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FREEDOM WITHOUT LIMITS?

By Pastor Chan Lee Peng

"Follow your dreams. Push beyond your limits. Break through barriers. Remember, the sky's the limit." We hear these popular clichés all the time—each suggesting that limitations are nothing more than obstacles to overcome. But Scripture offers a different lens: not all limits are bad. What if some boundaries are God-given for our good?

WHAT IF SOME BOUNDARIES ARE GOD-GIVEN FOR OUR GOOD?

The Scarcity Trap

In a world that celebrates personal freedom and self-expression, any form of constraint is seen as an intrusion on our rights—a threat to our liberty to do whatever we want, however we want. At the core of this mindset lies a subtle fear: *If I don't do what I want, I'll be shortchanged.* The scarcity mentality tells us that if we don't indulge our desires or keep up with what others are doing, we'll miss out—on accomplishment, entertainment, fulfilment, and

everything the world defines as the "good life." This mirrors the serpent's deception in the Garden of Eden, "Did God really say. . .? God knows that when you eat of it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil" (Genesis 3:1,4). It paints God as a killjoy, withholding good, rather than a loving Father who has our best interests at heart.

The truth is Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10, ESV). God's desire is not to deprive us of pleasure but to lead us to a deeper, lasting joy that only He can give. Freedom with boundaries isn't bondage—it's protective wisdom. A river without banks floods. A train moves with speed and power only when it stays on the tracks; without them, it derails—inevitably with disastrous consequences. True freedom isn't found in doing whatever we want—it's found in walking with the One who knows and wants the best for us.

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A Higher Purpose

The Apostle Paul reminds us of a profound truth in 1 Corinthians 10:31-32, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks or the church of God." The immediate context of this passage deals with food sacrificed to idols. Some believers had no issue partaking, believing their liberty in Christ gave them the freedom to do so. Others, however, saw this as deeply compromising — a potential stumbling block to believers with weaker consciences.

Paul's response cuts to the heart of Christian freedom. The guiding question is not so much, "Can I do this?" but rather, "Will this glorify God, and will it build others up?" Ultimately, our decision "to do or not to do" isn't about meeting people's expectations — it's about honouring God in every aspect of our lives. Doing everything for the glory of God is what matters most. That should be the real motivation behind our choices, especially in grey areas.

Freedom with Responsibility

In his exhortation "Do not cause anyone to stumble," Paul names three groups—Jews, Greeks, and the church of God—essentially covering everyone. In other words, glorifying God includes being mindful of how our freedom impacts people from different backgrounds, cultures, and levels of spiritual maturity. This calls for us to exercise our freedom responsibly, paying careful attention to our influence. What message are we sending through our actions? Whether it's what we eat, drink, wear, post online, or how we spend our leisure or money—the list goes on—we need to examine it through the lens of God's glory. Will this reflect the character of Christ? Will it help others see God more clearly? Still, some might ask, "If others stumble because of my actions, why should I be held accountable? Shouldn't they be responsible to ensure they are strong enough not to be stumbled by others?" This reflects a heart posture more concerned with being right than loving. Jesus calls us to deny ourselves, not defend ourselves.

True freedom is the ability to choose love over selfishness, consideration over indulgence. When our highest priority is to live for God's glory, human approval becomes secondary. We discover a freedom without limits — the freedom to lay down our rights for the sake of others, and in doing so, mirror Christ, who laid down His life for us on the cross.

BRINGING LIFE TO DRY LANDS

BY TAN SIU-MAE

Calvary Church launched her Missions Emphasis for the second half of 2025 over the first two weekends in July. A large globe in the centre of the church foyer became a prayer focal point where hundreds committed to "Bring Life to Dry Lands" by interceding for the nations. This powerful call reminds us that as believers who have experienced the overwhelming grace of God's love, we are commissioned to share that love with those still wandering in spiritual drought.

