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school of christian growth open sessions

DIVINE STRATEGIES: LIVING TO FULFIL GOD'S DIVINE PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE

By Carol Weller

he Church held School of Christian Growth Open Sessions on three consecutive Friday evenings beginning from 25 July 2008. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam taught us divine strategies to handle the turbulences, testing and temptations that we face in these challenging days.

Session 1: Burn Your Boats

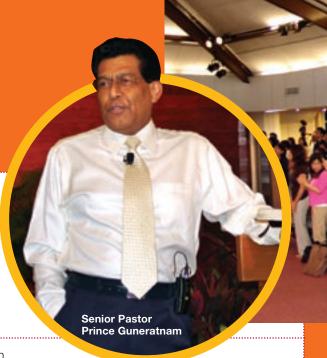
Senior Pastor began his teaching from Matthew 4:18-22, a passage about the call of two pairs of brothers, "busy people at their careers" who left their nets immediately when He called them. God has a plan and purpose for all who believe in Him. God's call does not have to match where we are spiritually. Jesus understands our shortcomings as He did Simon Peter's. We are all "marred when we come to the potter's hands" (Jeremiah 18:3-4). Senior Pastor encouraged us to let the Potter make us into vessels fit for His use.

Senior Pastor said, "You will not automatically love and accept the call of God". There is a constant struggle between the old self, "Simon" and the new, "Peter", in us. In our weakness, we often regress to past familiarity like Peter seeking comfort in his former occupation as a fisherman. So often we are not in positions God desires us to be in because of self- satisfaction or defeat by adversities. We were encouraged by what Jesus told Peter. Satan had asked to sift him like wheat but Jesus is ever praying for us like He prayed for Peter, that our faith will not fail (Luke 22:31-34).

In order to come into the fullness of our destiny, we must "burn our boats" so that we cannot return to them. Moses' boat was Egypt. Abraham's was Lot and Samson's was his relationship with Delilah. Senior Pastor challenged us to ask ourselves what our "boats" are. With Christ, indeed we do not need a 'back-up'. He is our complete security. Faith in Him is the currency for all that we need. God will protect you when you do His will.

Session 2: The Yoke Will Be Destroyed

Senior Pastor said that we, the called, would face adversities but God has faith in us and will protect us when we walk in obedience. He expounded on Isaiah 10:24-27, saying that we are not to despise difficult times as they are designed to bring



the church to "a different level."

Do not be afraid of the "Assyrians who beat you with a rod."

We were encouraged to hear that nothing happens to a child of God without His permission. Being tested shows us that we are being transformed for good. From Job 1:8-12, we learn that evil forces are permitted to test our faith. In another illustration, Senior Pastor pointed out that the Israelites had become comfortable in Egypt till they were turned into slaves. Their affliction turned their focus once again towards the Promised Land. Hebrews 12:6-8 says that sonship is proven by correction from God.

The enemy puts a yoke of bondage on us limiting our freedom but God destroys the yoke with His anointing oil. If a yoke is merely broken, it may mean the possibility of it being 'mended' by the devil. Living under the anointing destroys the yoke permanently. If Jesus needed anointing, how much more we need it too in order that we be effective to do the will of the Lord.

Session 3: Die to Live

The text for the final session was from Matthew 10:34-39: "Do not think I come to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword." Love for God should take priority over everything else. There will naturally be conflict when we choose to follow God.

We are exhorted to take up the cross for His sake. The cross is "an instrument of death." Senior Pastor clarified that in Scripture, death is not annihilation. It is a portal or door to an enhanced life. Death to self then causes us to come into everything that God has for us. Psalms 116:15 says, "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."

Matthew 8:18-22 tells us of two individuals, a scribe and a disciple, who approached Jesus and expressed a desire to follow him. Jesus addressed the issue of their attachment to fleshly comforts and family responsibilities and said, "Let the dead bury their own dead". Clinging on to things deprive us of spiritual power. Senior Pastor concluded by giving us four areas in which we are to die in order that we live. We are to die to sin, to our wills, to self and to self glory.

We were greatly challenged and blessed by these three sessions. lacktriangle



(Colossians 3:17, 23). A woman would be happy to submit to a husband who loves her as Christ loves the Church.

Parents and children

The priority of a Christian parent is to train their children in the Lord (Proverbs 22:6). Training is a repeated action and soon becomes a way of life. Children will not forget what they have been taught and practised over and over again. They may stray for awhile but the promise of God is that they will return.

Three kinds of love, *agape* – unconditional love, *phileo* – brotherly love and *eros* – sexual love must be functional within a strong marriage. For a strong parent-child relationship, *agape* and *phileo* love must be practised.

We benefited from these sessions with Sister Petrina who interspersed her lessons with interesting life illustrations and practical tips that helped us to apply the Godly principles that were expounded. •

BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES

By Carol Weller

n another School of Christian Growth Open Session held on two consecutive Friday evenings, 19 and 26 September 2008, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam gave us rich lessons on building strong families. Over the two sessions, Sister Petrina covered the following aspects:

Fundamental Principles in Home Life

It is important that families spend quality time together as most problems begin in the home. Marriage is the first institution ordained by God before sin entered the world and as such it is imperative that we follow God's blueprint for strong families found in Colossians 3:18-21. We are to know our **position** as written in Colossians 3:1 that we are "risen with Christ"; our **pursuit** – to "seek those things above" (Colossians 3:2-3); and our **prospect** – to "appear with Him in glory" (Colossians 3:4).

