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“Brethren if a man is overtaken in any trespass (*sin*), you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

For each one shall bear his own load.”

Galatians 6:1-5.

The Ministry of Restoration

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

It has been said that the only army who inflicts more wounds or kills its wounded is the Christian army. When someone who is born-again falls into sin, the Church is often quick to bring condemnation. The fallen believer finds no comfort in the Church and dares not come to Church. So what does he do? He seeks comfort, strength and encouragement in the world. The Church, besides being involved in evangelism—preaching the Gospel—must also be involved in the restoration of believers who have fallen. The fallen believer must never be too embarrassed and ashamed to come to the Church to be helped, encouraged and to love and serve the Lord as before. The Church is built on Calvary—the mount of redemption. This means we repent of our sin and accept God’s forgiveness to live in victory over sin. Restoration includes showing a person his mistake as well as helping him to know how to come out of it.

The apostle Paul clearly encourages the ministry of restoration. “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass (*sin*)...restore such a one” ([Galatians 6:1](#)). The word “brethren” tells us that Paul was addressing believers and therefore calling believers into this ministry. The word “man” refers to a person of like passion, who has desires and faces temptations like you. Must a man commit a specific sin, for example, adultery, before he is considered to be

a fallen believer that needs to be restored? The phrase “overtaken in any trespass” indicates all sins—regardless of its nature, despicable, harmful or seemingly harmless—are included. The word “overtaken” tells us that this sin can be committed unexpectedly, as a true believer does not live a life of habitual sinning. Paul, in his writing to the Galatian Christians, gives us some biblical principles regarding the restoration of fallen believers.

The ministry of restoration is to be done not only by pastors and Christian leaders but by those who are spiritual ([Galatians 6:1](#)). How do you know if you are spiritual? There are four qualities that you must have. Firstly, your life is crucified with Christ. “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for

Is your family safe?

By Audrey Kum



Different groups of Carpenter's Workshop children sang "Rock On Rock" at the Worship Services



A mime by the Music & Creative Arts Department accompanied each choir



A total of 653 fathers who attended the various Services received gifts from Calvary Church

King David—giant-killer, great and successful warrior, a genius at poetry, one with musical skills that could drive out demons from the tormented—failed as a father. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's powerful Father's Day message entitled, "A Father's Failure—fathers who are busy except being a father" brought out the stark reality that the busy fathers of today may find themselves facing David's failure if they were not careful.

Though David had other sons, he failed as a father to Absalom. Senior Pastor pointed out the possibility of being successful in the eyes of society but yet failing to be a father to all your children. Jesus taught the importance of individuals in His parables of the lost sheep, coin and the lost

son (Luke 15:4-7; 8-10 and 11-32). Therefore, parents cannot afford to have even one child going astray.

David failed as a role model. Every son is born with the potential of either being a great son or a failure. Children will do what their fathers do. Absalom knew of his father's

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Missionettes & Royal Rangers

Bonding time for fathers and daughters

By Derek Lim



Father's Day is a special day to acknowledge and appreciate fathers for all that they have done in the lives of their children. For 40 fathers and their Missionette daughters, 20 June 2004 would be a memorable day as the bond between them was strengthened during the Father and Daughter BBQ.

As they arrived, a blank card was given to each father and daughter in which they wrote something meaningful and sweet to each other. Creating masterpieces was made easier with the stationery provided, ranging from colour pencils to lovely

stickers. The cards could later be laminated and their expressions of love would last a lifetime.

Associate Pastor Timothy Ong shared devotion after a time of praise and worship. After that, the fathers and daughters



(Psalm 94:12-13). It gives life, is for our profit and gain so that we may share in His holiness and also produces the fruit of righteousness and peace (Hebrews 12:9-11).

Absalom, in his lifetime, had built a monument for himself that he could be remembered by, but at his death, he was cast into a pit covered with a heap of stones, in the woods. He was buried like an animal and not as the son of a king.

