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The Lord is doing a new thing

Isaiah 43:19

THE GOD OF NEW THINGS

BY PASTOR STEVEN KUM

Have you ever found yourself in difficult, even painful circumstances brought about by poor decisions—whether your own or those beyond your control?

Circumstances that left you physically or emotionally drained, financially insecure, trapped in destructive habits, or estranged from family and friends? Perhaps the worst of all was feeling distant from God, overwhelmed by despair and hopelessness.

These were the experiences of Israel during a dark chapter in their history. After the death of King Solomon, the once-united nation was fractured, its people often neglecting their covenant relationship with God.

Because of their selfish pride, idolatry, and moral compromise, Israel forfeited the joy, peace, and provision God intended for them. As a result, they stood on the brink of destruction by Babylon, seemingly without hope.

Yet, in the midst of their brokenness, God spoke through the prophet Isaiah with a message of hope, assurance, and renewal. Though His people had neglected and even rejected Him, God had not abandoned them. He reminded them of His enduring faithfulness:

- **He was their Redeemer**, who had delivered them from slavery in Egypt (Isaiah 43:14).
- **He was the Lord, the Holy One of Israel**, sovereign and unique, who had chosen to enter into a personal relationship with them (Isaiah 43:14).
- **He was unchanging in His purposes**, promising to rescue them yet again, this

time from Babylonian captivity (Isaiah 43:14b).

- **He was their Creator, who had chosen them as His people**, forming a nation meant to bring blessings to all mankind (Isaiah 43:15).
- **He was their King**, ruling with authority, wisdom, and compassion (Isaiah 43:15).
- **He was their Miracle Worker**, reminding them of His power in the parting of the Red Sea and the defeat of their enemies (Isaiah 43:16–17).

THE MIRACLES OF THE PAST WERE NOT THE END OF HIS WORK; HE WAS ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING NEW, SOMETHING ASTOUNDING.

God encouraged them to forget the former things—not to dwell on the past but to anticipate something greater. The miracles of the past were not the end of His work; He was about to do something new, something astounding. God promised to create pathways in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, symbols of His power to bring refreshment, renewal, and hope.

A New Thing for a New Year

As we approach 2025, this same God invites us to trust Him for the “new things” He has planned for our lives. Whether you’ve experienced failure, loss, or even success in the past year, God calls you to leave it behind and look forward with faith.

Will you choose to perceive His work in your life? Will you open your heart to the new doors He will open, the opportunities He will provide, and the vibrancy He will bring?

**Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the
wilderness and rivers in the desert.**

Isaiah 43:19

As a church and as individuals, let us embrace this new season with attentiveness and excitement. God is not finished with us. Let's trust Him to renew and refresh our hearts, our families, and our community. Together, let us

step into the future with confidence, knowing that our God is a God of new beginnings.

Behold! He is doing a new thing.

Church Theme 2025

THE LORD IS DOING A NEW THING

Isaiah 43:19

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19 October 2024

Back Row (L-R)

Max Wong, Auston Tan Li Qi,
Brandon Tan Zheng Jhian

Middle (L-R)

Christine Ngion Ching Mei, John Yap Jin Keng

Front (L-R)

Amanda Lim Sook Peng, Esther,
Leona Bong Zhang Yu



16 November 2024

Back (L-R)

John Chan Jun Zhe, Wong Yet Kang,
Jody Pong Hooi Theng

Middle (L-R)

Emmanuel Chen Zhi Ai, Chan Le Anne,
Jaime Lau Yii Yii

Front (L-R)

Loo Poh Peng, Leow Yoon Song,
Sam Tan Chit Chien



14 December 2024

(L-R)

Kumaran a/I Rajadorai, Justin Yeong Jun Yin,
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WHERE IS MY CHRISTMAS?

