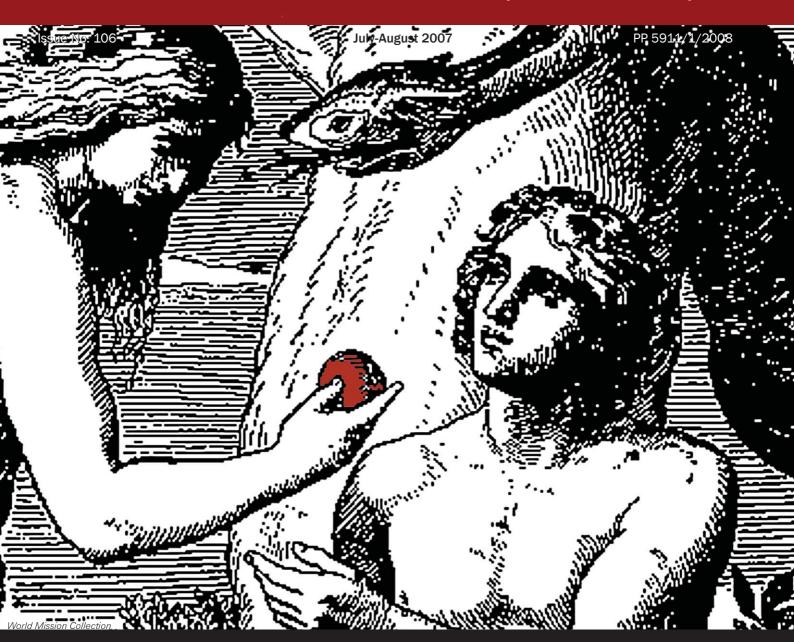
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Your Source Will Determine Your Course

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

"Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures" (James 1:12-18).

God permits temptations.

How you respond to the temptations depends on who your source is.

Your source will determine your course of action.

Mother's Day

Mother's Day at Calvary Church

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam said that it was with great joy that she gets to introduce Pam Lee (wife of Associate Pastor Christopher Lee and daughter of Senior Pastor Prince and Petrina Guneratnam), who would be ministering God's Word at our Mother's Day Services on 13 May 2007. Pam is the Director of Calvary Life Ministries, a counselling and training ministry which is an Extended Ministry of Calvary Church.



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam told the mothers that the Church loved and appreciated them. He then prayed for them.

Pam shared about two military captains, Naaman, a commander of the army of the king of Syria and a centurion at Capernaum (2 Kings 5:1-5; Matthew 8:5-10, 13), who responded differently to instructions given by God through Elisha and Jesus respectively. Naaman applied sensibility to the situation and thus struggled to obey. The centurion recognised the authority of God and obeyed immediately.

Pam stressed that as Christians, our calling is to be obedient to God when He instructs us and not for it to make sense before we obey. There are times when the instructions of God do not make human sense, as in the case of Namaan. We are to apply faith in our obedience to situations that we face in our daily lives because the answer that we seek is in the act of obedience and not necessarily in the instruction itself. She encouraged us to look for the biblical principles in each situation and obey even if they do not make sense! She pointed out that we are to obey those whom God placed in authority over us (Romans 13:1-2).

In the family, husbands are called to love their wives as Christ loves the church; wives are to submit to their husbands and children are to obey their parents (Ephesians 5:22, 25, 6:1). In the nation, we are called to follow the laws and regulations of the country (1 Peter 2:13-14). We are also called to submit to our spiritual leaders as they have the responsibility to watch over our souls (Hebrews 13:17).

She concluded by acknowledging that while human wisdom makes sense, obedience to God above human wisdom is what will give us the victory in life. When we choose obedience and not understanding, we will have the victory because God rewards obedience.

The people responded to God's Word that was so simply and clearly delivered when the altar calls were given at the various Church locations.

> The Carpenter's Workshop (CW) Choirs presented lively renditions of "Standing On the Promises" at all Church locations

At Damansara Heights

At Ampang







Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam (left) was among the 1,073 mothers who received gifts from the Church at the Mother's Day Services at the various Church

Seven babies dedicated to the Lord

Left to right: Chin Chuin & Jonathan Yip with baby, Philip Yip Jia Zhen; Yvonne & Benny Lim with baby, Keith Lim Hsu Jien; Pearly & Kevin Paul with baby, Andrea Naomi Paul; Magret & Selvandaran Rathakrishnan with baby Alexander Matthias A/L Selvandaran; Jana & Suresh Ponnudurai with baby, Hannah Priya Ponnudurai; Christina & Paramarguru Thevan with baby, Joanna Lily Anne Thevan; Kristein & Ng Koon Poh with baby, Samuel Ng Kah Chai.



On Mother's Day, 13 May 2007, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam dedicated seven babies to the Lord at the 10.30am Worship Service at Damansara Heights.

He then prayed for the parents that they will bring up their children in the nurture and the ways of the Lord. Λ



Philip Yip Jia Zhen



Keith Lim Hsu Jien



Andrea Naomi Paul



Alexander Matthias A/L Selvandaran





Joanna Lily Anne Thevan



Samuel Ng Kah Chai

Mothers feted at dinner

A total of 167 people attended the special Missionettes Mother's Day Celebration dinner held on 6 May 2007 at the Bangsar Seafood Garden Restaurant. Besides the girls' parents and some grandparents, the occasion was graced by special guest of honour, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam.



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Tuesday Ladies' Worship Service

"Joyful Mothers" By Audrey Kum

"Joyful Mothers" was the theme of the Tuesday Ladies' Worship Service held on 15 May 2007 at Damansara Heights. The testimonies, the skit and the song, "The Reason We Sing", which was accompanied by a dance, were all presented to honour the Lord and mothers in conjunction with Mother's Day which was on 13 May 2007.

Kamala Sinnadurai, Director of Desa Amal Jireh that provides shelter for poor, orphaned and abandoned children, was the speaker for the occasion. She challenged the mothers to honour, love and care for their own mothers. "No time" is often the excuse given but amazingly, she notes, there are many who can find time to drive great distances just to taste a particular food they have a craving for!

