

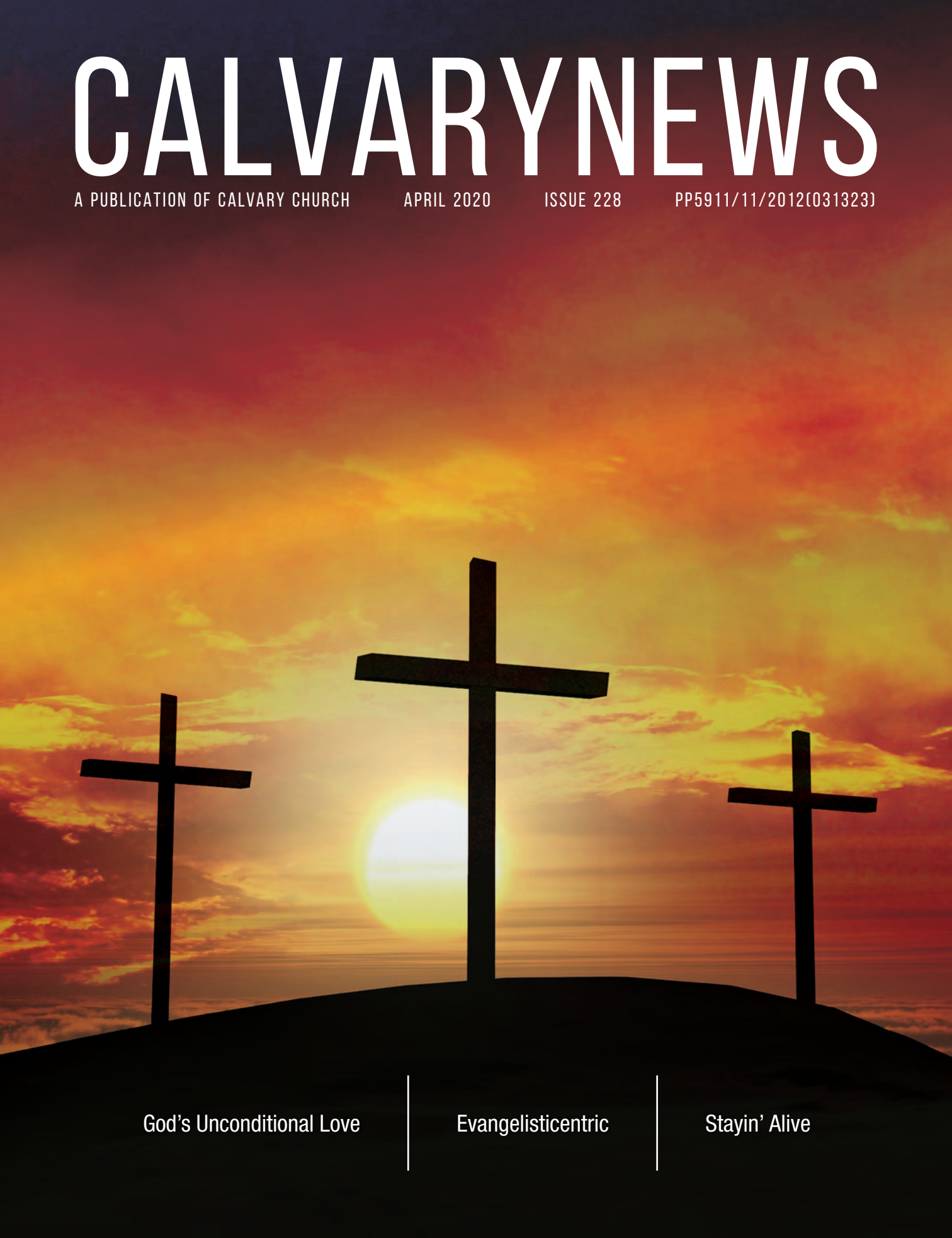
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# GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

**G**od's love is unconditional and that means God loves us without conditions. The Bible says, *"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners"* (Romans 5:8). In the Old Testament writings, there are many typological illustrations that speaks of God's unconditional love.

