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LET GO AND GET HOLD OF JESUS

BY ASSOCIATE PASTOR DAVID SEAH

Followers of Christ, we must forsake the former things as Jesus said, "No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back [to the things left behind] is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62 (AMP)

As we look to 2024, what must we let go of?

1. Successes

Paul let go of all his religious acts and accomplishments. He depended not on any human successes or affiliations (Philippians 3:7).

To the second and third generation Christians, the Christian heritage and the faith of your parents including reading the Bible, saying grace before meals, or even taking water baptism cannot save you. The way of salvation is your own faith in God. You need to encounter God for yourselves.

2. Losses

Letting go of losses means grieving well.

We may be held back by loss, for example, of our family members, a certain bodily function, or career opportunities.

To those who grieve for loved ones, we don't grieve as if we have no hope – we grieve with hope because of who Jesus is, what He has done, and what He will do when He returns (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14).

For the loss of loved ones who appeared not to have accepted Jesus, we can surrender them to God's loving mercy. We can acknowledge that God is sovereign and that He loved our loved ones more than we do as He is their maker and died for their sin.

3. Sin

"...stripping off every unnecessary weight and the sin which so easily and cleverly entangles us, let us run with endurance and active persistence the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1b (AMP)

Sin is easy, clever, subtle, and entangles us. Often, we could not move forward because we are weighed down by sin. We must turn away from the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. It was for freedom that Christ has set us free!

Feeling that you've gone too far to be saved is a lie of the enemy – God's grace is greater than your sin. Do not wait. Get help, put right, and stay accountable, won't you?

Having let go, what must we go after?

We must go after Jesus, the author and perfecter of our life (Hebrews 12:2).

For Jesus is our bread of life - our satisfaction and fulfilment (John 6:35). We find His presence in one on one, when we do our daily devotion, in small groups, and where people gather corporately in His Name.

Going after Jesus includes knowing the power of His resurrection and recognising that the power enables us to overcome sin (Romans 6:6-7).

As Jesus had 'let go to get hold' of us ie. forsaken His heavenly privileges, suffered greatly and died on the cross, to pursue after us (Philippians 2:6-8), we too must be compelled to pursue Jesus in the fellowship of His suffering. To do so is to deny ourselves and to carry our cross (Mark 8:34) and to expect persecution that will come as His faithful witnesses (1 Peter 4:12-13).

Ultimately, the call to look forward and to press on is an invitation to experience Jesus like you have never experienced before.

BUILDING BRIDGES WITH FOREIGN FRIENDS

BY RICHARD TEOH

With Associate Pastor David Seah's encouragement and guidance, three Calvarites, namely Richard Teoh, Steven Chow, and Tim Cheng, committed themselves to reaching out to Nepalese workers in Calvary Convention Centre for one year.

The bi-weekly meetings of sharing Christ, using a combination of English and Bahasa, bore fruit, resulting in one of the workers, Hari Rana, being baptised in water in Calvary Church in March 2023.

These sessions came to a completion last September with the workers indicating interest to attend the Christian Nepalese gathering via Zoom, to be conducted by Pastor Prakash Bishwakarma from Kajang Assemblies of God and his leaders in Nepalese.

The Calvarites are grateful to the Lord for enabling them to fulfil their one-year commitment and that these workers can now be adequately followed up and disciplined in their native language.



A SAFE SPACE FOR POTENTIAL BELIEVERS

BY ANNABEL LILY

We are grateful to God for His faithfulness in 2023 as 3Sixteen had mobilized 16 Calvarites hosting 16 potential believers through the Open Sessions in Calvary Convention Centre and sessions conducted in Life Group. The love of God demonstrated in 3Sixteen yielded four salvations, one rededication, one water baptism, and one joining the Life Group.

3Sixteen Open Sessions were conducted after the Sunday service where Calvarites at large have an avenue to bring their potential believers, loved ones and friends to church. The unique characteristic of 3Sixteen's open session is that it provides a safe space, a warm and friendly environment for the potential believers to be introduced to the Gospel through a series of films laden with views of the person of Jesus Christ. This is immediately followed by open discussions where they are encouraged to share their worldviews based on the films that they watched.



