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I am not relevant,
BUT I CAN LEARN"



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MATTHEW 24:14

REJOICE IN THE SALVATION OF GOD

BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

Jesus sent out seventy-two disciples, saying, *“The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”* When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, *“Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!”* *“Yes,”* he told them, *“I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning! Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you. But don’t rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven”* (Luke 10:2, 17-20).

What follows are encouraging truths to all who would proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ:

1. THE DISCIPLES RETURNED WITH JOY (LUKE 10:17)

a) Their joy was based on the privilege given to them as disciples to be workers in the harvest field.

The disciples’ joy was not based on how much they had accomplished or the success they had achieved, but that they were chosen to be His witnesses to proclaim the Gospel with faith and authority given to them. They rejoiced that salvation had come to those who heard and believed the Gospel. We are also called and chosen to be His witnesses and to proclaim the Gospel. The Bible says, *“Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptised will be saved. But anyone who refuses to*

believe will be condemned. These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won’t hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed” (Mark 16:15-18).

b) They returned with astounding results.

Jesus had given the disciples the authority to use His name. They witnessed the power of God when they proclaimed the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. The Bible says, *“There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved”* (Acts 4:12). They rejoiced because they were ordinary men used to proclaim the Gospel. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He said, *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”* (Acts 1:8).

c) They returned giving glory to God.

They rejoiced giving God the credit for the miracles and not in themselves. The Bible says, *“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God”* (1 Corinthians 10:31). Jesus said, *“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).

d) They returned having ministered to physical and spiritual needs.

The glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ redeems the soul and transforms us, bringing salvation to the total man. Jesus promises a day when our decaying bodies will be raised incorruptible. Paul said, *“But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret.*

We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed" (1 Corinthians 15:51-52). They rejoiced because the Gospel brought healing to the sick and salvation to the lost. The Bible says, *"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

2. SATAN IS A DEFEATED FOE

Jesus said to His disciples, *"I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning!"* (Luke 10:18b). As His disciples, we are victors and overcomers, to live and proclaim the Gospel. The Bible says, *"And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die"* (Revelation 12:11). Paul the Apostle tells us, *"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 8:38-39).

Paul's life is an example of one who lives in victory and overcomes the challenges in this life.

3. THE DISCIPLES HAD POWER OVER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES (Luke 10:19)

- a) Paul was protected from the shipwreck. The Bible says, *"The others held on to planks or debris from the broken ship. So everyone escaped safely to shore"* (Acts 27:44).

- b) Paul was unharmed from a snake bite on the island of Malta. The Bible says, *"As Paul gathered an armful of sticks and was laying them on the fire, a poisonous snake, driven out by the heat, bit him on the hand. The people of the island saw it hanging from his hand and said to each other, 'A murderer, no doubt! Though he escaped the sea, justice will not permit him to live.' But Paul shook off the snake into the fire and was unharmed"* (Acts 28:3-5).

- c) Although Paul and Silas were imprisoned, they continued to worship God. The Bible says, *"They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape"* (Acts 16:23). It takes the supernatural power of God to endure and rise up above our physical challenges, causing us to rejoice and not die.

Although God's Word assures us of power and security, we are not to tempt God (Luke 4:12) by living carelessly. Satan is a powerful enemy. However, we have been given spiritual authority and power to withstand and overcome demonic powers. The Bible says, *"For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places"* (Ephesians 6:12). Paul declares, *"What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us?"* (Romans 8:31).

4. THE DISCIPLES REJOICED IN THEIR SALVATION (Luke 10:20)

The basis for their rejoicing was not power, but the salvation we have in Jesus Christ. Although God had given them power over Satan, circumstances, and their enemies, they rejoiced because their names were written in heaven. However, Jesus warns His disciples against prioritising doing good works over being like Him. He said,

“On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws” (Matthew 7:22-23).

God’s Word declares us as children of God. The Bible says, *“But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father””* (Galatians 4:4-6).

- a) We have His Spirit. The Bible says, *“So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father””* (Romans 8:15).
- b) We bear His name. The Bible says, *“You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it”* (John 14:13-14).
- c) We have His life. Paul declared, *“My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me”* (Galatians 2:20).
- d) We are His heirs. The Bible says, *“For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering”* (Romans 8:16-17).



In knowing who we are in Christ, we are confident of the victory we have in Him. The Bible says, *“All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine”* (Revelation 3:5). Therefore, let us rejoice in our salvation, that our names are written in heaven, and that we are sent to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we return with wonderful reports when we meet Jesus face to face!

All Bible quotations are from the New Living Translation.

TESTIFYING OF HIS GOODNESS



Shireene (second from right) with her family

Shireene Kan

I was early for Mother's Day Service as my child had practice. I hung around, moving from one location to another, as I had a toddler with me. Later, I realised my handbag was not with me. I went to look for it and while asking the cleaner, a lady overheard me and said she would like to accompany me to look for the bag.

After searching, I went to the information counter where Ruby Wong was on duty. Both ladies helped me look, and eventually, I found it on one of the chairs, untouched. I was overjoyed, but what really touched me was these two ladies. We did not know each other, but they were with me, helping me to not panic. This is my family, our church family. Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng in her sermon said our church is only as strong as the relationship we build as a family of Christ. I am thankful to God I encountered these supportive sisters in Christ.