In addition to the globe installation, interactive booths throughout the church foyer engaged the congregation, bringing the reality of global missions to life. The Calvary Men's Bread of Life booth had visitors guessing the cost of food packages supporting 39 local families, while the Tamil Ministry's India station offered cultural connection through traditional cuisine. Nearby, the Chinese Ministry's Myanmar booth highlighted prayer needs for a nation facing earthquakes and political turmoil, while the Youths presented the revival taking place in Canada among its youth via ministry to the First Nations. Other booths also creatively demonstrated global impact: the Evangelism and Discipleship teams ran games showing our Bangladesh children's programmes; the Creative Ministry's popular "Cross the River" activity simulated Nepalese missionary challenges; the Royal Rangers addressed Thailand's human trafficking; the Missionettes revealed Cambodia's war trauma and spiritual needs; and the Young Adults ministry meaningfully simulated daily life for Pakistan's persecuted Christian children.

Painting a vivid picture of God's heart for the world, on the first Sunday in July, Missions Pastor, Pastor Steven Kum, delivered a stirring sermon titled "Mysterious - Magnanimous - Magnificent," unveiling the profound depths of God's love for imperfect people, and on the following week, the church was honoured to hear the late Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's powerful video message, "Don't Walk Away", originally shared in 2020.

Pastor Steven revealed the threefold nature of God's love: Mysterious - that the Creator would cherish broken humanity defies logic (Psalm 8:3-4); Magnanimous- Christ died for us while we were still sinners, offering lavish forgiveness (Romans 5:8); and Magnificent- a love so powerful it conquers sin, ignites faith, and transforms the undeserving (Romans 11:33-36). Together, these truths showcase a divine love that both awes and compels us.





Using the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37), Senior Pastor challenged the church to overcome prejudice and actively demonstrate God's love. The message contrasted three responses to human need: religious hypocrisy (the priest), self-righteousness (the Levite), and Christ-like compassion (the Samaritan). He emphasized that true mission work requires crossing cultural barriers, sacrificing comfort, and acting from genuine compassion - because "everyone who doesn't know God is your neighbour."

Both Senior Pastor and Pastor Steven Kum's messages highlight the "Bring Life to Dry Lands" theme, reiterating that God's love compels us to missions. Pastor Steven's message emphasised that we carry hope to the broken because we have been lavishly loved despite our flaws, while Senior Pastor's exhortation not to walk away challenged us to imitate the Good Samaritan - crossing barriers with sacrificial action to rescue those left wounded by sin. In tandem, these sermons became a clarion call - just as God restores us, we must actively bring His life-giving love to a spiritually parched world.

Beyond these inspiring messages, the congregation witnessed how Faith Promise funds are channelled to reach lives worldwide via the Missions Report video. Faith partners' giving fuels both Kingdom and social concerns, including disaster relief for Myanmar earthquake victims, local community support through Bread of Life's food provisions, Sarawak's Toy Library, Calvary Land's care for disadvantaged elderly and children, and refugee mother empowerment programs. Globally, Calvary Church partners with Hope of Life (Pakistan) and supports church planting nation building through Kenya's River of God youth summit and a new Bangladesh church. Calvary Church's commitment to Scripture outreach includes Bible translation for Orang Asli communities, World Vision child development, and youth ministries through Scripture Union and Potter's Place Mission (Canada). Additionally, Calvary Church is investing in future leaders by supporting Bible College Malaysia's expansion and other theological training - demonstrating God's love through both word and deed.



Missions Emphasis at
Calvary Damansara Heights

BREAD OF LIFE: REACHING HEARTS WITH HOPE

BY JERRY WONG



Sarah retelling the persecution her family suffered back in their homeland.



Bread of Life volunteers' mission to deliver supply packets.

As we began to pray, she made a quiet gesture of reverence that left us in awe and humbled by her devotion to God. Sarah's (not her real name) family is amongst the minority Christian communities abroad who are being persecuted for their faith, often resulting in them being displaced and scattered in foreign countries. Having lived in Malaysia for about two years, Sarah and her family remain caught in a status quandary—lacking basic rights to healthcare, education, or formal employment—yet they remain anchored in their faith in Jesus. Amid financial strain, health issues, and mental pressure, they have witnessed God's provision and comfort through the Bread of Life. Their resilience reminds us all of how God sustains those who trust in Him, even in the most uncertain circumstances.