A strong Christian family is dependent on a strong Christian. Psalm 101:1-2 says, "I will try to walk a blameless path, but how I need Your help, especially in my own home where I long to act as I should (paraphrased)." What this means is that as each spouse anchors him or herself on the solidity of his or her relationship with Christ, they are more capable of being loving and acting righteously to each other and their children.

Wisdom for Wives, Help for Husbands

Christians should function within our God-given roles in the family. The husband, the head of the family, has a directive role. The wife, however, is to submit to him in a supportive role. Children in turn are to obey their parents. They play a learning role to parents who have the responsibility to teach by lifestyle.

Eve wrongly assumed the directive role in Genesis 3. It was then that the "first blame game" ensued. The true way in a marriage is that each partner recognise that they are individually accountable to God and should "look into the Word, excel in their respective roles of wife, husband, mother and father." Submission should be "as is fitting in the Lord"







PRAY BELIEVING... PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS

By Associate Pastor Timothy Ong







"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer." \sim 1 Peter 3:12

rom 17-23 August 2008, the Church gathered to pray together: in their community through the Life Groups, at Wednesday Morning Watch for those who wanted to begin the day fresh in the presence of the Lord before embarking on the day's activities and finally at the regular Prayer Meeting which is held every Friday. The children came out with their parents for their own Prayer Meetings that Friday night.

During this Prayer Emphasis Week, the Prayer Meeting was held for the first time at all the Church locations and not just in Damansara Heights. Praise God that some took the opportunity to attend the Prayer Meeting because of this arrangement.

We thank God for the positive feedback that the people who came were blessed. As the Calvarites prayed, believing, pursuing righteousness, God's eyes were indeed on them and He was attentive to their prayers. +





pastoral life groups

LIFE GROUPS IN ACTION!

hat a joy it was to see Life Groups (LG) in action during the Calvary Carnival '08! The opportunity to participate in the Carnival was indeed an experience that brought great excitement and anticipation.

The involvement of potential believers in the Carnival was a double joy! Kiat Beng, a Women's LG leader rejoiced over the efforts of a LG member and her aunt, a potential believer who stayed up late into the night to cook nasi lemak and loh mai fun for the Carnival.

Below are some of the many encouraging testimonies from the LGs:-



AGNES CHUAH (Bandar Utama Home LG)

Our LG sold ice kacang. For most of us, it was our first time preparing ice kacang! We met on various occasions for discussion and planning and even had 'hands on' practice to learn how to 'shave' the ice before the Carnival.

Despite the rain, the team kept serving with a cheerful heart. There was fun and laughter, opportunity to express individual gifting, great cooperation and a

There was a sense of to serve.

One important lesson we learnt was, "it is not about how much we can sell but it is really about being family, doing things together as one body and working towards the goal and the vision of the Church."

wonderful time of bonding. togetherness and a readiness



NANCY ONO

(Ampang International LG)

The International LG comprises members from nine different nations. It was with the thought of presenting our diverse cuisine that brought our LG to participate in the Carnival. Moreover, we wanted to give whatever effort we could to assist in the fulfillment of the Church's vision.

Our stall sold Fijian Lovo packs and an assortment

of food from the African Continent. This being our first ever participation, we certainly have come away with more ideas for the next Church

Indeed we thoroughly enjoyed the company of fellow believers in sharing our diverse cultures, being united in our culinary efforts but more importantly, in our firm belief and trust in our Almighty God.

HOE WEE FANG (Kota Kemuning Home LG)

Since July, my LG members as well as Richard Chew's LG met almost every weekend to work on the concoction that would become our signature drink for the Carnival. The dedication of these members

would make any LG leader proud.

Realising that the location of our Carnival stall was not so "visible", the LG members displayed an even greater spirit of unity, teamwork and creativity. With trays of drinks in hand, the members,

> donning cowboy hats and hanging attractive advertising boards from their necks, went to where the people were. Their joyful countenance was a beautiful sight and a wonderful testimony of their passion for God's work!



Well said! The above blessings can be experienced when one belongs to a LG. The LG ministry provides a wonderful avenue for believers to express their individual gifting, serve together and contribute towards the fulfillment of God's plans for the Church. Join a LG today! For more information, call Pastoral Life Group Ministry at 7728 6000. +



hen teaching His disciples to pray, Jesus said, "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen" (Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father in heaven is a giving God. Giving began with God. The Bible says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

There are many Scriptural accounts to support this fact that God is a giver. Apostle Paul says, "And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). In the Old Testament, one of His names is Jehovah Jireh, the Lord who provides (Genesis 22:14). Luke

records that Jesus fed five thousand, not including women and children, with five loaves and two fish and there were twelve baskets to spare. After His resurrection, Jesus cooked breakfast for His disciples (John 21:12-14)! Jesus also gave to His disciples, power and authority over the enemy (Luke 10:1, 19). Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to all who ask (Luke 11:13). You must believe that God the Father is a giver.

Jesus teaches us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Just as yesterday's provision is not sufficient for today, so you need to pray for your daily needs. You cannot expect to live a victorious Christian life if you only pray on Sunday when you go to church. You need to daily seek God and ask Him to strengthen, guide and provide for you. Ask Him to fill you afresh and anew with the Holy Spirit. Daily devotions are therefore important.

