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MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

A special feature on the joys and challenges of motherhood
"Grace For The Present" by Senior Pastor

Grace for the present

By Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam

No matter what life's challenges are, the grace of God is more than sufficient to meet your needs. Captain John Newton testified of the wonderful grace of God that changed his life.

Although he was brought up in a Christian home, it was said, if one spent 20 minutes with him, one would be corrupted. He was captain of a slave ship in the 18th century, and in one of his many sea voyages and storms, he thought he would die. He remembered his Christian mother's teachings and he prayed to Jesus for his life. He was saved from the storm and began to read the New Testament and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour. He wrote the powerful hymn, "Amazing Grace" as his testimony of what God did for him. It is today, a popular song, sung by Christians and non-Christians. This is the first stanza of the hymn.

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.*

The hymn continues to speak about the "dangers, toils, and snares" we face and that "grace will lead me home." Thank God that grace not only saves, but teaches us how to live a successful and godly life. The Christian life is not always smooth sailing. It is said, you are either heading into trouble, or in trouble or coming out of trouble. The Bible says, "**Man is born to trouble**" (Job 5:7). Don't despise the challenges you are going through. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ will enable you to succeed and live victoriously. The Christian life is exciting and like an adventure when you believe in Jesus. You will experience the power of God's grace in every challenging situation.

The Apostle Paul had more than his fair share of "dangers, toils and snares"! He wrote, "... I am more: in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths

often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness - besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches" (2 Cor 11:23-28). The grace of God kept Paul sane through all the sufferings and challenges he faced. Grace sustained and empowered him. Like Paul, God's grace is available to every believer.

1. WHY DO WE NEED GOD'S GRACE?

a. We are earthen vessels.

God knows we are like an earthen vessel or vessels made of clay. When we go through dangers, toils and snares, we can break. Therefore, the Bible says, "**But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us**" (2 Cor 4:7). Paul did not say "we may have" or "we will have" but "we have" this treasure. Grace is personified in the person Jesus Christ who abides with us. When we trust and obey the Lord Jesus Christ, we will be a witness of God's saving grace.

b. When you experience God's miracles, blessings and favour in your life, you can be tempted by the devil to be proud and to sin.

The Apostle Paul had this to say, "... lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me" (2 Cor 12:7-8). Paul pleaded with the Lord three times to be delivered of the thorn in the flesh. God said, "**My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.**" Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that

the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Cor 12:9). God did not take away the thorn because God had something better for Paul to experience, the sufficiency of God's grace. The grace of God gives us a powerful testimony to those who do not know and believe in Jesus Christ and it keeps us humble and faithful. For Paul, it was **"the thorn in the flesh"**, for you, it may be something else. God permits troubles and hardships in your life, not to destroy you, but that you may experience His grace and realise it is **"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," Says the Lord of hosts**" (Zech 4:6). Often, we fail to recognize our weaknesses and frailties as earthen vessels made from the dust of the earth. Therefore, whatever challenges you may be facing, pray for God's grace to be your sufficiency. When you depend on Him, grace keeps, protects and empowers you to live in victory.

c. God's grace is more than sufficient.

The Bible says, **"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work"** (2 Cor 9:8).

2. GOD'S GRACE EMPOWERS US

a. In our weakness, we are made strong.

The Bible says, **"And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong"** (2 Cor 12:9-10). It is human nature not to acknowledge our weaknesses. But when we accept the fact that we are earthen vessels and have faith in Jesus Christ, God makes His grace our sufficiency. The grace of God will protect and empower us.

b. Our struggles and afflictions are light and temporary

The Bible says, **"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal"** (2 Cor 4:17-18). When you are experiencing the grace of God in your life, you see whatever you are going through with eyes of faith. The troubles in this life are insignificant compared to the glory that is to come. Grace gives you the eyes of faith to see the unseen which are eternal! The visible is temporary. You become bold and courageous to overcome the challenges.

The Bible says, **"Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day"** (2 Cor 4:16). The outward man, the "earthen vessel" is decaying, there is no remedy. But the inward man is growing stronger and better. Don't let the outward discourage you.

3. GOD'S GRACE CAUSES US TO PERSEVERE

Paul testified how God's grace made them persevere in tough situations (2 Cor 4:8-9).

They were:

- **Pressed** - but not crushed, as they could see help in God;
- **Perplexed** - but not in despair, knowing God was able to deliver them;
- **Persecuted** - but not forsaken, as God would not leave nor for sake them;
- **Punched** (knocked down) - but able to get up, as they placed their trust and hope in Christ.

4. GOD'S GRACE PROMOTES PRAISE

God's grace admonishes us to praise and worship God. Grace declares God's love and empowerment so you can testify of the goodness and mercy of God in your life:

- **"... that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us"** (2 Cor 4:7).
- **"... that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body"** (2 Cor 4:10).
- **"... that the power of Christ may rest upon me"** (2 Cor 12:9).

Remember Gideon, whose army God reduced to 300 (Judges 7:1,8) and won the battle over the Midianites? If Gideon had won the battle with his initial army of 10,000, he would have said he did it. But he did it with only 300 men, who had only a trumpet in their right hand, and an earthen pitcher, with a lighted torch in it, in their left hand. This is a beautiful picture of the grace of God. When the enemy came, they broke the pitcher and the light came out (Judges 7:16-25). The light in the pitchers symbolises Christ in you, grace personified, giving you the victory. He is mighty and victorious and He reigns through every situation.

May the grace of God not only become our salvation but teach, lead and guide us to victory and safety. May we be witnesses of the saving, teaching and empowering grace of God in our present life.

All Bible quotations are in the New King James Version.

BAPTISED IN WATER

Congratulations Calvarites who followed the Lord in water baptism on 11 April at the 5pm worship service at Damansara Heights.

May you reap the blessings of obedience. Do continue to grow from faith to faith.