I would also like to encourage the children's ministry. The Calvary Nursery Care team has done a tremendous job. My 22-month-old daughter comes home singing

songs they sing during worship. My five-year-old son comes home from Carpenter's Workshop every Sunday reciting the memory verse. The teachers are doing great in their lessons, he remembers the memory verses and when asked, is also able to tell us a brief summary of what was taught.

For Easter and Mother's Day, they came back with crafts. I am very impressed as it is definitely not easy for the team to be taking care of very young toddlers and making crafts, which to me is a lot of work and dedication.

I would like to encourage them; they are making a huge impact in all our children's lives.

Tha Bik and Thazi

We praise the Lord and are very grateful to Him, especially for the past three months. To have a Bible lesson every Sunday night these past three months has been a great blessing to my wife and I. We specifically learnt what and how the Christian walk is all about. Yes, we have learned by closely observing our leader, Justin Kap Piang, and his wife.

In fact, as husband and wife, we used to read the Bible every day just for the sake of reading it. Frankly speaking, we did not know what we were reading in the past. Speed reading was a norm. Since the first lesson itself, we learnt how to read slowly, how to interpret and meditate, and how to apply what we have read in our daily lives.

We may not fully understand whatever we read in the Bible, but now, we have a better understanding. Spending valuable time together for the past three



(L-R) Justin, Tha Bik, Thazi, baby Cung Nung Bik, Priscilla (Justin's wife)

months has been very beneficial and fruitful. From then on, there has been a better mutual understanding between my wife and I. Even when misunderstandings, different viewpoints, and various individual opinions occur, reading the Bible together as husband and wife has taught us how to build up an effective, positive relationship. The Bible teaches us how to build it.

It is also very noticeable to me that my wife is a better person now. And I myself am happier and better as a person. To God be the glory and honour!



Beginning the day with praise and worship

A REINVIGORATING CHURCH CAMP

BY LEONELLA GONZALES

A total of 401 Calvarites young and old gathered at Bayview Beach Resort, Batu Ferringhi, Penang from 27-30 May 2019 for church camp!

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam shared four points on his keynote message at the opening night of camp on how we should live in such challenging times, with Apostle Paul's plead in Romans 12:1-2:

1. A Radical Decision

- A living sacrifice.

2. A Rational Determination

- Do not be conformed to the world but be transformed.
- To conform is pressure from the world.
- To be transformed is by the renewing of our mind – within.
- The Holy Spirit is working in us.

3. A Rigorous Discipline

- Renewing of our mind – attitude.

4. A Routine Demonstration

- We will prove what is good, pleasing, and is the will of God.

Over three days, Dr. Joseph Castleberry, our camp speaker, inspired and encouraged us to be people of substance, emptying ourselves like Jesus, urging us to live our lives for others (Phillipians 2:5-11). At Christ's coming, we will be revealed as God's children, and we will be like Jesus. We are to be holy, for He is holy (1 John 3:2-3).

We were challenged to consider one another, laying down our lives for each other's good, just as Jesus gave Himself (Hebrews 10:19-25).

During the afternoons and evenings, campers had the opportunity to fellowship with one another through various activities, games, and because camp was at Penang, over lots of good food.

Indeed, camp has strengthened bonds with family and friends, and there have been many testimonies of God's goodness, grace, and mercies.



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Campers responding to altar call



Nicole Ong and Natasha Tan presenting a special number

Senior Pastor sharing the keynote session

Dr. Joseph Castleberry during one of the sessions



A special presentation from the Chinese-speaking campers

The children presenting their special numbers

Engaging in lively discussion



Fellowship over food





The children learning the moves to their theme song



Singing songs of praise



Pastor Richard Yun illustrating how big Goliath was



Pastor Masako sharing the Word of God



"Me, me! Pick me!"



Writing about their greatest fear

FEAR: NOT A FACTOR

BY JONATHAN NGEOW

Fearless Factor was this year's Kids' Camp theme. It was held from 27-30 May 2019. The children were not pitted against their fears for cable entertainment, but learnt to overcome fear with God. "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV).

Camp started off with Associate Pastor Richard Yun sharing about relying on God's power; how David overcame Goliath with power given by God.

Over the next two days, Pastor Masako Selvaratnam, the kids' camp speaker, shared on love, demonstrated by two Bible stories: the girl who told Naaman her captor about the prophet Elisha, and of Elisha and the Shunammite woman. She also told the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and the story of Jochebed and baby Moses; how God gives power and wisdom to those who trust and obey Him. On the final day, the children presented "By My Spirit" and "I Will Have No Other Gods Before You" accompanied by live music. The children performed brilliantly and awed the adults.

We thank God for the child who responded for salvation, the 16 children who were baptised in the Holy Spirit, and for Pastors Masako (from Japan) and Pam Siha (from Australia). Pastor Masako's flannel storyboards were thoroughly enjoyable. Special thanks to Pastor Richard, and to all those who helped the kids' camp. All glory to God.



Working together to complete the team tasks



Attendees of Youth Camp



Rev. Roy Selvaratnam sharing the Word of God

LIVING AN ABUNDANT LIFE

BY FAYTHE CHOW

The sessions planned for this year's Youth Camp, which ran concurrently with church camp, was a fresh reminder for many to live the real, abundant life. Rev. Roy Selvaratnam, the youth camp speaker, spoke on the four things that keep us from the abundant that God offers us — lust, idolatry, foolish living, and ego.