For example, a ram was sacrificed instead of Isaac, Abraham's only son. The Bible says, *"When they arrived at the place where God had told him to go, Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood on it. Then he tied his son, Isaac, and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. And Abraham picked up the knife to kill his son as a sacrifice. At that moment the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, 'Abraham! Abraham!' 'Yes,' Abraham replied. 'Here I am!' 'Don't lay a hand on the boy!' the angel said. 'Do not hurt him in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld from me even your son, your only son.' Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. Abraham named the place Yahweh-Yireh (which means "the Lord will provide"). To this day, people still use that name as a proverb: 'On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided'"* (Genesis 22:9-14). God demonstrated His unconditional love by providing a ram in place of Isaac. God provided a ram for us even though we deserved to die for our sins. The Bible says, *"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord"* (Romans 6:23). The golden text of the Bible is, *"For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life"* (John 3:16). Jesus is our sacrificial Lamb. He has taken our place even though

we deserve to die for our sins. John, the forerunner, saw Jesus at His baptism and said, *"Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"* (John 1:29b). Jesus also said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me"* (John 14:6).

In another typological example, the Bible says that Rahab was a Gentile woman who lived an ungodly life. However, God's unconditional love saved her and her household from destruction. The Bible says, *"Then Joshua secretly sent out two spies from the Israelite camp at Acacia Grove. He instructed them, 'Scout out the land on the other side of the Jordan River, especially around Jericho.' So the two men set out and came to the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there that night. But someone told the king of Jericho, 'Some Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.' So the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab: 'Bring out the men who have come into your house, for they have come here to spy out the whole land.' Rahab had hidden the two men, but she replied, 'Yes, the men were here earlier, but I didn't know where they were from. They left the town at dusk, as the gates were about to close. I don't know where they went. If you hurry, you can probably catch up with them.' (Actually, she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them beneath bundles of flax she had laid out)"* (Joshua 2:1-6). Rahab did this because the Bible says, *"Before the spies went to sleep that night, Rahab went up on the roof to talk with them. 'We offer our own lives as a guarantee for your safety,' the men agreed. 'If you don't betray us, we will keep our promise and be kind to you when the Lord gives us the land.'"* (Joshua 2:8, 14). Even though Rahab was a sinful person, God did not reject her. All Rahab needed was to accept God's grace by faith. She believed in God's unconditional love and as a result, she and her household were saved from destruction. The Bible says, *"They completely destroyed*



everything in it with their swords — men and women, young and old, cattle, sheep, goats, and donkeys. Meanwhile, Joshua said to the two spies, ‘Keep your promise. Go to the prostitute’s house and bring her out, along with all her family.’ The men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, mother, brothers, and all the other relatives who were with her. They moved her whole family to a safe place near the camp of Israel. Then the Israelites burned the town and everything in it. Only the things made from silver, gold, bronze, or iron were kept for the treasury of the Lord’s house. So Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute and her relatives who were with her in the house, because she had hidden the spies Joshua sent to Jericho. And she lives among the Israelites to this day” (Joshua 6:21-25).

Another typology of God’s unconditional love in the Bible was in the way the people of Israel were delivered from slavery in the land of Egypt. The Bible says, “Then Moses called all the elders of Israel together and said to them, ‘Go, pick out a lamb or young goat for each of your families, and slaughter the Passover animal. Drain the blood into a basin. Then take a bundle of hyssop branches and dip it into the blood. Brush the hyssop across the top and

sides of the doorframes of your houses. And no one may go out through the door until morning. For the Lord will pass through the land to strike down the Egyptians. But when he sees the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe, the Lord will pass over your home. He will not permit his death angel to enter your house and strike you down. Remember, these instructions are a permanent law that you and your descendants must observe forever. When you enter the land the Lord has promised to give you, you will continue to observe this ceremony. Then your children will ask, “What does this ceremony mean?” And you will reply, “It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, for he passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt. And though he struck the Egyptians, he spared our families.”” When Moses had finished speaking, all the people bowed down to the ground and worshiped. So the people of Israel did just as the Lord had commanded through Moses and Aaron” (Exodus 12:21-28). It was the blood of an innocent lamb without blemish on the doorposts that kept death away from the people of Israel. The innocent and unblemished lamb speaks of Christ’s blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins that provides salvation for all who would believe and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. He is our Sacrificial Lamb.