(Left to Right)

- Front Row : Jayden Lai Quan Qing, Ashley Loh Sue Chen, Phoebe Ong Yi Li
- 2nd Row : Moen Ho Mee Yuong, Elaine Choo Lee Lee, James Loh Swee Wah, Nicole Ong Yi Ni
- Back Row : Eric Chew Chin Choong, Justin Chin Jing Ho, Nickson Kho Lek Sing

“ Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: “God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age” (Matt 28:18-20) The Message.

DEAC INSTALL



PORTFOLIOS OF THE BOARD OF DEACONS

CHURCH SECRETARY
David Peter

CHURCH TREASURER
Chow Sang Hoe

CHURCH HUMAN RESOURCES
Ngeow Zoo Gin

CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS
Bernadette Foo

CHURCH BUSINESS
Puan Chen Keck

CHURCH RELATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS
Stephen Liu

CHURCH HOSPITALITY & SPECIAL FUNCTIONS
Helen Read

DEACONS INSTALLATION



Senior Pastors, Pastor Guynes, Church Elder and Associate Pastors praying for the deacons



(Left to Right)

Front Row: David Peter, Sister Petrina,
Senior Pastor, Chow Sang Hoe

Back Row: Bernadette Foo, Ngeow Zoo Gin,
Stephen Liu, Puan Chen Keck,
Helen Read

The Stewardship Day on Friday, 24 April at Damansara Heights Sanctuary was a time when the Church members took stock of our spiritual, physical and financial growth, corporately and individually for the past year.

Thank God for His hand upon the meeting. There was a wonderful spirit of unity and every report shared testified to the amazing blessings of God on all our ministries. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam thanked God for the great faith exercised by the Church in response to the vision God has given and the way God has honoured our faith. We have experienced God's blessings in reducing our CCC debt beyond our expectations. There was also steady physical growth in the Church congregation.

We also confirmed our deacons for the coming year. Four of them, Bernadette Foo, David Peter, Helen Read and Ngeow Zoo Gin were re-elected to serve another two-year term as deacons, joining the other three deacons, Chow Sang Hoe, Stephen Liu and Puan Chen Keck who will complete their term this year.

On Sunday, 25 April, the deacons were introduced to the congregation and installed at Calvary Convention Centre (CCC).

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam exhorted and charged them with biblical principles of leadership from the following Scriptures, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 and Colossians 3:15-17.

The seven deacons indicated their willingness to accept these responsibilities by pledging to serve God and the Church.

Then Senior Pastor together with Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam, the Associate Pastors, Honorary Pastor Dr. Delmer Guynes and Elder Patrick Wong led in prayer for them.

The installation closed with Pastor Guynes praying for the congregation to be faithful and supportive to the leadership God has given to the Church.

A WARM & JOYFUL MISSIONETTES AWARDS CELEBRATION

By Mok Zhuang Lin



Missionettes girls from ages 3-18 and boys from ages 3-5 were recognised for their achievements and presented awards on 19 April at the 34th Annual Awards Celebration. Parents, friends, sponsors, pastors and church leaders rejoiced together with them at the celebration themed 'Different.'

After a time of meaningful worship, our church deaconess, Bernadette Foo shared a devotional thought exhorting the girls and boys to dare to be different and stand up for Jesus in a world where young people would be more comfortable to blend with the crowd.

The five graduating girls from the Friends and Girls Only Clubs presented a unique, interesting hand-clap skit to reflect that our worship unto the Lord need not be just in song but other parts of the body can also be used 'to make a joyful noise' to praise God.

It was a proud moment for the 3 Friends Graduates (Margaret Mayage, Esther Joy Lim and Lydia Soong) and their parents when they were crowned and caped by Associate Pastor Lee Peng. The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the Silver Medal of Honour to Hon Yee Neng and Han Suyin by Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam. The Silver Medal award is given to a girl who has attained the honour level of achievement for 4 of the 5 Missionettes clubs (not including Rainbows).

Yee Neng and Suyin shared their testimonies and recollected some of their most memorable moments together in Missionettes since they joined the Rainbows Club at the age of three. Their journey together also had its challenges as they strived to be regular in attendance and to practise what they have been taught for the past 15 years. The two graduating students gave an "older sister's" advice to the younger ones, encouraging them to carry on being faithful in Missionettes which is a wholesome programme for girls to grow up in the Lord and to appreciate the Sponsors and the teaching as they have found the Word of God reliable and true.

The celebration concluded with a warm and joyful presentation of a medley of songs in English, Mandarin, Bahasa Malaysia and Tamil by the boys and girls.



1. Honour Girls with their proud Sponsors
 2. Graduating Girls presenting Hand Clap Skit
 3. Deaconess Bernadette sharing the devotional thought
 4. Sister Petrina praying for the Honour Girls
 5. Emcees Isabel and Sponsor Lina

A SPECIAL FEATURE ON THE JOYS & CHALLENGES OF M♡THERHOOD!

Mothers are special. Their hearts are divinely-shaped for their children. Their maternal instincts are irreplaceable, irresistible and irrevocable. Their capacity to love and nurture never ends. Be inspired and find out more from the generous sharing of three Calvarite mothers, Julie Chow, Pam Guneratnam and Dr Goh Huay-ye.



Julie



Pam



Huay-ye

Q. What's the best part about being a mom?

Julie: I am very blessed to take care of my children myself.

Pam: I love being a mom. I find each of my children interesting and I like them so much as people. They are so funny, smart, talented and they amaze me with their perspectives on the world, on life and their relationship with God. I am so blessed to have them as part of my life and to know they will always be my family.

Huay-ye: The privilege and fascination of watching my girls discover the world and hearing how their pure minds make brilliant new sense of the things we adults take for granted.