Many entertaining illustrations and interesting analogies were used in the messages. All this gave us new perspectives of the Word. Some of Rev. Selvaratnam's personal experiences were also shared with us, making his message relatable.

Discussions were fun and interactive, which allowed fellowship and making new acquaintances. These discussions also answered many questions pertinent to the issues youths go through. The messages preached were well-timed and convicting. Many were touched and blessed.



Bonding over a meal



Deep in thought



Getting to know one another



One of the activities in Youth Camp



Rev. Marcus Tan sharing insights with the Chinese-speaking campers



Associate Pastor Peter Ong sharing during one of the sessions



Engrossed in discussion



Campers sharing their testimonies at the end of camp



人人都获益不浅的营会

文：汤爱香

约 翰福音3:16‘神爱世人，甚至将他的独生子赐给他们，叫一切信他的不致灭亡，反得永生。’及路加福音3:16‘约翰说：我是用水给你们施洗，但有一位能力比我更大的要来，我就是给他解鞋带也不配。他要用圣灵与火给你们施洗。’这两节经文是5月27至30日每堂超过60位的营友出席了加略山堂举办的家庭营时通过营会的讲员陈马可牧师学习到为何我们要传扬上帝的福音。经历了生命中的起起落落的这位牧师觉得身为基督徒的我们应该信靠唯一的真神不怕恶人成为使小麻雀变腾空的老鹰丑陋的乌鸦变成美丽凤凰。大家更学习到要诚实不可说任何的谎话或欺骗就算要得到好的或正确的后果。

主任牧师在主题信息时分享了对神忠心信实的人如何得到神的帮助如上帝如何在但以理面对试炼时封闭了狮子的口。

两天的工作坊分别由翁牧师和王牧师带领我们讨论基督徒在职场上应如何待人处事和已停职在家的父母如何为在职的孩子祷告以尽一份力。

赞美感谢上帝在营会中有一个人得到救恩，还有人也得到大能的释放与医治。总的来说，出席营会的每一位弟兄姐妹都获益不浅。

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS AT CAMP

BY THONG OI SHIANG

‘For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life’ (John 3:16 KJV).

‘John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptise you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptise you with the Holy Ghost and with fire’ (Luke 3:16 KJV).

Rev. Marcus Tan expounded upon these verses during the Chinese Camp, held from 27-30 May 2019.

Rev. Marcus encouraged us to always believe and trust in God, and not be afraid of evil doers. When we trust God, even the little sparrow can turn into a

soaring eagle, and the ugly crow can change into a beautiful phoenix. We must always speak the truth, never to tell even a white lie.

During the keynote session, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam shared about the importance of being faithful. When we are faithful, God can even shut lions’ mouths, as he did for Daniel in the lions’ den.

Associate Pastors Timothy Ong and Peter Ong led the workshop sessions, discussing Christian witness and conduct in the secular working world, and how the older generation would be able to help or assist those facing the challenges of working life.

Praise the Lord for His abundant blessings: one camper was saved and others were healed, rejuvenated, and empowered. On the whole, everyone was blessed.

One for the album!



BERSUKACITALAH DALAM KESELAMATAN TUHAN

OLEH PENDITA KANAN PRINCE GUNERATNAM

Yesus mengutus tujuh puluh dua murid, dengan mengatakan, "Tuaian memang banyak, tetapi pekerja sedikit. Karena itu mintalah kepada Tuan yang empunya tuaian, supaya Ia mengiriskan pekerja-pekerja untuk tuaian itu. Kemudian ketujuh puluh dua murid itu kembali dengan sukacita dan berkata: "Tuhan, juga setan-setan takluk kepada kami demi nama-Mu. Lalu kata Yesus kepada mereka: "Aku melihat Iblis jatuh seperti kilat dari langit. Sesungguhnya Aku telah memberikan kuasa kepada kamu untuk menginjak ular dan kala jengking dan kuasa untuk menahan kekuatan musuh, sehingga tidak ada yang akan membahayakan kamu. Namun demikian janganlah bersukacita karena roh-roh itu takluk kepadamu, tetapi bersukacitalah karena namamu ada terdaftar di sorga" (Lukas 10:2,17-20).

Berikut ini adalah kebenaran yang mendorong bagi semua yang akan memberitakan Injil Yesus Kristus:

1. MURID-MURID YANG KEMBALI DENGAN SUKACITA (Lukas 10:17)

a) Sukacita mereka didasarkan pada hak istimewa yang diberikan kepada mereka sebagai murid untuk menjadi pekerja di ladang tuaian.

Sukacita para murid tidak didasarkan pada seberapa banyak yang telah mereka capai atau keberhasilan yang telah mereka capai, tetapi bahawa mereka dipilih untuk menjadi saksi-saksi-Nya untuk memberitakan Injil dengan iman dan kuasa yang diberikan kepada mereka. Mereka bersukacita bahwa keselamatan telah datang kepada mereka yang mendengar dan percaya kepada Injil. Kita juga dipanggil dan dipilih untuk menjadi saksi-Nya dan untuk memberitakan Injil. Alkitab berkata, "Lalu Ia berkata kepada mereka: "Pergilah ke seluruh dunia, beritakanlah Injil kepada segala makhluk. Siapa yang percaya dan dibaptis akan diselamatkan, tetapi siapa yang tidak percaya akan dihukum. Tanda-tanda ini akan menyertai orang-orang yang percaya: mereka akan mengusir setan-setan demi nama-Ku, mereka akan berbicara dalam bahasa-bahasa yang baru bagi mereka, mereka akan memegang ular, dan sekalipun mereka minum racun maut, mereka tidak akan mendapat celaka; mereka akan meletakkan tangannya atas orang sakit, dan orang itu akan sembuh" (Markus 16:15-18).

b) Mereka kembali dengan hasil yang mengejutkan.