The Bible says, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4). While we need to be strengthened physically, we also need to be strengthened spiritually. When you pray for your daily bread, pray first for your spiritual well being because spiritual blessings have far greater eternal value than material blessings. Your spiritual

man can take care of your physical or natural man while your physical man cannot take care of your spiritual man. If you have fellowship with God, you will become spiritually strong and physically healthy. The spiritual man will help the natural man to be healthy and successful in life. The Bible says, "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

Jesus teaches what should be our priority when we pray. He says, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). Jesus illustrated this in the parable of the rich fool: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those

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things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (Luke 12:16-21). Jesus added, "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:29-34). Therefore, seek first God's kingdom and His

Jesus teaches us true values.
He asks, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and

be blessed.

righteousness first and you will

loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul" (Matthew 16:26)? There is nothing wrong with material things but your priority must be right. Paul says, "So then each of us shall give account of himself to God" (Romans 14:12). He also says, "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above" (Colossians 3:1-2).

Prayer is vital for your spiritual well being. Pray that you will bear the fruit of the Spirit in your life: "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23) and pray for the gifts of the Holy Spirit: "for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues" (1 Corinthians 12:8-10). Our God, who is our father, is the source of our life and spiritual well being. The Bible says, "For in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring " (Acts 17:28). When your life is pleasing to God and your priorities are right, you can pray for everything else: your family and friends, circumstances, the church, the nation and others. The Bible says, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"

(James 5:16).

Let me share some steps you need to know when you pray:

- 1. Start with a right relationship with God. "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you" (John 15:7).
- 2. Ask, seek and knock. The Bible says, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened" (Matthew 7:7-8).
- 3. Give. Jesus says, "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you" (Luke 6:38). Give God your life and your resources. Do not hold back anything. When you give in the name of God, He becomes responsible. The measure you use to give determines the measure you will receive (Matthew 7:2).
- 4. Believe and have faith. Jesus says, "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them" (Mark 11:24). Do not reason with faith. If you reason with faith, you reason yourself out of faith. Faith is supernatural and spiritual. If God promises, He will do it. Do not doubt.
- 5. Persevere in prayer. The Bible says, "Men always ought to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1) and "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Be specific when you pray. Resist the devil and speak faith.

Pray, expecting to receive from Him. +

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.



royal rangers

ANNUAL CAMP 2008

Associate Pastor David Seah

he Royal Rangers Annual Camp was held on 21 - 23 August 2008 at the Sungai Congkak Recreational Forest in Hulu Langat, Selangor. The camp, themed "Reaction", challenged us to respond to situations and events in a way that reflected God.

On the first day, after being split into patrols and a brief orientation, we had activities that were based on teamwork. Working together as a patrol, we were able accomplish difficult tasks. During the Council of Fire that evening, we had Associate Pastor David Seah speak to us on the consequences of our "Reaction". The evening ended with a scrumptious BBQ.

The next day the camp was buzzing with activities; the Discovery Rangers were busy learning camp craft, the Adventure Rangers were packing up their tents and belongings to go on their 10km backpacking trip to Sungai Perdik, and the **Expedition Rangers were** checking their bikes and gear before heading off on our mountain bike ride.

On the third day, we packed up the campsite and headed to the entrance of the park to await the return of the Adventure Rangers from their backpacking trip. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the camp and went home having learnt many lessons. +



One of the patrols presenting their "Yells

Expedition Rangers presenting a skit

missionettes





MISSIONETTES'

By Siera Joy Sivam

n 18 August 2008, a total of 67 Missionettes girls, Sponsors and helpers went for an outing to Broga Camp, located along the Selangor-Negeri Sembilan boundary line in the village of Broga. After devotion, we left Damansara Heights at 8.30am. The girls enjoyed the journey by bus although we reached Broga later than expected because of a slight detour.

The day's activities were full of fun with the challenging Obstacle Course, Low Ropes and Flying Fox. The rain did not stop us from having a great time. Many of the girls were very eager to try out the 60-feet Flying Fox, the highest in

Malaysia. Some were fearful but they took up the challenge anyway. It was just amazing... here we were flying in the sky and all the way down, landing just beside the lake!

We are thankful to the Sponsors for organising this outing. The camp taught us about the importance of leaning on God. Whatever challenges we find ourselves faced with, we can be assured that He is there to guide and protect. With Him, we are able to soar above our challenges! We also learnt about teamwork – helping one another to overcome hurdles and winning together. It was indeed a memorable outing!







nurture and ways of the Lord Jesus Christ. +

enior Pastor Prince Guneratnam dedicated 2 babies to the Lord on 14 September at the 10.30am Worship Service at Damansara Perdana. He then prayed for the parents that they will bring up their children in the



OLIVIA NG KEN LEI

BAPTISED IN WATER!

raise the Lord for the 21 individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 17 August 2008 at the 5pm Worship Service. By their obedience to be baptised in water, they declared their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, Lord and Master.

Left to right, front row: Khoo Chin Kuan, Leonard Wong Kah Leong, Shallin Chan Mei Kei, Sandy Ho Kah Leng, Christine Uma Sungari d/o Thangasamy, Tan Jun Sheng, Tan You Mi 2nd row: Janet Khoo Kheng Hoon, Eve Khoo Leng Choo, Angie Ng Ley Kian, Tan Chek Sin 3rd row: Grace Khoo Mei Li, Jenny Khoo Leng Poh, Maria Tay Lai Im, Liew Shu Wen, Dillon Law Chuin Wang 4th row: Christopher Lim Hwa Seong, Ng Sun Jian, Eugene Law Chuin Haw, Chin Jian Yun Not in picture: Kenneth Tan Chee Keong

calvary convention centre (ccc)



By Audrey Kum

yndon d'Oliveiro, Chairperson of the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) Prayer Committee, launched a 21-Day ■ Fast and Prayer at the Prayer Meeting on Friday, 19 September 2008.

