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God has a will and plan for all of us. He reveals it to us through dreams and visions. The dreams and visions will come to pass by believing His word, promises and divine revelation.

There are two basic elements for the dream to materialize and these are the breaking and making. You see this throughout the Bible. For instance, Joseph had a dream of God's will and plan for his life. The dream broke him first, before He was made after God's will. God knows and understands you well and therefore, breaking and making is God's way of fulfilling your dream. The breaking element is not to destroy you, but His way of putting iron in your bones. God is building godly character in you so that, you know how to handle the success when you achieve your dream.

In times of breaking, you will be tempted to quit or run from your dream. But don't, because God is faithful. The Bible says, **"Therefore know the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments"** (Deuteronomy 7:9). Every one and every church have their own dream and they differ from one another. Believe in the dream God has given you personally and to us as a Church. Trust in God when you are challenged to your wit's end. Hold fast for the Bible says, **"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful"** (Hebrews 10:23).

Take courage from Paul's exhortation. **"What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God"** (Romans 3:1-2). The Jews are privileged to be the chosen race and have



the demarcation of circumcision to distinguish them. But Paul argues that their advantage or benefit was chiefly that they were entrusted with the "oracles of God", the Old Testament scriptures. As a believer, what is advantageous is your salvation to be children of God and not your race, religion or good works! God has given you His Promises and His word. If God has spoken to you and given you a dream, you must not quit. What God promised will come to pass. Paul says, "God does not lie. He is truth and keeps His promises". The Bible says, **"For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar"** (Romans 3:3-4). The fulfillment of your dream does not depend on others but on

God and His promises. It is God who keeps His promise that justifies and gives you the victory.

We live in a democratic system, where we go by the majority rules. Understandably, when others do not believe in our dreams we lose our confidence. But God does not need the majority to make His will come to pass. The Bible is theocratic and not democratic. Governments and societies need democracy to get things done, but not God. If Joseph took a vote on God's dream for his life – he would have been voted down as did his brothers. His dream would never have happened. The Bible says Joseph kept it in his heart, so did his father. Similarly, if Moses consulted his people about his plans to cross the

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Red Sea, the miracle could not have happened. Nor would the Jericho walls come down if Joshua had taken a vote on his plans to conquer Jericho.

God is no respecter of persons. He often chooses what we consider foolish to confound the wise because He wants you to know, He is God and there is none that can be compared to Him. He also specializes in working with the minorities. The Bible says, **“For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty”** (1 Corinthians 1:26-28). Fathers, mothers, daughters and sons, if God has spoken to you, believe in your dream and the dream God has for our Church. As the hymn says, “Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just

to take Him at His word”. When you believe, you will experience His power and glory.

To believe in your dream, there are three things you need to do.

1. Determine the source of your dream.

Dreams can come from pride, when you see what others are doing and you want to outdo them. Or they can come from revenge, jealousy or greed. These are from the flesh and carnal. If your dream is not from God, you are wasting your time.

Solomon says it is vexation of spirit. But if it is God’s dream, pursue it. Following God’s dream brings glory to God, testify to His power and faithfulness.

2. Determine the resources.

If the source of your dream is from God, the resources start with what you have and you always don’t have sufficient resources. The reason is clear. If you have all the resources, when the dream has been accomplished, you will say, “I did it! Glorify me”.

God will use what you have and not what you don’t have. When you obey and depend on Him, you will experience His miraculous provisions and He will open doors that you never knew existed. When it is done with dependence on God, He is glorified and you are humbled.

SOME BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATIONS OF HIS MIRACULOUS RESOURCE.

• Elisha and the woman who had oil (2 Kings 4:2-7)

A widow came to Elisha who was the principal of the Bible School which her husband had attended. She said to Elisha that the creditor was after her. If she did not pay up, he would take away her sons. Elisha asked her, “What have you got”? She replied, “I have some oil”. And Elisha asked her to go to her neighbours and borrow all their empty bottles, bring them back to her house and to close the doors. And she was to start pouring the oil into the empty bottles! She did as told and the miracle happened. The oil continued to flow, filling all the empty vessels. The miracle is in your house. Giving and doing what you can allows God to work miracles in your life and circumstances.

• Elijah and the widow at Zarephath at a time of drought (1 Kings 17:1-15)

Elijah asked this widow, **“Please bring me a little water in a cup,” and “a morsel of bread”** (1 Kings 17:11-12). It took faith in God’s Word for the widow to do as told by Elijah, because all she had was a handful of flour and a little oil! She obeyed and experienced the miracle. Her flour was not used up and her oil did not run dry by obeying God’s word.

When God is the source of your dream, He provides everything necessary for it to be fulfilled. The Bible says, **“Now to Him**

who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us” (Ephesians 3:20). It is God who works in you. It begins with you using what you have before the miracle starts to happen!

3. Don’t let your dream intimidate you.

God’s dream is always bigger than you. This is one of the ways you know your dream is from God, and to depend on Him as your source. He will never leave nor forsake you. And with Him all things are possible.

SOME ILLUSTRATIONS OF INCREDIBLE DREAMS THAT WERE FULFILLED.

• Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 15)

God’s dream to Abraham to make him a “father of many nations” came when Abraham and Sarah had no children of their own and were past the child bearing age. Even Sarah laughed at the very thought of it! Yet God’s dream for them was that He will make him a father of many nations. Don’t quit, no matter how impossible it seems for God’s dream for your life to happen.

