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THE CALL TO FREEDOM

BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

The Bible uses the word 'freedom' in the context of slavery. A slave has a master, who owns him. He is a bondservant to the one or that which has power over him. The apostle Paul was once a slave to his sinful nature. He said, *"Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin"*

(Romans 7:24-25). He also tells us we have been set free from the slavery to our sinful nature. He said, *"Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living"* (Romans 6:17-18). Only Jesus Christ can free us from our sinful nature because He took the penalty of our sins on Himself. Paul said, *"When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the obligation to do right. And what was the result? You are now ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 6:20-23).



It is the freedom Christ bought and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit that validates us to live the Christlike life. The Bible says, *“For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom”* (2 Corinthians 3:17). Paul tells us, *“This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth”* (Ephesians 4:13-14).

Paul teaches us that believing in Jesus Christ frees us from the power of our sinful nature. He says, *“And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death”* (Romans 8:2). He goes on to say,

“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Don’t let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ. For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority. When you came to Christ, you were “circumcised,” but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature. For you were buried with Christ when you were baptised. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. You have died with Christ, and he has set you free from the spiritual powers of this world. So why do you keep on following the rules of the world...” (Colossians 2:6-12, 20). The Bible teaches us to live a life of freedom from our sinful nature and to live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Paul says, *“For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbour as yourself”* (Galatians 5:13-14).

We become slaves to whoever we choose to obey. It is our responsibility to choose the way we want to live. The Bible gives the believer some clear instructions in living and choosing the life of freedom in Jesus Christ over a life enslaved by our sinful nature:

1. BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Paul said, “Let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves” (Galatians 5:16). Education only empowers

us with knowledge. However, the Holy Spirit empowers and enables us to be and do what is right that pleases God and shun the wrong that is sinful. The Bible says, *“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).

2. HAVE FAITH AND OBEY GOD'S WORD

The Bible said, *“But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it”* (James 1:22-25).



3. LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

The apostle John said, *“We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion – how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God”* (1 John 3:16-19).

Paul says, *“Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armour so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 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. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armour so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armour of God's righteousness. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere”* (Ephesians 6:10-18).

A life of freedom is a life led by the Holy Spirit. We live this life by faith and choose to live in obedience to the Word of God, by loving and serving the people around us. May we choose this life of freedom over a life enslaved to sin and share this new life by being witnesses of the freedom found in Christ to the world.

Bible quotations are from the New Living Translation (NLT)

SPIRIT NOW

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25th PENTECOSTAL
WORLD CONFERENCE



Praying for the new committee

THE 25TH WORLD PENTECOSTAL CONFERENCE

BY LISA TOH

Pentecostal leaders and believers from 74 nations gathered from Tuesday-Friday, 27-30 August 2019 in Calgary, Canada for the 25th Pentecostal World Conference, themed ‘Spirit Now’.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam in his keynote address challenged the delegates to depend on the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfil God’s plans and purposes for their lives.

This conference, held triennially, marked the conclusion of Senior Pastor’s term as chairman of the Pentecostal World Fellowship (PWF). He has served for the maximum nine years. PWF is a cooperative body of pentecostal churches and groups worldwide, representing over 650 million Spirit-filled believers.

After handing over leadership of the Fellowship to the newly-elected executives, Senior Pastor was

recognised for his outstanding leadership and made an honorary advisory member. He is the third person to hold such a position after Dr. Jack Hayford and Dr. Yonggi Cho. On behalf of PWF, Dr. David Wells expressed great love and admiration for the team at Calvary Church for their diligence and excellence serving the PWF international office in Kuala Lumpur.

We praise God for our Senior Pastor and his leadership that continues to bless the global Church.