3Sixteen hosts and guests having fun during a warm-up game.

The cornerstone for us in 3Sixteen is prayer. Looking back, we have truly seen God answering our prayer. As we look forward and press on in 2024, we trust God to use us in 3Sixteen to touch many more lives.

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WATER BAPTISM & FAITHFUL SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations to 17 Calvarites who followed Christ in water baptism.



27 January 2024

Front (L-R): Samuel Ng Kah Chai, Rhena Joy Kelvin, Elisha Leow Hui En, Anne Foong Yar Jing
Back (L-R): Hannah Foong Yar Xee, Joshua Foong Shau Runn, Jaslyn Loo Shen-Wui, Grace Whaung Meor Yuin



16 March 2024

Front (L-R): Shara Krisna M.Philippe, Jocelyn Joy Roshini, Murugamah a/p Ramasamy
Middle (L-R): Ahsoda A/P Ramysamy, Nicholas Khoo Lip Kui, Lim Fang Jie
Back (L-R): Jinky Garlito Driza, Nicole Chow Jing, Christy Tan Mun Xing

Congratulations to those whose faithfulness in service were recognised at the Year End Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, 31 December 2023.

30 YEARS

**Executive Pastor
Jim Guneratnam**
Church Staff

**Associate Pastor
Christopher Lee**
Church Staff

25 YEARS

Cheng Beng Bee
Calvary Kids

Agnes Chew
Life Group

Molly Yong
Life Group

Lee Kam Khuan
Life Group

Ong Keng Hock
Life Group

Lai Wing Fai
Hospitality

10 YEARS

Azalea Joy Lee
Music & Creative Arts

Jonathan Ngeow
Calvary Kids

Angie Ng
Calvary Kids

Cornelia Mak
Calvary Kids

Punnose Kovoov
Calvary Kids

Susan Abraham
Calvary Kids

Amelia Guneratnam
Calvary Kids

Philip Tan
School of Christian Growth

Christopher Lim
Life Group

Christopher Ng
Life Group

Lee Foong Ling
Life Group

Lau Sie Hui
Life Group

Raymond Ow
Life Group

Victoria Choi
Life Group



CONSIDER THE LILIES

BY KIMBERLY KEE

Serving in the Calvary Discipleship Ministry has been fulfilling. Last year, I joined Shirley Park, one of the ministry Core Leaders, to journey with her respondent, Carys Tan. Carys was battling cancer, bedridden, undergoing oxygen therapy, and could only consume milk. We stayed connected to pray for her regularly.



During a visit, Shirley encouraged her with Matthew 6:26-34 - to trust in God as He looks after even the birds and the lilies. I testified how God had healed me from polymyositis to uplift her.

One day, we were amazed and in awe of how God had so creatively confirmed His Word to her when she showed us her drawing after reading Psalm 148. God continued to work on

her healing. She showed remarkable progress in the next few months.



As she was mentally alert, she desired to attend church. Later on, I sensed the urge from God, so I gave her a deer brooch to motivate her to wear it when she returns to church.

On 22 October 2023, God brought Carys back to church, walking. During service, pastor preached Psalms 18:33, "He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights." That was a significant moment for her as the verse resonated in her heart with the deer brooch I had given her.

Carys expressed gratitude, stating that God is good all the time. She prayed to be of service to God in the future. God is faithful indeed. All glory and praise to God!

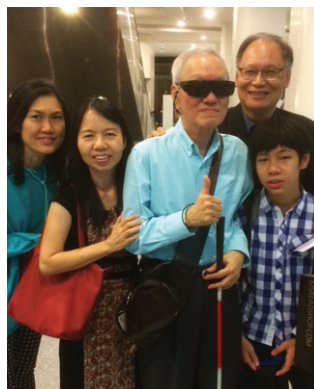


DISCIPLE'S ENCOUNTER

WATCH PETER KHOR AND ANDREW YEM'S STORIES ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Peter's broken life due to gambling addiction was salvaged when he received Christ as his personal Saviour. He never looked back ever since.