Similarly, God’s unconditional love by sending His only begotten Son to die in our place provides the forgiveness of our sins and delivers us from all our bondage. The Bible says, “**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved**” (Romans 10:13). We need to have faith in God’s provision of salvation for us by His love demonstrated on the cross. The death of Jesus is our sacrificial Lamb to stand righteous before God. As believers in Jesus Christ, let us demonstrate our faith, love, and obedience to Him in living a life of an overcomer.

All Bible quotations are from the New Living Translation (NLT).

# EVANGELISTICENTRIC

BY CARMEN CHONG



Carmen (seated, third from left), with her fellow 3Sixteen hosts and their guests

I accepted the Lord in 2017 in Calvary Church. Having experienced Him, the desire and passion to share the Good News with others never seem to cease; instead it grows ever stronger.

When I was first asked to be part of an initiative to strengthen the evangelistic efforts of the Life Group (LG) Ministry, I did not hesitate to say yes! After months of prayer, deliberation, and guidance from the church, the 3Sixteen programme materialised in September 2019.

Both my husband Jerry and I knew almost immediately that the 3Sixteen programme can help our loved ones and friends come to know Jesus. Moreover, it had the potential to transform us and our LG to be “evangelisticentric”, increasing our desires to share the Gospel.

My biggest challenge in sharing my faith with others is the fear of rejection. Through prayer, encouragement, and multiple practices, I am able to overcome the voice of the enemy and not allow fear to continue to paralyse me. Praise God! Three of my friends who are potential believers have come to know more about Christ through the 3Sixteen programme.

Jerry, who has been a Christian much longer than I, experienced an awakening in his own spiritual walk since his involvement in 3Sixteen. The Holy Spirit has rekindled his passion and burden for the lost and Jerry has become

more intentional in relating to his neighbours, relatives, and friends.

We often encourage each other to prioritise evangelism, and as a result, we have grown in our relationship and spiritual intimacy. Thank you, Lord, for using 3Sixteen to enrich our marriage and make our marriage “evangelisticentric”!

*If Carmen and Jerry’s story has inspired you, know that you too can reach out to others together with your loved ones. The Lord can enrich your marriage and family relationships. A family who prays, serves, and evangelises together, stays together!*

*All we need is some courage, using 3Sixteen tools and conducting the sessions with like-minded people including our loved ones. We will be amazed at what God can and will do!*



We welcome you to join us to participate in 3Sixteen Training. Please seek assistance from your Life Group Leader, or call us at 03-8999 5532 ext 442.



Sectional Leaders

# LIFE GROUP LEADERS DO NOT WALK ALONE

BY MELVIN WONG

**W**e can certainly praise and thank God for 11 more Life Group (LG) leaders who have responded to the call to be Sectional Leaders (SLs). This positive response represents a 100% growth in SLs, bringing the new total to 22. The numbers indicate much-awaited growth in leadership to support the growth in the LG ministry.

In preparation for their new role, which is primarily to care for and guide LG leaders and to oversee LGs, the new SLs underwent a training session on 8 February 2020 at Calvary Damansara Heights. Associate Pastor David Seah conducted the training together with SLs Amy Tan and Puan Chen Keck.

All other SLs were also invited to offer their support and encouragement.

All who were present enjoyed and benefitted from the practical training. Indeed, the new SLs have been shown the way as to how to journey with their LG leaders, thus ensuring that the tagline, "You do not walk alone" becomes a reality.

# CONGRATULATIONS ROYAL RANGERS LEADERS!

*Twenty-three Royal Rangers leaders from Calvary Church received their leaders' service awards at the 11th National Royal Rangers Leaders Conference on 22 February 2020.*





The Rangers and the leaders with the first aid trainers

# STAYIN' ALIVE

BY JOEL ASHERVIN

First aid is part of the advancement trail for both the Rangers and the leaders, equipping us to be able to respond to emergencies. This year, the course was attended by 11 Rangers and 19 Commanders over two Saturdays, 15 and 29 February 2020, at Calvary Convention Centre.