Handing the chairmanship of PWF to Dr. William Wilson



Dr. David Wells presenting the commemoration plaque to Senior Pastor

Senior Pastor at his keynote address at the conference





Admiring the artist's work

AN ARTIST'S FINAL WISH — A LEGACY OF HOPE

BY PASTOR SHEREEN WONG

When Siew was diagnosed with cancer, he channelled all his turmoil and uncertainty into art, completing 38 paintings over three years. He always dreamed of having a solo exhibition, and with two friends, birthed "Strokes of Hope". This debut of Siew's masterpieces allows a glimpse into the beauty and strength that adversity often reveals.

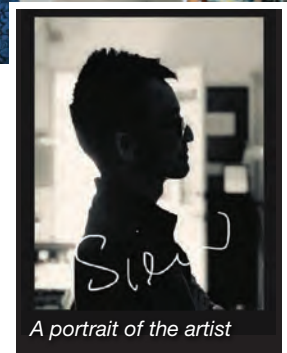
That the artwork spoke volumes is Joanna's sentiment. "Paintings speak a lot" she said, "differently to each individual. All the paintings are very beautiful."

When informed that her favourite piece was Siew's very first, Kay was moved, saying that, "This was drawn from his heart, from his whole being, as a person who loves life, someone I believe lived life to the fullest."

"I thank God for this artist," said Anthony, "he creates masterpieces."

Faith Chin, organising chairperson, thanked God for the team's tremendous efforts, and the donors' generosity. The exhibition was an experience of the faithfulness and mercy of God. From its inception, God's blessings were seen in spontaneous and timely help from different individuals contributing to the project's success.

In line with Siew's wishes, all proceeds from the sale of his artwork will go to supporting the needs of women and children in Calvaryland.



A portrait of the artist




Leaving a note of encouragement



A large crowd who came to the exhibition



Sold!



Praying for the nation as a church

PRAYER FOR THE NATION

BY ASSOCIATE PASTOR TIMOTHY ONG

The church came together at Calvary Damansara Heights to pray for our nation and leaders on Friday, 30 August 2019. With the theme, “Justice and Righteousness, the Foundation of Malaysia”, 331 Calvarites came together to pray for God’s hand upon our nation.

Associate Pastor Timothy Ong started with a declaration that our God is a righteous and just God, followed by praise and worship. Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng then shared a devotion with Psalm 89:14 and Amos 5:24. The prayer meeting continued, intertwining with five individuals taking turns to lead in corporate prayer and group prayers for Malaysia.

Lastly, we exercised body ministry by praying for each other’s personal needs, and Associate Pastor Steven Kum concluded with prayer before some of us adjourned to the worship nursery for an extended time of prayer.

Here are some uplifting testimonies:

- “The time at the altar was the highlight of the evening. We were soaking up His move and His presence.” – David
- “I am assured that the prayer meeting has changed my personal attitude towards God; I am more responsible and accountable to Him now. I am very glad to have attended, and I will continue to pray and let God’s will be done in my life.” – Angela
- “I felt God’s presence, the healing of my toothache, and a greater release in my prayer life.” – Arin
- “I stayed back to pray until midnight, and strongly felt God was watching us from His throne room in heaven.” – Yuen Lee
- “I experienced the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit. I was tired, but God sustained me. Somehow, even though the physical body almost failed, I was alert and conscious in the Spirit to pray until midnight.” – Jeffrey
- “My faith and trust in the Lord for the nation and my personal life is strengthened. Praise the Lord!” – Steven

(L-R) Marcus Solomon, Victoria Choi, Thong Oi Shiang, Han Joke Kwang, and Ngeow Zoo Gin leading in corporate prayer



Praying together in groups





A big smile for the camera!

ROYAL RANGERS ANNUAL CAMP 2019

BY WILLIAM YONG AND SAMUEL SOONG

A total of 102 attended the Royal Rangers annual camp, which took place Sunday-Tuesday, 11-13 August 2019. It was the largest turnout yet, as camp was also open to friends and family.