At the start of his message, Senior Pastor read the passage from 2 Samuel 18:32-33 where David asked the Cushite, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" In concluding his message, he asked, "Is your family safe?" Are they secure, protected and blessed? Do not wait until they die before you ask this question like David. Senior Pastor challenged the fathers to make their families safe by being godly fathers. 🙏

Above and below: Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam leading the fathers as they prayed for their children at the 8am and 10.30am Worship Services at Damansara Heights. Fathers were given the opportunity to pray for their children at all the Services on Father's Day.

adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband, Uriah, to cover-up his wrongdoing. Absalom followed in his father's footsteps and became a murderer. He ordered that his brother Amnon be killed (2 Samuel 13:28) and he became a sexual predator (2 Samuel 16:22). Absalom had a spirit of deception (2 Samuel 15:4-5). He wanted the blessings of God that his father enjoyed, without the spirituality that accompanied it.

Senior Pastor warned against child neglect. Children want time with their fathers and not the material things they can give them.

David failed to discipline his son. The Bible supports the disciplining of children (Proverbs 13:24; 19:18). Discipline proves that we are sons and not illegitimate children (Hebrews 12:5-12). Discipline brings rest and relief in days of adversity



Orders for the message entitled, "A Father's Failure—fathers who are busy except being a father" by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam on tape/VCD can be made at the Calvary Book Corner.



shared personal experiences and prayed for each other.

To add some spice to the event, games were organised. The first had dads looking for their daughters' shoes. This was followed by the daughters tying a tie on their fathers. The last game required each father and daughter team to use the food prepared for the fellowship, to create a masterpiece on a plate. This resulted in cute smiley faces and even one of a house complete with a pool and several cars!

Finally, it was time for the fellowship over food, something all were waiting for as the smell of food had been tickling the noses of everyone, causing growling tummies. Who would have expected that there would be roasted pineapples and barbecued bananas, coated with honey, on top of the usual sausages and chicken wings?

All who attended had an excellent time. Congratulations fathers, for being the great dads that you are! 🙏



Ground-breaking Ceremony By Winslow Wong

12 June 2004 was indeed a historic day for Calvaryland. Some 200 guests gathered at the project site in Sungei Pelek to witness a simple but meaningful ground-breaking for our welfare home project. Datin Paduka Seripah Noli binti Syed Hussin, Selangor Executive Councillor for Welfare and Women's Affairs, who represented the Menteri Besar of Selangor, Dato' Seri Dr Mohamad Khir bin Toyo and Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam used two back hoes to break the ground.

Among the guests present were Pastors and Deacons of Calvary Church, General Council officials and local community leaders. In his dedication prayer, Senior Pastor who is the chairman of Calvaryland, prayed that the future residents of Calvaryland would experience God's love and believe in Him.

Construction of Phase 1 (which began in July) is scheduled to be completed by July next year. Phase 1 will have a gross built-up area of over 100,000 sq. ft. and can


Left to right: Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, Datin Paduka Seripah Noli binti Syed Hussin and master of ceremony, Associate Pastor Steven Kum



accommodate up to 250 residents comprising babies, children, unwed mothers, women in crisis, the elderly and the homeless aged.

Phases 2 and 3 will cater to another 200 residents consisting of teenage boys, rehabilitated drug addicts, former prisoners, HIV positive people and the terminally ill.

Besides the different homes for the residents, Calvaryland will also have amenities such as an administrative block, auditorium, multi-purpose hall, classrooms, multi-purpose rooms, medical rooms, library, computer room, landscaped park and field. Spread over 10 acres, Calvaryland is designed and planned to provide a home-like environment of healing and nurturing for the poor, needy and the hurting. Training will be provided to equip the residents with relevant vocational and living skills.

Thus far, most of the funding for Calvaryland has been provided by Calvary Church missions through our Faith Promise giving. 