Yesus telah memberi para murid kuasa untuk menggunakan nama-Nya. Mereka menyaksikan kuasa Tuhan ketika mereka memberitakan Injil Kerajaan Tuhan. Alkitab berkata, "Dan keselamatan tidak ada di dalam siapapun juga selain di dalam Dia, sebab di bawah kolong langit ini tidak ada nama lain yang diberikan kepada manusia yang olehnya kita dapat diselamatkan" (Kisah Para Rasul 4:12). Mereka bersukacita karena mereka adalah orang-orang yang biasa memberitakan Injil. Sebelum Yesus naik ke sorga, Dia berkata, "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).

c) Mereka kembali memberi kemuliaan kepada Tuhan.

Mereka bersukacita memberi Tuhan penghormatan atas mukjizat dan bukan pada diri mereka sendiri. Alkitab berkata, "Aku menjawab: Jika engkau makan atau jika engkau minum, atau jika engkau melakukan sesuatu yang lain, lakukanlah semuanya itu untuk kemuliaan Tuhan" (1 Korintus 10:31). Yesus berkata, "Demikianlah hendaknya terangmu bercahaya di depan orang, supaya mereka melihat perbuatanmu yang baik dan memuliakan Bapamu yang di sorga" (Matius 5:16).

d) Mereka kembali setelah melayani keperluan jasmani dan rohani.

Injil Yesus Kristus yang mulia menebus jiwa dan mengubah kita, membawa keselamatan bagi keseluruhan manusia. Yesus berjanji pada hari ketika tubuh kita yang mereput akan dibangkitkan menjadi tidak fana. Paulus berkata, "Sesungguhnya aku menyatakan kepadamu suatu rahasia: kita tidak akan mati semuanya, tetapi kita semuanya akan diubah, dalam sekejap mata, pada waktu bunyi nafiri yang terakhir. Sebab nafiri akan berbunyi dan orang-orang mati akan dibangkitkan dalam keadaan yang tidak dapat binasa dan kita semua akan diubah" (1 Korintus 15:51-52). Mereka bersukacita karena Injil membawa kesembuhan bagi yang sakit dan keselamatan bagi yang terhilang. Alkitab berkata, "Jadi siapa yang ada di dalam Kristus, ia adalah ciptaan baru: yang lama sudah berlalu, sesungguhnya yang baru sudah datang!" (2 Korintus 5:17).



2. IBLIS ADALAH MUSUH YANG TERTEWAS

Yesus berkata kepada murid-murid-Nya, ““Aku melihat Iblis jatuh seperti kilat dari langit” (Lukas 10:18b). Sebagai muridNya, kita adalah pemenang dan orang yang dapat mengatasi, untuk hidup dan memberitakan Injil. Alkitab berkata, “Dan mereka mengalahkan dia oleh darah Anak Domba, dan oleh perkataan kesaksian mereka. Karena mereka tidak mengasihi nyawa mereka sampai ke dalam maut” (Wahyu 12:11). Rasul Paulus memberi tahu kita, “Sebab aku yakin, bahwa baik maut, maupun hidup, baik malaikat-malaikat, maupun pemerintah-pemerintah, baik yang ada sekarang, maupun yang akan datang, atau kuasa-kuasa, baik yang di atas, maupun yang di bawah, ataupun sesuatu makhluk lain, tidak akan dapat memisahkan kita dari kasih Tuhan, yang ada dalam Kristus Yesus, Tuhan kita” (Roma 8:38-39).

Kehidupan Paulus adalah contoh orang yang hidup dalam kemenangan dan mengatasi tantangan dalam kehidupan ini.

3. MURID-MURID MEMILIKI KEKUATAN MENGATASI SITUASI NEGATIF (Lukas 10:19)

- a) Paulus dilindungi dari kapal karam. Alkitab berkata, “dan supaya orang-orang lain menyusul dengan mempergunakan papan atau pecahan-pecahan kapal. Demikianlah mereka semua selamat naik ke darat” (Kisah Para Rasul 27:44).
- b) Paulus tidak terluka dari gigitan ular di pulau Malta. Alkitab berkata, “Ketika Paulus memungut seberkas ranting-ranting dan meletakkannya di atas api, keluarlah

seekor ular beludak karena panasnya api itu, lalu menggigit tangannya. Ketika orang-orang itu melihat ular itu terpaut pada tangan Paulus, mereka berkata seorang kepada yang lain: “Orang ini sudah pasti seorang pembunuh, sebab, meskipun ia telah luput dari laut, ia tidak dibiarkan hidup oleh Dewi Keadilan.” Tetapi Paulus mengibaskan ular itu ke dalam api, dan ia sama sekali tidak menderita sesuatu” (Kisah Para Rasul 28:3-5).