Even though his eye sight was severely affected by glaucoma, he continues to serve God to the best of his ability. How does he manage to maintain a positive outlook despite all the challenges?



Peter Khor,
Life Group Leader

"He has preserved 6% (of my eyesight) for me. Although that don't seem much but with His grace, I'm able to move on in ministries."

"I walk by faith and not by sight".



Returning home from his four years of unrestrained life outstation and being numb to church, how did God work behind the scene to renew Andrew's faith?

"Every time when that human side of me is weak but the spirit is willing... I remind myself of God's grace upon your life which has always been sufficient."

"There are many young people who will come by with needs of encouragement and support. That keeps me going to serve."



Andrew Yem,
Calvary Youth Fellowship Coordinator



HEARTBEAT OF MISSIONS | PRAY, GIVE, GO

BY SAMANTHA YEOH

During our Missions Emphasis weekend on 13 and 14 January 2024, we were blessed to have Reverend Jonathan Munshi of Bangladesh Assemblies of God (AG) Church, Khulna to share with us three aspects of the "Heartbeat of Missions".



Reverend Jonathan Munshi shares on the Heartbeat of Missions

The first is to pray. He focused on Matthew 9:38 as he called us "...to pray to the Lord of the harvest". Though 99% of Bangladesh's population are non-believers, there is freedom of choice as to personal faith. Therefore the potential for a plentiful harvest is great. He emphasized prayer with fasting as the key for God to pour forth His blessings. Many signs and wonders took place during the outreach festivals his church held.

The second heartbeat of Missions is to give cheerfully and to honour God through our giving. It is not about the amount but the motive of the heart like how the Macedonia church gave out of poverty (2 Corinthians 8:1-2). With Luke 6:38, "Give and it will be given to you.... For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you," he highlighted the importance of tithing. Giving to God what He has blessed us with results in His blessings upon us.

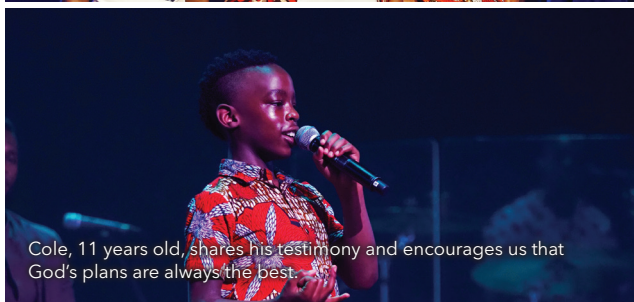


To conclude, the third heartbeat of Missions is to go. We were reminded of Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...". He reminded us that we are God's hands and feet to go to the harvest field for Him. The time is now for there will come a time when the night comes and we can no longer work.

On the following weekend, 20 and 21 January 2024, the Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda ministered to us through music, dance, and testimonies; sharing the love of Christ in their lives.



Rita testifies the transformative work of Watoto Ministries. Its various programme had uplifted local community of Uganda especially for children, girls and women.



Cole, 11 years old, shares his testimony and encourages us that God's plans are always the best.

They sang of praise and testified about God's goodness to them -

Cole, who is now 11 years old, shared his testimony on how his life began with being born

prematurely and abandoned at the hospital where authorities sent him to the Watoto community. Through that, he knew God loved him and had plans for his life.

Helen, one of the leaders of the group, was abandoned by her own family and abused by her foster family. How grateful she was when she found a new family in Christ through Watoto. Every child at Watoto has a dream and

many can fulfill it whether as lawyers, pilots, teachers, or businessmen. As for Helen, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Human Resource.

Vivien shared that when she accepted Jesus, she was no longer afraid of anything as Jesus is bigger than any of her greatest fears in life. They then sang a song based on Joshua 1:9, "Pe Ilwor, Bed Ki Tek Chwiny" which translates to "Do not fear, be bold, be courageous."

Aside from the upbeat dancing and singalongs, many were touched and worshiped God during the song "In The Name". The Watoto kids then prayed for our healing, restoration of our relationships, and a greater passion for God.