• The mother of Moses (Exodus 2:1-6)

The decree had just gone out. Every Jewish male child in Egypt had to be slaughtered. When Moses’ mother looked at her baby, she saw God’s dream of a deliverer to come. She did what she could and Moses was spared and lived to be the deliverer of Israel from being slaves to the Egyptians.

When it is God’s dream, it will happen. No matter how impossible the dream is to you, don’t let it intimidate you. He is a miracle working God. Your business is to do what you can. And God will do what you cannot. Trust in Jesus and take Him at His word. He keeps His promise.

All Bible Quotations are from the New King James Version.

WE MUST PRAY

The Bible teaches that we are to pray about everything without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17). No exhortation is more often reiterated, none is more stirring, than to pray.

We thank God that Church sets aside special times of prayers during Prayer Emphasis Week (PEW). For instance the objective of our PEW in July 2013 is to pray for the harvest and that all who hear the Good News will come to the Lord.

Be blessed by these PEW testimonies of God's answer to prayers:

A misunderstanding between my sister-in-law and me led to years of non communication. The three visits over the span of 16 years when the family came to Kuala Lumpur were limited to one brief meeting each visit.

When I received news that they were coming to Kuala Lumpur in July, I prayed earnestly for the Lord to heal our broken relationship. During the PEW I fasted and prayed for a breakthrough.

Praise God, we met the family over the last two Saturdays and there was good communication, warmth and friendliness between my sister-in-law and me. To God be the glory.

Pancy Fricker

On Sunday of the PEW, I requested for Church to pray for my husband's nephew, Josiah. He is a young boy and was critically ill because of dengue. His platelet count had dropped to 40 plus. By Monday morning, Josiah's platelet count suddenly shot up to 70 plus. He was discharged from hospital shortly. My sister-in-law thanks Calvary Prayer Tower for standing in prayer with them during their time of need.

Anne Wong

Harvest time is real & my continuous prayer is that God will open the door for many salvations. On the July Prayer Emphasis Week (PEW) Sunday I attended a funeral and God opened the door for me to share with the widow. Thank God the word was sown. The next morning, the Lord gave me another opportunity to share the Good News and I had the joy to lead one to salvation.

Gan Chew

SALVATION TESTIMONIES

On 27 July, we had a visitor at the Damansara Heights 5pm service. After the service, together with Donna Yee, our Chinese Ministry coordinator, we had an opportunity to talk to the visitor and shared with her the Gospel in Cantonese & English. At the end of the sharing, she committed her life to Jesus.

Associate Pastor Raymond Yong

Invited my domestic helper, Deivy Jalaron to church service on 14 July Sunday. In the visitor's lounge, the Gospel was shared to her but she was not ready. During the week I further explained God's love for her. She surrendered her life to God and accepted Jesus into her life.

Deivy is now being disciplined and attending My Faith class. Praise God!

Helen Read

CALLED TO BELONG

On 28 July 2013, 44 Calvarites (34 Malaysians, 4 Filipinos, 4 Nigerians, 1 Cambodian and 1 Dutch) were received as members at the Sunday Worship Service at the Calvary Convention Centre. This truly reflects the fact that we are a multi national Church.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam commended them for their willingness to be part of the local body of Christ. Each believer desires to have fellowship with others. Such fellowship can be found through membership in the local church. Church membership helps the believer grow in the Christian faith as well as provides avenues for the believer to be involved in serving the Lord in various ministries.

Hear what our new members say about serving:



NATHANIEL PINTO FROM HOLLAND

I am slowly finding my way in Church and am interested to be involved in Church ministries and be a blessing. My background is in hospitality and am helping out in this area on CCC Dedication day. I am also looking forward to help out in the youth ministry.

RAMESH RAMANANDRAN

I have a desire to serve and for a start have taken leave for four days to serve on CCC Dedication day and during the Pentecostal World Conference. In the office, I am involved in training and public speaking. I have to start somewhere in ministry and I am looking forward to go for Life Group Leadership training in September.

Note: *Ramesh's family, namely wife Dhavindra, daughter Riya-Anne (age 11) & son Dhiren Ryan (age 9) are also accepted into this Membership intake.*

TESTIMONIES ON GOD'S PROVISIONS

I participated in the CCC Day "Debt Free" challenge. And the following week I remitted the payment to the church. A few days later, I received a letter from the Income Tax Department that I have over paid my tax and they are in the progress of remitting the overpayment to me. The amount is about the same I committed to the Debt Free challenge.

Our God is faithful and true to His word, "He shall provide!"

Ruth Cheah

I made a CCC Day Debt Free pledge and God impressed upon my heart to increase my pledge – which I did. I can only fulfill the payment of the pledge later part of the year but my desire was to be able to turn in my pledge before the 27 August (Dedication of CCC).

I thought hard on how to fulfill my pledge before 27 August and the idea came to look at my Advance to convert it to fulfill my pledge. God is amazing, because I found out that what I had advanced was exactly what I pledged! Now, I can fulfill my pledge before 27 August.

