseorang yang tinggal di dalam Kristus memiliki Roh Kudus, buah-buahnya, perbuatan, karakter dan tingkah laku. Karena itu, ia mampu meneladani nilai-nilai Tuhan dan bersaksi tentang kasih karunia Tuhan yang menyelamatkan.
3. Ia bebas dari tabiat dosa. Orang percaya yang tinggal di dalam Kristus bebas dari gaya hidup yang berdosa (Roma 6:15-18). Pada saat dia jatuh karena ketidaksempurnaannya, dia datang kepada Yesus, bertobat dan mengakui dosanya, mengetahui bahwa Tuhan sedang bekerja dalam hidupnya. 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).
4. Dia hidup dalam kesatuan dan persekutuan dengan sesama orang percaya. Alkitab mencatat Yesus berdoa bagi orang percaya, “supaya mereka semua menjadi satu, sama seperti Engkau, ya Bapa, di dalam Aku dan Aku di dalam Engkau, agar mereka juga di dalam Kita, supaya dunia percaya, bahwa Engkaulah yang telah mengutus Aku. Dan Aku telah memberikan kepada mereka kemuliaan, yang Engkau berikan kepada-Ku, supaya mereka menjadi satu, sama seperti Kita adalah satu: Aku di dalam mereka dan Engkau di dalam Aku supaya mereka sempurna menjadi satu, agar dunia tahu, bahwa Engkau yang telah mengutus Aku dan bahwa Engkau mengasihi mereka, sama seperti Engkau mengasihi Aku” (Yohanes 17:21-23).

Marilah kita ditemui sebagai cabang sejati Pokok Anggur, agar buah kita dalam kehidupan akan menunjukkan bahwa kita adalah pengikut-pengikutNya. Para pengikut mula-mula diakui sebagai orang Kristen oleh jenis gaya hidup yang mereka miliki, yang diteladankan oleh Yesus Kristus (Kisah Para Rasul 11:36). Dengan cara yang sama, semoga kita berjalan, hidup, mengasihi dan melayani tujuan Tuhan dan melakukan kehendak Tuhan untuk kehidupan kita dengan menjadi saksi yang berhasil.

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Terjemahan Bahasa Indonesia.

# 多结果子的服事

文：古纳南主任牧师

**神创造的一切都有特定的目的，并且只能在造物主身上找到真正的满足。圣经上说：「愚顽人心里说：“没有神。”」(诗14:1)。只有在神里你才能找到生命的终极意义、目的和满足。实现神在你的生命中的目的不能通过获得声望、财富或名声来弥补。理解神对满足人生的目的本质上就是知道作为耶稣基督的信徒多结果子的秘诀。**

在福音书中，耶稣经常用比喻来教导我们圣经的真理。耶稣所教导的「葡萄树」的比喻是有意义和目的生活的秘诀。耶稣说：「我就是真葡萄树，我父是栽培的人。凡属我不结果子的枝子，他就剪掉；凡结果子的，他就修剪干净，使枝子结果子更多。现在你们因我讲给你们的道已经洁净了。你们要常在我里面，我也常在你们里面。枝子若不常在葡萄树上，自己就不能结果子；你们若不常在我里面，也是这样。我就是葡萄树，你们是枝子。常在我里面的，我也常在他里面，这人就多结果子，因为离了我，你们就不能做什么。人若不常在我里面，就像枝子被丢在外面，枯干了，人捡起来，扔进火里烧了。你们若常在我里面，我的话也常在你们里面，凡你们想要的，祈求，就给你们成全。你们多结果子，我父就因此得荣耀，你们也就是我的门徒了」(约15:1-8)。

在这比喻中，耶稣是葡萄树，父上帝是栽培的人，信徒代表葡萄树的枝子和结果是枝子的目的。我们作为信徒要结出果子是神的心愿。神创造和救赎人类并不仅仅是为了成为一根枝子；他希望我们结出果子。这赋予生命意义。然而，结果子有不同的程度。这个比喻说到多结果子，结果子更多，有果子和没有果子。又一次在撒种的比喻中，耶稣说：「又有的落在好土里，就结出果实，有一百倍的，有六十倍的，有三十倍的」(太13:8)。没有结果子的枝子



会有一些的后果。当耶稣看见一棵无果的无花果树时，圣经上说：「看见路旁有一棵无花果树，就走到跟前，在树上找不到什么，只有叶子，就对树说：“从今以后，你永不结果子！”那无花果树立刻枯干了」（太21:19）。在另一个比喻中，耶稣教导关于一个主人，他按着各人的才干，给他的仆人银子，并吩咐他的仆人去工作。当主人回来的时候，他称赞了两个投资加倍的仆人，而那个没有生产的仆人被称为邪恶的仆人。这三个仆人和他们的主人有着同样的关系，但其中一个没有生产力或没有果子。同样地，今天有许多信徒是神家的一份子，却没有果子。然而，耶稣教导说，结果子的秘诀是要常在葡萄树上（约15:4-8）。