Q. What's the most difficult part about being a mom?

Pam: When I was a young mother I tended to be more impatient and was easily upset by small things. Thankfully, as I get older, I am mellowing and not allowing small things to become big things.

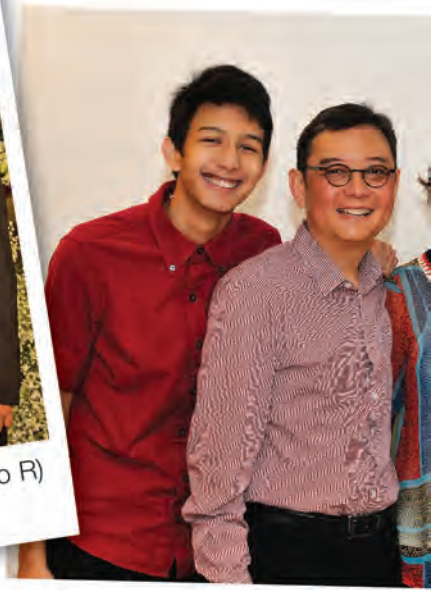
Huay-ye: During moments of uncertainty, I wonder if I am bringing them up in the best and wisest way.

Julie: When my children began leaving home, after getting married and for their careers, I missed having them around me.

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Julie Chow and husband, Stephen Yap (2nd and 3rd left) with their children, (L to R) Sze Foong, Chern Wai and wife, Jenn Tang, Sze May and husband, David Tan



Pam Guneratnam and husband, children, Matthew (left) and Azalea

Q. How did you learn to be a mom?

Julie: When I was pregnant with my first child and knowing that I will have no helper, I started praying for God's guidance. Amazingly, God taught me through thick and thin as she grew.

Huay-ye: I apply the many positive things I saw in my mother and try to improve on aspects I have experienced when I was growing up.

Pam: I have a great mom myself and had wonderful grandmothers, so I was very blessed with good and godly role models. I also learned a lot from studies into human behaviour and child development and through trial and error. I had to learn about each child and treat them as individuals. I know God helps me too, there is no way I could be a mom without His daily help and grace.

Q. Share one special moment with your child/children that you cherish.

Pam: One year during the Chinese New Year break we rented road bikes and rode around in the jungle. It was scary and unforgettable. If I did not have kids, I don't think I would do some of the things I do, they have enriched my life.

Huay-ye: My favourite moments are walking with them hand-in-hand, listening to them tell me about their day or something they thought about, because it is then I get a glimpse into their curious, innocent minds and have the opportunity to guide the way they view the world.

Julie: It was the most special moment for me to see my two daughters helping at their brother's wedding. They rehearsed the special number over Skype and sang it beautifully during the solemnisation service.

Q. How do you juggle between your children, spouse, work, and relationship with God?

Julie: As a homemaker I have not much problem to juggle my time. God called me to ministry when my children were more independent and as they grew older, we served together.

Pam: Now that the kids are older, we all pitch in to do the housework. Sharing responsibilities in the house enables us to spend time together in a natural daily life kind of way and communicate with each other. I do make special effort and time to spend with my husband, Chris. With the kids, I try to be part of their daily life, picking them up from school or their appointments or chatting with them when they come home or over dinner. It may be just for a few minutes but I make it a point to connect with them everyday. I take a good look at them and usually I can tell if they are okay or not. The great thing about the relationship with God is that He is always there and free to chat.

Huay-ye: I believe in and try very hard to ensure a balance between all aspects of my life. I firmly believe in routine and scheduling for myself and my household, in order to do all I want to do excellently in life each day. Every moment has to have its purpose and every intention, a plan.





Associate Pastor Chris Lee, flanked by
a and Alex



Dr Goh Huay-yee and husband, Wong Horr Wai with their daughters,
Wen Li (left) and Shan Li

Q. How would you like to be appreciated as a mom?

Julie: To see my children walking in the fear of the Lord and they raising up their children to do likewise.

Pam: It gives me great joy to see my kids living their potential and sharing their gifts with others. I feel most appreciated when they seek me out and share their lives with me.

Huay-yee: Honestly I have never thought about being appreciated as a mother because I think motherhood is a choice I made not a choice my children made. If my children grow up to be compassionate, kind and generous and contribute to humanity and the kingdom of God, that would be the best 'appreciation' of my efforts.

Q. In what ways has God helped you in being a better mom?

Pam: I became a mother at a very young age, I could barely take care of myself at the time and it has amazed me as to how God has blessed and helped me and Chris all these years. He brought around people, experiences and opportunities in miraculous ways. He has been more than faithful to us in caring for each of our three children. When I think of the opportunities the kids have had, the protection they have experienced and the life they are living, it is nothing but pure gift from a gracious and loving heavenly Father. I am simply a witness of God's goodness.

Huay-yee: God provides me the guiding principles for raising my girls, essential in the challenging times we live in. He provides me security and I need not fear, knowing He is in control and where I cannot go and whatever I cannot do for my children, He will go and He will do. God also gives me comfort, peace, a calmness and quiet confidence which I think makes me a much better mother than if I have to do it alone without Him.

Julie: Treating my children well is the same as treating people around me. It's the same principle. Therefore His word and love is my guidance to be a better mom.

We appreciate all three mothers for sharing from their hearts on the joys and challenges of motherhood.

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MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

By Grace Xavier



The Mother's Day service on 10 May at Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) had Senior Associate Pastor Petrina sharing a message that reached out to all persons, including mothers.

Before her message, Sister Petrina shared a beautiful vision of what God has for us based on the powerful promise in Psalm 2:8 – "Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession". Thank God for His promise towards seeing CCC being fully filled up. He keeps His promises!

Going on with her message, 'SAFE SHELTER', it was poignant, and Sister Petrina highlighted the wonderful love and compassion of God which she brilliantly tied in with a mother's love. Sister Petrina spoke of her personal relationship with God, and revealed that in her devotions, God gave her three special truths which she shared with the congregation on this special day.