A Calvarite brother

It is always a privilege to share on God's many miracles for Calvary Convention Centre (CCC). Even as I was preparing to do so at the Worship Service on CCC Day (Saturday, 6 July) at Damansara Heights, I received a message from a client asking our Firm to help them on a very significant project. This came out of the blue, and re-affirmed Jessyca (his wife) and my commitment on the amount to give towards CCC being debt free. It was challenging for us to obey the Lord.

God further affirmed our commitment in giving. After we have written the amount on Sunday morning [7 July], I received yet another message from another client that their Board has approved our proposal, which has been outstanding for some time. God is good. He specialises in perfect timing to encourage us to walk obediently with Him.

Deacon Chow Sang Hoe



James & Jenny Ho
with baby **Lucas Ho Qing Yuan**

Goh Tze Liang & Adeline
with baby **Alyssa Goh Jing Rou**



6 Babies Dedicated to the Lord

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam dedicated six babies to the Lord on 4 August 2013 at the Worship Service at Calvary Convention Centre. He together with Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam then prayed for the parents that they will bring up their children in the nurture and the ways of the Lord.



Andrew & Belinda Looi
with baby **Daniel Looi Jen Yao**



Dwayne P. & Joereen Gelacio
with baby **Samuel Chung-Zern Koek Gelacio**



Michael & Jacklyne Yee
with baby **Hannah Yee Jia Hui**



Raymond Chew (not in picture) & Jing Jing
with baby **Charice Chew Yee Xi**



Leading Children

BY ANNE WONG, KHOR LAY LEE & SOON YUEN LING

“
Mae Wong testifies:
 Since we moved to CCC
 my grandchildren, Rayna
 and Lyndon Lye look
 forward to go to church
 every Sunday.

They love the new
 building and especially their
 classrooms.”



Children's Ministry reaches out to babies from 4 months – 4 years old in Nursery Care and children ages 5 – 11 years in Carpenter's Workshop (CW). Its goal is "Leading children into a vibrant, growing relationship with God." The children are responsive and excited to learn about the Word, worship, pray, fellowship as well as to witness for Jesus.

From 21 to 28 July 2013, we had the Kids Prayer Emphasis Week (PEW) to encourage the children to pray for specific needs and also to raise Prayer Warrior Kids. Each child was given a prayer poster to pray for seven days. Parents were also encouraged to pray together with their

children. We praise God that 45 children were raised as Prayer Warrior kids during the PEW.

On 4 August 2013, we had a Children's Thanksgiving Celebration to celebrate God's provision of the new venue for CW on Level 2, CCC. The children wrote notes of thanksgiving to the Lord through the "Thanksgiving Card Craft". This programme helped them to learn to give thanks and love others. The new visitors were invited back to join the celebration too.

Praise God for the 60 new kids added to the Children's Ministry. A committed and dedicated team of teachers and helpers are at hand to minister to these children.

Location of Children's Ministry
Calvary Nursery Care
 (4 months – 4 years old) : CCC - Level 1
Carpenter's Workshop
 (5 years – 11 years old): CCC - Level 2

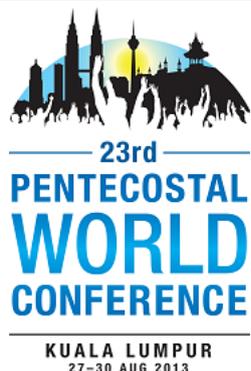
PARTNER with Calvary Children's Ministry

BE A HEART SHAPER!

Checklist for heartshapers:

- Love God
- Passionate about kids
- Have a shepherd's heart
- Desire to be used by God

For more information,
 please contact **Children's Ministry Coordinator @ 03-89995532**



IMPACT OF **CALVARY CHURCH** THROUGH CCC

Playing host to the 23rd World Pentecostal Conference immediately after the dedication of Calvary Convention Centre, is a powerful launching event for Calvary Church.

More than 3,200 delegates are expected and over 1,000 of whom are from overseas. The night rallies from 28-30 August are open to all and we are expecting to have 5,000 in attendance.

There will be preaching of God's Word by anointed speakers from the Pentecostal Movements. There will be prayers for needs at the end of each rally.

Come and bring your friends!



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENING

Reception for Church family & friends
(Between 5.00pm to 6.30pm)

SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Special presentations by Calvary Choir,
KidsCat & Orchestra

Special Korean cultural presentation
"The Holy Temple"

Unveiling of CCC Dedication Plaque

HIGHLIGHT of the Night Rallies at CCC : Time: 8.00pm

August 28 (Wed)
DR ENOCH ADEBOYE
General Overseers
The Redeemed Christian Church of God,
Nigeria

August 29 (Thurs)
DR DAG HEWARD-MILLS
Bishop
Lighthouse Chapel International, Ghana

August 30 (Fri)
REV DANIEL KOLENDA
Christ for All Nations



From Clockwise:
A CCCDC committee meeting in progress; Pastor Raymond briefing the ushers & greeters; Photographers being briefed; Evidently enjoying the briefing

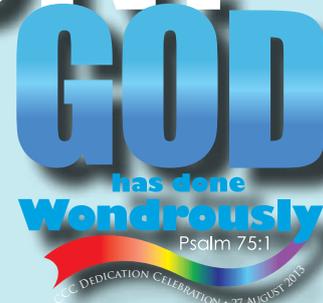
CCC DEDICATION CELEBRATION OUR HISTORIC OCCASION!

Great effort is being made to ensure a heartwarming & glorious Dedication Celebration of Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) on 27 August 2013.