**If you wish to be a partner in caring,
please contact Winslow Wong at 03-2141 4161**

Left to right: Winslow Wong, Calvaryland Administrative Manager, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, Hj Ir. Yusof bin Mohd. Sani, Datin Paduka Seripah Noli binti Syed Hussin, project architects, Henry Ng and R. Nunis

LG Leaders refreshed at their Fellowship

By Julie Wong



During worship



Getzial Mohan



Participating in an ice-breaker



Fellowship over a delicious 'tim sum' breakfast



Each LG Leader being prayed for by the Pastors and Sister Getzial

While many chose to rest on a holiday (the King's Birthday) on Saturday, 5 June 2004, 140 Life Group (LG) leaders and their spouses gathered in Pusat Aktiviti Calvary, Damansara Perdana for the LG Leaders' Fellowship.

After a delicious breakfast of 'tim-sum', the leaders enjoyed interesting ice-breakers that saw much interaction and laughter. Getzial Mohan, (wife of our Family Camp Speaker, Rev. David Mohan) who is the Coordinator of the Prayer and Deliverance Ministry of their Church, shared about evangelism and deliverance. Using biblical principles and her personal experiences, she taught us that evangelism is urgent. The lost matters to God.

Later, we were showed the five stages in prayer in seeing someone saved :-

- i. The target stage is to open the unbelievers' eyes,
- ii. The intercession stage is to open heavens,
- iii. The association stage is to open doors,
- iv. The decision stage is to open hearts and
- v. The nurture stage is to open lives.

Sister Getzial shared that Satan's ultimate goal is to cause men to deny God. We are to put on the whole armour of God and recognise that we can be strong in the Lord.

Following Jesus' examples and methods of casting out demons, we too can do the same. Each LG Leader was then prayed for by the Pastors and Sister Getzial.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam concluded the fellowship by stressing that deliverance and discipline should be applied together in order to bring lasting change in behaviour that glorifies God.

The LG Leaders were thoroughly refreshed and challenged. They look forward to applying in their ministry all they have been taught. 🙏

If you do not belong to a LG, join one today!

You will be cared for by dedicated LG Leaders and friendly LG members!

For more information,
please call the Pastoral Care Department at 03-7720 8307
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Calvary Youth Concert: Inclusive

By Mabel Wong



Inclusive: attended by the young and the young at heart!





Adrian Lee, Coordinator of the Christ's Ambassadors encouraging the people to sing to the Lord

24 July 2004 was an exciting day for the Youth of Calvary Church. After months of hard work and much prayer, the day arrived and we saw a crowd of 800 people gathering together. The theme of the concert was **Inclusive**. Around 120 participants took part, serving as musicians, choir, ushers and in various other capacities. Many upbeat and worshipful songs were sung, half of which were composed by the youth themselves. Associate Pastor Richard Yun shared a powerful message on the theme, and during the altar call, we saw 26 respond to accept Christ for the first time and 47 who rededicated their lives. God was awesome and His presence was felt powerfully in our midst that day. 🙏

Associate Pastor Richard Yun



Royal Rangers Rangers receive awards



Han Joke Kwang

By Jim Guneratnam

On 25 July 2004, 283 people gathered at Bethel Bungalow for the Royal Rangers' 22nd Council of Achievement. This is an annual event held to honour the Rangers for their achievements and advancements for the first half of the year. A total of 313 awards were given out to 103 Rangers and five leaders. Our Church Deacon, Han Joke Kwang, challenged the Rangers to be a light for Jesus during the devotion. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam presented awards for the leaders' achievements and prayed for Jonathan Lim, who received the National Ranger of the Year 2003 award at the Camporama held in June 2004. Our Chaplain, Associate Pastor Steven Kum, announced that Senior Commander Jim Guneratnam was presented the "National Outstanding Service Award" at the same Camporama. 🙏



Ranger Kids presenting a song



Parents and relatives enjoying the presentation



Rangers presenting a skit and also enjoying the presentations



Councilman Lim Sew Hok presenting an award to an Adventure Ranger



Left: Jonathan Lim receiving the National Ranger of the Year 2003 award presented by Deputy Youth and Sports Minister, Datuk Ong Tee Keat at the Camporama in June 2004. Right: Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for Jonathan



Congratulations!