This year's camp theme was "Teamwork and Unity" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12). Campers worked on activities together and fostered team spirit, whether in coming up with their team's song and yell, making their team bolo slides, or doing their best at the exhilarating games. They learnt camp craft skills, went hiking, and worked on outdoor advancements.

After fun, exciting daytime programmes, we had a rally on the first night, and on the second night, the

highlight and signature of every Royal Ranger camp - the Council of Fire (CoF). CoF is a special programme around a campfire, with a comedic skit, campfire songs, worship, and devotion.

Both nights, refreshing praise and worship led by Commander David Ngeow filled the air as campers lifted their voices praising God. Chaplain Timothy Yee shared about working together, everyone playing a role to accomplish a big task, using the example of rebuilding the wall in 52 days from the book of Nehemiah; and about love being the key to unity (John 15:12).

The final camp activity was our very own MasterChef competition. The teams used their compass reading



Discovery Rangers listening intently to Commander Joel Zachariah teaching compass skills



Winning group for the Masterchef competition



The judges for the competition having a good laugh



Commander David Ngeow leading a time of praise and worship during the night rally



The Council of Fire



ROYAL RANGERS

Chaplain Timothy sharing morning devotion with the campers

skills to search for ingredients, and then cooked and presented their dishes for judging. It was fun, exciting, and competitive. At the final tally, unexpected results were seen as the tables turned; those who initially led the scoreboards were overtaken as those who were lagging raced to the top.

The food team worked tirelessly ensuring sufficient food; feeding over 100 hungry campers was an achievement! All 35 commanders at camp worked hard, ensuring a time of accomplishment balanced with fun and excitement. All campers were well fed, physically and spiritually.

Praise the Lord for the 12 campers who responded in faith. We praise and thank God for answered prayers and a great camp.

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



Outpost Commander David Gan briefing the Discovery Rangers on their advancement merits



Ever played volleyball...with a sheet?



"Watch out!"



Hands off the balloons!



The Expedition Rangers at the halfway point of their hike up the mountain



Some of the Adventure Rangers all smiles for the camera after completing their hike to the waterfall



PANGGILAN UNTUK KEBEBASAN

OLEH PENDITA KANAN PRINCE GUNERATNAM

Alkitab menggunakan perkataan “kebebasan” dalam konteks perhambaan. Seorang hamba mempunyai seorang tuan yang memiliki dia. Dia adalah hamba kepada orang atau yang memiliki kuasa atas dia. Rasul Paulus juga dahulunya menjadi hamba kepada sifat dosanya sendiri. Dia berkata, “Aku manusia celaka! Siapakah yang akan melepaskan aku dari tubuh maut ini? Syukur kepada Tuhan! Oleh Yesus Kristus, Tuhan kita. Jadi dengan akal budiku aku melayani hukum Tuhan, tetapi dengan tubuh insaniku aku melayani hukum dosa” (Roma 7:24-25). Namun, dia juga memberitahu bahawa kita telah dibebaskan daripada perhambaan kepada sifat dosa kita. Dia berkata, “Tetapi syukurlah kepada Tuhan! Dahulu memang kamu hamba dosa, tetapi sekarang kamu dengan segenap hati telah mentaati pengajaran yang telah

diteruskan kepadamu. Kamu telah dimerdekan daripada dosa dan menjadi hamba kebenaran” (Roma 6:17-18). Hanya Yesus Kristus yang dapat membebaskan kita daripada sifat dosa kerana Dia telah mengambil hukuman dosa-dosa kita pada diri-Nya. Paulus berkata, “Sebab waktu kamu hamba dosa, kamu bebas dari kebenaran. Dan buah apakah yang kamu petik daripadanya? Semuanya itu menyebabkan kamu merasa malu sekarang, karena kesudahan semuanya itu ialah kematian. Tetapi sekarang, setelah kamu dimerdekan dari dosa dan setelah kamu menjadi hamba Tuhan, kamu beroleh buah yang membawa kamu kepada pengudusan dan sebagai kesudahannya ialah hidup yang kekal. Sebab upah dosa ialah maut; tetapi karunia Tuhan ialah hidup yang kekal dalam Kristus Yesus, Tuhan kita” (Roma 6:20-23).