Calvarites count it a privilege and joy to serve and many signed up to help in one way or another in making the Dedication Celebration a great blessing

to the Church family, friends and guests, local and foreign.

Praise and thank God for the wonderful sense of purpose and camaraderie each time we gather together to be better prepared to serve. Let's pray for God's blessing on this wonderful historic occasion in the journey of Calvary Church.



LOOKING FORWARD TO ...

HENRY TAI

Having been in church for more than 30 years and seeing how Church has expanded, from one service to multiple services, and to Satellite Churches, is very exciting. Now we have CCC. Indeed, God is faithful and we have come a long way from Damansara Heights!

What I am looking forward to most is seeing God use Calvary Church to be a greater blessing in the future.

JOHN LIM

As an usher for the CCC dedication service, it's my privilege to welcome many guests from all over the world.

I am looking forward to gather in unity with all Calvarites, young and old, to dedicate ourselves and the CCC facility to God. I am also expecting God to speak to us individually and corporately through our special guest speaker, Pastor Cho Yonggi.

Thank God for this significant milestone in our journey as a Church.

AARON KEE

I look forward to seeing God's power move mightily touching everyone on this special CCC Dedication day!

May God bless this historic moment for Calvary Church. And use us Calvarites to impact multitudes in our nation and around the world. Let's rejoice in God's goodness and faithfulness.

LOW MAI GEOK

It is wonderful that people from all over the world are coming for our Dedication Celebration. They will witness how God fulfilled the CCC vision.

My prayer is that God will use Calvary Church through CCC not just each Sunday but any other day to point people to Him. CCC in itself is an attraction for both believers and non-believers.





MISSIONETTES MINISTRY

BY ASSOCIATE PASTOR CHAN LEE PENG

“Thank you Sponsors for your endless effort week after week in teaching and grooming the girls to be godly ladies now and for the future.”

“That feeling of satisfaction after graduating just came rushing through after the Awards Celebration. God has definitely blessed me a lot through Missionettes.” Unsolicited testimonies like these from Missionettes girls and parents on Facebook speak volumes. They affirm the effectiveness of the ministry in touching lives. For the parents involved, it has been a rewarding commitment in faithfully ferrying their children to Missionettes meeting week after week, year after year, rain or shine. For the Sponsors involved in nurturing the girls, it has indeed been a worthwhile investment in these precious lives.

To see every girl moving toward a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and empowering them to realize their importance and potential in the kingdom of God – that’s the vision of the Missionettes ministry. Through Christian discipleship and mentoring, girls form lasting, life-transforming relationships with their peers as well as Sponsors and learn to make God-pleasing decisions.

The Missionettes programme seeks to weave fun and biblical training together. Adventures, activities, Scripture memorisation and games show girls how discovering God’s Word can be fun! Lessons teach girls valuable life skills, everything from integrity and stewardship, to cooking, craftwork and outreach. Girls learn how to choose actions, attitudes, and behaviours that honour God. An all-girls’ environment provides a safe place for girls to discuss issues they face and receive godly counsel.

The year kicked off to a great start with much preparation and yes, excitement over the move to the CCC. With expanded facilities, there are new possibilities and opportunities for growth. The first meeting on 14 April at the CCC saw an influx of new girls turning up for the Missionettes meeting. A day prior to that, ten girls received honour awards at the annual awards presentation for successfully completing the requirements of the programme. Highlights of the first half of the year included special activities in conjunction with Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, an enjoyable visit to Kidzania for the Junior Clubs and exciting rock climbing adventure at Camp 5 for the Senior Clubs.



Top to bottom from top left: Honour Award Recipients with Senior Pastor & Sister Petrina; Rock Climbing at Camp 5; At Kidzania - budding artistes preparing for parade; Mother’s Day: Simply lovely bouquet for deserving Mums! Father’s Day -Simply Delicious Waffles for Honoured Dads

If you have boys between the ages of 3-5 and girls 3-17 years old, check out the MISSIONETTES ACTIVITIES at Level 2 on Sundays at 11.30 a.m. For more information, call 8999 5532

A TIME TO BOND

FATHERS AND RANGERS TREASURE HUNT

BY LISA TOH

On the morning of 27 July 2013, the Royal Rangers organised a Father and Ranger Treasure Hunt. Held at Taman Bukit Jalil, the aim was to create an opportunity for fathers to spend some quality time with their children out doors.

We were blessed with good weather and 29 fathers participated with 43 children and 12 Ranger Commanders were in attendance.

For the treasure hunt, all participants had to complete four main tasks, designed to demonstrate how a Ranger grows, namely, spiritually, mentally, physically and socially. The four gold points of the Royal Ranger emblem stand for each of these aspects of growth for the Rangers.

The challenge for each team was to find the correct guardian assigned to each task, namely the Guardian of Spirit, Wisdom, Strength and Friendship.

After finishing the four main tasks, they were required to do one final task to get the treasure. For this, parents were given a taste of the life of a Ranger when their children were asked to demonstrate a "fall-in" and teach their parents how to do the same. "Fall-in" is basically when the Rangers stand in formation for the opening and closing ceremonies during Ranger meetings. Both parents and their children could only obtain their treasure

when they demonstrated a proper fall-in together.