Initiated by Men of Calvary, the Bread of Life initiative is a compassionate outreach designed to serve families facing extreme difficulties and urban poverty. Through this ministry, essential items are collected and distributed to 43 families in need—many of

whom struggle silently amid rising living costs and limited access to support. Sarah's family was among these.

Beyond a distribution effort, Bread of Life emphasizes personal connection and spiritual care. Volunteers not only deliver groceries and supplies—they visit homes, spend time with the families, and pray for their needs. These moments have become sacred encounters where God's love is tangibly felt.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat..." – Matthew 25:35

As we continue to serve, we invite more hearts and hands to join this mission. Your thoughts, prayer and involvement can make a lasting difference in someone's life. You may also scan the following QR code to follow us and stay updated to our latest development:

Follow us on our
Whatsapp group:



BETTER TOGETHER: HOW MINISTRIES AND 3SIXTEEN REACH MORE FOR CHRIST

BY JERRY WONG

At Calvary Church, we believe that no ministry is meant to stand alone. The work of reaching, discipling, and sending people into the harvest field is most fruitful when we work together—each bringing our strengths to the mission. Evangelism is never a “solo effort” but a symphony, where each ministry plays its part to draw people closer to Christ.

One beautiful example of this harmony is the collaboration among our various church ministries and 3Sixteen. More than just a program, 3Sixteen is an evangelistic tool that creates a safe, welcoming space where seekers can ask honest questions, find fellowship, and encounter the love of Jesus. When ministries partner with 3Sixteen, what begins as curiosity often grows into conviction, and conviction into commitment—a journey of faith that continues in discipleship and community life.

Helping New Faith Take Root

Anne Wong from the Discipleship Ministry shared her joy in inviting the Ma family of five, Ma Jee Choong (JC), Alina Sim, Marcus Ma, Lucas Ma, and Athena Ma to 3Sixteen. “It was heartwarming to see them gain a clearer understanding of who Christ is,” she said. “They were eager and hungry to

explore, and the environment allowed them to ask questions freely.”

For Anne, 3Sixteen is a starting point. She sees a natural link between 3Sixteen and other discipleship avenues like My Faith, J12, and School of Christian Growth, that leads participants to continue growing after the program.

Fellowship that Opens Hearts

Wendy Foo from the Chinese Ministry described how God specifically led her to bring Wong Pong Loon (Uncle Wong), to 3Sixteen. “It’s not just head knowledge about Jesus that matters, fellowship is vital,” she reflected. Through 3Sixteen, Uncle Wong found the courage to open up and share especially amongst other men. When Uncle Wong came in wheel chair, he was prayed for. To our delight, he returned to church the following week without his wheel chair!

Creating Spaces for Honest Conversations

Fan Nam Sze, a Life Group member, ran 3Sixteen online sessions before but finds face-to-face sessions to be more effective. This year, God has opened many opportunities for her to witness for Christ, and she is grateful to have successfully invited a colleague, Elly Wong, to participate in 3Sixteen. Elly, a



Father and sons of the Ma family (the 7th, 8th, and 9th from right) interacting during warm up activity.



Participants watch short video clip before breaking into discussion groups.



Graduation group photo



Elly (3rd from left) during discussion session



Left: Uncle Wong walks, testifying God's healing!
Right: Wendy attends to Uncle Wong's water baptism



non-Christian who completed six sessions of 3Sixteen, shared that it gave her a new perspective on life and faith, prompting her to reflect on deeper things even while going about her daily routine.

Nam Sze appreciates the relevance of the video played in 3Sixteen. She notes that the small group discussions are facilitated in a casual, open, and non-threatening way, which helps participants feel comfortable sharing their thoughts. Nam Sze encourages more Life Group members to get involved in this programme, as it offers a meaningful way to engage—or re-engage—and rekindle our zeal for evangelism.

These testimonies remind us that the kingdom of God advances best when we serve not in silos but in synergy. 3Sixteen is not an end in itself, but a bridge—linking seekers to Christ, connecting them to discipleship, and planting them in the life of the church.