Inilah kebebasan/kemerdekaan yang dibeli oleh Kristus bagi kita dan keperkasaan Roh Kudus telah membenarkan kita untuk menjalani kehidupan seperti Kristus. Alkitab berkata, “Sebab Tuhan adalah Roh; dan di mana ada Roh Tuhan, di situ ada kemerdekaan” (2 Korintus 3:17). Paulus memberitahu kita, “Sampai kita semua telah mencapai kesatuan iman dan pengetahuan yang benar tentang Anak Tuhan, kedewasaan penuh, dan

tingkat pertumbuhan yang sesuai dengan kepenuhan Kristus, sehingga kita bukan lagi anak-anak, yang diombang-ambingkan oleh rupa-rupa angin pengajaran, oleh permainan palsu manusia dalam kelicikan mereka yang menyesatkan” (Efesus 4:13-14).

Paulus mengajar kita bahawa kepercayaan dalam Yesus Kristus membebaskan kita daripada kuasa sifat dosa kita. Dia berkata, “Roh, yang memberi hidup telah memerdekakan kamu dalam Kristus dari hukum dosa dan hukum maut” (Roma 8:2). Dia teruskan berkata, “Kamu telah menerima Kristus Yesus, Tuhan kita. Karena itu hendaklah hidupmu tetap di dalam Dia. Hendaklah kamu berakar di dalam Dia dan dibangun di atas Dia, hendaklah kamu bertambah teguh dalam iman yang telah diajarkan kepadamu, dan hendaklah hatimu melimpah dengan syukur. Hati-hatilah, supaya jangan ada yang menawan kamu dengan filsafatnya yang kosong dan palsu menurut ajaran turun-menurun dan roh-roh dunia, tetapi tidak menurut Kristus. Sebab dalam Dialah berdiam secara jasmaniah seluruh kepenuhan ke-Tuhanan, dan kamu telah dipenuhi di dalam Dia. Dialah kepala semua pemerintah dan penguasa. Dalam Dia kamu telah disunat, bukan dengan sunat yang dilakukan oleh manusia, tetapi dengan sunat Kristus, yang terdiri dari penanggalan akan tubuh yang berdosa, karena dengan Dia kamu dikuburkan dalam baptisan, dan di dalam Dia kamu turut dibangkitkan juga oleh kepercayaanmu kepada kerja kuasa Tuhan, yang telah membangkitkan Dia dari orang mati. Apabila kamu telah mati bersama-sama dengan Kristus dan bebas dari roh-roh dunia, mengapakah kamu menaklukkan dirimu pada rupa-rupa peraturan, seolah-olah kamu masih hidup di dunia...” (Kolose 2:6-12, 20). Alkitab mengajar kita untuk menjalani kehidupan bebas daripada sifat dosa kita dan hidup sebagai pengikut setia Yesus Kristus. Paulus berkata, “Saudara-saudara, memang kamu telah dipanggil untuk merdeka. Tetapi janganlah kamu mempergunakan kemerdekaan itu sebagai kesempatan untuk kehidupan dalam dosa, melainkan layanilah seorang akan yang lain oleh kasih. Sebab seluruh hukum Taurat tercakup dalam satu firman ini, yaitu: Kasihilah sesama manusia seperti dirimu sendiri!” (Galatia 5:13-14).

Kita menjadi hamba kepada apapun yang kita pilih untuk taati. Kita bertanggungjawab untuk memilih cara untuk menjalani kehidupan kita. Alkitab telah memberikan arahan yang jelas kepada orang yang percaya dalam menjalani dan memilih kehidupan yang bebas/merdeka dalam Yesus Kristus daripada kehidupan yang dihambakan oleh sifat dosa.