We were taught theoretical and practical knowledge. On Day One, it started off with the fundamentals of first aid, where we were taught what to do in the case of an emergency. Questions and scenarios helped us understand the right methods to approach different types of emergencies. We also learnt bandaging through practicing on one other.

Day Two started off with the correct way of washing hands, moving on to cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), choking, and the proper use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). All of us practiced CPR on mannequins, and here's a fun fact: to help with proper chest compressions, following the tempo of "Stayin' Alive" by the Bee Gees helps!

It was definitely a memorable course for the participants.

**Royal Rangers is for boys and girls 6-17 years old. Join us on Sundays, 11.30am at Calvary Convention Centre.**



About to practice CPR on the mannequins



Following proper rhythm is crucial when performing CPR

# KASIH TUHAN YANG TIDAK BERSYARAT

OLEH PENDITA KANAN PRINCE GUNERATNAM

**K**asih Tuhan tidak bersyarat dan itu berarti Tuhan mengasihi kita tanpa syarat. Alkitab berkata, “Akan tetapi Tuhan menunjukkan kasih-Nya kepada kita, oleh karena Kristus telah mati untuk kita, ketika kita masih berdosa” (Roma 5:8). Dalam tulisan-tulisan Perjanjian Lama, ada banyak contoh tipologis yang berbicara tentang kasih Tuhan yang tanpa syarat.

Misalnya, seekor domba jantan dikorbankan sebagai ganti Ishak, anak tunggal Abraham. Alkitab berkata, “Sampailah mereka ke tempat yang dikatakan Tuhan kepadanya. Lalu Abraham mendirikan mezbah di situ, disusunnya kayu, diikatnya Ishak, anaknya itu, dan diletakkannya di mezbah itu, di atas kayu api. Sesudah itu Abraham mengulurkan tangannya, lalu mengambil pisau untuk menyembelih anaknya. Tetapi berserulah Malaikat Tuhan dari langit kepadanya: ‘Abraham, Abraham.’ Sahutnya: ‘Ya, Tuhan.’ Lalu Ia berfirman: ‘Jangan bunuh anak itu dan jangan kauapa-apakan dia, sebab telah Kuketahui sekarang, bahwa engkau takut akan Tuhan, dan engkau tidak segan-segan untuk menyerahkan anakmu yang tunggal kepada-Ku.’ Lalu Abraham menoleh dan melihat seekor domba jantan di belakangnya, yang tanduknya tersangkut dalam belukar. Abraham mengambil domba itu, lalu mengorbankannya sebagai korban bakaran pengganti anaknya. Dan Abraham menamai tempat itu: ‘Tuhan menyediakan’; sebab itu sampai sekarang dikatakan orang: ‘Di atas gunung Tuhan, akan disediakan.’” (Kejadian 22:9-14). Tuhan menunjukkan kasih-Nya yang tanpa syarat dengan menyediakan seekor domba jantan sebagai pengganti Ishak. Tuhan menyediakan seekor domba jantan untuk kita walaupun kita layak mati untuk dosa-dosa kita. Alkitab berkata, “Sebab upah dosa ialah maut; tetapi karunia Tuhan ialah hidup yang kekal dalam Kristus Yesus, Tuhan kita” (Roma 6:23). Teks emas dari Alkitab adalah, “Karena begitu besar kasih Tuhan akan dunia ini, sehingga Ia telah mengaruniakan Anak-Nya yang tunggal, supaya setiap orang yang percaya kepada-Nya tidak binasa, melainkan beroleh hidup yang kekal” (Yohanes 3:16). Yesus adalah Anak Domba korban kita. Dia telah mengambil tempat kita walaupun kita layak mati untuk dosa-dosa kita. Yohanes, pendahulu, melihat Yesus pada saat pembaptisanNya dan berkata, “Lihatlah Anak domba

Tuhan, yang menghapus dosa dunia” (Yohanes 1:29b). Yesus juga berkata, “Akulah jalan dan kebenaran dan hidup. Tidak ada seorangpun yang datang kepada Bapa, kalau tidak melalui Aku” (Yohanes 14:6).