Firstly, God is a REDEMPITIVE God. Everything God does is redemptive. Sister Petrina illustrated this truth succinctly with an analogy of a surgeon and a butcher, both of whom

are skilled with knives. A surgeon cuts with the main purpose of healing, while a butcher cuts his meat into pieces for distribution or for selling. God is the best surgeon.

Secondly, God is INVOLVED in every crisis. When God is involved, we can win! It was well illustrated with a biblical example. Although it may appear that God was on the losing side, in having to die on the cross on a Friday, but on Sunday, He arose from the dead! He emerged victorious. Death had lost its sting. Only God turns losses into gains!

Thirdly, God is our SHELTER (Psalm 91:1, 2, 4). People need a safe place, to be comforted, without judgment or condemnation, and to believe that failure is not fatal but it is a stepping stone towards success. She noted that only three places are truly safe shelters: the church, a Christian home and a Christian. She concluded her message with a passionate plea: God is our refuge and strength; are we willing to be His Shelter? (Prov 14:26).

The altar call was tremendously encouraging and many people gave their commitment to lean on the everlasting arms of our Saviour and Lord.

“Safe Shelter”,
A Poignant
Message
Ministers to All



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, in his prayer for the mothers, was positive and inspiring.

This was followed by the youths handing out a beautiful ribbon-wrapped journal complete with a pen for each mother.

The service ended with a distinctive and heartwarming song presentation by the Carpenter’s Workshop (CW) children entitled “The MOM Song”. The older kids acted out all the daily chores moms do for their kids.

The rejoicing continued well after the close of the service. Many families lingered at the Plaza and treated moms to lunch at the food stalls that Church made available.

Thank God for many Calvarites who made special effort to bring their moms for the service and His blessings for this special day.

1. CW kids presenting The MOM song
2. Senior Pastor encouraging all mothers present
3. Sister Petrina preaching
4. Seeking God at the altar
5. Mothers being recognised
6. A youth giving out gift of journal to mothers

Kasih Karunia

Untuk Masa Sekarang

Oleh Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam

Tidak kira apa cabaran hidup, kasih karunia Tuhan adalah lebih daripada mencukupi untuk memenuhi keperluan anda. Kapten John Newton memberi kesaksian tentang kasih karunia Tuhan yang indah yang mengubah hidupnya. Walaupun dia dibesarkan di dalam rumah Kristian, pernah diceritakan, jika seseorang menghabiskan masa selama 20 minit dengan beliau, orang itu akan menjadi rosak. Dia adalah kapten kapal yang membawa hamba pada abad ke-18, dan dalam salah satu daripada pelayarannya di laut dan melalui ribut taufan, dia terfikir dia akan mati. Dia teringat ajaran ibunya yang merupakan seorang Kristian dan dia berdoa kepada Yesus untuk menyelamatkannya. Beliau kemudiannya telah diselamatkan dari ribut tersebut dan mula membaca Perjanjian Baru dan menerima Yesus Kristus sebagai Tuhan peribadi dan Penyelamatnya. Beliau menulis lagu rohani pujian yang berkuasa, "Kasih Karunia Ajaib" sebagai kesaksian apa yang Tuhan telah lakukan baginya. Ia adalah sebuah lagu popular hari ini, dinyanyikan oleh orang-orang Kristian dan juga bukan Kristian. Stanza pertama lagu itu adalah seperti berikut.

*"Kasih karunia Ajaib! Betapa manis bunyinya,
Yang menyelamatkan orang celaka seperti saya!
Saya pernah sesat tetapi sekarang saya dijumpai
Menjadi buta, tetapi sekarang saya melihat."*

Lirik lagu rohani itu seterusnya bercakap tentang tentang "bahaya, kesusahan dan jerat" yang kita hadapi dan bahawa "kasih karunia akan membawa saya pulang." Syukur kepada Tuhan kasih karunia itu bukan sahaja menyelamatkan, tetapi ia juga mengajar kita bagaimana untuk menjalani kehidupan yang berjaya dan rohani. Kehidupan Kristian tidak selalunya berjalan dengan lancar. Pernah dikatakan bahawa anda akan menuju ke dalam masalah atau dalam kesusahan atau keluar daripada masalah. Alkitab mengatakan, "Manusia menimbulkan kesusahan bagi dirinya" (Ayub 5: 7). Janganlah menolak cabaran yang anda lalui. Kasih karunia Tuhan Yesus Kristus akan membolehkan anda berjaya dan hidup dalam kemenangan. Kehidupan Kristian adalah menarik dan bagaikan pengembaraan apabila anda percaya kepada Yesus. Anda akan mengalami kuasa kasih karunia Tuhan dalam setiap situasi yang mencabarkan.

Rasul Paulus juga mengalami begitu banyak "bahaya, kesusahan dan jerat"! Beliau menulis, "... aku lebih lagi! Aku lebih banyak berjerih lelah; lebih sering di dalam penjara; didera di luar batas; kerap kali dalam bahaya maut. Lima kali aku disesah orang Yahudi, setiap kali empat puluh kurang satu pukulan, tiga kali aku didera, satu kali aku dilempari dengan batu, tiga kali mengalami karam kapal, sehari semalam aku terkatung-katung di tengah laut. Dalam perjalananku aku sering diancam bahaya banjir dan bahaya penyamun, bahaya dari pihak orang-orang Yahudi dan dari pihak orang-orang bukan Yahudi; bahaya

di kota, bahaya di padang gurun, bahaya di tengah laut, dan bahaya dari pihak saudara-saudara palsu. Aku banyak berjerih lelah dan bekerja berat; kerap kali aku tidak tidur; aku lapar dan dahaga; kerap kali aku berpuasa, kedinginan dan tanpa pakaian, dan, dengan tidak menyebut banyak hal lain lagi, urusanku sehari-hari, yaitu untuk memelihara semua jemaat-jemaat." (2 Kor 11: 23-28). Kasih karunia Tuhan mengekalkan Paulus dengan waras dalam semua penderitaan dan cabaran yang dihadapinya. Kasih karunia mempertahankan dan menguasai dia. Seperti Paulus, kasih karunia Tuhan tersedia untuk setiap orang yang percaya.