As Anne, Wendy, and Nam Sze have shown us, when we invite, accompany, and follow through together, lives are changed, faith is nurtured, and Christ is glorified!

"...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another." – Romans 12:5b (ESV)

JOY OF TOGETHERNESS

On Monday, 1 September 2025, 314 Calvarites—from little ones as young as 3 to our cherished seniors in their 80s—came together at Taylors International School, Puchong to celebrate Calvary Family Day!

The day began with everyone gathering on the field, lifting their voices in praise to the Lord with the song “Holy, Holy, Holy!” Pastor Richard Yun then led a lively warm-up session before the “friendly” competitions kicked off among the four teams—Blue (led by Stephen Liu), Green (led by Tam Kok Meng), Red (led by Deacon Chow Sang Hoe), and Yellow (led by Melvin Wong).

The seven creative and inclusive games – “Sting in the Tail”, “Crown Him with Many Crowns”, “Gorilla Walk Relay”, “Head, Shoulders, Knees, Toes and Cup”, “Paper Plane Catch”, and “New Hopscotch” – sparked much laughter, energy, and teamwork. The thrill of competition and the joy of cheering on one another fostered a wonderful sense of bonding among all.





After a series of exciting challenges, the Yellow Team emerged as the overall champion, cheered on enthusiastically by all. Yet in true Calvary spirit, every participant went home a winner—each receiving a goodie bag packed with delightful treats as a token of appreciation and joy.



Calvary Family Day truly lived up to its theme, "Joy of Togetherness"—a beautiful reminder that God's family is made stronger when we come together in love, laughter, and unity. As Psalm 133:1 declares, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"



Huge thanks to Pastor Raymond Yong, Wong Yih Mun, and the team (plus your families!) for giving us such a joyful day!

CONGRATULATIONS TO 18 CALVARITES WHO FOLLOWED CHRIST IN WATER BAPTISM!



19 July 2025

Back row (L-R): Bryan Chan Kar Chun, Keith Tai Xue Xian, Tham Seng Yong

Middle row (L-R): Kek Lay Kee, Constance Foo Yoke Ching, Wong Mee Yee, Felicia Foong Chia Yen, Irene Chai Ai Ling

Front row (L-R): Tan Yen Shin, Vivien Aliceson Danker, Denzell Ng Gin Tee, Lyndon Ng Thin Ee



9 August 2025

L-R

Nigel Lee Zhen En, Wong Poh Yen, Wong Yui Ern, Wong Chee Ken, Wong Pong Loon, Liu Yana

If you would like to be baptised, call 03-8999 5532 (ext. 415), visit calvary.my/water-baptism or speak to any of the pastors.

无限的自由？

张莉萍牧师

“追随梦想，超越极限，突破障碍。记住，一切皆有可能。”这些陈腔滥调总在暗示着我们——限制不过是有待跨越的障碍。但圣经给我们提供了不同的视角：不是所有限制都无益处。有一些界限是神为了我们的好处而设立的。

稀缺思维的陷阱

在崇尚个人自由和追求自我的世界，任何形式的限制都被视为侵犯个人权利，威胁随心所欲的自由。这种思维的核心是一种微妙的恐惧：如果不做想做的事，就是亏待自己。稀缺思维告诉我们，如果不放纵自身欲望，不紧随别人的步伐，我们将错失成就、娱乐、满足感和世人所定义的“美好生活”。这正反映了伊甸园中蛇的欺骗：“神真的说过……？神知道你们吃那果子的时候，你们的眼睛就开了；你们会像神一样，能知道善恶。”（创世记 3:1, 4）它把神描绘成扫兴的、不善待人的神，而不是事事皆为我们好的慈爱天父。

耶稣说：“我来了，是要使羊得生命，并且得的更丰盛。”（约翰福音 10:10）神的心意不是剥夺我们的快乐，而是引领我们获得更深层次、更持久的喜乐，这喜乐只有他才能赐予。有界限的自由不是束缚，而是出于保护的智慧。没有堤岸的河流会泛滥成灾。火车只有在轨道上才能快速有力地行驶；没有了轨道，它就会脱轨造成灾难性的后果。真正的自由不是为所欲为，而是与那位深知我们一切并希望我们得益处的主同行。