BY TAN SIU-MAE



Christmas is without doubt one of the most important days in the Christian calendar since it is the day we commemorate the birth of Jesus. Many of us also look forward to this time of joy, connection, reflection, and celebration. However, what if you lost your job in the midst of the festivities? This was exactly the predicament that befell the protagonists of this year's Christmas musical "Where is my Christmas". Held on Saturday and Sunday, 7 and 8 December 2024, Calvary's annual musical gift to the city involved a talented cast and crew of 150 Calvarites and was attended by 5360 people.

breadwinner, the couple, who had two young daughters, felt overwhelmed by this difficult situation. While taking a walk to clear her head, Melody experienced a special encounter where she travelled back in time to Bethlehem.

On her journey, Melody met another traveller who steered her in Bethlehem's direction and witnessed a pregnant Mary (the mother of Jesus)



The musical began with the story of its main character, Melody, who found out that her husband, John, had lost his job. With Christmas beckoning and with John being the only



singing in anticipation of Jesus' birth. She also encountered some quirky characters along the way including a "Gen. Alpha" angel and rapping shepherds. Through her interactions with them and through seeing the birth of Jesus first hand, the message of hope that Melody so needed to hear began to speak to her heart.

Meanwhile, John who had been searching for her, explained the story of Jesus' birth and His love for mankind to their eldest daughter.

As Melody expressed her frustrations to the characters she met along the way, she finally understood that God was in control and was reminded by her daughter's prayer that God loves her.

As the first part of the musical came to an end, Pastor David Seah came on stage to deliver a message of hope and helped the audience connect to Melody and John's situation to their own. At the end of the message on both days,

we praise God that many people came forward to be prayed for with a total of 88 receiving Jesus into their hearts for the first time or rededicating their lives to Him. Pastor David also prayed for healing for many who responded to the altar.

Part two resumed with Melody praying and apologizing to God for doubting Him. Melody was then reunited with her husband and children, and the couple agreed that regardless of their situation, God is in control. A grand finale followed with a closing narration by Melody, and with more singing and dancing by the cast.

Praise God for two wonderful evenings where the message of God's love could be shared with our city. Just like "a million little lights that are shining to the nation", believers were once again reminded to share the love of Jesus and be the light that this world needs.





FROM INTIMACY TO INFLUENCE

BY LOUIS PANG

Held on Wednesday and Thursday, 30 and 31 October 2024 at Calvary Church, Kuala Lumpur, the Love God Love People Conference gathered believers for a powerful experience of inspiration, faith, and transformation. A total of 415 and 322 believers participated on the opening night and second day respectively.

Now in its second year, this event—organized by the Life Group, Discipleship, and Evangelism Ministries—helped participants deepen their relationship with God, strengthen community ties, and embrace purposeful living.

Session Highlights: Upward, Inward & Outward

Keynote speaker Reverend Calvin Lee from Singapore delivered transformative sessions, guiding participants from intimacy with God to impactful community engagement, based on Acts 2:24-27.

Practical Workshops for Real-World Faith

The three workshops offered practical insights on integrating faith into daily life, addressing challenges in the digital world, marketplace, and spiritual companionship. Speakers such as Ivan Yun, James Ho, Cheryl Kam, Philip Tan, Helen Read, Victoria Choi, Stephen Liu, Alex Lee, and Angeline Liu equipped and inspired participants in these vital areas of life.

Reflections and Momentum

Feedback praised the event's organization and spiritual impact, with one participant calling it "a blessing that will carry us through the year." Another quipped, "This kind of quality conference out in the market place costs a lot,



Charis Leo, Rev Calvin Lee's wife, shared a powerful testimony on the salvation of her mother and inspired the Conference participants.



and we are thankful that the church has made it so so affordable.”

Excitement is already building for the 2025 conference, set for 15 and 16 September 2025, featuring Pastor Benny Ho of Faith Community Church, Perth.

The Love God Love People Conference has further fueled the desire in many to press on, deepening their intimacy with God, reaching out to one another, and boldly impacting the world.