Dalam contoh tipologis lain, Alkitab mengatakan bahwa Rahab adalah seorang wanita bukan Yahudi yang hidup dalam kehidupan yang tidak saleh. Namun, kasih Tuhan yang tanpa syarat menyelamatkan dia dan keluarganya dari kemusnahan. Alkitab berkata, “Yosua bin Nun dengan diam-diam melepas dari Sitim dua orang pengintai, katanya: ‘Pergilah, amat-amatilah negeri itu dan kota Yerikho.’ Maka pergilah mereka dan sampailah mereka ke rumah seorang perempuan sundal, yang bernama Rahab, lalu tidur di situ. Kemudian diberitahukanlah kepada raja Yerikho, demikian: ‘Tadi malam ada orang datang ke mari dari orang Israel untuk menyelidik negeri ini.’ Maka raja Yerikho menyuruh orang kepada Rahab, mengatakan: ‘Bawalah ke luar orang-orang yang datang kepadamu itu, yang telah masuk ke dalam rumahmu, sebab mereka datang untuk menyelidik seluruh negeri ini.’ Tetapi perempuan itu telah membawa dan menyembunyikan kedua orang itu. Berkatalah ia: ‘Memang, orang-orang itu telah datang kepadaku, tetapi aku tidak tahu dari mana mereka, dan ketika pintu gerbang hendak ditutup menjelang malam, maka keluarlah orang-orang itu; aku tidak tahu, ke mana orang-orang itu pergi. Segeralah kejar mereka, tentulah kamu dapat menyusul mereka.’ Tetapi perempuan itu telah menyuruh keduanya naik ke sotoh rumah dan menyembunyikan mereka di bawah timbunan batang rami, yang ditebarkan di atas sotoh itu” (Yosua 2:1-6). Rahab melakukan ini kerana Alkitab berkata, “Tetapi sebelum kedua orang itu tidur, naiklah perempuan itu mendapatkan mereka di atas sotoh. ‘Nyawa kamilah jaminan bagi kamu, asal jangan kaukabarkan perkara kami ini; apabila Tuhan nanti memberikan negeri ini kepada kami, maka kami akan menunjukkan terima kasih dan setia kami kepadamu’ ” (Yosua 2:8,14). Meskipun Rahab adalah orang yang berdosa, Tuhan tidak menolaknya. Rahab hanya perlu menerima rahmat Tuhan dengan iman. Dia percaya pada kasih Tuhan yang tanpa syarat dan sebagai hasilnya, dia dan keluarganya selamat dari kehancuran. Alkitab berkata, “Mereka menumpas dengan mata pedang segala sesuatu yang di dalam kota itu, baik laki-laki maupun perempuan, baik tua maupun muda, sampai kepada lembu, domba, dan



keledai. Tetapi kepada kedua orang pengintai negeri itu Yosua berkata: 'Masuklah ke dalam rumah perempuan sundal itu dan bawalah ke luar perempuan itu dan semua orang yang bersama-sama dengan dia, seperti yang telah kamu janjikan dengan bersumpah kepadanya.' Lalu masuklah kedua pengintai muda itu dan membawa ke luar Rahab dan ayahnya, ibunya, saudara-saudaranya, dan semua orang yang bersama-sama dengan dia, bahkan seluruh kaumnya dibawa mereka ke luar, lalu mereka menunjukkan kepadanya tempat tinggal di luar perkemahan orang Israel. Tetapi kota itu dan segala sesuatu yang ada di dalamnya dibakar mereka dengan api; hanya emas dan perak, barang-barang tembaga dan besi ditaruh mereka di dalam perbendaharaan rumah Tuhan. Demikianlah Rahab, perempuan sundal itu dan keluarganya serta semua orang yang bersama-sama dengan dia dibiarkan hidup oleh Yosua. Maka diamlah perempuan itu di tengah-tengah orang Israel sampai sekarang, karena ia telah menyembunyikan orang suruhan yang disuruh Yosua mengintai Yerikho" (Yosua 6:21-25).