1. KENAPA KITA MEMERLUKAN KASIH KARUNIA TUHAN?

a. Kita adalah bejana buatan.

Tuhan mengetahui kita seperti bejana buatan atau bejana yang diperbuat daripada tanah liat. Apabila kita melalui bahaya, kesusahan dan jerat, kita boleh pecah. Oleh itu, Alkitab mengatakan, "Tetapi harta ini kami punyai dalam bejana tanah liat, supaya nyata, bahwa kekuatan yang melimpah-limpah itu berasal dari Allah, bukan dari diri kami." (2 Kor 4:7). Paulus tidak berkata "kita mungkin mempunyai" atau "kita akan mempunyai" tetapi "kita mempunyai" harta ini. Kasih karunia diperibadikan dalam diri Yesus Kristus yang menetap dalam diri kita. Apabila kita mempercayai dan mentaati Tuhan Yesus Kristus, kita akan menjadi saksi kasih karunia keselamatan Tuhan.

b. Apabila anda mengalami mukjizat, berkat dan kasih karunia Tuhan dalam hidup anda, anda boleh tergoda oleh syaitan untuk menjadi bongkak dan melakukan dosa.

Rasul Paulus ada ini untuk berkata, "... Dan supaya aku jangan meninggikan diri karena pernyataan-pernyataan yang luar biasa itu, maka aku diberi suatu duri di dalam dagingku, yaitu seorang utusan Iblis untuk menggocoh aku, supaya aku jangan meninggikan diri. Tentang hal itu aku sudah tiga kali berseru kepada Tuhan, supaya utusan Iblis itu mundur dari padaku." (2 Kor 12: 7-8). Paulus merayu kepada Tuhan tiga kali untuk diselamatkan dari duri di dalam dagingnya. Tuhan berkata, "Cukuplah kasih karunia-Ku bagimu, sebab justru dalam kelemahanlah kuasa-Ku menjadi sempurna." Sebab itu terlebih suka aku bermegah atas kelemahanku, supaya kuasa Kristus turun menaungi aku." (2 Kor 12: 9). Tuhan tidak mengeluarkan duri itu kerana Tuhan mempunyai sesuatu yang lebih baik bagi Paulus untuk mengalami, kecukupan kasih karunia Tuhan. Kasih karunia Tuhan memberikan kita kesaksian yang hebat untuk mereka yang tidak tahu dan percaya kepada Yesus Kristus dan ia memastikan kita rendah hati dan setia.

Bagi Paulus, ia adalah "duri dalam daging", untuk anda, ia mungkin sesuatu yang lain. Tuhan membenarkan masalah dan kesusahan dalam hidup anda, bukan untuk memusnahkan anda, tetapi untuk anda mengalami kasih karuniaNya dan menyedari ia adalah "Bukan dengan keperkasaan dan

bukan dengan kekuatan, melainkan dengan roh-Ku, firman TUHAN semesta alam." (Zakaria 4 : 6). Selalunya, kita gagal mengenali kelemahan dan keringkahan kita sebagai bejana bumi yang diperbuat daripada debu tanah. Oleh itu, apa jua cabaran yang mungkin anda hadapi, berdoa untuk kecukupan kasih karunia Tuhan untuk anda. Apabila anda bergantung kepadaNya, kasih karunia akan mengekal, melindungi dan memberi kuasa kepada anda untuk hidup dalam kemenangan.

c. Kasih karunia Tuhan adalah lebih daripada mencukupi.

Alkitab mengatakan, "Dan Allah sanggup melimpahkan segala kasih karunia kepada kamu, supaya kamu senantiasa berkecukupan di dalam segala sesuatu dan malah berkelebihan di dalam pelbagai kebajikan." (2 Kor 9: 8).

2. KASIH KARUNIA TUHAN MEMBERIKAN KUASA KEPADA KITA

a. Dalam kelemahan kita, kita dijadikan kuat.

Alkitab mengatakan, "Tetapi jawab Tuhan kepadaku: "Cukuplah kasih karunia-Ku bagimu, sebab justru dalam kelemahanlah kuasa-Ku menjadi sempurna." Sebab itu terlebih suka aku bermegah atas kelemahanku, supaya kuasa Kristus turun menaungi aku. Karena itu aku senang dan rela di dalam kelemahan, di dalam siksaan, di dalam kesukaran, di dalam penganiayaan dan kesesakan oleh karena Kristus. Sebab jika aku lemah, maka aku kuat." (2 Kor 12: 9-10). Sememangnya sifat manusia tidak suka mengakui kelemahan diri sendiri. Tetapi apabila kita menerima hakikat bahawa kita adalah bejana bumi dan mempunyai iman di dalam Yesus Kristus, Tuhan menjadikan kasih karuniaNya kecukupan kita. Kasih karunia Tuhan akan melindungi dan menguasai kita.

b. Perjuangan dan kesusahan yang menimpa kita adalah ringan dan sementara.

Alkitab mengatakan, "Sebab penderitaan ringan yang sekarang ini, mengerjakan bagi kami kemuliaan kekal yang melebihi segala-galanya, jauh lebih besar dari pada penderitaan kami. Sebab kami tidak memperhatikan yang kelihatan, melainkan yang tak kelihatan, karena yang kelihatan adalah sementara, sedangkan yang tak kelihatan adalah kekal." (2 Kor 4: 17-18). Apabila anda mengalami kasih karunia Tuhan dalam hidup anda, anda akan melihat apa sahaja yang anda melalui dengan mata iman. Kesusahan dalam hidup ini adalah kecil berbanding dengan kemuliaan yang akan datang. Kasih karunia memberikan anda mata iman untuk melihat yang tak kelihatan yang kekal! Yang penglihatan adalah sementara. Anda menjadi berani dan gagah untuk mengatasi cabaran.