- c) Meskipun Paulus dan Silas dipenjara, mereka terus menyembah Tuhan. Alkitab berkata, “Setelah mereka berkali-kali didera, mereka dilemparkan ke dalam penjara. Kepala penjara diperintahkan untuk menjaga mereka dengan sungguh-sungguh” (Kisah Para Rasul 16:23). Kuasa luarbiasa Tuhanlah yang dapat bertahan dan bangkit di atas cabaran fizikal kita, menyebabkan kita bersukacita dan tidak mati.

Meskipun Firman Tuhan meyakinkan kita tentang kekuatan dan keselamatan, kita tidak boleh mencobai Tuhan (Lukas 4:12) dengan hidup dengan sembarangan. Setan adalah musuh yang kuat. Namun, kita telah diberi wibawa dan kuasa rohani untuk bertahan dan mengatasi kekuatan iblis. Alkitab berkata, “karena perjuangan kita bukanlah melawan darah dan daging, tetapi melawan pemerintah-pemerintah, melawan penguasa-penguasa, melawan penghulu-penghulu dunia yang gelap ini, melawan roh-roh jahat di udara (Efesus 6:12). Paulus menyatakan, “Sebab itu apakah yang akan kita katakan tentang semuanya itu? Jika Tuhan di pihak kita, siapakah yang akan melawan kita?” (Roma 8:31).

4. MURID-MURID BERSUKACITA DALAM KESELAMATAN MEREKA (Lukas 10:20)

Dasar untuk sukacita mereka bukanlah kuasa tetapi keselamatan yang kita miliki di dalam Yesus Kristus. Meskipun Tuhan telah memberi mereka kuasa atas Setan, situasi, dan musuh-musuh mereka, mereka bersukacita karena nama-nama mereka tertulis dalam Buku Kehidupan. Namun, Yesus memperingatkan para murid-Nya agar tidak mengutamakan melakukan pekerjaan baik daripada menjadi seperti Dia. Dia berkata, “Pada hari terakhir banyak orang akan berseru kepada-Ku: Tuhan, Tuhan, bukankah kami bernubuat demi nama-Mu, dan mengusir setan demi nama-Mu, dan mengadakan banyak mujizat demi nama-Mu juga? Pada waktu itulah Aku akan berterus terang kepada mereka dan berkata: Aku tidak pernah mengenal kamu! Enyahlah dari pada-Ku, kamu sekalian pembuat kejahatan!” (Matius 7:22-23).

Firman Tuhan mengistiharkan kita sebagai anak-anak Tuhan. Alkitab berkata, “Tetapi setelah genap waktunya, maka Tuhan mengutus Anak-Nya, yang lahir dari seorang perempuan dan takluk kepada hukum Taurat. Ia diutus untuk menebus mereka, yang takluk kepada

hukum Taurat, supaya kita diterima menjadi anak. Dan karena kamu adalah anak, maka Tuhan telah menyuruh Roh Anak-Nya ke dalam hati kita, yang berseru: "ya Abba, ya Bapa!" (Galatia 4:4-6).

- a) Kita memiliki Roh-Nya. Alkitab berkata, "Sebab kamu tidak menerima roh perbudakan yang membuat kamu menjadi takut lagi, tetapi kamu telah menerima Roh yang menjadikan kamu anak Tuhan. Oleh Roh itu kita berseru: "ya Abba, ya Bapa!" (Roma 8:15).
- b) Kita menyandang nama-Nya. Alkitab berkata, "dan apa juga yang kamu minta dalam nama-Ku, Aku akan melakukannya, supaya Bapa dipermuliakan di dalam Anak. Jika kamu meminta sesuatu kepada-Ku dalam nama-Ku, Aku akan melakukannya" (Yohanes 14:13-14).
- c) Kita memiliki hidupNya. Paulus menyatakan, "namun aku hidup, tetapi bukan lagi aku sendiri yang hidup, melainkan Kristus yang hidup di dalam aku. Dan hidupku yang kuhidupi sekarang di dalam daging, adalah hidup oleh iman dalam Anak Tuhan yang telah mengasihi aku dan menyerahkan diri-Nya untuk aku" (Galatia 2:20).
- d) Kita adalah pewarisNya. Alkitab berkata, "Roh itu bersaksi bersama-sama dengan roh kita, bahwa kita adalah anak-anak Tuhan. Dan jika kita adalah anak, maka kita juga adalah ahli waris, maksudnya orang-orang yang berhak menerima janji-janji Tuhan, yang akan menerimanya bersama-sama dengan Kristus, yaitu jika kita menderita bersama-sama dengan Dia, supaya kita juga dipermuliakan bersama-sama dengan Dia" (Roma 8:16-17).

Dengan mengetahui siapa kita di dalam Kristus, kita yakin akan kemenangan yang kita miliki di dalam Dia. Alkitab berkata, "Barangsiapa menang, ia akan dikenakan pakaian putih yang demikian; Aku tidak akan menghapus namanya dari kitab kehidupan, melainkan Aku akan mengaku namanya di hadapan Bapa-Ku dan di hadapan para malaikat-Nya" (Wahyu 3:5). Kerana itu, marilah kita tidak hanya bersukacita atas apa yang Tuhan telah memampukan kita untuk melakukan. Mari kita bersukacita dalam keselamatan kita dalam Tuhan sebagai orang-orang percaya yang diutus untuk memberitakan Injil Yesus Kristus. Sama seperti tujuh puluh dua yang diutus oleh Yesus, semoga kita kembali dengan laporan yang luar biasa ketika kita bertemu muka dengan muka dengan Yesus!