She urged them to express their care and love in practical waystelephone them, use the Short Message Service (SMS) to keep in contact and give them money! And she greatly emphasised that they should look after their elderly mothers, if

neccessary, in their own homes.

She concluded her challenge by reminding the ladies that Jesus is their true satisfaction and joy and they can have His joy by

knowing Him and sitting at His feet. What a simple, yet powerful message.

In response to the message, the ladies took time to pray for their



Presenting "The Reason We Sing"

mothers. Prayer was also offered for every mother present and for their children. 🔥





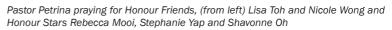
Mums and daughters wearing matching clothes







Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam pinning an award on Honour Rainbow, Nicholas Tan, with Assistant Pastor Karen Seah (far left) and Honour Daisies Jamie Guneratnam, Natalie Seah and Esther Chew looking on



The dance that accompanied "The Reason We Sing"

The event began with a dance presentation by the Friends and Girls Only Clubs entitled "Assuredly Yours" which illustrated the total giving of ourselves to God. Following this, the girls from all the Clubs presented the "The Ten Commandments" to illustrate the characteristics of a godly mother in line with the theme, "Godly Mothers...Precious Jewels." The

presentation comprised several skits and a cute dance by the younger girls. Special thanks to the Sponsors and Music and Creative Arts Department who helped the girls to put their act together.

During the celebration, Honour Awards were also given out to eight girls and a boy who completed their respective Club programmes with honours. The evening concluded with two interactive games, a Bible Quiz and a jigsaw puzzle. It was a lot of fun as the enthusiasm of the girls spurred the adults to join in the excitement. Prizes were given to the winning teams and also to the best dressed and most matching mother and daughter of the evening.





Top: Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam; Below: Kamala Sinnadurai

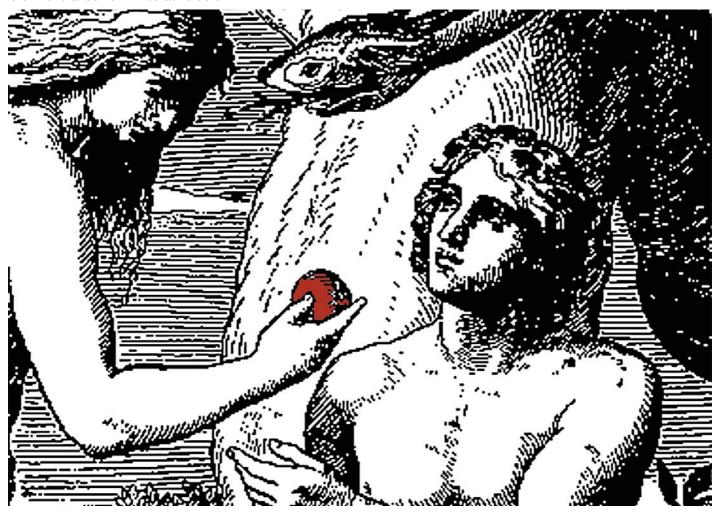
The skit presented by the Chinese congregation





Sumber Kamu Akan Menentukan Haluan Kamu

Oleh Pendita Senior Prince Guneratnam



"Berbahagialah orang yang bertahan dalam pencobaan, sebab apabila ia sudah tahan uji, ia akan menerima mahkota kehidupan yang dijanjikan Allah kepada barangsiapa yang mengasihi Dia. Apabila seorang dicobai, janganlah ia berkata: 'Pencobaan ini datang dari Allah!' Sebab Allah tidak dapat dicobai oleh yang jahat, dan la sendiri tidak mencobai siapapun. Tetapi tiap-tiap orang dicobai oleh keinginannya sendiri, karena ia diseret dan dipikat olehnya. Dan apabila keinginan itu telah dibuahi, ia melahirkan dosa; dan apabila dosa itu sudah matang, ia melahirkan maut. Saudara-saudara yang kukasihi, janganlah sesat! Setiap pemberian yang baik dan setiap anugerah yang sempurna, datangnya dari atas, diturunkan dari Bapa segala terang; pada-Nya tidak ada perubahan atau bayangan karena pertukaran.

Atas kehendak-Nya sendiri la telah menjadikan kita oleh firman kebenaran, supaya kita pada tingkat yang tertentu menjadi anak sulung di antara semua ciptaan-Nya" (Yakobus 1:12-18).

Tuhan membenarkan pencobaan berlaku. Bagaimana kamu respon pada pencobaan-pencobaan bergantung kepada siapakah sumber kamu. Sumber kamulah yang akan menentukan tindakan kamu.

Biarlah saya beri contoh dua orang pelajar, A dan B. Kedua-dua A dan B sedang belajar dan bersedia untuk mengambil peperiksaan. Pelajar A percaya bahawa seseorang patut melakukan yang terbaik mengikut kemampuannya dan percaya kepada Tuhan untuk keputusan peperiksaan itu. Dia tidak terlalu bimbang tentang keputusan peperiksaan itu. Pelajar B pula mempunyai kecenderungan untuk meletakkan nilai dirinya dengan purata markah pencapaiannya. Dia memiliki pemikiran bahawa kerjayanya pada masa depan bergantung pada pencapaian markah-markah yang baik. Suatu malam, apabila mereka berdua

sedang belajar, seorang tetamu datang menemui mereka dengan membawa salinan kertas peperiksaan yang mengandungi jawapan sekali. Keduadua A dan B merupakan umat Kristen. Kedua-duanya pun tahu dan faham bahawa meniru adalah salah. Tetapi, siapakah yang akan ada kesukaran untuk mengatasi pencobaan untuk meniru? Siapakah yang kamu fikir akan jatuh? Jawapannya ialah Pelajar B. Dengan menyamakan nilai diri sendiri dan masa depan yang cerah dengan keputusan peperiksaannya, dia diperangkap oleh kuasa pencobaan dan menyerah kepada pencobaan untuk meniru.