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更高的目的

使徒保罗在哥林多前书10:31-32提醒我们一个深刻的真理：“所以，你们或吃喝，或作什么，一切都要为神的荣耀而行。无论是犹太人，是希腊人，是神的教会，你们总不可使他们跌倒；”这段经文的背景涉及祭偶像的食物。一些信徒认为吃祭偶像的食物没有问题，因为他们有基督里的自由。然而，一些人则认为这是极大的妥协——可能会绊倒信心软弱的信徒。

保罗的回应直接切入基督徒自由的核心。问题不是“我可以这样做吗？”，而是“我这样做荣耀神，造就人吗？”最终，我们“做或不做”的决定，不是要满足人的期望，而是为了在生活上荣耀神。凡事都要荣耀神才是最重要的。这应该是我们做选择时真正的动机，尤其是在灰色地带做选择。

有责任心的自由

保罗所讲的道“不叫人跌倒”，提到了犹太人、希腊人和神的教会，实际上涵盖了所有人。换句话说，荣耀神，包括留意我们的自由如

KEBEBASAN TANPA BATASAN?

PENDITA CHAN LEE PENG

“Ikuti impian anda. Gigih melepasi batasan anda. Terobos halangan. Ingatlah, tidak ada yang tidak mungkin.” Kita sering mendengar klise kegemaran ini – masing-masing mencadangkan bahawa batasan sekadar halangan yang perlu diatasi. Tetapi Alkitab menawarkan pandangan yang lain: bukan setiap batasan itu buruk. Apa kata jika ada batasan yang ditetapkan Tuhan demi manfaat kita?

APA KATA JIKA ADA BATASAN YANG DITETAPKAN TUHAN DEMI MANFAAT KITA?

Perangkap Kelangkaan

Dalam dunia yang meraikan kebebasan peribadi dan ekspresi diri, kekangan dalam apa jua bentuk dianggap sebagai pencerobohan hak kita – ancaman kepada kebebasan kita untuk melakukan apa sahaja yang kita mahu, dalam apa sahaja cara yang kita ingin. Pada teras pemikiran ini terdapat ketakutan yang halus: jikalau saya tidak berbuat sesuka hati, saya akan rugi. Mentaliti kelangkaan memaklumkan bahawa jika kita tidak mengikut nafsu atau tidak bersaing dengan perkara yang dilakukan orang lain, kita akan rugi – terlepas pencapaian, hiburan, kepuasan, dan segala-gala yang ditakrifkan secara duniawi sebagai “kehidupan bagus.” Ini mencerminkan penipuan si ular di Taman Eden, “Benarkah Tuhan berkata...? Tuhan tahu bahawa jika kamu makan buah itu, fikiran kamu akan terbuka; kamu akan menjadi seperti Tuhan dan mengetahui apa yang baik dan apa yang jahat.” (Kejadian 3:1, 4) Ia menggambarkan Tuhan sebagai penyuram suasana, lokek manfaat, dan bukan Bapa maha pengasih yang mengutamakan kepentingan kita.

Sebenarnya Yesus berkata, “Aku datang supaya manusia dapat hidup, iaitu hidup yang kelimpahan” (Yohanes 10:10). Keinginan Tuhan

何影响来自不同背景、文化和不同属灵成熟程度的人。他要求我们负责任地运用自由，关切自己对他人的影响。我们的行为将传递什么信息？无论是我们吃什么、喝什么、穿什么、在网上发布什么、闲暇做什么或怎么消费等诸如此类，我们都要透过神荣耀的视角来审视自己。我们所做的是否反映了基督的品格？是否能帮助他人更清楚地认识神？有些人可能会问：“别人因我的行为而跌倒，为什么要我承担责任呢？难道他们不应该确保自己足够坚强，不被别人绊倒吗？”这反映了一种更关心正确而非爱的心态。耶稣叫我们舍己，不是维护自己。