The Committee prepared an excellent prayer guide themed, "In the Potter's Hand" (Jeremiah 18:5-6) for all who participated in the programme from 20 September to 10 October 2008. The Church was also encouraged to participate in a 24-hour prayer chain and to come to Damansara Heights on Friday, 10 October 2008 to break fast together.

God is indeed preparing us for something bigger than ourselves and it is therefore imperative that we as a Church continue to give priority to seeking the Lord even when the 21-Day Fast and Prayer is over! +

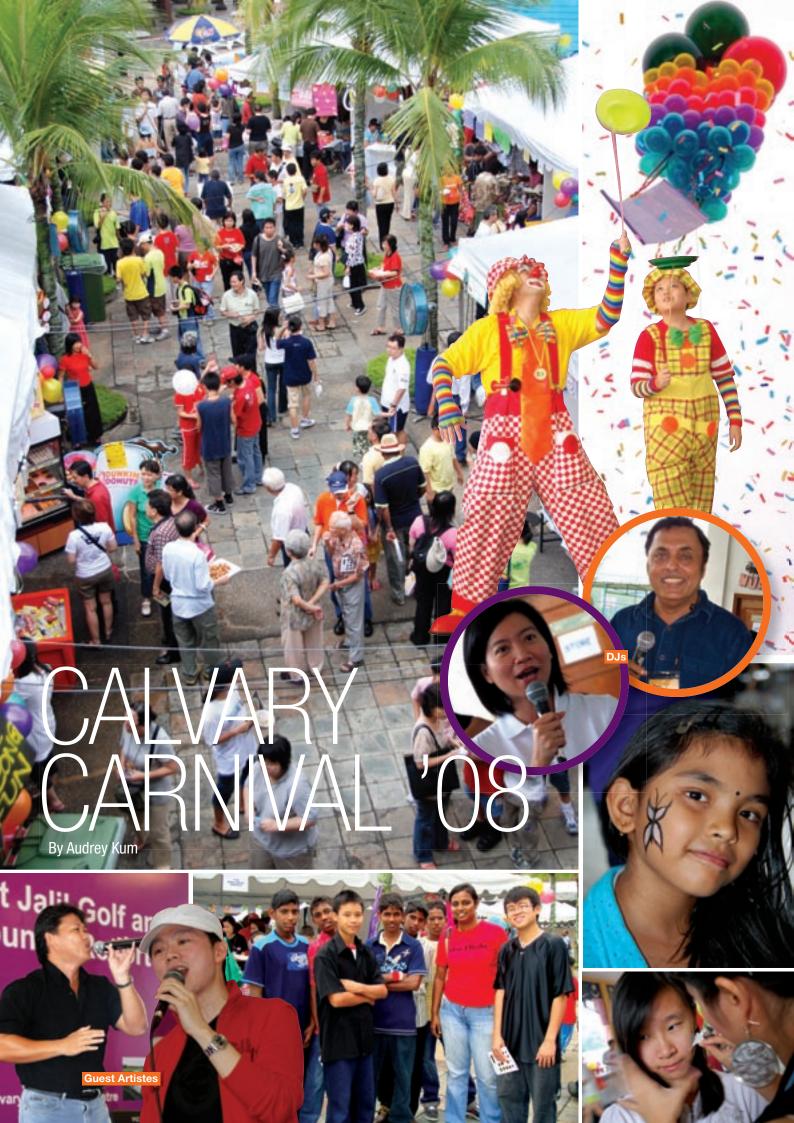






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pabila mengajar pengikutpengikutNya untuk berdoa, Yesus berkata, "Karena itu berdoalah demikian:

Bapa kami yang di sorga, Dikuduskanlah nama-Mu, datanglah Kerajaan-Mu, jadilah kehendak-Mu di bumi seperti di sorga.

Berikanlah kami pada hari ini makanan kami yang secukupnya dan ampunilah kami akan kesalahan kami, seperti kami juga mengampuni orang yang bersalah kepada kami; dan janganlah membawa kami ke dalam pencobaan, tetapi lepaskanlah kami dari pada yang jahat.

Karena Engkaulah yang empunya Kerajaan dan kuasa dan kemuliaan sampai selama-lamanya. Amin" (Matius 6: 9-13).

Bapa kita di syurga adalah Tuhan yang memberi. Memberi bermula dengan Tuhan. Alkitab berkata, "Karena begitu besar kasih Allah akan dunia ini, sehingga la telah mengaruniakan Anak-Nya yang tunggal, supaya setiap orang yang percaya kepada-Nya tidak binasa, melainkan beroleh hidup yang kekal" (Yohanes 3:16).

Ada banyak pernyataan dalam Alkitab yang menyokong hakikat ini bahawa Tuhan ialah pemberi. Rasul Paulus berkata, "Allahku akan memenuhi segala keperluanmu menurut kekayaan dan kemuliaan-Nya dalam Kristus Yesus" (Filipi 4:19). Di dalam Perjanjian Lama, salah satu daripada namaNya ialah Jehovah Jireh, Tuhan yang menyediakan (Kejadian 22:14). Lukas mencatat bahawa Yesus memberi makanan kepada lima ribu, tidak termasuk wanita-wanita dan kanakkanak, dengan lima buku roti dan dua ekor ikan dan ada dua belas bakul berlebihan. Selepas kebangkitan Nya, Yesus memasak sarapan pagi untuk pengikut-pengikutNya (Yohanes 21:12-14). Yesus juga memberi pengikutpengikutNya kuasa dan autoriti ke atas musuh (Lukas 10:1,19). Yesus memberi Roh Kudus kepada semua yang meminta (Lukas 11:13). Kamu mesti percaya bahawa Bapa Tuhan ialah pemberi.