1. DIPIMPIN OLEH ROH KUDUS

Paulus berkata, “Maksudku ialah: hiduplah oleh Roh, maka kamu tidak akan menuruti keinginan daging” (Galatia 5:16). Pendidikan hanya memperkasakan kita dengan pengetahuan. Tetapi, Roh Kudus memperkasakan dan membolehkan kita melakukan perkara yang berkenan di depan Tuhan dan jauhi kita daripada perbuatan yang berdosa. Alkitab 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).

2. BERIMAN DAN MENTAATI FIRMAN TUHAN

Alkitab berkata, “Tetapi hendaklah kamu menjadi pelaku firman dan bukan hanya pendengar saja; sebab jika tidak demikian kamu menipu diri sendiri. Sebab jika seorang hanya mendengar firman saja dan tidak melakukannya, ia adalah seumpama seorang yang sedang mengamati-mukanya yang sebenarnya di depan cermin. Baru saja ia memandang dirinya, ia sudah pergi atau ia segera lupa bagaimana rupanya. Tetapi barangsiapa meneliti hukum yang sempurna, yaitu hukum yang memerdekakan orang, dan ia bertekun di dalamnya, jadi bukan hanya mendengar untuk melupakannya, tetapi sungguh-sungguh melakukannya, ia akan berbahagia oleh perbuatannya” (Yakobus 1:22-25).

3. MENGASIHI DAN MELAYANI YANG LAIN

Rasul Yohanes berkata, “Demikianlah kita ketahui kasih Kristus, yaitu bahwa Ia telah menyerahkan nyawa-Nya untuk kita; jadi kitapun wajib menyerahkan nyawa kita untuk saudara-saudara kita. Barangsiapa mempunyai harta duniawi dan melihat saudaranya

menderita kekurangan tetapi menutup pintu hatinya terhadap saudaranya itu, bagaimanakah kasih Tuhan dapat tetap di dalam dirinya? Anak-anakku, marilah kita mengasihi bukan dengan perkataan atau dengan lidah, tetapi dengan perbuatan dan dalam kebenaran. Demikianlah kita ketahui, bahwa kita berasal dari kebenaran. Demikian pula kita boleh menenangkan hati kita di hadapan Tuhan” (1 Yohanes 3:16-19).

Paulus berkata, “Akhirnya, hendaklah kamu kuat di dalam Tuhan, di dalam kekuatan kuasa-Nya. Kenakanlah seluruh perlengkapan senjata Tuhan, supaya kamu dapat bertahan melawan tipu muslihat Iblis; 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. Sebab itu ambillah seluruh perlengkapan senjata Tuhan, supaya kamu dapat mengadakan perlawanan pada hari yang jahat itu dan tetap berdiri, sesudah kamu menyelesaikan segala sesuatu. Jadi berdirilah tegap, berikatpinggangan kebenaran dan berbajuzirahkan keadilan, kakimu berkasutkan kerelaan untuk memberitakan Injil damai sejahtera; dalam segala keadaan pergunakanlah perisai iman, sebab dengan perisai itu kamu akan dapat memadamkan semua panah api dari si jahat, dan terimalah ketopong keselamatan dan pedang Roh, yaitu firman Tuhan, dalam segala doa dan permohonan. Berdoalah setiap waktu di dalam Roh dan berjaga-jagalah di dalam doamu itu dengan permohonan yang tak putus-putusnya untuk segala orang Kudus” (Efesus 6:10-18).

Kehidupan yang merdeka adalah kehidupan yang dipimpin oleh Roh Kudus. Kita menjalani kehidupan dengan iman dan memilih untuk mentaati firman Tuhan, dengan mengasihi dan melayani orang di sekeliling kita. Semoga kita memilih kehidupan yang bebas daripada memilih kehidupan yang dihambakan kepada dosa and berkongsi kehidupan baru dengan menjadi saksi atas kebebasan yang ditemui dalam Kristus kepada dunia.