Alkitab mengatakan, "Sebab itu kami tidak tawar hati, tetapi meskipun manusia lahiriah kami semakin merosot, namun manusia batiniah kami dibaharui dari sehari ke sehari." (2 Kor 4:16). Manusia luaran seseorang, iaitu "bejana bumi" akan mereput, tiada pemulihan. Tetapi batiniah seseorang akan bertumbuh dengan lebih kukuh dan lebih baik. Jangan biarkan yang luaran menjadikan anda tawar hati.

3. KASIH KARUNIA TUHAN MENYEBABKAN KITA BERTABAH

Paulus bersaksi tentang bagaimana kasih karunia Tuhan menjadikan mereka bersabar dalam situasi yang sukar (2 Kor 4: 8-9).

Mereka telah:

- Ditindas** - namun tidak terjepit, kerana mereka boleh lihat bantuan dalam Tuhan;
- Menjadi bingung** - namun tidak berputus asa, mengetahui Tuhan dapat menyelamatkan mereka;

c. **Dianiaya** - namun tidak ditinggalkan, kerana Tuhan tidak akan meninggalkan dan tidak mengabaikan mereka;

d. **Ditumbuk (dihempaskan)** - namun tidak binasa, kerana mereka meletakkan kepercayaan dan harapan mereka dalam Kristus.

4. KASIH KARUNIA TUHAN MEMPROMOSIKAN PUJIAN

Kasih karunia Tuhan menasihati kita untuk memuji dan menyembah Tuhan. Kasih karunia mengisytiharkan kasih dan penguasaan Tuhan supaya anda boleh memberi kesaksian mengenai kebaikan dan belas kasihan Tuhan dalam kehidupan anda:

- "... bahwa kekuatan yang melimpah-limpah itu berasal dari Allah, bukan dari diri kami." (2 Kor 4: 7).
- "... supaya kehidupan Yesus juga menjadi nyata di dalam tubuh kami." (2 Kor 4:10).
- "... supaya kuasa Kristus turun menaungi aku." (2 Kor 12: 9).

Ingat Gideon, yang tentera beliau dikurangkan kepada 300 orang oleh Tuhan (Hakim-hakim 7: 1,8) dan memenangi pertempuran atas orang-orang Midian? Jika Gideon telah memenangi pertempuran dengan tentera awalnya sebesar 10,000, dia akan mengatakan dia yang melakukannya. Tetapi dia melakukannya dengan hanya 300 orang, yang mempunyai hanya sebuah sangkakala di tangan kanan mereka, dan buyung dengan obor dinyalakan di dalamnya, di tangan kiri mereka. Ini adalah gambaran yang indah kasih karunia Tuhan. Apabila musuh datang, mereka memecahkan buyung dan cahaya itu keluar (Hakim-hakim 7: 16-25). Api dalam buyung itu melambangkan Kristus di dalam anda, kasih karunia diperibadikan, memberikan anda kemenangan. Dia adalah berkuasa dan berkemenangan dan Dia memerintah dalam setiap situasi.

Semoga kasih karunia Tuhan bukan sahaja menjadi keselamatan kita tetapi mengajar, memimpin dan membimbing kita kepada kemenangan dan keselamatan. Semoga kita menjadi saksi-saksi kasih karunia Tuhan yang menyelamatkan, mengajar dan menguasai dalam kehidupan kita sekarang.

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah di dalam versi Alkitab Indonesia.

KELAS PEMBAPTISAN AIR DAN KEAHLIAN

1.30PM 13 Jun Sabtu
Damansara Heights Worship Nursery

KEBAKTIAN PEMBAPTISAN AIR

5.00PM 13 Jun Sabtu
Damansara Heights Sanctuary

KEBAKTIAN BM

11.30AM 28 Jun Ahad

Pengkhotbah : Pendita David Seah
Topik : "Kuasa Kehidupan
Yang Berdisiplin" (Bahagian 2)
Lokasi : Bilik 10, Tingkat 4, CCC



EXCITING 3-DAY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

By Jason Tan

“How heavy is a gun?” “What does it take to be a policeman?” “Do you have to fight gangsters?”

These were some of the questions asked by the curious Discovery Rangers (DR) during their visit to the Kuala Lumpur Police Headquarters on the first day of the 3-day Holiday Program from 16-18 March, organised by the Royal Rangers ministry.

Each day, the 23 DR boys and girls had devotion at the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) before heading out for their outings. They would return to CCC after lunch, for class activities which included games and completing their merits that corresponded to their outings.

At the KL Police HQ, the Rangers were privileged to have Assistant Commissioner of Police Mohd Firdaus and Inspector Bala to address their

questions as well as crime issues among youths. They were reminded not to get involved with crime and that all of them can help with crime prevention in their schools and communities, young as they may be.

At the traffic police division, the boys and girls had a “whale” of a time, enjoying a “hands on” exhibition of police power bikes and patrol cars and letting sirens and engine revs echo through the compound.

On the second day, the Rangers visited the Orang Asli and Bank Negara museums in line with their Orang Asli and Coin Collecting merit respectively. Commander Stephanie led the tour in the Orang Asli Museum.

The next stop was the brand new Bank Negara Museum and Art Gallery named “Sasana Kijang”. After the tour, they had an interactive briefing on “What Is Money?”

After a delicious sandwich lunch, the Rangers toured the Kids Money Gallery, which featured hands-on games on how to spend wisely, making your own money and a One Million Ringgit tunnel, a tunnel literally made up of various denominations of Ringgit notes!