The participants enjoy the varied activities throughout the Treasure Hunt, ranging from solving riddles to physical activities and handcrafting. For instance:

- Riddles that kept some parents and their children guessing – "what lives if you feed it, but dies if you give it a drink?"
- Teams were asked to pick numbers at random, and these numbers determined the number of sit-ups and push-ups that had to be done collectively. This was truly a combined effort by the teams, especially those who picked exceptionally large numbers. It was heartening to see parents encouraging their children through this physically demanding task, and vice versa.
- Using what organic litter (leaves, twigs and grass) found in the park to "write" each of their names!
- Playing a game of charades where children and fathers put their Bible knowledge and acting skills to the test!

Clockwise from top:

Fathers and children pose for the group photo; Father shows off "Family portrait" with his sons; Three 'father & son' teams working hard at handcraft; A father & son working hard on handcraft; Father enjoying the outdoor with son

The treasure that they obtained at the end of the treasure hunt was a miniature wooden model, which fathers and children then assembled together. The real treasure though, would be the time of bonding between the parents and their children.

Devotion was shared after a time of praise and worship. We were reminded by Commander Jim Guneratnam that just as an earthly parent loves their child, so does our heavenly Father. Before going our separate ways, we fellowshiped over some refreshments.

Praise God for this event ran successfully, blessing the parents and their children.





Tuhan mempunyai kehendak dan rancangannya untuk kita semua. Dia menyatakannya kepada kita melalui mimpi dan visi. Mimpi dan visi akan terjadi dengan mempercayai akan firman, janji-janji dan wahyu ilahi-Nya. Terdapat dua elemen asas untuk impian menjadi kenyataan iaitu menghancurkan dan menjadikan. Kamu dapat melihat ini di seluruh Alkitab. Sebagai contoh, Yusuf mempunyai mimpi tentang kehendak dan rancangan Tuhan untuk hidupnya. Mimpi itu menghancurkannya terlebih dahulu sebelum dia dijadikan kehendak Tuhan. Tuhan mengenal dan mengerti akan kamu dengan sepenuhnya dan oleh itu, menghancurkan dan menjadikan adalah cara Tuhan untuk memenuhi impianmu. Elemen menghancurkan bukan untuk memusnahkan mu, namun adalah cara Dia meletakkan besi di dalam tulangmu. Tuhan sedang membina sifat ketuhanan dalammu supaya kamu tahu bagaimana menangani keberhasilan apabila kamu mencapai impianmu.

Semasa dihancurkan, kamu akan ada cubaan untuk berhenti atau melarikan diri daripada impian mu. Tetapi jangan berbuat demikian, kerana Tuhan adalah setia. Alkitab mengatakan, “**Sebab itu haruslah kauketahui, bahwa TUHANmu, Dialah Tuhan, Tuhan yang setia, yang memegang perjanjian dan kasih setia-Nya terhadap orang yang kasih kepada-Nya dan berpegang pada perintah-Nya, sampai kepada beribu-ribu keturunan**” (Ulangan 7:9). Setiap orang dan setiap gereja mempunyai

impian mereka sendiri dan berbeza di antara satu sama lain. Percayalah kepada impian yang Tuhan telah berikan kepada mu secara peribadi dan kepada kita sebagai sebuah gereja. Percaya kepada Tuhan apabila kamu dicabar sehingga ke penghujung kebolehanmu. Berpegang teguh kerana Alkitab berkata, “**Marilah kita teguh berpegang pada pengakuan tentang pengharapan kita, sebab Ia, yang menjanjikannya, setia**” (Ibrani 10:23).

Bersemangatlah daripada pengajaran Paulus. “**Jika demikian, apakah kelebihan orang Yahudi dan apakah gunanya sunat? Banyak sekali, dan di dalam segala hal. Pertama-tama: sebab kepada merekalah dipercayai firman Tuhan**” (Roma 3:1-2). Orang-orang Yahudi mempunyai hak istimewa untuk menjadi bangsa yang terpilih dan mempunyai penandaan disunat untuk membezakan mereka. Tetapi Paulus berhujah bahawa kelebihan atau manfaat mereka adalah mereka diamanahkan dengan “firman Tuhan” terutamanya, kitab-kitab Perjanjian Lama. Sebagai seorang Kristian, apa yang penting adalah keselamatan mu, menjadi anak-anak Tuhan dan bukan bangsa, agama atau perbuatan baik! Tuhan telah memberikan mu janji-Nya dan firman-Nya. Jika Tuhan telah menyatakan kepada mu dan memberikan kamu impian, kamu tidak seharusnya berhenti. Apa yang Tuhan telah janjikan akan berlaku. Paulus berkata, “Tuhan tidak berbohong. Dia adalah kebenaran dan menepati janji-janji-Nya “. Alkitab mengatakan, “**Jadi bagaimana, jika di antara mereka ada yang tidak setia, dapatkah ketidaksetiaan itu membatalkan kesetiaan Tuhan? Sekali-kali tidak! Sebaliknya: Tuhan adalah benar, dan semua manusia pembohong, seperti ada tertulis: “Supaya Engkau ternyata benar dalam segala firman-Mu, dan menang, jika Engkau dihakimi”** (Roma 3:3-4). Demi memenuhi impian mu jangan

bersandar kepada orang lain tetapi kepada Tuhan dan janji-janji-Nya. Tuhanlah yang menepati janji-Nya yang membenarkan dan memberikan mu kemenangan.