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Alkitab Bahasa Indonesia.

蒙召得自由

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经在奴隶制的背景下使用了“自由”这个词。奴仆属于他的主人，主人对奴仆有绝对的权利。使徒保罗也曾经是罪性的奴隶。他说：“我这个人真是苦啊！谁能救我脱离这使我死亡的身体呢？感谢神，借着我们的主耶稣基督就能脱离了。可见，一方面我自己心里服事神的律，另一方面我的肉体却服事罪的律”（罗马书 7:24-25）。

他还告诉我们，我们已经脱离了罪性的奴役。他说：“感谢神，你们虽然作过罪的奴仆，现在却从心里顺从了传授给你们的教义的规范。你们既然从罪里得了释放，就作了义的奴仆”（罗马书 6:17-18）。

只有耶稣基督可以救我们脱离罪的本性，因为他为我们背负了罪的惩罚。保罗说：“你们作罪的奴仆的时候，就不受义的约束。那么，你们在现今以为羞耻的事上，当时得了什么呢？那些事的结局就是死。现在你们既然从罪里得了释放，作了神的奴仆，就有成圣的果子，那结局就是永生。因为罪的工价就是死，但神的恩赏，在我们的主耶稣基督里，却是永生”（罗马书 6:20-23）。

基督用宝血换来的自由和圣灵赋予的能力使我们能够活出基督的样式。圣经说：“主就是那灵；主的灵在哪里，哪里就有自由”（哥林多后书 3:17）。保罗告诉我们：“直到我们众人对神的儿子都有一致的信仰和认识，可以长大成人，达到基督丰盛长成的身量；使我们不再作小孩子，中了人的诡计和骗人的手段，给异教之风摇撼，飘来飘去”（以弗所书 4:13-14）。

保罗教导我们，相信耶稣基督使我们脱离罪的本性。他说：“因为生命之灵的律在基督耶稣里使我自由，脱离了罪和死的律”（罗马书 8:2）。

他接着说：“你们怎样接受了基督耶稣为主，就当照样在他里面行事为人，按着你们所学到的，在他里面扎根、建造，信心坚定，满有感谢的心。你们要谨慎，免得有人不照着基督，而照着人的传统，和世俗的言论，借着哲学和骗人的空谈，把你们掳去。因为神本性的一切丰盛，都有形有体地住在基督里面，你们也是在他里面得了丰盛。他是一切执政掌权者的元首。你们也在他里面受了不是由



人手所行的割礼，而是受了基督的割礼，就是除掉你们的罪身。你们在洗礼中已经与他一同埋葬，也在洗礼中，因信那使基督从死人中复活的 神所运行的动力，与他一同复活了。你们若与基督一同死了，脱离了世俗的言论，为什么仍然好像活在世俗中一样”（歌罗西书 2:6-12, 20）。

圣经教导我们不要随从罪性，反倒要过自由的生活，成为耶稣基督忠心的门徒。保罗说：“弟兄们，你们蒙召得了自由；只是不可把这自由当作放纵情欲的机会，总要凭着爱心互相服事。因为全部的律法，都在‘爱人如己’这一句话里面成全了”（加拉太书 5:13-14）。

我们选择服从谁，就成为他的奴隶。我们要选择正确的生活方式。圣经已明确地指示信徒，要选择在耶稣基督里自由地生活，不被罪性奴役。

1. 让圣灵引导

保罗说：“你们应当顺着圣灵行事，这样就一定不会去满足肉体的私欲了”（加拉太书 5:16）。教育教导我们

知识。然而，圣灵叫我们成为义人，做正确的事，避免犯罪，成为神所喜悦的。圣经上说：“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）。

2. 活出信仰并遵行神的话语

圣经上说：“你们应该作行道的人，不要单作听道的人，自己欺骗自己；因为人若只作听道的人，不作行道的人，他就像一个人对着镜子看自己本来的面貌，看过走开以后，马上就忘记自己的样子。唯有详细察看那使人自由的全备的律法，并且时常遵守的人，他不是听了就忘记，而是实行出来，就必因自己所作的蒙福”（雅各书 1:22-25）。