- 要常在主里面就是以他的话为粮，并遵行他的诫命。圣经上说：「你若留心听从耶和华 - 你神的话，谨守遵行他的一切诫命，就是我今日所吩咐你的，他必使你超乎地上的万国之上。你若听从耶和华 - 你神的话，这一切的福气必临到你身上，追随你：你在城里必蒙福，在田间也必蒙福。你身所生的，你地所产的，你牲畜所生的，牛犊、羔羊，都必蒙福。你的筐子和你的揉面盆都必蒙福。你出也蒙福，入也蒙福。“耶和华必使那起来攻击你的仇敌在你面前溃败。他们从一条路来攻击你，必在你面前从七条路逃跑。在你仓房里，以及你手所做的一切，耶和华必发令赐福给你。耶和华 - 你神也必在所赐你的地上赐福给你。你若谨守耶和华 - 你神的诫命，遵行他的道，他必照他向你所起的誓立你为自己神圣的子民。地上的万民见你归在耶和华的名下，就必惧怕你」（申28:1-10）。
- 常在主里面使我们成为结果子的信徒，作为重生的信徒结出属灵的果子。圣经上说「圣灵的果子就是仁爱、喜乐、和平、忍耐、恩慈、良善、信实、温柔、节制。这样的事没有律法禁止」（加5:22-23）。树是由它所结的果子来识别的。圣灵的果子是我们常在基督里的特征。当人们看我们的时候，他们在我们身上看见耶稣。圣经上说：「你们的光也要这样照在人前，叫他们看见你们的好行为，把荣耀归给你们在天上的父」（太5:16）。
- 常在基督里赋权我们有属灵的恩赐。圣经上说：「恩赐有许多种，却是同一位圣灵所赐。事奉有许多种，却是事奉同一位主。工作有许多种，却是同一位神在万人中运行万事。圣灵彰显在各人身上，是要使人得益处。有人藉着圣灵领受智慧的言语；有人也靠着同一位圣灵领受知识的言语；又有人由同一位圣灵领受信心；还有人由同一位圣灵领受医病的恩赐；又有人能行异能，又有人能作先知，又有人能辨别诸灵，又有人能说方言，又有人能翻方言。这一切都是由惟一的、同一位圣灵所运行，随着自己的旨意分给各人的。」（林前12:4-11）。

一个住在基督里的信徒有很明显的证据

1. 他的生活方式是他对耶稣基督的信心的见证。圣经上说：「人若说“我认识他”，却不遵守他的命令，就是说谎话的，真理就不在他里面了。凡遵守他的道的，

爱神的心确实地在他里面达到完全了。由此我们知道我们是在他里面」（约一2:4-5）。住在基督里帮助我们表达神的品格，遵行他呼召我们为他的爱与恩典作见证要做的事。

2. 他与神有不间断的交通。圣经上说：「凡说自己住在他里面的，就该照着他所行的去行」。住在基督里的人，有圣灵，他的果子，工作，品格和品行。因此，他能够体现神的价值和见证神的救赎恩典。
3. 他从惯性的罪中得了释放。住在基督里的信徒得自由不再继续犯罪的生活方式（罗6:15-18）。当他由于自己的不完美而跌倒的时候，他来到耶稣跟前，悔改和承认自己的罪，因为他知道神正在他的生命中工作。圣经上说：「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」（约一1:9）。
4. 他与其他信徒有合一的生活和交通。圣经记载耶稣为信徒祷告：「使他们都合而为一。正如父你在我里面，我在你里面，使他们也在我们里面，好让世人信是你差我来的。你所赐给我的荣耀，我已赐给他们，使他们合而为一，像我们合而为一。我在他们里面，你在我里面，使他们完完全全合而为一，让世人知道你差我来的，也知道你爱他们，如同爱我一样」（约17:21-23）。

让我们成为葡萄树的真枝子，好让我们生命中的果子显示我们是他的门徒。早期的门徒被承认是基督徒，因为他们的生活方式是效法耶稣基督的榜样（徒11:26）。同样地，我们也要行事为人，生活，爱和服事神的目的并遵行神给我们生命的旨意，作结果子的见证人。




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# MOVING OUR COMMUNITY, BYTE BY BYTE

BY MELISSA SAMUEL

“Hey! Have you seen the new IGTV feature on Instagram?”

“How do I say this in 280 characters?”

Scroll, ,  
Scroll, ,  
Scroll,  ...

The use of social media is so embedded in our culture today, it is inevitable that we use it to share our faith. So how do we utilize social media for God’s work?