真正的自由是能够选择爱而不是自私，体谅而不是放纵。当我们以荣耀神为最高目标时，人的认可就变得次要了。我们发现无限的自由是——为了他人的缘故放弃自身权利，效法基督——他在十字架上为我们舍命。

SUNGAI TANPA TEBING AKAN BANJIR. KERETA API BERGERAK DENGAN KUAT LAGI LAJU HANYA APABILA BERADA ATAS LANDASAN; TANPA LANDASAN, IA TERBABAS – TENTU SEKALI BURUK AKIBATNYA.

bukan untuk menafikan kita keseronokan tetapi untuk memimpin kita kepada kegirangan yang lebih mendalam, yang hanya mampu Dia kurniakan. Kebebasan dengan batasan bukan belenggu – ianya kebijaksanaan pelindung. Sungai tanpa tebing akan banjir. Kereta api bergerak dengan kuat lagi laju hanya apabila berada atas landasan; tanpa landasan, ia terbabas – tentu sekali buruk akibatnya. Kebebasan sejati bukan didapati dalam melakukan apa sahaja ikut suka hati – ianya didapati dalam perjalanan bersama Dia yang tahu dan mahukan yang terbaik untuk kita.

Tujuan Yang Lebih Tinggi

Rasul Paulus mengingatkan kita tentang kebenaran mendalam dalam 1 Korintus 10:31-32, "Apa sahaja yang kamu lakukan, sama ada makan ataupun minum, lakukanlah semuanya untuk memuliakan Tuhan. Jagalah tingkah laku kamu agar kamu tidak menyebabkan orang lain berdosa, baik orang Yahudi mahupun orang bukan Yahudi, ataupun jemaah Tuhan." Konteks tersurat petikan tersebut berkaitan dengan makanan yang telah disembahkan kepada berhala. Sesetengah umat tiada masalah memakannya, menganggap kebebasan mereka dalam Kristus memberi kebebasan berbuat demikian. Walau bagaimanapun, ada yang lain memandang perkara ini sebagai sesuatu yang menjejaskan – sesuatu yang mampu menggoncang iman umat yang lebih lemah hati nurani.

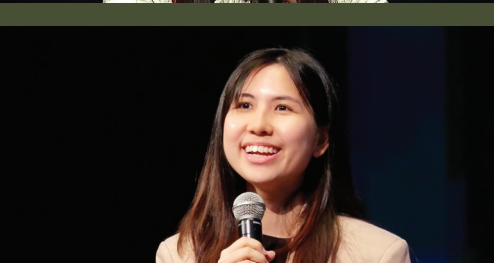
Jawapan Paulus tembus terus kepada maksud sebenar kebebasan Kristian. Soalan yang harus ditanya bukanlah, "Bolehkah saya lakukan perkara ini?" sebaliknya, "Adakah perkara ini memuliakan Tuhan, dan adakah ianya menjadi dorongan kepada orang lain?" Akhirnya, keputusan kita sama ada "buat atau tidak" bukanlah sekadar memenuhi harapan orang lain – ianya mengenai menghormati Tuhan

dalam segala aspek kehidupan masing-masing. Melakukan segala-galanya demi kemuliaan-Nya adalah perkara yang paling penting. Itulah harus dijadikan niat sebenar di sebalik pilihan kita, terutama dalam perkara yang samar-samar.

Kebebasan dengan Tanggungjawab

Dalam pengesahan beliau, "Jangan menyebabkan sesiapa tergelincir," Paulus menamakan tiga kumpulan – bani Yahudi, Yunani, dan gereja Tuhan – pada asasnya merangkumi semua orang. Dalam erti kata lain, memuliakan Tuhan termasuk prihatin cara kebebasan kita memberi kesan kepada mereka dari latar belakang, budaya, dan tahap kematangan rohani yang berbeza. Ini memerlukan kita melaksanakan kebebasan kita secara bertanggungjawab, dengan memberi perhatian yang teliti kepada pengaruh masing-masing. Pesanan apakah yang kita sampaikan melalui kelakuan kita? Sama ada perkara yang kita makan, minum, pakai, muat naik dalam talian, atau cara kita menghabiskan masa lapang atau wang – dan sebagainya – kita harus menelitinya melalui kanta kemuliaan-Nya. Adakah perkara ini mencerminkan watak Kristus? Adakah ianya membantu orang lain melihat Tuhan dengan lebih jelas? Namun, ada yang mungkin tertanya-tanya, "Jikalau orang lain tergelincir disebabkan tindakan saya, mengapa harus saya bertanggungjawab? Bukankah mereka sepatutnya bertanggungjawab memastikan mereka cukup teguh agar tidak tergelincir disebabkan orang lain?" Ini mencerminkan hati yang lebih mementingkan tidak bersalah berbanding mengasihi. Yesus memanggil kita menahan diri, bukan membela diri.