Apa yang kamu tetapkan sebagai sumber kegirangan dan pencapaian kamu akan menentu, mengarah dan membimbing tindakan kamu. Ini menjelaskan kenapa seorang pekerja yang tahu dia sepatutnya menghabiskan lebih masa dengan keluarganya di rumah daripada di pejabat, tidak dapat berubah. Selagi dia mendapati bahawa pekerjaan atau perniagaannya adalah sumber kegirangan dan kepuasannya, dia akan dikuasai olehnya. Sama seperti dengan seorang Kristen bujang yang memandangkan perkahwinan sebagai sumber damai dan kebahagiaan akan berkahwin dengan sesiapa pun,

bahkan dengan orang bukan Kristen, walaupun dia tahu bahawa seorang Kristen tidak harus berpasangan dengan orang bukan Kristen. Prinsip ini juga digunakan pada pencobaanpencobaan terhadap kehidupan yang berdosa seperti melakukan kegiatan maksiat, penzinaan dan godaan untuk memiliki kekayaan dan kemasyhuran. Sekiranya Tuhan bukan sumber harapan, kepuasan dan kepenuhan hidup kamu, kamu akan gagal dalam apa jua godaan yang kamu ingin atasi.

Kebenaran ini dijelaskan baik dalam Alkitab. Perhatikan bagaimana Iblis menggoda Hawa untuk makan buah larangan. Ia berkata bahawa Tuhan tidak perlu menjadi sumbernya dan Hawa sendiri boleh menjadi Tuhan. "Tetapi ular itu berkata kepada perempuan itu: 'Sekali-kali kamu tidak akan mati, tetapi Allah mengetahui, bahwa pada waktu kamu memakannya matamu akan terbuka. dan kamu akan menjadi seperti Allah, tahu tentang yang baik dan yang jahat.' Perempuan itu melihat, bahwa buah pohon itu baik untuk dimakan dan sedap kelihatannya, lagipula pohon itu menarik hati karena memberi pengertian. Lalu ia mengambil dari buahnya dan dimakannya dan diberikannya juga kepada suaminya yang bersama-sama dengan dia, dan suaminyapun memakannya" (Kejadian 3:4-6). Adam dan Hawa telah ditipu oleh Iblis dan mereka terpaksa menanggung akibatnya.

Alkitab juga berkata, "Maka terbukalah mata mereka berdua dan mereka tahu, bahwa mereka telanjang; lalu mereka menyemat daun pohon ara dan membuat cawat....Tetapi TUHAN Allah memanggil manusia itu dan berfirman kepadanya: 'Di manakah engkau?' la menjawab: 'Ketika aku mendengar, bahwa Engkau ada dalam taman ini, aku menjadi takut, karena aku telanjang; sebab itu aku bersembunyi" (Kejadian 3:7, 9-10). Keputusannya boleh dianggap lucu hanya sekiranya padahnya tidak begitu serius. Iblis berkata mereka akan menjadi Tuhan dan arif, namun demikian mereka bersembunyi dan menutupi tubuh mereka dengan daun ara. Alkitab memberitahu kita bahawa Iblis adalah penipu. Dia dengan sedaya upayanya membinasa dan membutakan kamu terhadap kebenaran Tuhan. Jawapan Hawa pada soalan Tuhan mengesahkan apa yang Alkitab katakan mengenai Iblis.

"Kemudian berfirmanlah TUHAN Allah kepada perempuan itu: 'Apakah yang telah kau perbuat ini?' Jawab perempuan itu: 'Ular itu yang memperdayakan aku, maka kumakan'" (Kejadian 3:13).

Sehingga hari ini, manusia masih mencari jaminan hidup. Manusia masih mencari sumber yang boleh memberikan harapan dan masa depan yang cerah. Iblis selalu berbohong dan berkata kita boleh mendapat keselamatan dan harapan tanpa TUHAN. Iblis berkata kehidupan kita akan menjadi sempurna dan selesa jikalau kita mendapat pendidikan yang tinggi, mempunyai pekerjaan yang bagus dan bergaji besar. Perkaraperkara tersebut sebernarnya boleh dikatakan berfaedah tetapi kita diingatkan supaya tidak menggunakan perkara-perkara tersebut sebagai sumber kebahagiaan. Tuhanlah sumber teragung kita yang memenuhi segala keperluan dan menghindarkan kita daripada menjadi sesat dalam hidup!

Janganlah ditipu Iblis. Manusia tidak akan tahu keselamatan selain daripada Tuhan. Manusia perlu bertaubat dan pulang kepada pangkuan Tuhan. Seorang Kristen bagaikan sebuah plag alat elektrik yang dipasangkan ke saluran elektrik. Jikalau suis saluran elektrik tidak dibuka, alat tersebut tidak akan berfungsi. Kita sebagai orang Kristen boleh disambungkan dengan saluran kuasa Tuhan tetapi jika suis kita tidak dibuka, kita tidak dapat berfungsi. Ada ramai orang Kristen yang mempunyai banyak pengalaman dan pengetahuan tentang Tuhan tetapi tidak berkuasa. Jikalau kita tidak bersambung dengan saluran sumber Tuhan di dalam hidup kita dengan doa dan memanggil nama Yesus Kristus, hidup kita tidak akan mengalami kekuatan Tuhan dan kejayaan atas ujian yang kita alami. Biarlah kuasa Tuhan menyentuh minda dan hati kita supaya kebenaran Nya dapat mengubah nilai kita di dalam hidup.