## DEVELOP A COMMUNICATION MIND-SET

Use the materials, assets and facilities provided to you to communicate with others! Encouraging material is uploaded frequently on Calvary Church’s Facebook and Instagram feeds and we have the power to cause a chain effect of blessing by “declaring His glory among the nations, His marvellous deeds among all peoples” (Psalm 96:3).

## DECIDE TO LEAD

Attractive invites to our weekend services are developed on Calvary Church’s Facebook and Instagram pages weekly. These invites are an avenue in which we can speak of the Lord’s faithfulness and saving grace; to reveal His love to everyone (Psalm 40:10). Let’s set an example to our friends by sharing and re-posting today!

## DEPLOY TO IMPACT NATIONS

We don’t need to be in a social media committee to share, re-post or re-tweet from any of Calvary Church’s platforms. We just need to be social. With modern day technology, every one of us can be missionaries!

## OUR CHURCH’S SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS:



## CALLING ALL SOCIALITES!

Join us in our quest to move our community, byte by byte. The only prerequisite? Participate in the online conversation!

## GATHERING A TASK FORCE

We are looking for a passionate team of social media users who are:

- Excited to be part of a team that constantly produces content.
- Creative and zealous about keeping up with the latest social trends.

Other nice-to-haves:

- Good command of the English language.
- Visually inclined.
- Have access to devices that enable serving (Smartphones – models from 2017 onwards or cameras – compact camera and beyond).
- Have basic knowledge on Adobe Photoshop or Lightroom.

What are you waiting for? Drop us a DM (Direct Message) on our Facebook or Instagram!





**L-R:** Mary Shen Wen Feng, Peter Leaw Choon Koon, Pamela Asha Xavier, Camille Lim Sook Ken, Mandy Soon Shaw Huey, Yeo Chon Nei, Nabende Maurine Nekesa, Samuel Benjamin M. Chinedu

# BOLDLY DECLARING THEIR FAITH

Congratulations to eight Calvarites who followed Christ in water baptism on 23 June 2018 at the Saturday Worship Service at Calvary Damansara Heights. The Lord bless your step of obedience in your journey with Him.

## WATER BAPTISM TESTIMONIES



“I got to know Jesus from my ex-colleague, Julie Tang, who is a Calvarite. She invited me to Calvary Church whenever there was an evangelistic

production, like Easter, Christmas or a KidsCAT Musical. Initially, I declined but I was touched by her perseverance and eventually attended one church service and was moved by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam’s preaching.

Since I accepted Jesus in 2011, God has shared my burdens, happiness and sadness. I took the step of water baptism as a declaration of my faith in Jesus and what He has done for me. I boldly declare that Jesus is my shelter and refuge, holding on to my hands as I move forward in life.”  
– **Mandy Soon**



“It was in a pre-marriage course with my husband, Denver in 2015 that I accepted Jesus as my Lord and personal Saviour. At that time, I accepted Jesus to

have the same faith and belief as my husband.

I never really walked close with God, but He brought me back and restored me to Himself. He has given strength and peace during my darkest seasons, blessed me with three beautiful children and a wonderful family.

I took the step of being baptised in water as a declaration of my journey with the Lord. I will continue to build my relationship with God, walking in obedience knowing that Jesus is always with me.” – **Yeo Chon Nei**

If you have not been water baptised by immersion, make sure you do so in obedience to the Lord. You can call the church office at 03-8999 5532 ext 434 or see any of the pastors.



## CALVARY CHURCH FAMILY MISSES THE LATE TONY LEE BENG ANN

Tony Lee accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour and Lord as a teenager and was baptized on 2 February 1958 by Reverend D. R. Guynes at the First Assembly of God Church in Jalan Sayor, Kuala Lumpur. He was one of the founding members of the Calvary Church (Assembly of God) in Damansara Heights. As a young person, he served as a Sunday school teacher and was later elected a deacon of Calvary Church from 1975 to 1990. He co-led a Life Group with his wife and in more recent years, played the tenor saxophone in the Worship Orchestra.

Tony Lee is fondly remembered as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He married Linda Ng Hen Ying on 28 March 1964. He left a Godly legacy; both of his children, Associate Pastor Christopher and Evie, are in full time ministry and all five of his grandchildren are serving God in various ministries. God in His loving mercies saw it fit to take him home to be with Himself on 25 June 2018 at the age of 78 years.

# PRAYING FOR OUR NATION

BY ASSOCIATE PASTOR TIMOTHY ONG



God's hand has always been upon our nation and the appointment of a new government is not the end of what He is doing for Malaysia. Therefore, we need to continue praying for our country.