We were edified to hear God's work in Bangladesh and Uganda. Let us do what the Watoto Children's Choir has sung, "We will go, we will be Your hands and feet."

The time is now. Let us pray, give, and go!



Missions Pastor, Pastor Steven Kum and the choir at Calvary Church Damansara Heights

LOVE'S FINEST HOUR

BY TAN SIU-MAE

It has been said that death by crucifixion is the most painful death ever invented by man. It is a slow and painful suffering. It is where we get the word "excruciating". Yet, this was how the sinless Christ died on our behalf to pay the price incurred by our sins.

The story of Jesus' pivotal moments on earth were brought to life in a unique and heart-rending illustrated sermon, a special Easter presentation entitled "Love's Finest Hour" on Friday, 29 March and Saturday, 30 March 2024 at Calvary Convention Centre.



Associate Pastor Richard Yun with a dedicated team of Music & Creative Arts compellingly recounted Jesus' final hours beginning from the Last Supper shared with His disciples.

The audience was taken through the nail-biting series of events that included Judas' treacherous betrayal, Jesus' capture and abuse by the soldiers, and the legal trials He was put through.



Even though these moments of His life were rife with injustice and betrayal, Jesus demonstrated grace and mercy amid the ordeals. From giving Judas a chance to change his mind and not be a traitor, to healing a hapless servant's severed ear, Jesus' selfless love for mankind shone through clearly.



In the scenes that followed, humanity's dark and brutal side was magnified as religious leaders falsely accused Jesus of blasphemy, the crowd screamed for His blood, and soldiers flogged and spat on him. Jesus was made to carry His cross and walk, through the sneering masses, to the place of the skull, Golgatha, where He would die.



As Jesus breathed His last, the stage was engulfed in darkness and thunder rumbled through the auditorium. The voices that had mocked Him were now struck speechless.

Pastor Richard implored the audience to see beyond the violence

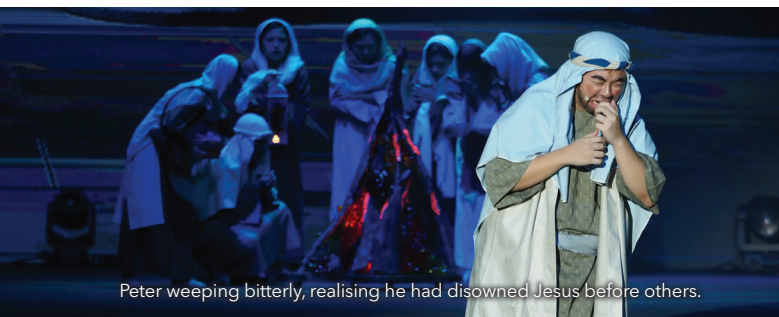
by explaining the significance of His physical suffering, emphasising that it underscored the depths of God's love for us. Even in His agony, Jesus thought only of us and asked forgiveness for His tormentors. Now, if the story ended there, Jesus' death would have been pointless. Thankfully, it does not – He rose again on the third day! Jesus' resurrection was presented to the audience as a celebratory finale because we can rejoice that through Christ, we receive healing, restoration, and eternal life. Hallelujah!

A total of 4601 people attended both presentations. We praise God and rejoice with the angels for the 76 who received Christ into their hearts for the first time, and for those who rededicated their lives to Him.

Easter



The crowd shouting for the release of a prisoner Barabbas and for Jesus to be executed.



Peter weeping bitterly, realising he had disowned Jesus before others.



Soldiers forcing Simon of Cyrene to carry the cross for Jesus.



On Sunday, 31 March 2024, we celebrated Jesus' resurrection with a special Sunrise Service.

At Easter, while we rejoice that He is risen, we also remember that Jesus' arduous journey to the cross was filled with agony and suffering. So why would He do this? Associate Pastor Steven Kum explained how Christ's death and resurrection was the ultimate expression of that very love.

God Himself provided the backdrop for this occasion. Projected from outside onto the auditorium screens, we were able to watch dawn's pink fingers steal across the black sky and draw back the curtains of night, as we reflected once again on God's unfailing love.

Hallelujah! He is risen!



