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“So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah” (1 Samuel 16:13 & 19).

Are you a victim of people or circumstances that place limitations on you and has made you, who you are? The Bible gives us the answer to overcome our limitations. The prophet Isaiah tells us the power of the anointing, **“In that day his burden shall be taken away from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck; and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing oil”** (Isaiah 10:27, MEV). But the anointing did not exempt David from discrimination, ridicule, hindrances and adverse circumstances. David overcame his challenges and became a successful king because of his anointing.

WHAT GOD DOES NOT NEED?

The Bible says, **“Now the Lord said to Samuel, ‘You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him**

as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king.’ When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, ‘Surely this is the Lord’s anointed!’ But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’ Then Jesse told his son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, ‘This is not the one the Lord has chosen.’ Next Jesse summoned Shimea, but Samuel said, ‘Neither is this the one the Lord has chosen.’ In the same way all seven of Jesse’s sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen any of these.’ Then Samuel asked, ‘Are these all the sons you have?’ ‘There is still the youngest,’ Jesse replied. ‘But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.’ ‘Send for him at once,’ Samuel said, ‘We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.’ So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and

handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the Lord said, ‘This is the one; anoint him.’ So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah” (1 Samuel 16:1, 6-13).

Some Lessons From This Biblical Account

Firstly, David’s seven brothers were magnificent, with good physique and strength. They had everything that people would look for in a leader. Samuel, the prophet thought so too, that they would make good kings. God said to Samuel, **“Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart”** (1 Samuel 16:7). This principle is true even today. God does not depend on our talents, looks or abilities. He looks at our hearts for faith and obedience. We cannot live a victorious Christian life without God’s anointing. Similarly, do not work for

God but work with Him. He is not looking for free labour. God anoints those who worship Him in spirit and in truth. He looks for faith and obedience. The Lord will anoint us when we know and do His will for our life, we will succeed.

Secondly, unless we are born again, we can never please God.

The Bible says, **“For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God’s laws, and it never will. That’s why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God”** (Romans 8:7 & 8). **“This means that Abraham’s physical descendants are not necessarily children of God. Only the children of the promise are considered to be Abraham’s children”** (Romans 9:8). John’s Gospel tells us, **“But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn- not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God”** (John 1:12 & 13).

Thirdly, the oil was symbolic.

David was already God’s chosen and anointed King, for the Bible says, **“Now the Lord said to Samuel, ‘You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named**

Jesse who lives there, FOR I HAVE SELECTED ONE OF HIS SONS TO BE MY KING” (1 Samuel 16:1).

David testifies as a shepherd of God’s anointing upon his life.

- 1. **he Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want (V.1)** - David had no lack as a shepherd. The power of the anointing enabled him to be a successful protector of his sheep.
- 2. **The Lord leads him (V. 2)** - He gives vision, direction, meaning and purpose to life.
- 3. **The Lord restores him (V. 3)** - He renews and refreshes because we get tired and weary.
- 4. **There is no fear when and where God leads (V. 4)** - When there is no fear, faith grows.
- 5. **His cup runs over with blessings received from God (V. 5)** - His cup is not empty, half-full, or full, but full to the overflowing!
- 6. **“Goodness”** - is what God gives when we don’t deserve **(V.6).**
- 7. **“Mercy”**– is sparing us from what we deserve **(V.6).**

The quality of your life depends on who your shepherd is. When you have Jesus as your shepherd, God’s anointing on you will make you an

overcomer of all your limitations. David was an overcomer of all his limitations.

LET ME MENTION FIVE LIMITATIONS DAVID FACED

Firstly, David was not invited by his father when Samuel came to their house but his seven brothers were invited. The Bible says, **“‘Yes’, Samuel replied. ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.’ Then Samuel performed the purification rite for Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice, too”** (1 Samuel 16:5). But David was not present.

Secondly, David was belittled and criticised by Eliab, his older brother when he visited his brothers at his father’s request. It was a time of war between Israel and the Philistines. Eliab said, **“What are you doing around here anyway?” he demanded. ‘What about those few sheep you’re supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!’”** (1 Samuel 17:28). But David did not react in defence.

Thirdly, King Saul highlighted David’s inexperience in warfare as compared to Goliath. He said, **“‘Don’t be ridiculous!’ Saul replied. ‘There’s no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You’re only a boy, and**

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he's been a man of war since his youth” (1 Samuel 17:33). The king finally heard David's story and sent him to face Goliath (1 Samuel 17:37).

Fourthly, Goliath disdained David and threatened to make minced meat out of him. The Bible says Goliath sneered, “in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy” and yelled at David, “Come over here, and I'll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!” (1 Samuel 17:42 & 44). But David slew Goliath because the Lord had anointed him to be king.

Finally, when Samuel anointed David, he failed to give his kiss of approval which he gave to Saul when he was anointed as the first king. The Bible says, “Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it over Saul's head. He kissed Saul and said, ‘I am doing this because the Lord has appointed you to be the ruler over Israel, his special possession’” (1 Samuel 10:1).

YOU CAN OVERCOME YOUR LIMITATIONS WHEN GOD HAS BAPTISED YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT ACCORDING TO ACTS 1:8.

Have faith in God, who has faith in you, and don't give up! The Bible says, “With God all things are possible”.