On the third day, the Rangers tried their hands at fishing at a fishing pond nearby CCC! The fishing skills they had learnt the previous two days, was not enough. Patience proved to be the lesson of the day. Those who sat quietly in their spot managed to reel in a catch!

At the close of the event, the best Rangers for each day were recognised and awarded. The Commanders involved also received a token of appreciation each.

Praise and thank God for His favour upon the entire program.



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GRAM Discovery Rangers Went Places!



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Captions:

1. Group photo of the DR and Commanders with the police at the KL Police HQ
2. DR Outpost Commander Samuel Soong and ACP Firdaus exchanging plaques
3. DR ready and geared up for a catch
4. Waiting for the catch!
5. "Money Talk" at the Bank Negara Museum
6. Being briefed on the Orang Asli population distribution at the Museum



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现在的恩典

(文：古纳南主任牧师)

不

管生活的挑战是什么，神的恩典是足够有余能满足你的需求。约翰牛顿船长为神的美妙恩典作见证，它转变了他的生命。虽然他是在一个基督教信仰的家庭里长大，有人说，如果有人花20分钟和他相处，那人就会被败坏。他是一个十八世纪贩奴船只的船长，在他的许多航海和风暴中，有一次船只几乎沉没，他认为他必死无疑。他想起他的基督徒母亲的教诲，他为自己的生命安危向耶稣祈祷。他从暴风雨中得拯救，并开始读《新约圣经》和接受耶稣基督为他个人的主和救主。他写了一首著名的圣诗《奇异恩典》为神拯救了他作见证。今天这是一首流行的诗歌，是基督徒和非基督徒常唱的歌。这是该圣诗的第一节。

奇异恩典！何等甘甜，
我罪已得赦免。前我失丧，
今被寻回，瞎眼今得看见。

圣诗继续谈道我们面对的「许多危险，试炼和网罗」和「靠主恩典，且引导我归家」。感谢神祂的恩典不仅拯救我们，而且教导我们如何拥有成功和敬虔的生活。基督徒的生活并不总是一帆风顺。这是说，你要不是正进入困境，就是在困境中或正离开困境。圣经上说：「人生在世必遇患难」（伯5:7）。不要轻视你正在面临的挑战。主耶稣基督的恩典将使你成功和过得胜生活。当你相信耶稣时，基督徒的生活是令人兴奋和像一场探险。在每一个挑战中，你将会经历到神的恩典的力量。

使徒保罗遇到很多的「危险，试炼和网罗」！他写道：「...我比他们多受劳苦，多下监牢，受鞭打是过重的，冒死是屡次有的。被犹太人鞭打五次，每次四十减去一下；被棍打了三次；被石头打了一次，遇着船坏三次，一昼一夜在深海里。又屡次行远路，遭江河的危险、盗贼的危险，同族的危险、外邦人的危险、城里的危险、旷野的危险、海中的危险、假弟兄的危险。受劳碌、受

困苦，多次不得睡，又饥又渴，多次不得食，受寒冷，赤身露体。除了这外面的事，还有为众教会挂心的事，天天压在我身上」（林后11:23-28）。神的恩典让保罗能保持理智地经过所有的苦难和他所面临的挑战。恩典维持他和赋予他能力。好像保罗那样，神的恩典是提供给每一个信徒。

1. 为什么我们需要神的恩典？

a. 我们是瓦器

神知道我们就像一个瓦器皿或粘土制成的容器。当我们经历危险，道试炼和网罗时，我们会破碎。因此，圣经上说：「我们有这宝贝放在瓦器里，要显明这莫大的能力是出于神，不是出于我们」（林后4:7）。保罗没说：「我们可能有」或「我们会有」而是「我们有」这宝贝。与我们同住的耶稣基督成为恩典的化身。当我们信靠和顺服主耶稣基督，你将是神的救赎恩典的见证人。

b. 当你经历神的奇迹，祝福和恩宠在你生命中，你会受到魔鬼的试探而感到骄傲和犯罪。

使徒保罗说道：「...又恐怕我因所得的启示甚大，就过于自高，所以有一根刺加在我肉体上，就是撒但的差役要攻击我，免得我过于自高。为这事，我三次求过主，叫这刺离开我」（林后12:7-8）。保罗三次恳求主要肉体上的刺离开他。「神说道：『我的恩典够你用的，因为我的能力是在人的软弱上显得完全』。所以，我更喜欢夸自己的软弱，好叫基督的能力覆庇我」（林后12:9）。神没有把刺除掉，因为神要保罗经历更好的，即神充足的恩典。神的恩典使我们向那些不认识和不相信耶稣基督的人作一个有力的见证，并使我们谦卑和忠心。

对保罗，它是「肉体上的刺」，对你，它可能是别的东西。神允许你在人生中遭受患难和困苦，不是要毁灭你，而是让你可以经历到祂的恩典和明白「万军之耶和華说：『不是倚靠势力，不是倚靠才能，乃是倚靠我的灵方能成事』」（亚4:6）。通常，我们并不认识到我们作