做新事的神

甘国梁牧师

“看哪！我要作一件新的事；现在它要发生了，难道你们还不知道吗？我要在旷野开一条道路，在荒地开挖江河。——以赛亚书 43：19

你是否曾发现自己因错误的决定——无论是自己的决定还是无法控制的决定——而陷入困境，甚至痛苦不堪？

这些困境让你身心俱疲、经济拮据、恶习缠绕，抑或与亲友疏远了？或许最糟糕的是它们让你感觉远离了神，被绝望和无助淹没。

这些就是以色列人在黑暗的历史篇章中的经历。所罗门王死后，这个曾经统一的国家支离破碎，人民常常忽视与神的盟约关系。

由于自私骄傲、偶像崇拜和道德妥协，以色列人失去了神为他们预备的喜乐、平安和供应。结果，他们站在被巴比伦毁灭的边缘，看不到希望。

然而，在破碎中，神透过先知以赛亚发出盼望、保证和复兴的信息。虽然他的子民忽视甚至拒绝了他，但神并没有抛弃他们。神提醒他们他永恒的信实：

- **他是他们的救赎主**，将他们从埃及的奴役中解救出来（以赛亚书 43：14）。
- **他是主，以色列的圣者**，至高无上并独一无二，他选择与他们建立个人关系（以赛亚书 43：14）。
- **他的旨意永恒不变**，承诺再次拯救他们，这次是从巴比伦的囚禁中拯救他们（以赛亚书 43：14b）。
- **他们是他们的创造主**，拣选他们作自己的子民，建立一个旨在为全人类带来祝福的国家（以赛亚书 43：15）。
- **他们是他们的王**，以权威、智慧和怜悯统治他们（以赛亚书 43：15）。
- **他们是他们的神迹创造者**，提醒他们，他分开红海、打败敌人的大能（以赛亚书 43：16-17）。

过去的神迹并不是他工作的终点；他将要做一些新的事情，令人震惊的事情。

神鼓励他们忘记过去的事情，不要沉湎于过去，而是期待更伟大的事情。过去的神迹并不是他工作的终点；他将要做一些新的事情，令人震惊的事情。神应许要在旷野中开辟道路，在沙漠中开辟河流，象征着他带来清新、更新和盼望的力量。

新年新事

2025 年即将到来之际，这位神邀请我们相信他为我们生活安排的“新事物”。无论你过去一年经历过失败、失落，甚至成功，神都呼召你抛开一切，满怀信心地向前看。

你愿意接受他在你生命中动工吗？你愿意敞开心扉，迎接他将为你开启的新门、提供的机会和带来的活力吗？

身为教会与个体，让我们以专注和兴奋的态度迎接新的季节。神在我们身上的工作还没有结束。相信他会更新我们的心灵、家庭和社区。让我们满怀信心地迈向未来，确知我们的神是一切新起点的神。

看哪！他正在做新事。

TUHAN PERKARA- PERKARA BARU

PENDITA STEVEN KUM

“Perhatikanlah perkara baru yang akan segera Kulakukan. Lihatlah, Aku sudah pun memulakannya. Aku akan membina jalan di padang gurun, dan memberi kamu anak-anak sungai di padang pasir.”- Yesaya 43:19

Pernakah anda mendapati diri anda berada dalam keadaan yang sulit, bahkan menyakitkan, yang disebabkan oleh keputusan yang buruk—sama ada keputusan anda sendiri atau keputusan yang berada di luar kawalan anda?

Situasi yang membuat anda terkuras secara fizikal atau emosi, tidak stabil dari segi kewangan, terperangkap dalam tabiat yang merosakkan, atau terasing daripada keluarga dan rakan-rakan? Mungkin yang paling buruk adalah merasa jauh dari Tuhan, dihipit oleh keputusasaan dan hilang harapan.

Ini adalah pengalaman Israel selama masa gelap dalam sejarah mereka. Setelah kematian Raja Salomo, bangsa yang tadinya bersatu menjadi terpecah belah, masyarakatnya sering mengabaikan hubungan perjanjian mereka dengan Tuhan.