Kita hidup dalam sistem demokrasi, di mana kita mengikuti peraturan majoriti. Tidak hairanlah, apabila orang lain tidak percayakan impian kita, kita akan hilang keyakinan. Tetapi Tuhan tidak memerlukan majoriti untuk kehendak-Nya berlaku. Alkitab adalah teokratik dan bukannya demokratik. Kerajaan dan masyarakat memerlukan demokrasi untuk pelaksanaan kerja-kerja, tetapi bukan Tuhan. Jikalau Yusuf mengambil undi pada impian Tuhan untuk hidupnya - dia telah mengundi kejatuhannya seperti yang dilakukan oleh saudara-saudaranya. Impiannya tidak akan berlaku. Alkitab mengatakan yang Yusuf menyimpannya di dalam hatinya, begitu juga bapanya. Begitu juga, jika Musa berunding dengan kaumnya mengenai rancangannya untuk menyeberangi Laut Merah, mujizat tidak mungkin berlaku. Begitu juga, tembok Yerikho tidak akan runtuh jikalau Yosua telah mengambil undi pada rancangannya untuk menakluk Yerikho.

Tuhan tidak akan terpengaruh oleh orang. Dia sering memilih apa yang kita anggap bodoh untuk memalukan mereka yang bijak kerana Dia mahu kamu tahu, Dia adalah Tuhan dan tiada siapa yang dapat dibandingkan dengan-Nya. Dia juga pakar dalam bekerjasama dengan golongan minoriti. Alkitab mengatakan, “Ingat saja, saudara-saudara, bagaimana keadaan kamu, ketika kamu dipanggil: **menurut ukuran manusia tidak banyak orang yang bijak, tidak banyak orang yang berpengaruh, tidak banyak orang yang terpendang. Tetapi apa yang bodoh bagi dunia, dipilih Tuhan untuk memalukan orang-orang yang berhikmat, dan apa yang lemah bagi dunia, dipilih Tuhan untuk memalukan apa yang kuat, dan apa yang tidak terpendang dan yang hina bagi dunia, dipilih Tuhan, bahkan apa yang tidak berarti, dipilih Tuhan untuk meniadakan**

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Akan Impian Kamu

apa yang berarti “(1 Korintus 1:26-28). Bapa-bapa, ibu-ibu dan anak-anak, jika Tuhan telah menyatakan kepada kamu, percayalah dalam impian mu dan impian Tuhan untuk Gereja kita. Seperti pemazmur berkata, “Adalah begitu manis mempercayai Yesus, hanya percaya Firman-Nya”. Bila kamu percaya, kamu akan mengalami kuasa dan kemuliaan-Nya.

Untuk mempercayai impianmu, terdapat tiga perkara yang kamu perlu lakukan.

1. Menentukan punca impian mu.

Impian boleh datang dari kebanggaan, apabila kamu melihat apa orang lain lakukan dan kamu mahu mengalahkannya. Atau mereka boleh datang dari dendam, iri hati atau tamak. Ini adalah dari daging dan nafsu. Jika impianmu bukan dari Tuhan, kamu sedang membazirkan masamu. Solomon berkata, ia adalah gangguan kerohanian. Tetapi jika ia adalah impian Tuhan, kejarlah ia. Mengikuti impian Tuhan membawa kemuliaan kepada Tuhan, menyaksikan kuasa dan kesetiaan-Nya.

2. Menentukan sumber-sumbernya

Jika punca impian kamu adalah daripada Tuhan, sumber-sumber akan bermula dengan apa yang kamu ada dan kamu akan selalu tidak mempunyai sumber – sumber yang mencukupi. Sebabnya adalah jelas. Jika kamu mempunyai kesemua sumber, apabila impian itu telah dicapai, kamu akan berkata, “Aku berhasil! Muliakan aku”.

Tuhan akan menggunakan apa yang kamu ada dan bukan apa yang kamu tidak punyai. Apabila kamu taat dan bersandar kepada-Nya, kamu akan mengalami perbekalan mujizat-Nya dan Dia akan membuka pintu yang kamu sendiri tidak tahu kewujudannya. Apabila ia dilakukan dengan bersandar kepada Tuhan, Dia yang dimuliakan dan kamu akan merendahkan

hati.

BEBERAPA ILUSTRASI ALKITABIAH MENGENAI SUMBER MUJIZAT-NYA.

• Elisa dan wanita yang mempunyai minyak (2 Raja-raja 4:2-7).

Seorang janda datang kepada Elisa yang merupakan Ketua di Sekolah Alkitab di mana suaminya hadir. Dia memberitahu Elisa bahawa pemiutang sedang mengejanya. Jikalau dia tidak menjelaskan hutangnya, anak-anaknya akan diambil. Elisa bertanya, “Apa yang kamu miliki”? Lalu dia menjawab, “Saya mempunyai sedikit minyak”. Dan Elisa meminta dia pergi kepada jiran-jirannya dan meminjam semua botol kosong mereka, bawakan botol-botol itu ke rumahnya dan menutup pintu. Dan dia mesti menuangkan minyak ke dalam botol-botol kosong itu dengan segera! Dia pun lakukan seperti mana disuruh dan mujizat berlaku. Minyak itu melimpah berterusan, mengisikan semua botol-botol kosong itu. Mujizat ada di dalam rumah mu. Memberi dan melakukan dalam kemampuan mu mengizinkan Tuhan melakukan mujizat dalam kehidupan dan keadaan mu.