Satu lagi tipologi kasih Tuhan yang tanpa syarat dalam Alkitab adalah cara orang Israel dibebaskan dari perhambaan di tanah Mesir. Alkitab berkata, "Lalu Musa memanggil semua tua-tua Israel serta berkata kepada

mereka: 'Pergilah, ambillah kambing domba untuk kaummu dan sembelihlah anak domba Paskah. Kemudian kamu harus mengambil seikat hisop dan mencelupkannya dalam darah yang ada dalam sebuah pasu, dan darah itu kamu harus sapukan pada ambang atas dan pada kedua tiang pintu; seorangpun dari kamu tidak boleh keluar pintu rumahnya sampai pagi. Dan Tuhan akan menjalani Mesir untuk menulahnya; apabila Ia melihat darah pada ambang atas dan pada kedua tiang pintu itu, maka Tuhan akan melewati pintu itu dan tidak membiarkan pemusnah masuk ke dalam rumahmu untuk menulahi. Kamu harus memegang ini sebagai ketetapan sampai selama-lamanya bagimu dan bagi anak-anakmu. Dan apabila kamu tiba di negeri yang akan diberikan Tuhan kepadamu, seperti yang difirmankan-Nya, maka kamu harus pelihara ibadah ini. Dan apabila anak-anakmu berkata kepadamu: Apakah artinya ibadahmu ini? maka haruslah kamu berkata: Itulah korban Paskah bagi Tuhan yang melewati rumah-rumah orang Israel di Mesir, ketika Ia menulahi orang Mesir, tetapi menyelamatkan rumah-rumah kita.' Lalu berlututlah bangsa itu dan sujud menyembah. Pergilah orang Israel, lalu berbuat demikian; seperti yang diperintahkan Tuhan kepada Musa dan Harun, demikianlah diperbuat mereka." (Keluaran 12:21-28). Darah anak domba yang tidak bersalah tanpa cela pada tiang pintu itu yang membuatkan kematian jauh dari orang-orang Israel. Anak domba yang tidak bersalah dan tidak bercela berbicara tentang darah Kristus yang dicurahkan untuk pengampunan dosa-dosa kita dan yang menyediakan keselamatan bagi semua orang yang akan percaya dan menerima Yesus Kristus sebagai Tuhan dan Penyelamat mereka. Dia adalah Domba Pengorbanan kita.

Demikian pula, kasih Tuhan yang tanpa syarat dengan menghantarkan AnakNya yang tunggal untuk mati di tempat kita memberikan pengampunan atas dosa-dosa kita dan membebaskan kita dari semua belenggu kita. Alkitab berkata, "Sebab, barangsiapa yang berseru kepada nama Tuhan, akan diselamatkan" (Roma 10:13). Kita perlu memiliki iman dalam penyediaan keselamatan Tuhan bagi kita dengan kasih-Nya yang ditunjukkan di kayu salib. Kematian Yesus adalah Domba korban kita untuk berdiri benar di hadapan Tuhan. Sebagai orang yang percaya kepada Yesus Kristus, mari kita tunjukkan iman, kasih, dan ketaatan kita kepada-Nya dalam menjalani kehidupan sebagai pemenang.

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Alkitab Bahasa Indonesia.