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari terjemahan Bahasa Indonesia, melainkan dinyatakan.

在神的救赎中欢喜快乐

文: 古纳南主任牧师

耶 稣指派了七十二个门徒, 对他们说: "庄稼多, 工人少, 所以你们应当求庄稼的主, 派工人出去收他的庄稼。" 那七十二个门徒欢欢喜喜地回来, 说: "主啊, 因你的名, 连鬼也服了我们。" "是的" 耶稣说: "我看见撒但, 像闪电一样从天坠落。我已经给你们权柄, 去践踏蛇和蝎子, 胜过仇敌的一切能力。绝对没有什么能伤害你们了。然而不要因为鬼服了你们就欢喜, 却要因为你们的名字记录在天上而欢喜" (路加福音 10:2,17-20)。

以下是振奋人心的真理, 送给宣扬耶稣基督福音的你:

1. 门徒欢欢喜喜地回来 (路加福音 10:17)

a) 他们喜乐是因为他们获颁门徒的权柄到庄稼收割。

门徒欢喜快乐不是因为他们完成了多少件事情或取得了什么成就, 而是因为他们被拣选成为主的见证人, 靠着赐给了他们的权柄和信心宣讲福音。他们欢喜快乐因为人听了福音, 相信了并且得到了救恩。我们也一样, 被呼召并被拣选成为他的见证人, 以宣扬福音。圣经上说: "你们到全世界去, 向所有的人传福音。信而受洗的必定得救, 不信的必被定罪。信的人必有神迹随着他们, 就是奉我的名赶鬼, 用新方言说话, 用手握蛇, 喝了什么毒物也不受害, 手按病人就必好了" (马可福音 16:15-18)。

b) 他们带着辉煌的成绩归来。

耶稣赐给门徒使用祂名的权柄。他们宣讲上帝天国的福音时, 见证了上帝的大能。圣经上说: "除了祂以外, 别无拯救, 因为在天下人间, 没有赐下别的名, 我们可以靠着得救" (使徒行传 4:12)。他们欢喜快乐因为他们虽然微小, 却被拣选以宣扬神的福音。耶稣升天之前说 "可是圣灵降临在你们身上, 你们就必领受能力, 并且要在耶路撒冷、犹太全地、撒玛利亚, 直到地极, 作我的见证人" (使徒行传 1:8)。

c) 他们回来归荣耀给神。

他们欢喜快乐把神迹荣耀归给神而不是归给自己。圣经上说: "所以, 你们或吃喝, 或作什么, 一切都要为神的荣耀而行" (哥林多前书 10:31)。耶稣说: "照样, 你们的光也应当照在人前, 让他们看见你们的好行为, 又颂赞你们在天上的父" (马太福音 5:16)。

d) 他们回来并服事了人身体和灵魂需要。

耶稣基督荣耀的福音救赎了我们的灵魂，并改变了我们，使我们全人得到救赎。耶稣应许有一天我们腐朽的身体将要复活成为不朽坏的。保罗说：“我现在把一个奥秘告诉你们：我们不是都要睡觉，而是在一刹那，眨眼之间，就是号角最后一次吹响的时候，我们都要改变；因为号角要吹响，死人要复活，成为不朽坏的，我们也要改变。”（哥林多前书 15:51-52）他们欢喜快乐，因为福音为病人带来了医治，为丧失的人带来了救恩。圣经上说：“如果有人 在基督里，他就是新造的人，旧事已经过去，你看，都变成新的了！”（哥林多后书 5:17）

2. 撒旦被打败了

耶稣跟他的门徒说：“我看见撒但，像闪电一样从天坠落”（路加福音 10:18b）。身为祂的门徒，我们是得胜的人，我们活着要宣扬祂的福音。圣经上说：“弟兄胜过它，是因着羊羔的血，也因着自己所见证的道，他们虽然至死，也不爱惜自己的性命”（启示录 12:11）。使徒保罗告诉我们：“因为我深信：无论是死、是生，是天使、是掌权的，是现在的事，是将来的事，是有能力的，是高天的、是深渊的，或是任何别的被造之物，都不能叫我们与 神的爱隔绝，这爱是在我们的主耶稣基督里的。”（罗马书 8:38-39）保罗的生命是一个榜样，他战胜挑战，过着得胜的生活。

3. 门徒有能力战胜恶劣的环境（路加福音 10:19）

- a) 保罗在船难中脱险。圣经上说：“其余的人可以用木板，或船上的器具上岸。这样，大家都安全地上岸了”（使徒行传 27:44）。
- b) 在马尔他岛上，保罗没有被蛇咬伤。圣经上说：“保罗拾了一捆干柴，放在火上的时候，有一条毒蛇，受不住热，爬了出来，缠住他的手。当地的人看见那条蛇悬在他手上，就彼此说：‘这个人一定是凶手，虽然从海里脱险，天理也不容他活着！’但是保罗却把那条蛇抖在火里，自己一点也没有受伤”（使徒行传 28:3-5）。
- c) 保罗和西拉被监禁，他们依然敬拜上帝。圣经上说：“打了很多棍，就把他们放在监牢里，吩咐狱吏严密看守”（使徒行传 16:23）。我们靠着上帝的大能忍受并胜过身体的软弱和挑战，让我们不至死亡反而得着喜乐。