Sehingga hari ini, Iblis masih menipu, dan caranya tidak berubah. Mari kita belajar daripada orang-orang di dalam Alkitab supaya kita boleh mengelak daripada melakukan kesalahan mereka. Salah seorang daripadanya adalah Akhan. Akhan telah jatuh ke dalam godaan hartaharta kemas. Alkitab berkata, "Tetapi orang Israel berubah setia dengan mengambil barang-barang yang dikhususkan itu, karena Akhan bin Karmi bin Zabdi bin Zerah, dari suku

Yehuda, mengambil sesuatu dari barang-barang yang dikhususkan itu. Lalu bangkitlah murka TUHAN terhadap orang Israel. Lalu Akhan menjawab Yosua, katanya: 'Benar, akulah yang berbuat dosa terhadap TUHAN, Allah Israel, sebab beginilah perbuatanku: aku melihat di antara barang-barang jarahan itu jubah yang indah, buatan Sinear, dan dua ratus syikal perak dan sebatang emas yang lima puluh syikal beratnya; aku mengingininya, maka kuambil; semuanya itu disembunyikan di dalam kemahku dalam tanah, dan perak itu di bawah sekali'" (Yosua 7:1, 20-21). Akhan berdosa terhadap Tuhan kerana barang-barang tersebut telah menjadi fokus hidupnya. Oleh kerana itu, Akhan telah hilang kesemuanya termasuk hidupnya.

Saul, yang telah dipilih dan diurapi oleh Roh Kudus, adalah seorang yang luar biasa. Saul menjadi raja pertama Israel. Nabi Samuel telah mengarahkan Saul untuk memusnahkan kesemua yang beliau tawan dalam perang dengan orang Amalek, tetapi Saul mengampuni raja Amalek dan mempamerkan tawanannya. Jikalau Tuhan bukan lagi raja dalam hidup kita dan sumber kebahagiaan kita, kita pasti gagal. Kevakinan Saul ialah dalam dirinya sendiri dan bukanlah dalam Tuhan. Oleh kerana itu, Saul berdosa dan mengingkari Firman Tuhan, Tuhan menolak Saul. Alkitab berkata, "Sebab pendurhakaan adalah sama seperti dosa bertenung dan kedegilan adalah sama seperti menyembah berhala dan terafim. Karena engkau telah menolak firman TUHAN, maka la telah menolak engkau sebagai raja" (1 Samuel 15:23).

Yakni, apakah atau siapakah sumber keselamatan, kebahagiaan dan kepuasan hidup kamu? Sumber itu akan menetapkan arah hidup kamu dan bagaimana kamu akan hidup. Paulus berkata, "Karena itu, perhatikanlah dengan saksama, bagaimana kamu hidup, janganlah seperti orang bebal, tetapi seperti orang arif, dan pergunakanlah waktu yang ada, karena hari-hari ini adalah jahat. Sebab itu janganlah kamu bodoh, tetapi usahakanlah supaya kamu mengerti kehendak Tuhan" (Efesus 5:15-17).

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Life Group (LG) Ministry

God uses ordinary people!

God uses ordinary people. He looks for those who have a willing heart. The following are brief testimonies of five individuals who have made themselves available to serve as Life Group (LG) Leaders since 2006. Be encouraged by their testimonies of growth and fulfilment as they serve as LG Leaders.



N. P. Rani (seated second from left) Ang Joo Teck (fourth from left)

Steven Sivam (far left carrying his son)

Charis Chua.

Damansara Perdana

When we were approached to serve the LG, my husband and I were initially hesitant. However. after much prayer, we agreed and started hosting and leading the LG in 2006. Now, after a year, we have experienced more blessings! Our personal concern about making adjustments is no longer an issue.

Our LG members are helpful and committed in bringing guests to the LG. Several of our members' loved ones were saved recently. Many of our prayers were answered and our members eagerly testify of God's goodness every time we meet. When we put God first, "all things will work out for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose."

Felisa Foo.

Taman Seputeh

It has been a tremendous joy for me to see how God is transforming the East Malaysian nursing students whom I am currently nurturing.

However, not only are they being changed, I find myself being challenged and convicted in my own personal life. There was an instance where a LG member shared how she withheld her tithes for her own personal use only to discover later that her money was stolen. At that moment, God convicted my heart on the slackness in my giving and reminded me that I can never outgive God.

Ang Joo Teck,

Salak South

By preparing the LG lessons, I have gained more insight and have become more disciplined in studying His Word. During the LG meetings, teaching the lesson has reinforced the reality of the Word of God in my own life and helped me gain more confidence to share the Gospel.

I am blessed with the opportunity to pray with our LG members. We walk the spiritual journey together. We become closer and gain deeper understanding and trust towards each other.

N. P. Rani,

Damansara Heights

I experience great joy when I express my faith and study God's Word together with the LG members. There is also joy when the transforming power of Jesus Christ is evidently seen in the members' lives.

Finally, it is thrilling to see my LG members have developed a greater fervency to reach the lost.

Steven Sivam,

Taman Cheras

When I offered myself to serve God, I found my life has changed and there is even a greater desire to serve Him.

The lessons we shared have enriched our faith. God, in many instances, has used the members to be a blessing to me and my family! I have also found much favour with my management and corporate customers. I believe that is a direct result of my obedience to the Lord in the LG ministry!

If you desire to be a blessing and to serve the Lord
like the above individuals, you can!
Call the Pastoral Care Department at 03-7728 6000 ext 307.
We will be more than happy to help you!

Calvary men pray at CCC site By Pascal Lum

As early as 7am on 7 April 2007, the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) site was busy not only with the workers gathering to continue ground work. The Men's Life Groups were up at this early hour in response to a call for a Prayer Walk at the CCC site.

It is indeed exciting times for Calvary Church. The 30 Calvary men worshipping the Lord at the CCC site was an encouraging sight and a witness to the construction workers there. A sense of excitement stirred within us as Associate Pastor Raymond Yong and Lyndon D'Oliveiro, Chairperson of the

CCC Prayer Committee, guided the men through a "prayer visualisation" with artist impressions of the various facilities of the finished building. This helped us to take ownership of this marvellous vision with anticipation of the upcoming challenges that God has in store for us.

We concluded the session with thanksgiving and prayer for the men who were born in the month of April. The celebration continued with a cakecutting and breakfast fellowship at a nearby "dim sum" restaurant!





Carpenter's Workshop (CW)

Teachers yield to the Holy Spirit By Quek Lee Siu



Two months of preparation recently culminated in a Teachers Refresher Course for Calvary Nursery Care (CNC) and Carpenter's Workshop (CW) teachers that was held in two separate Saturday afternoon sessions, on 21 April and 5 May 2007.