Yesus mengajar kita berdoa,
"Berikanlah kami pada hari ini
makanan kami yang secukupnya."
Sama seperti pembekalan semalam
tidak mencukupi untuk hari ini, kamu
perlu berdoa untuk keperluan setiap
hari. Kamu tidak boleh berharap untuk
menjalani satu kehidupan Kristian yang
membawa kemenangan sekiranya
kamu hanya berdoa pada hari Ahad
apabila kamu pergi ke gereja. Kamu
perlu mencari Tuhan setiap hari dan
memintaNya untuk menguatkan,
memimpin dan membekalkan untuk

kamu. Minta Dia untuk memenuhi, menyegarkan dan memperbaharui kamu dengan Roh Kudus. Maka itu, renungan rohani harian adalah penting.

Alkitab berkata, "Ada tertulis: Manusia hidup bukan dari roti saja" (Lukas 4:4). Sementara kita perlu dikuatkan dari segi fizikal, kita juga perlu dikuatkan dari segi rohani. Apabila kamu berdoa untuk makanan harian, berdoa dahulu untuk kesejahteraan rohani kamu kerana berkat rohani mengandungi nilai abadi yang jauh lebih besar daripada harta duniawi. Manusia rohani kamu boleh menjaga manusia jasmaniah kamu manakala manusia jasmaniah tidak boleh menjaga manusia rohani kamu. Jika kamu ada persekutuan dengan Tuhan, kamu akan menjadi kuat dari segi rohani dan juga fizikal. Manusia rohani akan menolong manusia jasmaniah untuk menjadi sihat dan berjaya dalam kehidupan. Alkitab berkata, "Semoga Allah damai sejahtera menguduskan kamu seluruhnya dan semoga roh, jiwa dan tubuhmu terpelihara sempurna dengan tak bercacat pada kedatangan Yesus Kristus Tuhan kita" (1 Tesalonika 5:23).

Yesus mengajar apa yang sepatutnya menjadi keutamaan kita apabila kita berdoa. Dia berkata, "Tetapi carilah dahulu Kerajaan Allah dan kebenaranNya, maka semuanya itu akan ditambahkan kepadamu" (Matius 6:33). Yesus memberi contoh ini dengan perumpamaan tentang orang kaya yang bodoh: "Kemudian la mengatakan kepada mereka suatu perumpamaan, kata-Nya: "Ada seorang kaya, tanahnya berlimpah-limpah hasilnya. la bertanya dalam hatinya: Apakah yang harus aku perbuat, sebab aku tidak mempunyai tempat di mana aku dapat menyimpan hasil tanahku. Lalu katanya: Inilah yang akan aku perbuat; aku akan merombak lumbung-lumbungku dan aku akan mendirikan yang lebih besar dan aku akan menyimpan di dalamnya segala gandum dan barang-barangku. Sesudah itu aku akan berkata kepada jiwaku: Jiwaku, ada padamu banyak barang, tertimbun untuk bertahuntahun lamanya; beristirahatlah,

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makanlah, minumlah dan bersenangsenanglah! Tetapi Firman Allah kepadanya: Hai engkau orang bodoh, pada malam ini juga jiwamu akan diambil dari padamu, dan apa yang telah kau sediakan, untuk siapakah itu nanti? Demikianlah jadinya dengan orang yang mengumpulkan harta bagi dirinya sendiri, jikalau ia tidak kaya di hadapan Allah" (Lukas 12:16-21). Yesus menambah, "Jadi, janganlah kamu mempersoalkan apa yang akan kamu makan atau apa yang akan kamu minum dan janganlah cemas hatimu. Semua itu dicari bangsa-bangsa di dunia yang tidak mengenal Allah. Akan tetapi Bapamu tahu, bahwa kamu memang memerlukan semuanya itu. Tetapi carilah Kerajaan-Nya, maka semuanya itu akan ditambahkan juga kepadamu. Janganlah takut, hai kamu kawanan kecil! Karena Bapamu telah berkenan memberikan kamu Kerajaan itu. Juallah segala milikmu dan berikanlah sedekah! B uatlah bagimu pundi-pundi yang tidak dapat menjadi tua, suatu harta di sorga yang tidak akan habis, yang tidak dapat didekati pencuri dan yang tidak dirusakkan ngengat. Karena di mana hartamu berada, di situ juga hatimu berada"" (Lukas 12:29-34). Jadi, carilah dahulu kerajaan Allah dan kebenaran Nya dan

kamu akan diberkati.

Yesus mengajar kita nilai-nilai yang benar. Dia bertanya, "Apa gunanya seorang memperoleh seluruh dunia tetapi kehilangan nyawanya? Dan apakah yang dapat diberikannya sebagai ganti nyawanya" (Matius 16:26)? Benda duniawi tidak bersalah tetapi kamu mesti mengutamakan yang betul. Paulus berkata, "Demikianlah setiap orang di antara kita akan memberi pertanggungan jawab tentang dirinya sendiri kepada Allah" (Roma 14:12). Dia juga bercakap, "Karena itu, kalau kamu dibangkitkan bersama dengan Kristus, carilah perkara yang di atas, di mana Kristus ada, duduk di sebelah kanan Allah. Pikirkanlah perkara yang di atas, bukan yang di bumi" (Kolose 3:1-2).