Kerana keangkuhan diri, penyembahan berhala, dan kompromi moral mereka, Israel kehilangan sukacita, kedamaian, dan pembekalan yang telah Tuhan rancang untuk mereka. Akibatnya, mereka berdiri di ambang kehancuran oleh Babylon, seolah-olah tanpa harapan.

Namun, di tengah kehancuran mereka, Tuhan berbicara melalui nabi Yesaya dengan pesan pengharapan, jaminan, dan pembaharuan. Meskipun umat-Nya telah mengabaikan dan bahkan menolak-Nya, Tuhan tidak meninggalkan mereka.

Dia mengingatkan mereka akan kesetiaan-Nya yang kekal:

- **Dialah Penebus mereka**, yang telah membebaskan mereka dari perbudakan di Mesir (Yesaya 43:14).
- **Dialah Tuhan, Tuhan Israel yang Suci**, berdaulat dan unik, yang telah memilih untuk menjalin hubungan peribadi dengan mereka (Yesaya 43:14).
- **Dia tidak berubah dalam tujuan-Nya**, berjanji untuk menyelamatkan mereka lagi, kali ini dari penawanan di Babilonia (Yesaya 43:14b).
- **Dialah Pencipta mereka**, yang telah memilih mereka sebagai umat-Nya, membentuk suatu bangsa yang dimaksudkan untuk membawa berkat bagi seluruh umat manusia (Yesaya 43:15).
- **Dia adalah Raja mereka**, memerintah dengan autoritas, kebijaksanaan, dan kasih sayang (Yesaya 43:15).

- **Dialah Pembuat Mukjizat mereka**, yang mengingatkan mereka akan kuasa-Nya ketika Laut Merah terbelah dan kekalahan musuh-musuh mereka (Yesaya 43:16-17).

MUKJIZAT DI MASA LALU BUKANLAH AKHIR DARI PEKERJAAN-NYA; DIA AKAN MELAKUKAN SESUATU YANG BARU, SESUATU YANG MENAKJUBKAN.

Tuhan mendorong mereka untuk melupakan hal-hal lama—bukan memikirkan masa lalu tetapi menantikan sesuatu yang lebih besar. Mukjizat di masa lalu bukanlah akhir dari pekerjaan-Nya; Dia akan melakukan sesuatu yang baru, sesuatu yang menakjubkan. Tuhan berjanji akan menciptakan jalan-jalan di padang gurun dan sungai-sungai di padang gurun, yang melambangkan kuasa-Nya untuk membawa penyegaran, pembaharuan, dan pengharapan.

Satu Perkara Baru untuk Tahun Baru

Saat kita mendekati tahun 2025, Tuhan yang sama mengundang kita untuk mempercayai Dia atas "hal-hal baru" yang telah Dia rencanakan untuk hidup kita. Sama ada anda pernah mengalami kegagalan, kehilangan, ataupun kejayaan dalam tahun ini, Tuhan memanggil anda untuk meninggalkannya dan memandang ke depan dengan iman.

Adakah anda akan memilih untuk melihat karya-Nya dalam hidup anda? Adakah anda akan membuka hati anda kepada pintu-pintu baharu yang akan Dia buka, peluang-peluang yang akan Dia sediakan, dan kehidupan yang penuh semangat yang akan Dia bawa?

Sebagai sebuah gereja dan juga sebagai individu, marilah kita menyambut musim baharu ini dengan penuh perhatian dan semangat. Tuhan belum selesai dengan kita. Mari kita percayai Dia untuk memperbaharui dan menyegarkan hati kita, keluarga kita, dan komuniti kita. Bersama-sama, marilah kita melangkah ke masa depan dengan keyakinan, mengetahui bahawa Tuhan kita adalah Tuhan permulaan yang baharu.

Lihatlah! Dia sedang melakukan sesuatu yang baharu.

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Wishes You a Blessed New Year!



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