• Elia dan janda di Sarfat pada masa kemarau (1 Raja-raja 17:1-15).

Elia meminta janda ini, “**Cobalah ambil bagiku sedikit air dalam kendi,**” dan “**bagiku sepotong roti**” (1 Raja-raja 17:11-12). Ia memerlukan iman dalam Firman Tuhan untuk janda itu melakukan sebagai mana yang disuruhkan oleh Elia, kerana semua yang dia miliki hanyalah segenggam tepung dan sedikit minyak! Dia menuruti dan mengalami mujizat. Tepungnya tidak kehabisan dan minyaknya tidak kekeringan dengan menuruti firman Tuhan.

Apabila Tuhan adalah punca impian mu, Dia akan memperuntukan segala-galanya yang diperlukan untuk dipenuhi. Alkitab mengatakan, “**Bagi Dialah, yang dapat melakukan jauh lebih banyak dari pada yang kita doakan atau pikirkan, seperti yang ternyata dari kuasa yang bekerja di dalam kita**” (Efesus 3:20). Ia adalah

Tuhan yang bekerja dalam diri mu. Ia bermula dengan kamu menggunakan apa yang kamu ada sebelum mujizat mula berlaku!

3. Jangan biarkan impian mu menakutkan mu.

Impian Tuhan adalah sentiasa lebih besar daripada kamu. Ini adalah salah satu cara kamu dapat tahu impian mu adalah daripada Tuhan, dan bergantung kepada-Nya sebagai sumber kamu. Dia tidak akan meninggalkan atau membiarkan mu. Dan dengan-Nya segalanya mungkin.

BEBERAPA ILUSTRASI IMPIAN YANG LUAR BIASA YANG TELAH DICAPAI.

• Abram dan Sara (Kejadian 15)

Impian Tuhan kepada Abram iaitu menjadikan dia “bapa banyak bangsa” datang ketika Abram dan Sara tidak mempunyai anak mereka sendiri dan telah melepasi usia melahirkan anak. Bahkan Sara ketawa apabila memikirkannya! Namun impian Tuhan bagi mereka adalah menjadikan dia bapa kepada banyak bangsa. Jangan berhenti, tidak kira bagaimana mustahil kelihatannya impian Tuhan untuk hidup mu berlaku.

• Ibu kepada Musa (Keluaran 2:1-6)

Perintah baru sahaja dikeluarkan. Setiap kanak-kanak lelaki Yahudi di Mesir terpaksa dibunuh. Apabila ibu Musa melihat wajah anaknya, dia ternampak impian Tuhan bahawa seorang penyelamat akan datang. Dia melakukan apa yang dia mampu dan Musa telah terselamat dan hidup menjadi penyelamat Israel daripada menjadi hamba kepada orang Mesir.

Bila ia adalah impian Tuhan, ia akan berlaku. Tidak kira betapa mustahilnya impian ini kepada mu, jangan biarkan ia menakutkan kamu. Dia adalah Tuhan yang mengerjakan mukjizat. Kamu hanya melakukan apa yang kamu mampu. Dan Tuhan akan melakukan apa yang kamu tidak mampu. Percaya kepada Yesus dan firmanNya. Dia menepati janji-Nya.

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相信你的梦

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神

有一个旨意和计划给我们每一个人。祂藉著异梦和异象向我们启示。异梦和异象将会通过相信祂的话语，应许和神圣的启示被实现。异梦的实现有两个基本要素，这就是破碎和建造。你可以在整本圣经里看到这事。例如，约瑟做了一个关于神给予他生命的旨意和计划的梦。在他按神的旨意被建造之前，这梦先破碎了他。神完全知道和了解你，因此，破碎和建造是神实现你的梦的方式。破碎的要素并不是要毁灭你，而是祂塑造你的品格的方式。神正在你里面建立敬虔的品格，以致当你实现你的梦时，你知道如何对待成功。

在破碎的时候，你会受到试探要放弃你的梦。但是不要这样做，因为神是信实的。圣经上说，「所以，你要知道耶和華——你的神，祂是神，是信实的神；向爱祂、守祂诫命的人守约，施慈爱，直到千代」（申7:9）。每个人，每个教会都有他们自己的梦，他们的梦都与别人不同。相信神赐给你个人的梦和给我们作为教会的梦。信靠神，当你面临挑战束手无策时。要紧紧坚守因为圣经上说，「也要坚守我们所承认的指望，不至摇动，因为那应许我们的是信实的」（来10:23）。

以保罗的劝勉来坚固你的心。「这样说来，犹太人有什么长处？割礼有什么好处呢？凡事大有好处：第一是神的圣言托他们」（罗3:1-2）。犹太人是享有特权被拣选的族类，并有割礼的记号来区分他们。但保罗认为他们的益处或好处主要是他们领受「神的圣言」，旧约的圣经。作为一个信徒，你的好处是你的救恩成为神的儿女，而不是你的族类，宗教或善行！神给了你祂的应许和祂的话语。如果神已经对你说话和赐给你一个梦，你必须不要放弃。神所应许的必将应验。保罗说：「即便有不信的，这有何妨呢？难道他们的不信就废掉神的信吗？断乎不能！不如说，神是真实的，人都是虚谎的」（罗3:3-4）。你的梦的实现不依赖于别人，而是神和祂的应许。神是信守祂称义的应许并赐你胜利。