3. 爱人，服事人

使徒约翰说：“主为我们舍命，这样，我们就知道什么是爱；我们也应当为弟兄舍命。凡有世上财物的，看见弟兄穷乏，却硬着心肠不理，他怎能说他心里有神的爱呢？孩子们，我们爱人，不要只在言语和舌头上，总要在行动和真诚上表现出来。这样，我们就知道我们是属于真理的。即使我们的心责备我们，在 神面前我们也可以心安理得，因为他比我们的心大，他知道一切”（约翰一书 3:16-19）。

保罗说：“最后，你们要靠主的大能大力，在他里面刚强。要穿戴 神所赐的全副军装，使你们能抵挡魔鬼的诡计。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。所以要穿起 神所赐的全副军装，使你们在这邪恶的时代里可以抵挡得住，并且在作完了一切之后，还能站立得稳。因此，你们要站稳，用真理当带子束腰，披上公义的胸甲，把和平的福音预备好了，当作鞋子，穿在脚上，拿起信心的盾牌，用来扑灭那恶者所有的火箭；并且要戴上救恩的头盔，拿起圣灵的宝剑，就是 神的道，借着各样的祷告和祈求，随时在圣灵里祈祷，并且要在这事上恒久警醒，为众圣徒祈求”（以弗所书 6:10-18）。

自由的生命是跟随圣灵带领的生命。让我们活出神的信仰，遵行神的话语，彼此相爱与服事。愿我们脱离罪的奴役，活出自由的生命，向世人分享和见证这就是从基督而来的自由新生命。

经文取自圣经新译本。

ENCOUNTERING GOD IN MY BATTLES

BY MELANIE HOONG



*Melanie (centre) with her daughter
Melissa and husband Richard*

I had high risk leukaemia. Calm and unquestioning, I felt God was with me and my battles belong to Him; I need not fear. I praised and thanked God, asking Him to lead me through victoriously. With that, I left it unto Him.

During my hospitalisations, death surrounded me often. God lifted my spirits, and I said I want to bless others. Within hours, Associate Pastor Timothy Ong asked me to be a Prayer Tower Prayer Partner. I told God He answered swiftly.

God has blessed me:

The right hospital

I requested a government hospital referral, and there was an availability.

A good consultant

My first consultant was highly pessimistic of my prognosis. I read Matthew 6:6, and told God I will reject all that was said as the enemy's lies. The particular ward underwent refurbishing, and patients were transferred to a most experienced, friendly, and caring consultant.

Providence of prayer

I did not request prayer, but Pastor Timothy, the Prayer Partners, and the Dimensions ladies got to know about my illness, and prayed for me.

Encountering God

- a) Carol Weller visited, and her prayer struck me. She mentioned my sins were "washed as white as snow". After my discharge, I attended Sunday service and Senior Pastor was preaching. "Wash me as white as snow" was on-screen. I remember these words from when I first accepted Jesus.
- b) Once, I told God every breath I breathe is from Him. That morning, Associate Pastor Lee Peng in her closing prayer at Dimensions mentioned every breath is from God. I also felt strongly that God was telling the devil he can test me but not take my life. During a prayer meeting, Pastor Timothy prophesied about God's hand upon Job. Both times, I claimed it immediately.

- c) At the ward once, I woke up, unable to sleep. I asked God if there was a prayer need, and recalled my aunt-in-law Lily in intensive care. After praying, I saw an emergency prayer request for the Seawards. It confirmed God's presence with me.
- d) Dr. Kim Sung Hae and Associate Pastor David Seah both shared sermons confirming my thanksgiving.

Stem cell transplant

After reading the consent form that listed all possible complications, I reached out to Pastor Timothy, who said, "It is a complicated read. God is simple. He just has to say you live. Live in the name of Jesus Christ". I proceeded.