THIS IS FREEDOM

BY YUEZ TZE SVENN

The main goal of the youth camp was to provide a nurturing space for young individuals to establish a connection with God, discover a sense of belonging, and explore the freedom offered through Christ. The theme, "This is Freedom", derived from Galatians 5:1, is the guiding light for the camp's purpose.

A total of 185 enthusiastic campers participated in the 2023 Youth Camp held at the Grand

Kampar Hotel in Perak from Monday to Thursday, 18 to 21 December 2023.

During our first night session, our youth pastor, Pastor Michael Loon, delivered a convicting message about resisting the drift. He emphasized, "Freedom is the ability to obey God and choose His will for our lives", and reiterated, "Freedom cannot exist apart from God".



Lim Fang Pin, a camper, shared:

"Pastor Michael broke down what the gospel means, which renewed my perspective on my purpose and what Christ did for me. When he shared about Adam and Eve losing their freedom in Genesis, it spoke to me. He also highlighted the signs of drifting, which convicted me and opened my eyes to the areas where I fall short of God's glory. Now, I'm inspired to fight my drift by being disciplined spiritually."

Our daily morning devotions were led by Isaac Gan, Andrew Yem, and Tabitha Ong. The campers were assigned into small groups based on their ages to foster a strong sense of bonding among peers.



In the afternoon, diverse activities which required teamwork such as station games, escape rooms, and treasure hunts filled the camp. Remarkably, despite the inherently competitive nature of the games, genuine friendships naturally blossomed among the campers.

On the second night, Associate Pastor Raymond Yong delved into how to break free from bondage and chains with interactive examples. He stressed that "the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a significant and transformative experience for Christians".



Camper Carissa Isaac shared:

"Many people were touched by Pastor Raymond's message, including me. Being one of the small group facilitators, I felt touched seeing others take their step of faith, go to the altar, and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. God was moving throughout camp... It was amazing!"

In our final night session, Pastor Michael delivered an engaging message on our identity in Christ. He stated, "the individuals who are most happy are those who know their purpose in life" and "the only way you can break free from yourself is to know your identity".

He shared "I am who I am because the I Am tells me who I am", assuring us that God's true view of us never changes. His teachings instilled a deeper understanding of one's identity in Christ and the transformative impact it can have on our lives.

All our sessions were intensely filled with worship, anointed by the Holy Spirit, accompanied by impactful messages, and culminated with powerful prayer sessions.

Numerous campers openly testified about their divine encounters which significantly strengthened their faith. There were several individuals who chose to remain at the altar, basking in His presence even after the formal session had concluded. Accompanied by the



Leaders praying for the youth through a "prayer tunnel"



attentive leaders providing prayer support, this created a sacred and transformative atmosphere during and after the sessions.

Praise God! Thirty-four youths received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and spoke in tongues for the first time! We also had four youths who accepted Christ and 21 who rededicated their lives! Additionally, 14 youths responded to God's call for full-time ministry!

Another camper, Natasha Tan, joyfully testified: "I felt God's tremendous love for me like never before. I'd go to the altar every night and cry my heart out to the Lord, surrendering everything to Him. I also received the gift of the Holy Spirit during the altar call! All the weight and burdens were no longer holding me back. I felt a freedom I never once knew I had because God had broken those chains. Now, I've seen so many small, little, changes in my life. I've started praying and talking to God more, I developed an actual interest in getting to know God more by reading His word, and I'm trying my best to be more like Him each day. Youth camp was a wake-up call for me, to stop drifting away from God, and a reminder that He has and will always be there for us, no matter what happens."

We are immensely grateful to God for His unending love, protection, and provision throughout the entire duration of the camp. Calvary Youth Camp 2023 was truly a transformative journey of freedom. For many, this is the beginning of their journey together as brothers and sisters in Christ. May the moments and lessons experienced along with the spiritual awakening during the camp enrich our relationship with Christ, resonate in our hearts, and inspire us in our ongoing journey with the Lord. All glory unto God!