The Teachers Refresher Course was organised to minister to the needs of our dedicated teachers as well as to create a fresh new passion and desire within the hearts of the teachers as they continue to serve God by leading our kids into a growing relationship with God.

The half-day sessions began with a warm word of welcome and a brief time of worship. Associate Pastor Steven Kum got the ball rolling with a session entitled, "The Holy Spirit and Me-Our Pentecostal Heritage." He

reminded us of the essential role that the Holy Spirit plays in our class preparation and teaching, likening Him to our Headmaster.

Associate Pastor Christopher Lee continued by sharing on the history of the Children's Ministry in Calvary. He elaborated on the CNC and CW ministry goal and vision. He also challenged us with the 5P concept-Plan, Prepare, Progress, Pray and Please God.

For our final session of the course, Mikel Liow taught us skills related to the writing and evaluating of lesson plans.

During a group discussion, the participants came up with a variety of creative ideas to do so. 1

If you would like to be a part of the Children's Ministry team and would like to sow into the spiritual life of children, call the Children's Ministry Office at Damansara Perdana at 03-7728 6000 and ask to speak to Quek Lee Siu, or email us at cw@calvary.org.my

The Lord, our joy! By Audrey Kum

The Hawaiian word, "Aloha" will bring back fond memories for many who attended the Calvary Church Family Camp 2007 held at Swiss Garden Damai Laut Resort, Lumut, Perak, from 4 to 7 June. Over 600 campers were richly blessed by the Lord through the preaching of His Word, through worship and fellowship among the family of God.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam began the sessions with the message that God has a purpose for each of us as individuals. We are to live in the present by faith and not by sight. He warned us that when we want to do God's will, Satan will fight us and he does not play by the rules. He also uses people within the family or Church to work against us as in the case of the people of Judah and Samson (Judges 15:11-14) but we can be more than conquerors when we focus on Jesus who has sent us His Holy Spirit to live a victorious life.

At the subsequent sessions, Dr James Marocco, Senior Pastor of King's Cathedral & Chapels, Hawaii, also shared many great truths that spoke to our hearts. One of the enemy's weapons to rob us of our joy is to make us take offence. Dr Marocco taught us that we can choose not to be offended. When we pass the test of offence like the Gentile woman in Matthew 15, a miracle is waiting around the corner for us!

We also learnt that because Jesus

has gone to the Father, we who believe in Him will do the works that He had done on earth and even greater works! We can flow in the miraculous. To do so, we must have faith in Jesus, pray in Jesus' Name. be holy, obedient and hunger for the Holy Spirit and the things of God.

Dr Marocco explained the Old and New Testament significance of the laying of hands. God wants to impart His goodness to others through us by the laying of hands but we need to be clean vessels fit for His power to flow through.

Jesus has given us the authority to "bind" demons and "loose" their victims. We do this by proclaiming the powerful Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation, through praising Jesus and by standing on God's promises. Again our lives must be pure and prayer is essential.

At the Morning Workshops, Dr Marocco taught us that faithfulness and loyalty are two character traits of a person who will succeed in life. When we are faithful and loyal, God gives us

promises which He will honour. He will fight for us, answer our prayers in extraordinary ways, elevate us and move us forward to fulfil our destiny as He did for Joshua (Joshua 10:1-14).

The Workshop on management of relationships was a great help especially to the married campers. Wives were encouraged to be submissive to their husbands, spend more time developing inward beauty and to do what is right without fear. Meanwhile, husbands were exhorted to be considerate to their wives (or to live with knowledge), treating them with respect and to pray with them.

Dr Marocco's final message at the resort was on forgiveness which is essential for us to move on in our lives and for reconciliation with God and with others.

There was a powerful move of the Holy Spirit at all the sessions at Camp and many responded and received God's touch, healing and blessings. We thank God that the same Holy Spirit will move in and through us wherever we are as long as we allow Him to!



Chinese Camp The Lord, our joy!

By Lim Chune Sin



Senior Pastor Prince
Guneratnam's message



Chua Ken Tee (left) interpreting Rev Stephen Ong



This year the Chinese Family Camp was well attended by more than 70 worshippers from the Chinese-speaking congregation and their loved ones. Many were refreshed and renewed physically and spiritually in their faith by the simple yet powerful messages.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam shared on the life of Samson and how we can have spiritual strength. If we want to be strong, we must have a miracle birth, be set apart for God and be filled with the Holy Spirit. He inspired us to seek to live a victorious lifestyle and continue to experience strength, peace and joy in the Lord.

Rev. Stephen Ong, from First Assembly of God Church, shared on the importance of developing an attitude and personality to receive the joy of God and how to continue to have that joy in our lives everyday. God wants to use us and build us up so that we can serve the Lord with joy and share with others the abundant life and joy that He has imparted to us. He also exhorted everyone to never stop learning and be faithful in our personal devotions, always putting our faith into practice and be a blessing to others.

Associate Pastor Timothy Ong

encouraged us to focus on God and to be always joyful in our daily life. When our hope is anchored upon God, we can experience His blessings and faithfulness in our lives.

Many campers responded and sought the Lord at the altar after each session. Praise the Lord for the three who received salvation. We had good times of fellowship over meals and recreational times.

Kids Camp

Kids dive deeper with God By Christopher Ling

A total of 169 enthusiastic kids ranging from toddlers in nursery care to 13 year-old pre-teens went on a journey that took them on a Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure (or SCUBA for short). Each day, the kids plunged with boundless energy into the packed schedule of engaging activities, responding with refreshing openness to the devotions shared. The Speaker, Masako Selvaratnam from Kanazawa Christ Church in Yokohama, Japan, helped the kids to dive deeper into five Bible points: Believe in God, Obey God, Love God, Trust God and Share God's Love. The kids responded at the altar after each session.