Church member, Dato' Jonathan Chan who was conferred a datukship by the Sultan of Pahang on 23 October 2003, was promoted by the Yang Dipertuan Agung, from the rank of Colonel to the rank of Brigadier General on 1 June 2004. He is currently the Commander of Regiment 515 (AW) within the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur. The Regiment is responsible for recruiting young people as volunteers into the Territorial Army and during times of unrest, it provides security for the Kuala Lumpur area. 🙏

Pray, Fast and Give

By Bernice Narayanan

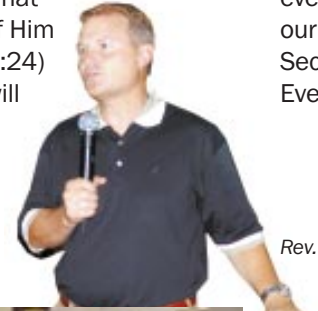
Rev. Dr Bob Rodgers from Evangel World Prayer Center in Louisville, Kentucky was the speaker for our Missions Emphasis, beginning Friday, 30 July 2004, this second half of the year.

Rev. Rodgers' life is a testimony of God's faithfulness to those who obey and follow His appointed ways. Pastoring a church with a congregation of nine thousand believers, he shared a number of his personal testimonies regarding prayer, fasting and giving to God. He is just like

each of us but he decided he wanted to go that extra mile to receive as much as possible of God's blessings. This, he said, was for all of us. How badly we want God's blessings and presence in our lives will dictate how committed we are to our Lord.

Throughout the Word,

faith and prayer go hand-in-hand. Faith then, in God, is a vital ingredient to answered prayer. Faith attached to prayer moves the hand of God to work on our behalf. Rev. Rodgers said that this is God's appointed way. We will have victory over the devil (Ephesians 6:10-18). We will receive what we ask of Him (Mark 11:24) and He will



Rev. Bob Rodgers

give us wisdom in every area of our lives through His Holy Spirit (Romans 8). The supernatural power of God is released through prayer and we receive the answers at the appointed time. Rev. Rodgers gave us three disciplines to follow. Firstly, pray at the same time everyday. God looks forward to our appointed meeting time. Secondly, fast one day a week. Every seven times prayer is

mentioned in the Word of God, fasting is mentioned once. And thirdly, plant a seed every day. This "giving" could be money, an act of kindness or just blessing someone.

The altar call at the conclusion of the Friday Service, saw Calvarites making the commitment to the Lord to pray, to fast and to give. 🙏

Clockwise: The people responding to Rev. Bob Rodgers' challenge to pray; N. P. Rani, Kitty Chin and Frankie Tan giving testimonies on soul-winning; A skit encouraging us to take every opportunity to talk about Jesus



Youth Missions

Hear and obey God's voice

By Adrian Lee

One hundred and fifty-three young people and a few adults gathered at the Church sanctuary on Saturday, 31 July 2004. Each was armed with a 'missions passport', eagerly awaiting for the specially planned activity by the Missions Department to begin.



Clockwise: Rain was not going to stop them!; Underground church in China being interrupted by a public security officer; Rev. Bob Rodgers speaking to the youth; Showing their 'passports'; A church meeting in India; A service in Indonesia

Sheryl Chong led in a time of praise and worship and thereafter Yong Chee Weng proceeded to give instructions and explain the objective of the activity, which was to allow the youth to experience for themselves what church is like in different countries. The countries represented were Indonesia, China, Israel, India, Japan and Western Sahara. Known as the "Missions Simulation Xperience", groups of youth were led to different locations

within the church compound to experience church service in the respective country's culture and language. They were also exposed to the realities faced by some of the churches where persecution is rampant. In the case of the Chinese underground church, a youth portraying a public security officer was sent in to interrupt the meeting and to arrest the pastor. At these locations, the youth were also asked to fill in questionnaires

found in their 'passports' which were related to missions, church and their personal walk with God. After they had visited each location, their 'passports' were stamped as having visited the country.