Camp rules briefing by Camp Coordinator, Chelsea Chin



放下并抓住耶稣

文：谢秉发牧师

追随基督，我们必须摒弃旧事，耶稣说：“手扶着犁向后看的，不适合进神的国。”（路加福音 9：26）

展望 2024 年，我们必须放下什么？

1. 成功

保罗放下了他所有的宗教行为和成就。他不依赖人的成就或关系（腓立比书 3：7）。

对第二代和第三代基督徒来说，基督教传统和父母的信仰，包括读经、饭前祷告，甚至受洗，都不能拯救你。你得救的方法是自己对神的信心。你须要亲自遇见神。

2. 丧失

放下丧失肯定要经历悲伤。

我们可能因为失去家人、身体某项机能或就业机会而备受困扰。

那些为已逝的至亲悲伤的，我们不会像没有希望般的悲伤，反之我们带着盼望悲伤，因为我们知道耶稣是谁，他成就了什么，并且他再来时会成就的事（帖撒罗尼迦前书 4：13-14）。

那些还没接受耶稣就去世的亲人，我们将他们交托给怜悯慈爱的神。我们要承认神的主权，他比我们更爱他们，因为他是创造他们的主，并为他们的罪而死。

3. 罪

“就应该脱下各样的拖累，和容易缠住我们的罪，以坚忍的心奔跑那摆在我们面前的赛程；”（希伯来书 12：1b）

罪是舒适安逸、聪明狡猾的，会缠住我们。当被罪拖累时，我们往往无法前进。我们必须远离眼目的情欲、肉体的情欲和今生的骄傲。基督释放我们，是为了让我们得自由！

觉得自己已经离谱得无可救药，那是仇敌的谎言——神的恩典比你的罪更大。不要拖延。寻求帮助，改过自新并负起责任，好吗？

放下之后，我们必须追寻什么？

我们必须追随耶稣，他是我们生命的创造者和完成者（希伯来书 12：2）。

因为耶稣是我们生命的粮，是我们的满足和成就（约翰福音 6：35）。我们在每日灵修与神独处时，在小组活动中，并在奉主名聚集时，与神同在。

追随耶稣，包括认识耶稣复活的大能，知道复活的大能能让我们战胜罪恶（罗马书 6：67）。

耶稣已经“放下并抓住”我们，他放弃天上的地位，受尽苦难，死在十字架上，为的是寻见我们（腓立比书 2：6-8），我们也必须在耶稣的苦难中追随他。这样做就是舍己并背起我们的十字架（马可福音 8：34）并期待以忠实见证人的身份与他一同受迫害（彼得前书 4：12-13）。

最后，呼召你展望未来、向前迈进，亦邀请你前所未有地经历耶稣。

MELEPASKAN PERGI DEMI MEMEGANG PADA YESUS

PENDITA BERSEKUTU DAVID SEAH

Pengikut Kristus, kita harus meninggalkan perkara terdahulu bak kata Yesus, "Setiap orang yang siap untuk membajak tetapi menoleh ke belakang [kepada perkara-perkara yang ditinggalkan], tidak layak untuk Kerajaan Tuhan." (Lukas 9:62)

Apabila kita memandang pada 2024, apakah yang harus kita lepaskan?

1. Kejayaan

Paulus melepaskan semua tindakan dan pencapaian keagamaannya. Beliau tidak bergantung pada kejayaan atau perhubungan manusia (Filipi 3:7).

Kepada umat Kristian generasi kedua dan ketiga, warisan Kristian dan iman ibu bapa anda, termasuk membaca Alkitab, mengucapkan doa sebelum makan, mahupun menerima pembaptisan air, tidak mampu menyelamatkan anda. Satu-satunya cara keselamatan ialah iman anda dalam Tuhan. Anda perlu bertemu dengan Tuhan sendiri.

2. Kehilangan

Melepaskan kehilangan bererti berdukacita dengan baik.

Kita mungkin tertahan oleh kehilangan, misalnya ahli keluarga kita, fungsi badan tertentu, atau peluang kerja.