Praise God for 19 kids who accepted Christ and rededicated their lives to Him and the 15 kids who experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Thanks also to the tireless efforts of our SCUBA Staff comprising adult and youth Station Helpers, Carpenter's Workshop teachers and Crew Leaders, the seven sessions were filled with much excitement and joy.

Listening to Jonah's story in the "belly of the big fish"!



Guest speaker Masako Selvaratnam (left) playing the role of a Marine Life Specialist





The kids presenting a lively song to the adults on the final day of Camp





Water Baptism

Seventeen baptised in water!



(From left) Front Row: Katrina Neo, Loo Choy Mooi, Chong Cheah Kim, Jessie Tee, Shannon Chong, Hong Yuen Chun, Jessie Wong, Joanne Lee, Looi Yit Foong Back Row: Vivian Tan, Jeannie Low, Glennise Wong, Heng Jun Kit, Timothy Chong, Jeffrey Lau, Mark Lee Not in Picture: Sarah Tay

Praise the Lord for the 17 individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 22 April 2007!

By their obedience, they declared their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, Lord and Master.

Royal Rangers

Rangers recognised! By Jim Guneratnam



The Royal Rangers marked the start of their new year with a Graduation and Awards Ceremony held on Sunday, 1 April 2007.

With many of the Rangers being promoted to the next age group, we especially recognised the 14 Rangers who had earned the Outpost Ranger of The Year (ROTY) 2006 award through their participation in the programme last year. Three Rangers also received national recognition for their achievements. Expedition Ranger Samuel Ngeow and Adventure Ranger Leanne Tan earned the Bronze Medal of Achievement and Cheryl Ang earned the Silver Medal of Achievement.

We praise God for what He is doing in the lives of the Rangers. 🛝

Living It

Communion

The Lord's Supper, or

By Ken Horn

Communion, is the second of the two ordinances, or special observances, commanded by the Scriptures. Jesus initiated this ordinance with His disciples (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19,20). The name "Communion"

comes from 1 Corinthians 10:16: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" (NKJV).

"The Lord's Supper, consisting of the elements-bread and the fruit of the vineis the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:4), a memorial of His suffering and death (1 Corinthians 11:26), and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Corinthians 11:26), and is enjoined on all believers 'till He come!' "1

1 Corinthians 11:23-30 is the key passage.

Communion is not a transformation of the bread and cup into the actual body and blood of Christ. The words "This is My body" (v. 24) are symbolic; Jesus was clearly there in His physical body. It is a metaphor, in the same way Jesus said, "I am the door" (John 10:7,9).

Neither is it a magical conveyance of grace to whoever takes it, as some think. It is a solemn memorial. And it carries a warning: "Whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" (v. 27).

We are told to examine ourselves before partaking (v. 28). Neither an unbeliever nor a believer with unconfessed sin should partake. "For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body" (v 29). There can be serious consequences to taking the Lord's Supper unworthily (v. 30).

Instead, sincerely confess all sin before each Communion. You then stand worthy, through Christ.

¹ From the Assemblies of God Statement of Fundamental Truths.

Based on one of 16 foundational truths of the Assemblies of God.

> Today's Pentecostal Evangel, March 12 2006

The Church is challenged to leap in faith!

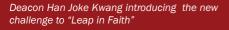
Rev. Dr. Robert Lim

By Gan Kim Khoon

Sunday, 20 May 2007, was a significant day for us. At the Worship Services at all Church locations, we were challenged to take a "Leap in Faith" in our giving towards the building of the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) that is above and beyond our previous

"Bite Size" commitment.





Before introducing the speaker, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam gave us some helpful reminders as to how we should give. Firstly, we are not to base our giving on what others give (Romans 14:12). Secondly, we must not compare ourselves with others (2 Corinthians 10:12) and finally, we are to give with a willing heart because God loves a cheerful giver (Exodus 35:5; 2 Corinthians 9:7).

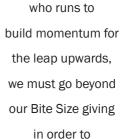
Rev. Dr Robert Lim, Founding Pastor of Evangel Family Church in Singapore, drew his message from the real-life experiences of the "heroes of faith" found in Hebrews 11. These "heroes of faith" were worshippers of God and were blessings to men. They were courageous explorers and builders who shaped their times and influenced their generation. They were initiators who were flexible, hopeful for the future and full of surprises. They were people who rose to the challenge and even when they made mistakes and failed, they would try again and

were not trapped by their fears and limitations. And lastly, they were real.

In contrast, Dr Robert noted, Christians of the 21st century have an abundance of resources yet many are fearful and timid. They tend to be reactors, inflexible and predictable. And many feel trapped or limited by their fears and are thus cautious, conservative and careful.

Dr Robert is convinced that the "heroes of faith" did not possess a holiness that prompted God to favour them more than the Christians today. So why are they noted for their faith? The answer lies in the way they inwardly perceived God.

According to Dr Robert, they viewed God as having chosen them. They viewed God as having given promises to them and they viewed Him as having the power and resources to do what He promised. Abraham took his family to Canaan. Moses led the Israelites on a long and treacherous journey to the Promised Land. It was the way they viewed God that made the difference and that empowered them to take the "leap in faith" to



The new challenge,

"A Leap in Faith" calls for greater

action and sacrifice.

Like the pole vaulter

soar above the bar of possibilities...as the Lord would lead us.

accomplish what God had called them to do.

Dr Robert shared his own experiences of giving to God, not only through giving God his life in service via his ministry in Singapore and abroad, but also through the giving of his life savings and much more. His powerful testimony of giving and church-planting in the Philippines and how God had marvellously provided for the resources to do His work inspired many in the congregation. He also shared how God blessed young businessmen in his congregation with increased sales revenue after they gave in faith.

Finally, in challenging the Church to take a leap in faith in giving towards the building of the CCC, Dr Robert put it to the Church that essentially, how we respond hinges on the image that we have of God. If our image of God is one that He is able, then He will surely multiply our faith to do more and to give more. Nothing is too big for our God.

What is our perception of our God?