Doa penting untuk kesejahteraan rohani kamu. Berdoa supaya kamu menghasilkan buah Roh dalam kehidupan kamu: "kasih, sukacita, damai sejahtera, kesabaran, kemurahan, kebaikan, kesetiaan, kelemahlembutan, penguasaan diri" (Galatia 5:22-23) dan berdoa untuk anugerah Roh Kudus: "Sebab kepada yang seorang Roh memberikan karunia untuk berkata-kata dengan hikmat, dan kepada yang lain Roh yang sama memberikan karunia

berkata-kata dengan pengetahuan. Kepada yang seorang Roh yang sama memberikan iman, dan kepada yang lain la memberikan karunia untuk menyembuhkan. Kepada yang seorang Roh memberikan kuasa untuk mengadakan mujizat, dan kepada yang lain la memberikan karunia untuk bernubuat, dan kepada yang lain lagi la memberikan karunia untuk membedakan bermacammacam roh. Kepada yang seorang la memberikan karunia untuk berkatakata dengan bahasa roh, dan kepada yang lain la memberikan karunia untuk menafsirkan bahasa roh itu" (1 Korintus 12:8-10). Tuhan kita, iaitu bapa kita, adalah sumber kehidupan dan kesejahteraan rohani kita. Alkitab berkata, "Sebab di dalam Dia kita hidup, kita bergerak, kita ada, seperti yang telah juga dikatakan oleh pujangga-pujanggamu: Sebab kita ini dari keturunan Allah juga" (Kisah Para Rasul 17:28). Apabila kehidupan kamu menyenangkan Tuhan dan keutamaan kamu betul, kamu boleh berdoa untuk segala-galanya yang lain: keluarga dan kawan-kawan kamu, situasi-situasi, gereja, negara dan lain-lain. Alkitab berkata, "Doa orang yang benar, bila dengan yakin didoakan, sangat besar kuasanya" (Yakobus 5:16).

Biar saya kongsikan beberapa langkah yang kamu perlu tahu apabila kamu berdoa:

- 1. Mulakan dengan hubungan yang betul dengan Tuhan. "Jikalau kamu tinggal di dalam Aku dan firman-Ku tinggal di dalam kamu, mintalah apa saja yang kamu kehendaki, dan kamu akan menerimanya" (Yohanes 15:7).
- 2. Minta, cari dan ketuk. Alkitab berkata, "Mintalah, maka akan diberikan kepadamu; carilah, maka kamu akan mendapat; ketoklah, maka pintu akan dibukakan bagimu. Karena setiap orang yang meminta, menerima dan setiap orang yang mencari, mendapat dan setiap orang yang mengetok, baginya pintu dibukakan" (Matius 7:7-8).
- 3. Beri, Yesus berkata, "Berilah dan

kamu akan diberi: suatu takaran yang baik, yang dipadatkan, yang digoncang dan yang tumpah ke luar akan dicurahkan ke dalam ribaanmu. Sebab ukuran yang kamu pakai untuk mengukur, akan diukurkan kepadamu" (Lukas 6:38). Berikan kepada Tuhan kehidupan dan semua milik kamu. Jangan berpegang balik apa-apa. Apabila kamu memberi dalam nama Tuhan, Dia bertanggungjawab. Ukuran yang kamu gunakan untuk memberi menentukan ukuran yang kamu akan terima (Matius 7:2).

4. Percaya dan miliki iman. Yesus berkata, "Karena itu Aku berkata kepadamu: apa saja yang kamu minta dan doakan, percayalah

- bahwa kamu telah menerimanya, maka hal itu akan diberikan kepadamu" (Markus 11:24). Jangan berdebat dengan iman. Jika kamu berdebat dengan iman, kamu sendiri akan hilang iman. Iman adalah luarbiasa dan bersifat rohani. Jika Tuhan berjanji, Dia akan melakukannya. Jangan meraguinya.
- 5. Tekun dalam doa. Alkitab berkata, "mereka harus selalu berdoa dengan tidak jemu-jemu" (Lukas 18:1) dan "tetaplah berdoa" (1 Tesalonika 5:17). Lafazkan yang tepat apabila kamu berdoa. Tolak iblis dan lafazkan iman.

Berdoa dan mengharap untuk menerima daripada**Nya**. +



■ 教导门徒如何祷告时,耶稣说: 「所以你们祷告,要这样说, 我们在天上的父,

愿人都尊你的名为圣。

愿你的国降临,

愿你的旨意行在地上,

如同行在天上。

我们日用的饮食,今日赐给我们。

免我们的债

如同我们免了人的债。

不叫我们遇见试探,

救我们脱离凶恶,

因为国度,权柄,荣耀,全是你的,直到永远, 阿们」(太6:9-13)。

十一月份

日期: 30-11-08 講員: 郑秀兰牧师 時間:下午五點正

地點: 伯特利樓

十二月份

日期: 25-12-08 (星期三)

地点:加略山教会 (大堂)

時間: 上午八点和

十点半

地点: Damansara Perdana 卫星

教会

教会

時間: 上午十点半

地点:安邦卫星

時間: 上午十点半 (恭请蕉赖会众参 与大堂/安邦卫星 教会)

除夕敬拜聚会 日期: 31-12-08 (星期三) 地点:加略山教会

(大堂) 時間:晚上八点半

申請浸禮及會籍 課程

日期: 20-12-08 (星期六) 時間:下午一點四

十五分

浸禮聚會

9-11-08

日期: 21-12-08 (星期日) 時間: 下午五點正 地點: 大堂 報名截止日期:

我们的天父是一位施予的神。施予始于 神。圣经上说,「神爱世人,甚至将他的独 生子赐给他们,叫一切信他的,不至灭亡,反 得永生」(约3:16)。

有许多的圣经记载支持上帝是一位施 予者。使徒保罗说,「我的神必照他荣耀 的丰富,在基督耶稣里,使你们一切所需用 的都充足」(腓4:19)。在旧约里,他的其 中一个名字叫做耶和华以勒,耶和华必预 备(创22:14)。路加福音记载耶稣以五个 饼和二条鱼喂饱了五千人,不包括妇女和 小孩在内,剩下的还装满了十二个篮子。 在耶稣复活之后,他为他的门徒准备了早 餐(约21:12-14)!耶稣也给他的门徒权柄 和能力胜过仇敌(路10:1,19)。耶稣赐圣 灵给所有求他的人(路11:13)。你必须相 信父神是一位赐予者。

耶稣教导我们为「我们日用的饮食,今 日赐给我们」祷告。正如昨天的供应是 不够今天用,因此你需要为每天的需要祈 求。你不能够期望有基督徒得胜的生活如 果你只在星期天去教会时才祷告。你需要 每天寻求神和祈求他加力量,指引和供给 你。祈求他再把圣灵浇灌干你和更新你。 所以每天的灵修是很重要。

圣经上说,「人活着不是单靠食物,乃是 靠神口里所出的一切话」(路4:4)。虽然 我们需要使身体强壮,我们也需要坚强的 属灵能力。当你为每日的饮食祈求时,先 要为你的属灵健康祈求因为属灵的祝福比 物质的祝福有更大的永恒价值。你属灵的 人能够照顾你属身体或自然的人,而你属 身体的人却不能够照顾你属灵的人。如 果你与神有交通,你就会属灵坚强有力和 身体健康。属灵的人会帮助属肉体的人 健康和有成功的人生。圣经上说,「愿赐 平安的神,亲自使你们全然成圣。又愿你 们的灵,与魂,与身子,得蒙保守,在我主耶 稣基督降临的时候,完全无可指摘」(帖前 5:23) 。

耶稣教导我们祷告时的优先次序。他 说,「你们要先求他的国,和他的义。这些 东西都要加给你们了」(太6:33)。耶稣以 无知的财主的比喻举例说明,「有一个财 主,田产丰盛。自己心里思想说,我的出产 没有地方收藏,怎麽办呢。又说,我要这麽 办。要把我的仓房拆了,另盖更大的。在 那里好收藏我一切的粮食和财物。然后 要对我的灵魂说,灵魂哪,你有许多财物积 存,可作多年的费用。只管安安逸逸的吃 喝快乐吧。神却对他说,无知的人哪,今夜 必要你的灵魂。你所豫备的,要归谁呢。 凡为自己积财,在神面前却不富足的,也是 这样。」(路12:16-21)。耶稣又说,「你 们不要求吃什么,喝什么,也不要挂心。 这都是外邦人所求的,你们必须用这些东 西,你们的父是知道的。你们只要求他的 国,这些东西就必加给你们了。你们这小 群,不要惧怕,因为你们的父,乐意把国赐给 你们。你们要变卖所有的,周济人。为自 己豫备永不坏的钱囊,用不尽的财宝在天 上,就是贼不能近,虫不能蛀的地方。因为 你们的财宝在那里,你们的心也在那里」 (路12:29-34)。因此,要先求神的国和他 的义,你就必蒙祝福。

耶稣教导我们真正的价值。他问,「 人若赚得全世界,赔上自己的生命,有什 么益处呢。人还能拿什么换生命呢」(太 16:26) ?物质的享用是没有错,但是你的 优先次序必须正确。保罗说,「这样看 来,我们各人必要将自己的事,在神面前 说明。」(罗14:12)。他也说,「所以你 们若真与基督一同复活,就当求在上面的 事。那里有基督坐在神的右边。你们要 思念上面的事,不要思念地上的事。」(西

祷告对你的属灵健康非常重要。祈求 你能在生命中结出圣灵的果子:「圣灵所 结的果子,就是仁爱,喜乐,和平,忍耐,恩 慈,良善,信实,温柔,节制」(加5:22-23)和 祈求圣灵的恩赐,「这人蒙圣灵赐他智慧 的言语。那人也蒙这位圣灵赐他知识的言 语。又有一人蒙这位圣灵赐他信心。还有 一人蒙这位圣灵赐他医病的恩赐。又有一 人能行异能。又叫一人能作先知。又叫一人能辨别诸灵。又叫一人能说方言。 又叫一人能翻方言」(林前12:8-10)。我们的神,天父,是我们生命和属灵健康的源头。圣经上说,「我们生活,动作,存留,都在乎他,就如你们作诗的,有人说,我们也是他所生的」(徒17:28)。当你的生命蒙神悦纳时和你的优先次序是正确的,你能够为一切事祈求:你的家庭和朋友,情况,教会,国家和其他。圣经上说,「义人祈祷所发的力量,是大有功效的。」(雅5:16)。

让我与你分享你祷告时需要知 道的一些步骤:

1 与神有一个正确的关系作为开始。「你们若常在我里面,我的话也常在你们里面,凡你们所愿意的,祈求就给你们成就」(约15:7)。

2 祈求,寻找和叩门。圣经上说,「你们祈求,就给你们。寻找,就寻见。叩门,就给你们开门。因为凡祈求的,就得着。寻找的,就寻见。叩门的,就给他开门」(太7:7-8)。