The youth then gathered back at the sanctuary to be challenged by God's Word. Rev. Dr Bob Rodgers began to share his experiences on how God worked miracles in his life and ministry even as he

faithfully put his trust in God and walked in obedience to His Will. He stressed on the importance of listening to God. He taught that God spoke to us through five different ways. They are though His Word, the Holy Spirit, godly counsel, circumstances and through supernatural means i.e. dreams and visions. Many youth responded at the altar for prayer at the end. It was truly a blessed time for all who came. 🙏

Faith Promise Sunday

The Secrets of Sowing

By Bernice Narayanan

On this Faith Promise Sunday, Rev. Rodgers said that the level of our giving could change the course of our lives. God wants us to have good health, to have finances and to be blessed of the Lord in our spirit (3 John 2). He spoke of five secrets of sowing and receiving what God has promised to us.

Secret 1: God has keys to open the doors of blessing. It is His will that we are all blessed but there are three duties expected of every believer (Matthew 6). Give. Pray. Fast. All these that we do in secret will be rewarded openly by God. Each brings a blessing. We can determine whether we are blessed 30, 60 or a 100 fold by how much we do.

Secret 2: The seed gives God permission to move supernaturally in our situations. Our seed is

precious in His sight. So what is precious seed? It is our tithes. The Word says that without a doubt, He takes that seed and multiplies it back to us. This giving will materialise back in sheaves of harvest, miracles and in all that we are believing God for.

Secret 3: God wants us to be a blessing because of His increase. God wants the gospel to be spread around the world and He is going to bless His children to do it. If we help establish the



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam leading in prayer for the Faith Promise partners

Covenant, He will anoint us and He will give us power, creative ideas and favour to make more money. We are to use a portion of that money to help establish the Covenant...giving to the poor, building the work of God and giving to missions. The righteous cause will magnify our Lord.

Secret 4: We must yield to the Holy Spirit when it comes time to plant our seed. Often, our circumstances dictate but by just yielding, He helps us. And by trusting and giving to Him, He never leaves us short for His blessings are untold.

Secret 5: For God to bless us on the level we want to be blessed, we have to bond with a man of faith and with a vision to spread the Gospel worldwide. Rev. Rodgers said that God has placed a special call on Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's life and is using him as our channel of giving to bless others to reach the world.

Rev. Rodgers challenged us to step out of our comfort zone and to stretch our faith in God as we made our Faith Promise pledges. We thank God for every Faith Promise partner who committed themselves till the end of the year. 🙏

Carpenter's Workshop

Children pledge in faith

Praise the Lord for the children in Carpenter's Workshop who made Faith Promises, expressing their faith. 🙏



Children's Workers Development Seminar

Equipped to reach a new generation

By Cheng Beng Bee

On Saturday, 26 June 2004, participants of the Children's Workers Development Seminar were greatly challenged by Rev. Nicholas Choo, the National Children's Coordinator of Assemblies of God, Singapore.

We were called upon to change our mindset in the way we fulfil our roles in reaching the kids of this new generation. What was good for us may not be appropriate and relevant for our children's generation. The young people of this electronic age will be thoroughly bored by the outdated chalk-and-talk method of teaching. A paradigm shift is needed. Various methods of lesson presentation were demonstrated.

Later in the day, the participants were grouped into three workshop sessions—Music and Creativity, Instilling Missions and Behavioural Management of children with special needs. We came away enlightened in these various aspects.

The seminar ended with a session by Rev. Nicholas Choo entitled "How To Develop A Strong Tripartite Relationship". He emphasised how the relationship between parents, teachers and the children can be developed and strengthened. Many real life examples and anecdotes were shared. We learnt a few new songs accompanied with actions. The seminar ended with a prayer of consecration for God to empower each one of us to apply the principles and new ideas in our Children's Ministry. 🙏



Left to right: Speakers, Rev. Nicholas Choo, Associate Pastors Peter Ong and Christopher Lee, Pauline Wong



Participants learning to put actions to the songs they teach the children



There's more than one way to make a circle with toothpicks—a lesson on paradigm shift

Family Life

How and when to tell your kids about sex

By Katherine Lee

"How was human sexuality handled in your home?" Research has shown that in most homes this has been poorly handled. Almost all who were present acknowledged that this was either not talked about or they were given vague information or misinformation.