Kepada mereka yang berdukacita kerana kehilangan orang tersayang, kita tidak berhibah seolah-olah tiada harapan – kita berhibah dengan harapan kerana siapa itu Yesus, apa yang telah Dia lakukan, dan apa yang akan Dia lakukan apabila Dia kembali kelak (1 Tesalonika 4:13-14).

Dalam hal kehilangan orang tersayang yang tidak menerima Yesus, kita boleh serahkan sahaja kepada belas kasihan Tuhan. Kita boleh mengakui bahawa Tuhan Mahakuasa dan Dia lebih mengasihi orang tersayang kita kerana

Dia-lah yang mencipta mereka dan mati untuk dosa mereka.

3. Dosa

"...menanggalkan semua beban dan dosa yang begitu merintangi kita, dan berlumba dengan tekun dalam perlumbaan yang diwajibkan bagi kita." Ibrani 12:1b

Dosa itu mudah, bijak, licik, dan menjerat kita. Kerap kali, kita tidak dapat mara apabila dibebani dosa. Kita mesti menjauhi nafsu mata, nafsu daging, dan kebanggaan hidup. Kristus telah membebaskan kita, untuk kemerdekaan kita.

Merasakan anda terlalu kandas untuk diselamatkan ialah satu pembohongan dari iblis – kasih karunia Tuhan jauh lebih besar daripada dosa anda. Jangan tunggu lagi. Dapatkan bantuan, perbetulkan, dan kekal bertanggungjawab, ya?

Setelah melepaskan pergi, apa pula harus kita kejar?

Kita mesti mengejar Yesus, yang memimpin kita dalam iman, dan yang membawa iman kita itu kepada kesempurnaan (Ibrani 12:2).

Kerana Yesus adalah roti kehidupan kita – kepuasan dan penyempurnaan kita (Yohanes 6:35). Kita mendapat kehadiran-Nya ketika berseorangan bersama-Nya, apabila kita melakukan renungan harian, dalam kumpulan kecil, dan di mana-mana umat kumpul berjemaah dalam Nama-Nya.

Mengejar Yesus termasuk mengetahui kuasa kebangkitan-Nya dan menyedari bahawa kuasa tersebut membolehkan kita mengatasi dosa (Roma 6:6-7).

Sebagaimana Yesus telah "melepaskan dan memegang pada kita" iaitu meninggalkan keistimewaan syurgawi-Nya, menderita dan mati disalib, untuk mengejar kita (Filipi 2:6-8), kita juga harus diwajibkan mengejar Yesus dalam persekutuan penderitaan-Nya. Berbuat demikian ialah menyangkal diri dan memikul salib masing-masing (Markus 8:34) dan menunggu penganiayaan yang akan datang sebagai saksi-saksi-Nya yang setia (1 Petrus 4:12-13).

Pada asasnya, panggilan untuk menanti, terus mara ialah jemputan mengalami Yesus seperti yang belum pernah anda alami sebelum ini.

EFFECTIVE PARENTING IN A DEFECTIVE WORLD

AN EXCERPT FROM A SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH COURSE



Join us in celebrating
mothers and fathers on
12 May and 16 June
2024, 9am at CCC

GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR CHILD

According to Romans 8:29, God's goal for all of us, including our children, is to conform us to the image of His Son, Jesus Christ.

God wants our children to be holy, set apart for Him, morally pure, understanding His love, counter to the culture.

When the target for our children is to be like Jesus viz. have the character of Christ - kind, disciplined others-centred, non-narcissistic, having a passion to love and walk with God, they will have happiness, joy, impact, influence and purpose in their lives.

THE HUMAN DREAM FOR YOUR CHILD

Our culture and society have deeply ingrained in us that the real goal of parenting is to raise successful and therefore, happy children.

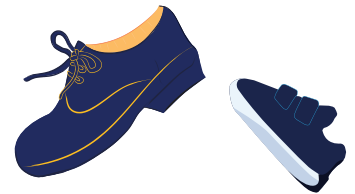
They try to convince us that the target of a good parent is to ensure our children have the best and most prestigious education, highly developed musical and athletic prowess, refined social skills, all of which should lead to greater upward mobility in life with greater opportunities of success and of course, greater happiness.