Kebebasan sejati merupakan keupayaan memilih sikap kasih sayang berbanding sikap mementingkan diri sendiri, pertimbangan wajar berbanding menurut nafsu. Apabila keutamaan tertinggi kita adalah untuk hidup demi kemuliaan Tuhan, perkenan manusia menjadi perkara sekunder. Kita menemui kebebasan tanpa batasan – kebebasan menyerahkan hak kita demi orang lain, dan dengan berbuat demikian, menyerupai Kristus, yang mengorbankan nyawa-Nya di kayu salib demi kita.



GEN ZEAL CALVARY YOUTH DAY 2025

BY YUEN TZE SVENN

Sunday, 10 August 2025 marked a milestone for Calvary Church with our first-ever Youth Day, themed "GEN ZEAL", drawn from Romans 12:11: "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord." More than a celebration, it was a declaration that the young generation carries a vital role in the renewal of the church. On this day, the youth didn't just attend church — they led it.

From the entrances to the plaza and sanctuary, youths and young adults welcomed the church congregation and guests with bright smiles, warm greetings, and even welcome packs for new youths. Their genuine joy set the tone for a deeply impactful service.

The highlight was the morning service. Worship was

heartfelt, and the sermon by Pastor Michael Loon, titled "Lit for Life", unpacked three characteristics of zeal:

- Zeal starts with an encounter – lasting zeal comes from encountering Him more than experiencing Him
- Zeal is sustained by fuel – Scripture, community, worship, and discipline keep the fire burning even after if emotional high fades
- Zeal spreads when you show up – Apostle Paul's letters were the way he 'showed up' and made an impact on the churches.

"Zeal is a holy fire God wants to ignite in every heart," Pastor Michael shared, calling the church to fan the flame.

As part of his message, three young voices testified:

- Yuen Tze Svern shared how God met her in ordinary, hidden seasons: "You don't have to be perfect, God meets us even in exhaustion."
- Chelsea Chin testified how Scripture, worship, and community nurtured her zeal: "Even in dry seasons, God is faithful. If you seek Him, you will find Him."
- James Guneratnam spoke about serving behind the camera in photography:



"When we say yes to small things, God uses us for more than we expect. Zeal spreads when we show up."

Their stories were raw, real, and proof of God's active work among our young ones.

The service concluded with a powerful moment of consecration. Deacon Chow Sang Hoe prayed over the youth at the altar, while Samuel Ng led the congregation in a united prayer to raise and run alongside the next generation.








After service, the foyer buzzed with life. Youths served handmade lemonade, while Waka-Waka Gelato carts drew long queues from families and children. A podcast station allowed youths to share their zeal, and counters showcased youth-based ministries such as Calvary Youth, One Voice Choir, Royal Rangers, and Missionettes.

By late morning, all youths received free McDonald's snacks – a treat many looked forward to – before gathering for the youth activities in the Multipurpose Hall.

The afternoon kicked off with icebreakers led by youth emcees, from a group dance to a hilarious rock-paper-

scissors "snake" game that had everyone laughing and bonding.

The main activity featured seven interactive booths designed to spark connection through shared passions:

-  Graphic Design
-  Board Games
-  Dance
-  Music & Mixing
-  Bible Discussion
-  Career Exploration
-  Photography

Each booth, run by youths and young adults, opened spaces for mentorship, discovery, and genuine community. Whether it was learning a new dance move or diving into Scripture, the common desire was simple — building real, lasting relationships.