Dr. Stanton L. Jones



The participants listening attentively

Financial Freedom—God's way

By Philip Chan

On 8 May 2004, 192 participants—businessmen, ladies, young professionals and executives who registered for the Financial Freedom Video Seminar organised by the Calvary Men's Life Groups, made their way to the Pusat Aktiviti Calvary, Damansara Perdana. It was the first of ten sessions held consecutively on Saturday afternoons.

Each session comprised two video presentations followed by lively and interesting discussions. Seminar Facilitator, Wong Hong Meng, was instrumental in raising issues that were "straight to the heart" and dealt with them using biblical principles taught in the video presentations.

At the concluding session on 10 July 2004, the participants testified that these video lessons from the Institute of Basic Life Principles had been a tremendous blessing, dispelling long-held false financial concepts and imparting real financial freedom from the biblical perspective. Those who want to seek God's ways and principles in achieving financial freedom and to have a fulfilled Christian life and contentment in all circumstances must not miss this Seminar if it is offered again!

With such background, how then can we know how to tell our children about sex and when is the right time to tell them? It was with such burning interest and concern that more than 100 parents and others who are involved with children and youth ministries, were present for a one day seminar on "How And When To Tell Your Kids About Sex" by Dr. Stanton L. Jones held on 17 July 2004 at Pusat Aktiviti Calvary, Damansara Perdana.

Dr. Jones emphasised the principle that sex education is a life-long

The participants enjoying the Seminar



Seminar Facilitator, Wong Hong Meng (Front, left) and Associate Pastor Richard Yun (Front, right) with some of the participants holding their certificates of attendance

The following shared with us how they benefited from attending the Seminar.

Philip Chan | "It is not for me." This was my initial reaction when I heard of the Financial Freedom Seminar. However, I did register to attend. As an accountant, I thought it was just another

financial workshop. Little did I know, this Seminar challenged my very inner thoughts and behaviour in the market place. The seminar revealed to me that I was unconsciously adopting "worldly principles" when making daily business decisions. The basis of these

approach to shaping your child's sexual character and we must understand that it is much more than just information. Teaching biology is not equated to teaching human sexuality.

Nowadays, children and young people are exposed to so many distorted views of sexuality which are prevalent all around us especially in the media. These seem to be their only source of information because parents struggle with talking about sex. There seems to be no message from them. They are silent. So, they base their

understanding of sexuality on these distorted views.

The participants were given insights into the following four areas relating to sex education as a life-long approach. What does God think about sex?; Laying the foundation: Sexuality and the young child; Building the structure: The elementary school years and Weathering the storm: Puberty into adolescence.

Some of the highlights of the seminar included very thought provoking discussions on the following: The proper order for understanding the

decisions was against the very grain of God's Word. Lessons such as "Purpose To Keep Out of Debt" and "The Purpose of Money" forced me to reassess my approach when making daily business decisions and to allow God to perform miracles in my life through my obedience to His Word.

Esther Kan | This Seminar provides an audit checklist for my own financial management as I desire to walk in God's way. It is more than a Financial Freedom seminar. It is all about life's principles for a successful walk that pleases God.

Alan Chew | As a financial consultant, I teach and "preach" the worldly ways of attaining financial freedom. This Seminar made me unlearn the worldly ways and re-learn God's ways which give true financial freedom. 🙏

Bible's message about sexuality; What are some of your greatest fears when it comes to educating your children in the area of sexuality?; What are some ways you can help to surround your child with the symbols of the truth?; How to handle sexual curiosity, sex play, manners etc?; Why talk to young children about sexual pleasure? Questions from the audience were also addressed during these sessions.

Those who missed this seminar may order the tapes at Calvary Book Corner. 🙏

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me” (Galatians 2:20).

Secondly, you must bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit and not just have the gifts. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23).

Thirdly, your walk is consistent with what you profess. Your lifestyle reflects your talk. “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit” (Galatians 5:25). And lastly, you must be free from being “super-spiritual” and not have a “holier than thou” attitude. “Let us not become conceited...” (Galatians 5:26). You are able to help others who share their struggles with you because you recognise that you are also imperfect.