That's a false target.

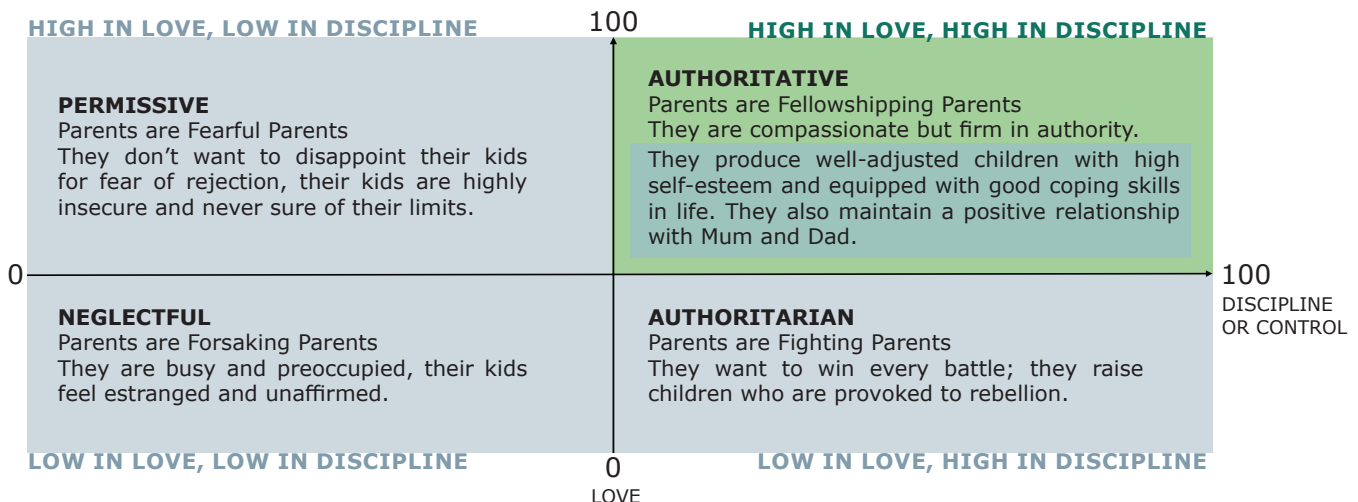
8 Relationships that Build a Deep Bond

Parents must create an environment – through shared experiences, visible care and concern, and meaningful expressions of love – in which their own hearts become glued together with the hearts of their children. The stronger your relationship with your child, the greater the probability he/she will embrace the values you hold most dear through the hard times.

1. Unconditional Love
2. Schedule Quality Time
3. Focused Attention
4. Consistent and Ongoing Communication
5. Make Eye Contact
6. Meaningful Touching
7. Have Fun Together
8. Pray Together



Which Parenting Styles Do You Most Identify With?



A PRAYER JOURNEY EXPERIENCE

Our God, the Waymaker, is more than able to make a way for us in all circumstances. It was with this confidence that the Calvary family sought the Waymaker in a time of concerted prayer and fasting during the Prayer Emphasis Week from 10 to 16 March 2024.



It was a refreshing time for the 275 who attended the prayer meeting at 8pm on Wednesday, 13 March 2024 at Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) and Calvary Church Damansara Heights. They experienced a wonderful prayer journey that took them in the footsteps of the children of Israel who were delivered from the bondage of Egypt through the miraculous parting of the Red Sea and subsequently went through a period of testing in the wilderness before finally entering the Promised Land.

The 150 who came out for the 8am prayer on Saturday, 16 March at CCC were taken on another prayer journey following Jacob who went from being a deceiver to one who prevailed with God, having wrestled in prayer and encountered Him in a life-transforming experience that left him with a limp but blessed of God.

What God did for the Israelites and Jacob, He can do for us today when we yield ourselves to Him. Let's come together to seek the Waymaker.

PRAYER MEETING

EVERY WEDNESDAY

8.00PM

CCC, PRAYER TOWER B2
DH, SANCTUARY

EVERY SECOND SATURDAY

8.00AM

CCC, THEATRETTE 3



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