即使神的话应允赐力量并保护我们，我们在生活中也要谨慎，不可试探神（路加福音 4:12）。撒旦是一个强大的敌人。但是我们已经被赋予可以抵抗邪恶力量的属灵权柄和力量。圣经上说：“因为我们的争战，对抗的不是有血有肉的人，而是执政的、掌权的、管辖这黑暗世界的和天上的邪灵”（以弗所书 6:12）。

保罗说：“既是这样，我们对这一切还有什么话说呢？神若这样为我们，谁能敌对我们呢？”（罗马书 8:31）

4. 门徒因救恩欢喜快乐（路加福音 10:20）

他们欢喜不是因为拥有能力，而是因为 在耶稣基督里蒙救赎。虽然上帝赐予他们能力胜过撒但、环境和敌人，但真正令他们欢喜快乐的是名字记录在生命册上。耶稣警告祂的门徒不要因行为称义而是要活出祂的样式。祂说：“到那日，必有许多人对我说：‘主啊，主啊！难道我们没有奉你的名讲道，奉你的名赶鬼，奉你的名行过许多神迹吗？’但我必向他们声明：‘我从来不认识你们；你们这些作恶的人，离开我去吧！’”（马太福音 7:22-23）

神的话宣告我们是神的儿女。圣经上说：“但到了时机成熟，神就差遣他的儿子，由女人所生，而且生在律法之下，要把律法之下的人救赎出来，好让我们得着嗣子的名分。你们既然是儿子，神就差遣他儿子的灵进入我们心里，呼叫‘阿爸、父！’”（加拉太书 4:4-6）

- a) 祂的圣灵在我们里面。圣经上说：“你们接受的，不是奴仆的灵，使你们仍旧惧怕；你们接受的，是使人成为嗣子的灵，使我们呼叫‘阿爸、父！’”（罗马书 8:15）。
- b) 我们承受祂的名分。圣经上说：“你们奉我的名无论求什么，我必定成全，使父在子的身上得着荣耀。你们若奉我的名向我求什么，我必定成全”（约翰福音 14:13-14）。
- c) 我们拥有祂的生命。保罗宣告说：“我已经与基督同钉十字架；现在活着的，不再是我，而是基督活在我里面；如今在肉身中活着的我，是因信 神的儿子而活的；他爱我，为我舍己”（加拉太书 2:20）。
- d) 我们是祂的后嗣。圣经上说：“圣灵亲自和我们的灵一同证明我们是 神的儿女。既然是儿女，就是后嗣；是 神的后嗣，也和基督一同作后嗣。我们既然和他一同受苦，就必和他一同得荣耀”（罗马书 8:16-17）。

当我们知道自己在基督里的身份时，我们拥有在基督里得胜的信心。圣经上说：“得胜的，也必这样身穿白衣，我决不从生命册上涂抹他的名，我还要在我父和他的众天使面前，承认他的名”（启示录 3:5）。因此，我们不要只为了神赐我们能力做成什么而高兴，更要为因信得救并被差派宣告耶稣基督的福音而欢喜快乐。就像耶稣差派出去的七十二个人一样，让我们回来面对面向耶稣交差时，带着辉煌的成绩报告！

圣经经文摘自圣经新译本



Dr. Earl Creps sharing during one of the sessions



Beginning the morning sessions with songs of praise and worship

I AM NOT COOL, I DON'T GET IT, I AM NOT RELEVANT, BUT I CAN LEARN

BY ANGELINE LIU

On the rainy Friday evening of 31 May 2019, an eloquent speaker shared a thought-provoking session on “Reinventing Ourselves”. The more advanced in age and ministry might have wondered if this was necessary. Why bother? Dr. Earl Creps, pastor, author, and professor at Northwest University, USA, addressed this unspoken thought by giving insight on ways personal transformation and growth at any age can lead to great beneficial changes in ministries and organisations.

His sharing continued the next morning on Saturday, 1 June 2019, when he communicated powerfully on “Passing the Baton to the Next Generation”. Many of us do not realise that we are just one generation away from an empty church. Drop the baton one time – just one time – and the church will be empty. Passing the baton is a sacred obligation – God’s plan for all leaders is to share their experience, guide those younger, and empower them to do better and go further for the Kingdom’s work.

Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng led the group discussions on generational differences, to appreciate and complement each other across the generations. She concluded that God desires there be only one generation – the Body of Christ is to be a holy generation, a royal priesthood reflecting Christ in every way (1 Peter 2:9).

Dr. Creps’ final session was exciting. He said no leader can be effective in ministry today without skills and attitudes associated with listening and conversation. Reverse mentoring involves listening to the hearts of emerging leaders, and learning from them.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam led us to pray for one another, that we will spiritually parent others effectively. He then prayed for us, that we will be able to work, learn, accept, and build on each other’s strength as we move forward as a church.

Praise God for a memorable, motivating summit. All were encouraged to mentor the young, reinvent, and learn, so that those who come after us, will follow us, as we follow Christ!