### PRAYING FOR MALAYSIA AND OUR LEADERS

- Pray for our Prime Minister and his Cabinet Ministers that:
  - They will be men and women of integrity and will conduct themselves to the highest level of personal transparency, without any moral decadence. (Micah 6:8)
  - God will give them divine wisdom in all the decisions they make for their ministries –

without fear or favour; but in accordance to the rule of law and the Constitution and always with the interests of the 'rakyat' (citizens) at heart.

- Every policy they create in their ministries will be for the benefit of the country and the well-being of the 'rakyat' (citizens), both for the current and future generations.
- Pray for a just and righteous government. (Isaiah 56:1)
- Pray that everyone in our nation will be treated fairly. (Isaiah 56:3a)
- Pray that we will see souls saved and added to the Church. (Isaiah 56:8)

### WEEKLY PRAYER FOR MINISTRIES

| Day       | Prayer Item                    | Ministries  |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---|
| Sunday    | Prime Minister's Department    | Prime Minister; Deputy Prime Minister; Ministers at Prime Minister's Department   |
| Monday    | Family and Community           | Women, Family and Community Development; Housing and Local Government; Rural Development; Federal Territories; Health   |
| Tuesday   | Education and Media            | Education; Youth and Sports; Communications and Multimedia  |
| Wednesday | Economy and Business           | Finance; Economic Affairs; Transport; Human Resources; Agriculture and Agro-based Industry; Foreign Affairs; International Trade and Industry; Domestic Trade and Consumers Affairs; Entrepreneurship Development; Primary Industries |
| Thursday  | Environment and Infrastructure | Works; Energy, Technology, Science, Climate Change and Environment; Water, Land and Natural Resources   |
| Friday    | Art and Culture                | Tourism, Art and Culture  |
| Saturday  | Security                       | Home Affairs; Defence   |



# HeartShapers CALVARY KIDS needed

It takes a big heart to shape little hearts

We are ordinary people, made extraordinary by Christ. HeartShapers teach and mould children to have hearts that beat for Christ. We start them off with the way they should, so that even when they grow old, they will not turn from it (Proverbs 22:6). Come and join us to shape the hearts that will pump Godly qualities like kindness, discernment, fun and responsibility.

Be a part of shaping that will last a lifetime.

#### Sign-up:

Sundays, 19 & 26 August 2018,  
Level 1, Calvary Convention Centre

#### Training:

Sunday, 2 September 2018,  
Room 2.05, Level 2, Calvary Convention Centre

#### Enquiries:

03-8999 5532 ext. 420



## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

### How to Protect the Children You Love?

Saturday, 25 August 2018 at 9.30am - 12.00pm  
Calvary Convention Centre



**VOICE**  
OF THE CHILDREN

Parents, teachers, caregivers, how do we protect the children we love? **Sharmila Sekaran**, lawyer and child rights advocate, will be coming to speak about the whats, hows and whys of child abuse and child protection.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn to stop and prevent harm against our precious gifts from God.

#### Sign-up today!

Email: [clm@clm.org.my](mailto:clm@clm.org.my)  
Facebook: CalvaryLifeMinistries Call: 03-2095 6360  
Counters: After services on 4 & 5, 11 & 12 August 2018

 **CLM**  
seeing possibilities

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE AUGUST 2018

## Saturday, 5.00pm Calvary Damansara Heights

- 04** Associate Pastor Raymond Yong  
**Communion**
- 11** Associate Pastor Timothy Ong  
**Water Baptism**
- 18** Associate Pastor David Seah
- 25** Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng

## Sunday, 9.00am Calvary Convention Centre

- 05** Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam  
**Communion**
- 12** Associate Pastor Steven Kum
- 19** Associate Pastor Peter Ong
- 26** Associate Pastor David Seah

## ACTIVITIES

### CALVARY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Saturdays, 11 & 25 August 2018, 1.00pm  
Calvary Damansara Heights  
Topic: Built to Last

### WATER BAPTISM

Saturday, 11 August 2018, 5.00pm  
Calvary Damansara Heights

### BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, 12 August 2018, 11.30am  
Theatrette 1, Level B2, Calvary Convention Centre  
Speaker: Associate Pastor David Seah

### CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, 26 August 2018, 11.30am  
Theatrette 1, Level B2, Calvary Convention Centre  
Speaker: Chua Ken Tee

### TAMIL MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, 26 August 2018, 11.30am  
Room 12, Level 2, Calvary Convention Centre  
Speaker: Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng

### COMBINED PRAYER MEETING

Friday, 31 August 2018, 7.30pm  
Calvary Damansara Heights  
Theme: Pray for Malaysia

## COMEDY *with* A PURPOSE

### CCC FUNDRAISING DINNER

Saturday, 18 August 2018, 6.30pm  
Multipurpose & Banquet Hall, Level B2,  
Calvary Convention Centre



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