# 神无条件的爱

文：古纳南主任牧师

**神** 无条件爱我们。圣经上说：“唯有基督在我们还作罪人的时候为我们死，神对我们的爱就在此显明了”（罗马书5:8）。旧约圣经有许多预表的故事讲述神无条件的爱。

例子有，神预备公绵羊代替亚伯拉罕的独生子以撒，献为燔祭。圣经上说：“他们到了神指示的地方，亚伯拉罕就在那里筑了一座祭坛，摆好了柴，捆绑了自己的儿子以撒，就把他放在祭坛的柴上。亚伯拉罕伸手拿刀，要宰杀自己的儿子的时候，耶和华的使者从天上呼叫亚伯拉罕，说：“亚伯拉罕，亚伯拉罕！”亚伯拉罕回答：“我在这里。”天使说：“不可在这孩子身上下手，一点也不可害他；现在我知道你是敬畏神的了，因为你没有留下你的独生子不给我。”亚伯拉罕举目观望，看见一只公绵羊，两角扣在稠密的小树丛中；亚伯拉罕就去取了那只公绵羊，把它献为燔祭，代替自己的儿子。亚伯拉罕给那地方起名叫“耶和華以勒”（意思是，“耶和華必预备”）。直到今日，人们还继续引用这名为谚语：“在耶和華的山上必有预备”（创世记22:9-14）。神预备公绵羊代替以撒，预表他无条件爱我们。我们虽然罪该万死，神却预备了公绵羊。圣经上说：“因为罪的工价就是死，但神的恩赏，在我们的主基督耶稣里，却是永生”（罗马书6:23）。圣经上的金句说：“神爱世人，甚至把他的独生子赐给他们，叫一切信他的，不至灭亡，反得永生”（约翰福音3:16）。耶稣是我们的代罪

羔羊。虽然我们罪该万死，他却为我们而死。约翰施洗时，看见耶稣迎面而来就说：“看哪，神的羊羔，是除去世人的罪孽的！”耶稣也说：“我就是道路、真理、生命，如果不是借着，没有人能到父那里去”（约翰福音14:6）。

圣经上的另一个预表的例子——喇合，一个没过敬虔生活的外邦女子。即便如此，神无条件的爱，拯救她和全家不被灭亡。圣经上说：“于是，嫩的儿子约书亚从什亭秘密地差派两个探子，对他们说：‘你们去窥探那地，尤其是耶利哥。’二人去了，来到一个名叫喇合的妓女家中，就在那里住宿。有人向耶利哥王报告：‘今夜从以色列人那里有人进来，要窥探这地。’耶利哥王派人到喇合那里，说：‘把那些来到你这里，进了你家中的人带出来，因为他们来是要窥探全地的。’但那女人已把那两个人藏起来，还这样回答王：‘不错，那些人到我这里来，但是，我不知道他们是从哪里来的。天黑、城门快要关的时候，那些人出去了；我不知道他们到哪里去。你们快去追赶，必可以追上他们。’其实她领他们上了屋顶，把他们藏在堆放在屋顶的麻秸里面”（约书亚记2:1-6）。喇合这样做因为圣经上说：“两个探子还没有躺下睡觉，那女人就上屋顶到他们那里去。两个探子就对她说：‘如果你不泄漏我们这次行动，我们愿以性命作你们的保证；耶和華把这地赐给我们的时候，我们必定以慈爱和诚实待你们’”（约书亚记2:8,14）。即使喇合是一个罪人，神并没有拒绝她。喇合需要的是凭信心接受神的恩典。她相信神无条件的爱，因此，她和她全家从毁灭中被拯救。圣经上说：“他们把城中的一切，无论男女老幼、牛羊和驴，都用刀杀尽。约书亚对



窥探那地的两个人说：“你们进那妓女的家里去，照着你们向她所起的誓，把那女人和她所有的一切，都从家里带出来。”那两个年轻密探就进去，把喇合和她的父母、兄弟、她所有的一切，以及她所有的亲属，都领出来，安置在以色列的营外。众人把城和城中的一切都用火烧了；只有金银和铜铁的器皿都放入耶和华圣所的库房里。约书亚却放过妓女喇合和她的父家，以及她所有的一切；她住在以色列中，直到今日，因为她收藏了约书亚派去窥探耶利哥的使者”（约书亚记6:21-25）。

圣经上另一个预表神无条件的爱的例子——神把以色列人从埃及奴役中解救出来。圣经上说：“于是，摩西把以色列的众长老召了来，对他们说：“你们要按着家族自己选取羊羔，把这逾越节的羊羔宰杀了。要拿一把