The morning of my discharge, I received God's word: "He delivers and rescues; he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who has saved Daniel from the power of the lions" (Daniel 6:27 ESV).

One year on, in July 2019, I was given a clean bill of health, with no medication.

I am thankful and blessed. Facing three possible deaths: cancer, chemotherapy, and post-op complications, I had a close relationship with God, hearing from and serving Him. There is peace, joy, and comfort.

Thank God for carrying me through my darkest valley, providing me with the best. I know He pulled me through.

I also thank my sister-in-law Cindy and her church who prayed for me, my husband Richard, my daughter Melissa, and everyone who has prayed for and supported me in my time of great need.

May my testimony be an encouragement to keep praising and thanking God. Keep fighting the good fight, even when the news is no good.

All glory to God!

**Have a testimony to share? Write to us at the
Prayer Tower at calptower@gmail.com**

EXEMPLIFYING A NEW LIFE

Congratulations to 17 Calvarites who followed Christ in water baptism on 24 August 2019 at the Saturday Worship Service at Calvary Damansara Heights. The Lord bless your obedience in your journey with Him.



(Left to Right)

1st Row: Aaron Ung Xuer Liang, Raphael Chua Jun Hong, Bryan Ung Xuer Hai, Damien Saw Zhang Yi

2nd Row: Pang Yok Kam, Desiree Saw Zhang Min, Tan Foo O'Lyvia, Kathryn Chua Siu Hui, Maggie Loke Kwai Wan

3rd Row: Jacintha Shasha Prayina, Jessica Pavithrah, Eric Tang Ah Lek, Christina Yeoh Chong Kuay

4th Row: Carol Chai Shing Sheau, Linne Lam Wai Ling, Irene Mah Geoh Hong, Nathan Teo Kar Haow

If you would like to take the step of obedience to the Lord and be water baptised, call 03-8999 5532 ext. 434, visit calvary.my/water-baptism, or talk to any of the pastors.

CALVARY CHURCH CHILDREN'S DAY

"ROAR, LIFE IS WILD BUT GOD IS GOOD"

THE LORD IS GOOD, A REFUGE IN TIMES OF TROUBLE. HE CARES FOR THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM. (NAHUM 1:7)

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OCTOBER 2019
(SUNDAY)

9.00AM - 11.30AM
CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
GOODY BAG FOR ALL KIDS AGED 4 MONTHS TO 11 YEARS

ALL KIDS ARE WELCOME!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2019

Saturday, 5.00pm Calvary Damansara Heights

- 05** Associate Pastor David Seah
Communion
- 12** Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng
- 19** Associate Pastor Raymond Yong
- 26** Associate Pastor Steven Kum
Water Baptism

Sunday, 9.00am Calvary Convention Centre

- 06** Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
Communion
- 13** Senior Associate Pastor Petrina
Guneratnam
Baby Dedication
- 20** Associate Pastor Steven Kum
- 27** Associate Pastor Richard Yun

ACTIVITIES

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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
Saturday, 1.00pm
Calvary Damansara Heights
Topic: Goliath Must Fall

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CHILDREN'S DAY
Sunday, 9.00am
Calvary Convention Centre
Theme: Roar, Life is Wild
But God is Good

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TAMIL FELLOWSHIP
Sunday, 11.30am
Theatrette 2, Level B2,
Calvary Convention Centre
Speaker: Associate Pastor David Seah
Topic: Joy of Belonging

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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
Saturday, 1.00pm
Calvary Damansara Heights
Topic: Coming Home

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WATER BAPTISM
Saturday, 5.00pm
Calvary Damansara Heights
*Closing date for submission of application:
Sunday, 13 October 2019*

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CHINESE FELLOWSHIP
Sunday, 11.30am
Theatrette 1, Level B2,
Calvary Convention Centre
Speaker: Reverend Andrew Lim



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