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam leading in prayer for everyone who pledged to "leap in faith" in their giving towards the building of the Calvary Convention Centre

Damansara Heights

Teacher Jeannie Low leading in prayer for the Carpenter's Workshop (CW) children aged ten to 13 years who made pledges





CW kids aged seven to nine making pledges

The congregation at the 10.30am Worship Service praying that God would enable them as they take the "leap in faith"



Teacher Jennifer Yap helping the children as they fill the pledge cards

Praying in faith





Associate Pastor Steven Kum leading in prayer



CW Kids aged seven to 13 with their pledge cards





Ampang Associate Pastor

in prayer

Richard Yun leading



Cheras

Associate Pastor Peter Ong leading in prayer

CW Kids aged seven to 13 with their pledge cards and the informative booklet introducing the new challenge, "A Leap in Faith"

Sunday Services

Suriday Services				
	Damansara Heights (DH) 8am •10.30am	Ampang/DH 10.30am/5pm	Cheras _{9am}	Damansara Perdana 10.30am
	Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion
1	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Richard Yun/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
8	Rev. Mark Anderson	Rev. Mark Anderson	Rev. Mark Anderson	Rev. Mark Anderson
15	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
22	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
29	Assistant Pastor David Seah JULY	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
	Communion	Communion	Communion	Communion
5	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Assistant Pastor David Seah/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
12	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Water Baptism Associate Pastor Peter Ong/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
19	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Assistant Pastor	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

David Seah

Dr Bernard Blessing



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AUGUST



Friday, 6 July 2007 | Damansara Heights | 7.30pm

Dr Bernard Blessing



Rev. Mark Anderson is a cuttingedge leader in world missions. He will bless you so that you can be a greater blessing! Multitudes have come to Christ through the worldwide evangelistic campaigns he organises yearly under Youth With A Mission (YWAM). He has pastored and planted churches in different nations and is the president of the Global Pastors' Network, a worldwide evangelism initiative.

Dr Bernard Blessing

Catch two powerful video testimonies on "Blessed to be a Blessing":
Pastor Stephen Tah in Gemas and
Pastor Roy Selvaratnam in Yokohama, Japan.

Children's missions programme runs concurrently.

July

Chinese Fellowship

Sunday

5_{pm}

Chinese Fellowship

August

Sunday 5_{pm}

29 Speaker: Rev. Sharon Lye Venue: Bethel Hall

Speaker: Rev. Daniel Choo 26

Venue: Bethel Hall Bring your Chinese-speaking family and friends.

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Christ's Ambassadors

Saturday

2.30pm

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Theme: Getting the Message Across

7 Youth Missions Emphasis

Crossing the Culture A Day of Good News

Youth Celebration

Theme: Life Rules

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Accept

Serve

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Youth Celebration 25

College Students' Ministry

Saturday 2.30pm

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Sunday

2.30pm

12.30pm

Theme: Worldviews

7 Youth Missions Emphasis

14 What Shapes Your Worldview?

21 Developing a Christian Worldview

28 **Youth Celebration**

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

Theme: Worldviews

Clash of Cultures

11 Clash of Mindsets

18 Clash of Values

25 **Youth Celebration**

Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

Sunday

12.30pm

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Speaker: Assistant Pastor David Seah

Venue: Bethel Hall

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Venue: Bethel Hall

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

Water Baptism/Membership Class

Saturday | 11 August 2007 | 1.45pm

Water Baptism Service

Sunday | 12 August 2007 | 5pm

Closing Date for submission of forms:

Sunday | 24 June 2007

12-18 August 2007

Prayer Emphasis Week

Exalt the Lord Psalm 34:3-4

Saturday, 7 July 2007 | Damansara Heights | 3pm

Youth Missions

Rev. Anderson understands your desires and dreams to make an impact for Jesus. He has worked with youths through YWAM for the last 15 years. Get activated to achieve your God-given potential.



Sunday, 8 July 2007

Faith Promise Sunday

"Abraham never wavered in believing God's promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God." ROMANS 4:20 (NLT)

Damansara Heights | 8am, 10.30am, 5pm

Cheras | 9am

Damansara Perdana | 10.30am

Ampang | 10.30am

Speaker | Rev. Mark Anderson

From front page

Let me illustrate this with two students. A and B. Both A and B are studying for an examination. Student A believes that a person should do his best and trust God with the outcome. He is not overly concerned about his grades. Student B, however, has a tendency to equate his worth with his grade point average. He believes that his career prospects depend on his getting good grades. One night, while they were both studying, they both received a visitor who somehow managed to get a copy of the examination questions and answers. Both A and B are believers. Both know and understand that cheating is wrong. Who will have the most difficult time overcoming the temptation to cheat? Who do you think will fall? The answer is student B. By attaching his sense of self-worth and his security to his examination results, he sets himself up to be controlled by it and to yield to the temptation to cheat.

Whatever you set as your source of joy and fulfilment will determine, direct and guide your course of action. This explains why a working man who knows he should spend more time with his family at home than at work, just cannot change. As long as he feels that his work or business is his source of joy and satisfaction, he will be controlled by it. Likewise, an unmarried Christian who looks at marriage as the source of peace and happiness is likely to marry anyone, even an unbeliever, although he or she knows a Christian should not be unequally yoked. This principle also applies to temptations to live sinful lifestyles of fornication and adultery and to be rich and famous. If God is not the source of hope, satisfaction and fulfilment in your life, you will fail in whatever area of temptation that you desire to overcome.

This truth is well illustrated in the Bible. Note how Satan tempted Eve to eat the forbidden fruit. He was saying that God need not be her source. She was capable of being God herself. The Bible says, "Then the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate" (Genesis 3:4-6). Adam and Eve were deceived by Satan and they had to face the consequences.



Your Source Will Determine Your Course

The Bible continues to say, "Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings....Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, 'Where are you?' So he said, 'I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself" (Genesis 3:7, 9-10). The outcome would be comical if the consequence was not so serious. Satan said that they will be like God and become wise and yet they were hiding and covering themselves with fig leaves! The Bible tells us that Satan is a liar. He is out to destroy and rob you of the things of God. Eve's response to God's question confirms what the Bible says about Satan. "And the LORD God said to the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent deceived me, and I ate" (Genesis 3:13).