为尘土制成的瓦器的缺点和弱点。因此，无论你可能面临的是什么挑战，要祈求神的恩典是够你用的。当你依靠祂时，恩典就保守，保护和赋予你能力在生活中得胜。

C. 神的恩典是足够有余的

圣经上说道：「神能将各样的恩惠多多的加给你们，使你们凡事常常充足，能多行各样善事」（林后9:8）。

2. 神的恩典赋予我们能力

a. 在我们的软弱，我们成为刚强。

圣经上说道：「他对我说：『我的恩典够你用的，因为我的能力是在人的软弱上显得完全。』」所以，我更喜欢夸自己的软弱，好叫基督的能力覆庇我。我为基督的缘故，就以软弱、凌辱、急难、逼迫、困苦为可喜乐的；因我什么时候软弱，什么时候就刚强了」（林后12:9-10）。人类本性是不承认我们的软弱。但当我们接受我们是瓦器这个事实和相信耶稣基督，神让祂的恩典成为我们的充足。神的恩典能保护和赋予我们能力。

b. 我们的挣扎和苦楚是至暂至轻的

圣经上说道：「我们这至暂至轻的苦楚，要为我们成就极重无比，永远的荣耀。原来我们不是顾念所见的，乃是顾念所不见的；因为所见的是暂时的，所不见的是永远的」（林后4:17-18）。当你体验神在你生命中的恩典时，你用信心的眼睛来看你正在经历的一切事物。这些生活中的患难与即将到来的荣耀相比是微不足道的。恩典给你信心的眼睛看见那不可见的，是永恒的！看得见的是暂时的。你变成有胆量和勇敢的去克服挑战。

圣经上说道：「所以，我们不丧胆。外体虽然毁坏，内心却一天新似一天」（林后4:16）。作「瓦器」的外体正在衰败，没有补救的办法。但内心却是长的更坚强和更美好。不要让外在的使你气馁。

3. 神的恩典使我们坚忍

保罗见证神的恩典如何使他们在艰难的情况下坚持下去（林后4:8-9）

他们：

- 四面受敌 - 却不被困住，因他们能得到神的帮助；
- 心里作难 — 却不至失望，知道神有能力拯救他们；
- 遭逼迫 — 却不被丢弃，因神是不会离弃他们；
- 打倒了一 — 但能够起来，因为他们把他们的信靠和盼望放在基督身上。

4. 神的恩典促进赞美

神的恩典劝诫我们要赞美和敬拜神。恩典宣告神的爱和赋予能力，因此你可以见证神的恩惠和慈爱在你的生命中：

- 「... 这莫大的能力是出于神，不是出于我们」（林后4:7）。
- 「...使耶稣的生也显明在我们身上」（林后4:10）。
- 「... 好叫基督的能力覆庇我」（林后12:9）。

记得基甸，他的军队被神减到300人（士7:1,8）却赢得了与米甸人的战斗吗？如果基甸是以他最初的10,000人的军队赢得了这场战斗，他会说这是他的成功。不过他只以300人作战，他们右手只拿着号角和左手拿着空瓶，瓶内都藏着火把。这是一幅神的恩典美丽的图画。当敌人来到的时候，他们就打破瓶子，发出光来（士7:16-25）。瓶内的光象征在你们心里的基督，恩典的化身，使你得胜。祂是大能和得胜者，祂在所有的情况中作王。

愿神的恩典不仅能成为我们的救赎，而且教导，带领和引导我们走向胜利和安全。愿我们为在我们现在的生命中的救赎，教导和赋予能力的神的恩典作见证。

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本。

· 中文团契 ·

六月份聚会

日期：28-6-15

时间：早上十一点半

讲员：翁有富牧师

主题：彼此激励

地点：CCC影剧院1, B2

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浸礼及会籍课程

日期：13-6-15 (六)

时间：下午一点半

地点：加略山教会

浸礼聚会

日期：13-6-15 (六)

时间：下午五点

地点：加略山教会(大堂)

下一次浸礼

日期：8-8-15 (六)

报名截止日期：5-7-15 (日)



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Time : 11 to 11.30 am

Place: Calvary Convention Centre
Covered Plaza

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Date : 30 May & 6 June 2015 (Saturdays)

Time : 30 mins before & after service

Place: Calvary Church Foyer
Damansara Heights

June SERVICE SCHEDULE

Damansara Heights
Saturday 5.00pm

Calvary Convention Centre
Sunday 9.00am

06 Communion
Rev Dr David Sumrall

07 Communion
Rev Dr David Sumrall

13 Water Baptism
Associate Pastor
Raymond Yong

14 Associate Pastor
Richard Yun

20 Associate Pastor
Peter Ong

21 Father's Day
Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam

27 Associate Pastor
Timothy Ong

28 Associate Pastor
Peter Ong

CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

28/6/15 (SUN)

11.30AM 28 JUNE SUNDAY
Speaker : Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
Topic : Spur One Another
Venue : Theatre 1, B2, CCC

BAHASA FELLOWSHIP

28/6/15 (SUN)

Time : 11.30am
Speaker: Associate Pastor
David Seah
Topic : Power Of A Disciplined Life (Part 2)
Venue : Room 10,
Level 4, CCC

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

13/6/2015 (SAT)

Time : 1.30PM
Venue : Damansara Heights
Worship Nursery

WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

13/6/2015 (SAT)

Time : 5.00PM
Venue : Damansara Heights
Sanctuary

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ON 8/8/2015, SATURDAY

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Speaker: Dr. Rajan Thiagarajah

Dr. Rajan has blessed many Calvarites through his dynamic Bible-based preaching during our 2010 Family Camp and 2011 Missions Emphasis.

He is the founder and Senior Pastor of Mighty Living Waters Life Fellowship, a multicultural church in Perth, Australia. The Lord has anointed and blessed his servant with a dynamic preaching, teaching & healing ministry, with the passion of the Holy Spirit. He is reaching the nations for the Lord Jesus Christ through the Word. He travels widely and ministers at many conferences and churches globally. His "Life in the Spirit" television programme is watched by millions of viewers worldwide from Australia to Pakistan, Canada to Middle East.

THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY IN MISSIONS

10 July | Friday | 7.30pm
Damansara Heights

*Children's Missions runs concurrently

KINGDOM PRIORITIES (MEN)

11 July | Saturday | 9am
CCC Theatrette 1 (B2)

YOUTH MISSIONS

11 July | Saturday | 2.30pm
Damansara Heights

COMMITMENT SERVICE

11 July | Saturday | 5pm
Damansara Heights

12 July | Sunday | 9am
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