Youth Day 2025 was more than an event; it was a movement. It showed a glimpse of what the church looks like when generations unite in mission and zeal for God.

We praise God for what He has done through Youth Day and look forward with expectation to all He will continue to do.

To God be the glory!



TRUSTING GOD BEYOND FEAR, FINANCES, AND LIMITATIONS

BY ALAN CHANG

I give thanks to the Lord for His grace and guidance that allowed me to serve in this year's Easter musical by helping with the production of stage props. The Lord anointed me with wisdom and strengthened both my wife, Carol's and my faith, allowing us to witness His presence in our lives.

While working on the props, the Lord gave me a dream: after finishing the first and lowest wall, all the stage walls collapsed during the performance. I shared it with Carol, wondering if it was from the enemy. That same day, at the factory, I was shocked to find the wall was indeed unstable. Because it was a movable prop, I couldn't build it as I usually do. I knew then the Lord had given me the dream as a warning. I prayed for wisdom and the phrase "balance and central support" came to mind. I followed this guidance, and the structure was secured. Praise God—He watches over every detail!

The second testimony is how God built our faith through inviting people to the musical. We used to hesitate with those we didn't know well, but this time the Lord gave us courage. Carol asked me, "With so many friends and relatives to invite, how will we host them all?" I responded in faith, "Let's fast and pray. Trust in the Lord that if He sends them He will help us to manage."

We invited over 140 people—friends, relatives, colleagues, and even new acquaintances. In the end, 74 attended, 3 accepted Christ and 6 rededicated their lives. This was God's grace and power. All glory to Jesus!

The third testimony happened just days before the musical. Carol informed me that our company account had only RM500 left.

She was anxious, questioned how I was able to concentrate on the rehearsals, and highlighted that there is one customer whose payment could resolve our financial difficulty—but he hadn't replied to calls or messages. Backstage, I prayed. An idea sparked and I sent him an invitation to the musical. No reply. The next afternoon, I messaged again: "If you're going through any challenges, maybe it's time to return to God's house. Maybe this performance is how God wants to speak to you." Still nothing.

After rehearsal, he finally replied, saying he would attend. At the same time, my wife told me he had settled the full payment. Praise the Lord!

The client came to the musical and said he was touched by God. On the final night, he brought along his family and former church friends. Later, he told me that after watching, he and his wife decided to use their savings to clear all debts. He said he felt a huge burden lifted from him, and shortly after, he closed a business project and agreed to return to church and serve again.

This Easter musical was a journey of faith and obedience. Once again, the Lord showed me that if we trust and surrender, He will do far more than what we can ask or imagine. May this testimony encourage you, and may we all experience, know, and testify of the Lord more deeply through our service.





LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME

BY PREAMA SHAMINI

I want to share with you a powerful testimony of God's grace and healing to encourage you that God is still at work in performing miracles.

More than half a year ago, our 11-month-old boy, Claydenn, fell from a sofa. We rushed him to the hospital, where we were informed that the right thigh bone was fractured!

The doctor recommended three weeks of hospitalisation for leg traction, where both of Claydenn's legs would be pulled up at a 90-degree angle for the entire time. During this period, our precious boy endured much pain, and as parents, we decided to fast and pray, trusting in God's healing power.

The Bible verse we prayed in surrender is "Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it, that the Father may be glorified in the Son; if you ask anything in my name, I will do it." (John 14:13-14) Jesus Himself instructed His disciples to

pray in His name and we believe that our prayers are heard and answered because of Jesus' authority.

We are incredibly grateful for the support we received during this time – our family, the church, and our pastors stood by us in prayer, lifting us up when we needed it most. My employer was also incredibly understanding and approved unpaid leave so that I could care for my son 24/7. Many others supported us with prayers and kind words, and we felt the strength of the Body of Christ surrounding us.

After three weeks, the bone was completely healed! We give all the glory to Jesus, for it is only through His grace and healing touch that our son recovered so wonderfully.

We are truly amazed to witness how God worked in Claydenn's life, and our faith in Him has been strengthened. We are forever grateful for His unfailing love and power.

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