The search for security is still going on today. People are searching for the source that gives them hope and a good future. Satan says you can have it without God. He says that if you get a good education, a good job and earn good money, you will be happy. These things are not bad in themselves but if you make them your source of happiness, they will determine your course. If your source is the wrong source, you will walk the wrong way. However, if God becomes the source of all you need, it will be difficult for you to go off course!

Do not be deceived by Satan. Man will never know real security apart from God. His need is to get back to God. A Christian who fails when tempted is like an electrical appliance that is plugged into the socket of a power supply. You can be plugged in but if you have not turned on the switch, there will be no power. Some Christians have tremendous knowledge about God but they are living a life that is absolutely powerless. Unless you are plugged in with the switch turned on, daily depending, confessing and calling on

Jesus, you will not experience the power to live successfully and to overcome temptations. Let the truth of God touch not only your head but your heart so that the truth will change your values in life.

Today, Satan is still in the business of deceiving people. Let us learn from some of the biblical characters who were deceived so that we can avoid their mistakes. Achan was tempted by the treasures and spoils of war. The Bible says, "But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the LORD burned against the children of Israel....And Achan answered Joshua and said, 'Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done: When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it'" (Joshua 7:1, 20-21). Achan sinned against God because possessions became his source of satisfaction. As a result, he lost everything he had including his life.

Saul, chosen and anointed by the Holy Spirit, was an outstanding man. He was the first king of Israel. The prophet Samuel told him to destroy everything he captured in a battle against the Amalekites but he spared the king and probably enjoyed showing off his captive. When God is no longer the king of your life and the source of your joy and fulfilment, you are on the road to defeat. Saul's security was not in God but in his fame. Because he rejected and disobeyed God, God rejected him. The Bible says, "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king" (1 Samuel 15:23).

Who is the source of security, joy, fulfilment and satisfaction in your life? Your source will determine the course you take and how you live your life. Paul says, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Ephesians 5:15-17).

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Bible.

Faith Promise activates belief in God

Be encouraged by the following letter to Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam!

16 November 2006

Dear beloved Senior Pastor.

I am so grateful to Calvary Church for Faith Promise. Why? Because my involvement and commitment to Faith Promise activates my belief in God and creates opportunities for me to personally experience God, His faithfulness, His greatness and His continual love for me and my family. It assures me that I can never outgive God. It provides blessings upon blessings.

In 2005, on Faith Promise Sunday, I came with a great burden. I have not only failed to fulfill the pledges for a couple of years but my family's financial commitments were escalating and hard to sustain. Thus, out of frustration I determined strongly in my mind and heart NOT to pledge. However, God is God and you are indeed a great shepherd of God. At the beginning of the Service, you highlighted that there were some people who came with great burden and pressure. Wow! It described exactly what I was going through. I knew God was speaking specifically to me and to some others. You ascertained that Faith Promise is NOT to burden or pressure us and then you encouraged us to release the faith in us to God. You further motivated us via a powerful Scripture that God wants to and will surely meet every need or affliction.

Immediately I repented and allowed God to speak further through Rev. David Grant. He said that Faith Promise Sunday is the day of miracles/opportunities for what God can do in my life. God has chosen me specially to join hands with Him in God's business. A JOINT-VENTURE with God and me!! What a privilege. I am no risk taker and am thrilled to know that there is nothing to worry in this business as my partner is no other that God Himself. Rev. Grant also said that the harvest which is ripe is OURS because we are not the hired workers but the children of God Himself. This harvest of ours is entrusted by Jesus to us. I was not the same again. His words impacted my life and the Holy Spirit began to challenge me to BELIEVE GOD in making a Faith Promise.

So what must I do? The Holy Spirit revealed to me my previous failure. I only gave my Faith Promise after I had settled my tithes, car and housing instalments, credit card payment, utilities, etc. More than often I had nothing left to give for Faith Promise. "So, is this called faith giving or self giving?" the Holy Spirit questioned me. No wonder I was not able to fulfil my promises as I did not even exercise my faith in giving to God first and allow Him to work miraculously. I was eager to settle and meet my own needs with my own strength. I failed to depend on God. I underestimated His power, His love and care towards me. "Have faith and arise from your situation," the Holy Spirit convicted me.

From that Sunday, on 9 January 2005, I determined with all my heart and soul to trust and obey God. Thus, every month after getting my salary, I would issue cheques for tithes and Faith Promise before any other payment. Guess what? I could not even believe it myself! Just after two months giving my Faith Promise, for the first time after 15 years, I was given the opportunity to travel together with my husband on a work cum holiday trip to Europe for two weeks. Expenses were all borne by my husband's employer. I only paid for my air tickets. Not only did we save substantially on food, hotel accommodations and tours, we had the opportunity to spend time together and it was the best time we ever had. When God gives, He only gives the best.

The minute my mind, spirit and soul believed totally in God and physically acted on it, His blessings poured in even before I completed my promises. What a great and amazing God we serve. I received branded clothes and bags worth more than RM 4,000. My husband obtained a four-figure salary increment (highest throughout his working life). My dearest and beloved mother received Christ before she was called home to be with the Lord. My dear mother-in-law was saved recently. My two children who sat for PMR and UPSR respectively, received excellent results. My relationship with my husband is going stronger and better. We are grateful to Calvary Life Ministries (CLM) and to Pam Guneratnam especially, as we sought their counsel in 2000. To many married couples, courtship years are the best. As for my husband and me, these last couple of years since year 2002 (after receiving counsel) were the best years of our marriage. We have never have been so united and loving. I have received many more spiritual, relationship and career blessings.

In short, if we live a life of faith, obedience and love unto God, God will not just bless us financially but in all areas of our life. Currently, even though my husband is going through a very challenging/tough time at his work place, nothing will stop me from giving faithfully unto God in Faith Promise.

With lots of joy, appreciation and prayers, Faith Tay



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