Participants sharing the results of their group discussion



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Discussing generational differences



Many leaders and servers have been enriched, and here are some of their heart-warming feedback:

- “I have learned how to better disciple the younger generation.”
- “I need to build relationships by being humble.”
- “I have to acknowledge and accept that *‘I am not cool’, ‘I do not get it’, ‘I am not relevant’* but *‘I CAN LEARN.’*”
- “It’s a great reminder that no matter what season I am in and irrespective of my age; I can still reinvent myself for the glory of God, and God can grant the *‘second window of opportunity.’*”
- “The session on *‘Discipling the Next Generation’* has instilled in me to be intentional to raise the next generation for Jesus.”
- “My takeaway: Learn, learn, learn; do not be afraid to learn from the young people; look out for the second opportunity, and be humble before God!”
- “I was reminded that for every Paul, there must be a Timothy. For any ministry to be effective, there must be a successor; passing the baton is a necessity. We need to be a friend, and walk with them with the hallmark of God’s love established in the relationship.”



GOD RESPONDS TO OUR PRAYERS

BY ASSOCIATE PASTOR TIMOTHY ONG

The Prayer Tower intercessors have been praying along with church members, and have received many testimonies.

Our Life Group (LG) came to pray for the first time at the Prayer Tower. It was a blessed time of praise and worship, seeking to hear from God and praying for each other's needs, the church, its leadership, the ministries of the church, its members, and Malaysia.

The Lord spoke to us from Isaiah 40:28-31 and Proverbs 3:5-6 as we read the text and shared how the Word touched our hearts and what each received from God.

In the midst of our prayer, a brother joined in. One of us felt we needed to pray for him and his need. After the prayer, we assured and encouraged him to trust in God, as we have prayed and committed the matter to Him.

Truly God had His hand upon our planned prayer time at the Prayer Tower.

- Saw Eng

By the grace of God Almighty, my son Ashwin's surgery went well. He has been discharged, and is back home. He has some weakness on his left hand, and is undergoing physiotherapy.

Glory to our Lord Jesus for His kindness and mercy, and thank God for the prayers of brothers and sisters at the Prayer Tower. May God bless all of you in your ministry abundantly.

- Matthew

The doctor found my right kidney enlarged, needing immediate attention. He referred me for a CT scan, and my next appointment was to determine the necessity of an operation. We prayed on a Tuesday night at the Prayer Tower.

I thank God for His grace, and continue to trust Him for healing. The most recent scan shows my right kidney can be saved - 30% still functions. I really testify of God's goodness, and all glory to Him.

- Pauline

Life is at a tough stage, especially wanting to expand our husband-and-wife business. It is expensive and so time consuming, but I still take time to pray at the Prayer Tower closets. It is my place of solace, and these are precious moments indulging in the Presence of God in the midst of crazy busyness. I always feel God's touch, and really appreciate having a place to spend moments in personal prayer.

- Stephanie

We welcome you to come and spend time in the Prayer Tower seeking God for His grace. You can come individually, or as a group (call 03-8999 5532).

You can write us at calptower@gmail.com, or fill in the prayer request form on our Prayer Tower website at calptower.org. Your needs will be prayed for by our intercessors, and on every Tuesday night in the Prayer Tower at 8.00pm.

ACTIVITIES

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YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, 10.00am
Calvary Damansara Heights
Topic: Am I Safe?
A Message on Salvation
Speaker: Rev. Victor Lee,
President of Bible College of Malaysia

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TAMIL FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, 11.30am
Theatrette 2, Level B2,
Calvary Convention Centre
Topic: Be an Encourager
Speaker:
Associate Pastor Raymond Yong

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WATER BAPTISM

Saturday, 5.00pm
Calvary Damansara Heights
*Closing date for submission of application:
Sunday, 7 July 2019*

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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, 1.00pm
Calvary Damansara Heights
Topic: Disciple: Who Am I?

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CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, 11.30am
Theatrette 1, Level B2,
Calvary Convention Centre
Topic: The Wonderful Grace of God
Speaker:
Associate Pastor Steven Kum

Proclaim

THE GOSPEL ... TILL HE COMES!

MATTHEW 24:14



MISSIONS EMPHASIS 2019

July - December

MISSIONS PRAYER

Friday 5 July

7.30pm
Calvary Church
Damansara Heights

YOUTH MISSIONS

Saturday 6 July

1.00pm
Calvary Church
Damansara Heights

FAITH PROMISE

Saturday 6 July

5.00pm
Calvary Church
Damansara Heights

Sunday 7 July

9.00am
Calvary Convention
Centre

OUR MISSIONS SPEAKER

EDWIN ALVAREZ

Pastor Edwin Alvarez is the Senior Pastor of Apostolic Community Church Hosanna in Panama City. He is a respected visionary leader who has raised this strong and impactful church of 20,000. They run a TV station, a radio station, a university, and have planted hundreds of churches around the world.

Pastor Alvarez also hosts an annual meeting of the Apostolic Community Hosanna called Ekklesia, which brings together prominent evangelical leaders from five continents to bless the people of God.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE JULY 2019

Saturday, 5.00pm Calvary Damansara Heights

- 06** Edwin Alvarez
Missions Emphasis
Communion
- 13** Associate Pastor Steven Kum
- 20** Associate Pastor Peter Ong
Water Baptism
- 27** Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng

Sunday, 9.00am Calvary Convention Centre

- 07** Edwin Alvarez
Missions Emphasis
Communion
- 14** Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
- 21** Associate Pastor Steven Kum
Membership Intake
- 28** Senior Associate Pastor
Petrina Guneratnam



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