3 施予。耶稣说,「你们要给人,就必有给你们的。并且用十足的升斗,连摇带按,上尖下流的,倒在你们怀里。因为你们用什么量器量给人,也必用什么量器量给你们」(路6:38)。将你的生命和资源奉献给神。不要有任何保留。当你奉神的名施予时,他为我们负责任。你用什么量器量给人,也同样决定你所得到的数量

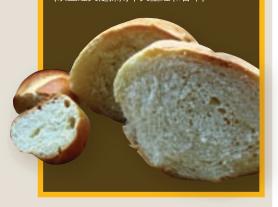
4 相信和有信心。耶稣说,「所以我告诉你们,凡你们祷告祈求的,无论是什么,只要信是得着的,就必得着」(可11:24)。不要与信心理论。如果你与信心理论,你就失去信心。信心是超自然和属灵的。如果神应许,他必成就。不要疑惑。

(太7:2)。

5 坚持地祷告。圣经上说,「要人常常祷告,不可灰心」(路18:1) 和「不住的祷告」(帖前5:17)。当你祈求时要明确说明。抵挡魔鬼和宣告信心。

祷告祈求和期待从他领受所求的。+

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Date : 22 & 29 November 2008 (Saturday)

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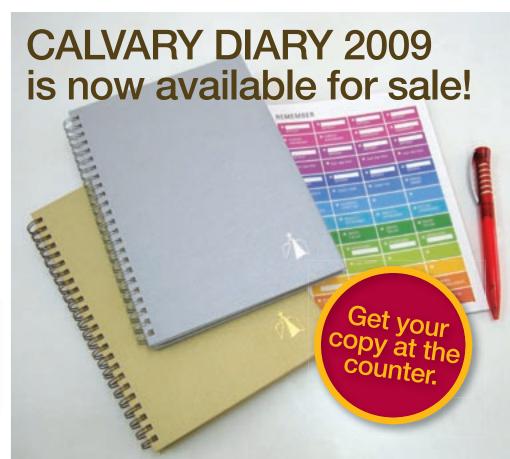
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Sunday | 5pm

30 NOVEMBER

speaker REV. FLORENCE TONGvenue BETHEL HALL

* Bring your Chinese-speaking family and friends. Call Assistant Pastor Chua Ken Tee at 03-7728 6000 ext. 320 for more information.

Water Baptism & Membership

WATER BAPTISM/ MEMBERSHIP CLASS

date 20 DECEMBER 2008,

SATURDAY

time 1.45PM

WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

date 21 DECEMBER 2008,

SUNDAY

time 5PM

Closing Date for submission of forms: 9 November 2008, Sunday

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Christmas Worship Services

25 DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY

AMPANG

DAMANSARA HEIGHTS 8am & 10.30am DAMANSARA PERDANA 10.30am

10.30am (The Cheras congregation is encouraged to attend DH/Ampang)

New Year's ve Worship vice

31 DECEMBER, WEDNESDAY venue DAMANSARA HEIGHTS

8.30PM time



Bahasa Malaysia Thanksgiving Fellowship

date 30 NOVEMBER 2008,

SUNDAY

time 12.30pm

ASSOCIATE PASTOR speaker

RICHARD YUN

venue **BETHEL HALL**

venue MAIN SANCTUARY, Calvary Church, Damansara Heights SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2008 time 3PM

For children ages 4 and above as well for the entire family

YOUTH: november



People are constantly looking for heroes. Someone who is able to do the extraordinary, the spectacular, the amazing! The Bible is full of examples of people who have gone beyond themselves and did great things. The strange thing is most of them are just ordinary people like you and me but have made themselves available to an extraordinary God... which means hey... there's a 'hero' potential in you too! Catch this series in November 2008 @ Calvary Youth, 3pm every Saturday.

YOUTH: december

People chase after many things in life. Money, status, popularity, the latest gadget... but do all these things really bring true fulfilment and contentment? If you have "been there and done that" you know none of these bring lasting fulfilment. But there is One who can. The Bible describes Him as the originator of all things, the Rose of Sharon, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. He is the One worth pursuing! Catch this series in December 2008 @ Calvary Youth, 3pm every Saturday.







Bible heroes, the fun, interactive activities and games. The children also enjoyed a time of joyful fellowship over food brought by generous parents.

Two weeks before
Children's Day, our regular
CW children were also
encouraged to invite their
non-Christian friends to join
us for Children's Day. Praise
God we had 69 new visitors
who came and were blessed
with the Gospel message
of Jesus as their personal

Saviour and Superhero during Children's Day!

Many of these new visitors indicated they would want to come back again and join us in our regular Sunday children's programme.

We also rejoice with the 28 children who made a decision to make Jesus their Superhero, their Saviour and Friend. In addition to this, 131 children rededicated their lives to God. A total of 723 children were blessed at this event. All glory to God!







Ng Tung Lin testing to see if she can bend her knees

Bishop Dr Dag Heward-Mills

Praise the Lord! Jesus heals!

n Sunday evening, on 17 August 2008, Calvarites, their families and friends came to Church at Damansara Heights, expecting to experience God's healing power and miracles through the ministry of Bishop Dag Heward-Mills.

Even as Bishop Dag shared the message that God the Father wants to bring healing and deliverance to His children, faith in the Lord arose in the hearts of those who needed to receive a healing or miracle from the Lord. Bishop Dag said that miracles are given at the mercy of God. God's power is real and defies natural limits.

Many expressed their faith and hope in the Lord that evening. Praise God that He worked miracles in many. Some were able to immediate testify of physical healing upon examination while others continued to trust the Lord for their miracles in His time.



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