我们生活在一个民主制度里，是以多数决定的原则。可以理解的是，当别人不相信我们的梦时，我们就失去了我们的自信。但神并不需要多数人来使祂的旨意实现。圣经是神权制，而不是民主制。各国政府和社会需要民主制度来执行工作，但神不需要。如果约瑟要表决神在他的生命的梦——如他的兄弟一样，他已经被否决了。他的梦永远不会实现。圣经上说，约瑟把它存在心里，他的父亲也是一样。同样，如果摩西征询以色列人对他过红海的计划，奇迹就不会发生。如果约书亚对他征服耶利哥的计划作一个表决，耶利哥的城墙也不会倒塌。

神是不偏待人。祂经常选择我们认为愚拙的人叫有智慧的人羞愧，因为祂想让你知道，祂是神，没有人可以与祂相比。祂还擅长与少数的人工作。圣经上说：「弟兄们哪，可见你们蒙召的，按着肉体有智慧的不多，有能力的不多，有尊贵的也不多。神却拣选了世上愚拙的，叫有智慧的羞愧；又拣选了世上软弱的，叫那强壮的羞愧。神也拣选了世上卑贱的，被人厌恶的，以及那无有的，为要废掉那有的」（林前1:26-28）。父亲，母亲，女儿和儿子，如果神已经对你说话，相信你的梦，和神对我们教会的梦。如同圣诗说：「信靠耶稣真是甜美，只要信靠主恩言」。当你相信，你将会经历到祂的能力和荣耀。

要相信你的梦，有三件事你需要做。

1. 确定你的梦的源头。

梦可以来自骄傲，当你看到别人在做的事情，你想要超越他们。或者，它们可以来自报复，嫉妒或贪婪。这些都是从肉体来和属肉体的。如果你的梦不是从神来的，你是在浪费你的时间。所罗门说道，这是捕风的。但如果这是神的梦，追求它。跟随神的梦能将荣耀归给神，证明祂的能力和信实。

2. 确定它的资源。

如果你的梦的源头是从神而来，它的资源是从你拥有的开始，而你总是没有足够的资源。原因很清楚。如果你拥有所有的资源，当梦已经完成时，你会说：「我做到了！来荣耀我」。

神会使用你拥有的，而不是你没有的。当你顺服和倚靠祂，你将会经历到祂神迹的供应，祂将打开你从来不知道存在的门。当它是倚靠神完成时，祂会得到荣耀，而你会感到谦卑。

一些关于祂的神迹资源的圣经例证。

• 以利沙和有油的妇女（王下4:2-7）

一个寡妇来到以利沙，他是她的丈夫曾经参加过的圣经学校的校长。她对以利沙说，有一个债主来找她还债。如果她不还，他将带走她的儿子。以利沙问她：「你拥有什么？」她回答说：「我有一些油」。以利沙叫她去她的邻舍借所有的空瓶，把它们带回她的家里，并关上门。她要开始将油倒在所有的空瓶子！她就照著去做，奇迹就发生了。油继续的流出，倒满了所有的空器皿。奇迹就在你的家里。施予和做你能够的，能让神在你的生命和环境里行出奇迹。

• 以利亚和撒勒法的寡妇在旱灾时期（王上17:1-15）

以利亚对这寡妇说：「求你用器皿取点水来给我喝」和「也求你拿点饼来给我！」（王

上17:10-11）。这寡妇需要神的话语的信心去做以利亚告诉她的事，因为她只有一把面粉和一点油！她顺服，并经历了奇迹。因服从神的话语，她的面粉不减少，她的油也不短缺。

当神是你的梦的源头时，祂供应一切必要的使它实现。圣经上说：「神能照着运行在我们心里的大力充充足足地成就一切，超过我们所求所想的」（弗3:20）。这是神在你心里工作。它是在奇迹开始发生之前，以使用你拥有的开始！

3. 不要让你的梦恐吓你。

神的梦总是比你大。这是你知道你的梦是从神而来的方法之一，并倚靠祂作你的源头。祂永远不会撇下你，也不丢弃你。在祂凡事都能做。

一些令人难以置信的梦已完成的例证。

• 亚伯拉罕和撒拉（创15）

神给亚伯拉罕的梦要让他作「多国的父」是在亚伯拉罕和撒拉没有自己的孩子，并超过生育的年龄时来到。甚至撒拉在心里暗笑！然而，神给他们的梦是祂将使祂作多国之父。不管神给你的生命的梦的实现似乎有多不可能，不要放弃。

• 摩西的母亲（出2:1-6）

法老刚颁布了他的命令。每一个在埃及的犹太男婴要被屠杀。当摩西的母亲看着她的婴孩时，她看到了神将来的拯救者的梦。她做尽她所能的，摩西才幸免于难，长大成为以色列人的拯救者，把他们从埃及人手中为奴拯救出来。

当它是神的梦，它必会发生。你的梦，无论多么不可能，别让它恐吓你。祂是一位行神迹奇事的神。你的责任是去做你能做的。神将做你不能做的。信靠耶稣，并信靠祂的话。祂信守祂的应许。

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