牛膝草，蘸在盆中的血里，然后把盆里的血涂在门楣上和两边的门柱上；你们谁也不可出自己的房门，直到早晨。因为耶和华要走遍各处击打埃及人；他一看见门楣和两边的门柱上有血，就越过那门，不让那毁灭者进入你们的房屋来击杀你们。这教训你们必须遵守，作为你和你的子孙永远的定例。日后，你们进了耶和华应许赐给你们的那地的时候，就必须守这敬拜之礼。日后，如果你们的子孙问你们：‘你们这敬拜之礼有什么意思？’你们就要回答：‘这是献给耶和华逾越节的祭。耶和华击杀埃及人的时候，越过了在埃及的以色列人的房屋，救了我们的家。’”于是人民低头敬拜。以色列人就去行了；耶和华怎样吩咐摩西和亚伦，以色列人就照样行了”（出埃及记12:21-28）。没有瑕疵的羔羊的血涂在门柱上，拯救以色列人脱离死亡。那无辜、毫无瑕疵的羔羊预表了基督流出宝血，洗净我们的罪，救赎所有相信并接受耶稣基督为救主和生命主宰的人。他是我们的代罪羔羊。

同样的，神派遣他独生子代替我们死去，赦免我们的罪，拯救我们脱离捆绑，显明神无条件的爱。圣经上说：“凡求告主名的，都必得救”（罗马书10:3）。我们对神的救恩要有信心，他的爱彰显在十字架上。耶稣成为我们代罪的羔羊而死使我们能在神的面前称为义。身为基督徒，让我们活出信心和爱心，顺服他，成为得胜者。

圣经经文摘自新译本圣经。

# BOLDLY DECLARING THEIR FAITH

**C**ongratulations to nine Calvarites who followed Christ in water baptism on 22 February 2020 at the Saturday Worship Service at Calvary Damansara Heights. The Lord bless your obedience in your journey with Him.

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](http://calvary.my/water-baptism), or speak to any of the pastors.



**Front Row (L-R):** Roysy Ryan, Isabelle Toh Ming Hui, Phoebe Tan Saw Yean, Rosy Jayasauveriana, Clarisse Lim Yong Yi  
**Back Row (L-R):** Renee Toh Cai Xin, Indran Nageindran A/L Gnanappah, Susan Toh Seck Hoon, Raju Maliswaran A/L Supramanan

# MEMBERSHIP INTAKE

**C**ongratulations to 21 Calvarites who were received as members on Sunday, 23 February 2020 at Calvary Convention Centre. May you continue to be faithful in this local body of Christ and be involved in serving the Lord.





# CALVARY CHURCH DURING THE MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER

In early March 2020, the government announced for a Movement Control Order (MCO) to take effect from 18-31 March 2020. In continued efforts to contain the Covid-19 pandemic currently afflicting our nation, the MCO is now extended to 14 April 2020.

Services and other activities at both Damansara Heights (DH) and Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) remain suspended during this period of time.

The DH and CCC worship services are combined and streamed on Calvary's YouTube channel at 9.00am on Sundays. Take this time to build and strengthen your family altar. Continue to fulfil your tithes and Faith Promises, and bring your offerings, giving online via the church website at [calvary.my/online-giving](http://calvary.my/online-giving)

On Sunday, 22 March 2020, for the first time, the Calvary family met together virtually for a time of worship and listening to God's Word, and this will carry on throughout the MCO period.

The church encourages you to continue to keep your Wednesday mornings and Friday evenings to pray as a family. Each week, there are prayer items and material for reflection made available on the church website at [calvary.my/church-online](http://calvary.my/church-online)

For the children, teaching materials and activity guides have been forwarded by the Carpenter's Workshop teachers. These resources will help you teach your children their Bible lessons and memory verses.

We may not be able to meet in person for our usual Life Group (LG) meetings, but we can meet virtually. Make the most of your online LG meetings, encourage one another, and fellowship together. This is an excellent time to invite loved ones and friends, as distance is no longer a hindrance. Additionally, lessons are available for your personal devotions at home.

Senior Pastors Prince and Petrina Guneratnam have been praying and continue to pray for each and every Calvarite. Let us continue to stay in touch via the various media platforms that are available.



LG meetings, online!



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