Restoration is to be handled in a spirit of meekness (Galatians 6:1). Meekness is not weakness. A spirit of meekness has a loving attitude but does not condone sin. It is not hard, harsh or judgmental. It is the opposite of a spirit of criticism, censorship or rejection which will turn the fallen believer to the world rather than to God. It cares without compromising. It forgives because God forgives but it also disciplines. It is a gentle yet tremendous power that is under control. Imagine a Japanese *sumo* wrestler holding a baby. The restorer is to reach out with love and humility, understanding what the fallen believer is going through, yet not condoning the sin, and help him to walk with the Lord again. “I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love...” (Ephesians 4:1-2). “...in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth” (2 Timothy 2:25).

You must “consider yourself” (Galatians 6:1) and beware that you do not fall into sin while you try to help another. “You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your steadfastness, being led away by the error of the wicked” (2



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Peter 3:17). No one is exempted from being tempted by sin. Even Jesus faced temptation. “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15).

Bearing one another’s burdens is not an option for the believer (Galatians 6:2). The law in the life of the believer is love. Jesus bore your burdens. He carried your sins when He was on the cross. His crucifixion was an expression of His love for you. Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35). Therefore, help to bear the burden of the one who has fallen. Love and restore him.

You must not deceive yourself into thinking that you are something when you are nothing except by the grace of God (Galatians 6:3). A believer is a forgiven sinner and is not more superior than another. Jesus told a parable that teaches this. He said, “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 18:10-14). The only reason you can come alongside the

fallen believer to pray for him and to help restore him is because of God’s grace in your life. It has nothing to do with your own merit. With that understanding, you minister to the one who has fallen without condemning him.

Examine your own work (Galatians 6:4). The word “work” refers to your conduct and behaviour. You are to examine your own life. The Psalmist said, “Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxieties and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting” (Psalm 139:23-24). When the Holy Spirit searches your heart, you will be able to see the true picture of yourself and the possibility of ugliness within you. Judgement must begin with you before you can judge another. “First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye” (Matthew 7:5). You are ready to restore another when your own life is right with God and you are not judgmental.

Every believer has burdens, faults and imperfections to live with and each one has a duty and responsibility to take care of them (Galatians 6:5). When you understand and accept this, you can then be a blessing to others who are struggling.

There are believers who have fallen and are hurting today. They do not need condemnation but someone to show them that God still loves and cares for them. God has called the Church to a ministry of restoration. He has called you to be a spiritual man and you can restore the one who has fallen. With the Lord’s help, you can help him to repent, to appeal to a loving God as David did, to confess his sin, ask for cleansing and for God to create in him a clean heart and to restore to him the joy of his salvation (Psalm 51). 🙏

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.

Calvary Convention Centre (CCC)

Introducing the CCC Working Committee



Left to right:
Back row: Philemon Soon, Kenny Cheah, Stephen Liu, Associate Pastor Peter Ong and Han Joke Kwang.
Front row: Neoh Siew Hwa, Katherine Lee, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, Bernadette Tay and Liza Low

After the launch on 11 April 2004, the Calvary Convention Centre Working Committee was set up with Stephen Liu as the Chairperson. One of the objectives of this Committee is to look into the fund-raising programmes for the Convention Centre.

A privilege to be able to contribute...

“When the exhortation came to make the Seed Faith Pledge, God spoke to me to pledge 10% of revenue from our new café, every month, for the next eight months. At the time, the café was a fledgling enterprise, so 10% of the revenue seemed a lot. Despite some apprehension, I obeyed because I know God is faithful. I believe that the Calvary Convention Centre is destined for a purpose—it will be a beacon of hope to potential-believers. I see it as a privilege to be able to contribute toward this building. God is indeed good. We saw an

increase of more than 50% in the café’s revenue the month after the Seed Faith Pledge was paid. But God’s blessing did not stop there—we continue to see the café’s revenues increase every month. It encourages me to know that even a small business can have a part in God’s work. Praise Him for His faithfulness!”

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