• You are God's anointed witness.
The Bible says, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere — in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Jerusalem stands for the place of

religious people, those who say they have no need of God. Judea is the place of the self-righteous, who think they have everything and also have no need of God. Samaria stands for the place of the outcast people, the poor and not so respectable society. The ends of the earth represents everybody else. God has empowered you to be his witnesses.

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATIONS OF THOSE WHO OVERCAME THEIR LIMITATIONS

• Nehemiah
The Bible says, “Sanballat was very angry when he learned that we were rebuilding the wall. He flew into a rage and mocked the Jews, saying in front of his friends and the Samaritan army officers, ‘What does this bunch of poor, feeble Jews think they're doing? Do they think they can build the wall in a single day by just offering a few sacrifices? Do they actually think they can make something of stones from a rubbish heap—and charred ones at that?’ Tobiah the Ammonite, who was standing beside him, remarked, ‘That stone wall would collapse if even a fox walked along the top of it!’” (Nehemiah 4:1-3). Nehemiah overcame all ridicule, jeering and opposition because God had sent him as His anointed one. He successfully completed the rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem.

• Jesus at Nazareth – His hometown
The Bible says, “Then they scoffed, ‘He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us’”

(Mark 6:3). Jesus was disparaged and put down by people who knew of and were offended by his humble background and family and refused to believe in Him. Yet Jesus overcame their scoffing because the Bible says, “The Spirit of the Lord was upon Him” (Luke 4:18).

The anointing of the Holy Spirit is the power to overcome all limitations. The Bible says, “Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 5:18-20). Walk in the spirit and not by flesh.

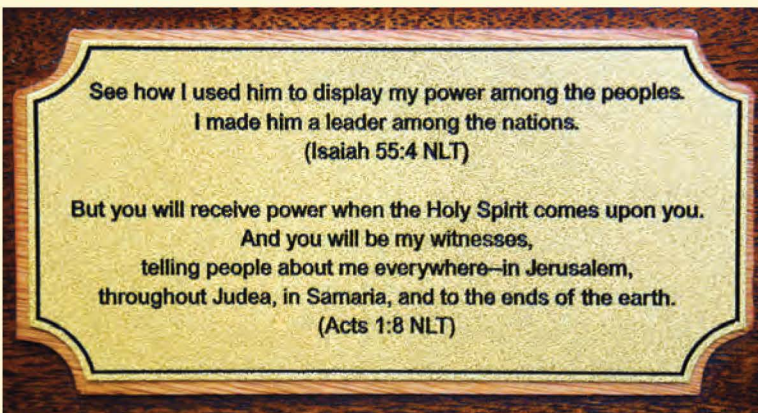
All Bible quotations are in the New Living Translation unless otherwise stated.

THE CALVARY CHURCH FAMILY CONGRATULATES SENIOR PASTOR FOR BEING HONoured WITH A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD MALAYSIA

On 1 June 2016, during the 51st General Council meetings of the Assemblies of God Malaysia held at Metro Tabernacle, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award for his distinguished and effective leadership both nationally and internationally. This is the very first time such an award has been given. The award was presented by the General Council of the Assemblies of God Malaysia.



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam preaching at the 51st General Council Meeting



The award presented to Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam



Runners gathering in the morning



Calvary Church's First Fun Run

By Lim Ai Leen

After 8-months of planning, the inaugural Bukit Jalil CCC Run kicked off to an inspiring start on Saturday, 4 June 2016 with over 1,000 runners.

The day started as early as 6:00am in the morning with runners strolling in to meet with their running mates. By 6.30am, the Plaza was fully taken over by a sea of people in baby blue and royal blue t-shirts seen stretching and warming up in groups. Just before flag-off, an invigorating exercise session, hosted by IMU Education, got the crowd pumped up, warmed up and ready to run!

Blessed with clear skies and a cool breeze, about 300 runners from the 10KM category took off to a jogging start at 7.15am. This was shortly followed by the 5KM category comprising of over 700-strong runners including many families and their children. It was an encouraging sight to see participants from all walks of life, starting from the

ages of 4 up until 77-years, unyielding towards a common goal. The run route was peppered with runners making their way safely through the course kindly assisted by the Road & Traffic police team, the RELA team, and our very own Royal Rangers. The run route was also served by two water stations with 100 Plus as an oasis to rehydrate and energize any weary runners.

It took a mere 30-minutes for the first Men's 10KM runner to sprint passed the finish line, leading the way for the rest of the participants to stream through to the finish. The Top 3 runners of the Men's and Women's 10KM category each were presented with prizes and trophies by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam respectively. The Top 10 runners in the 5KM and 10KM categories also walked away with prizes and cash vouchers sponsored by our event partners.



Runners finishing the run



Volunteers presenting medals to the finishers





Runners warming up before the run



10km runners sent off by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

At the Plaza, many treats awaited the finishers with a mini bazaar free flowing with refreshments, drinks, and delectable Malaysian food. Runners could also redeem their vouchers at the IMU Healthcare and Apple Physiotherapy booths for health screenings, consultations, and on-the-spot physical therapy sessions. Many participants stayed on to fellowship, sharing in each other's triumphs.

The first ever Bukit Jalil CCC Run was a great success all thanks to our event partners, the planning committee, and the strong community support. Most of all, all glory to God!



Excited and joyful runners



Starting off by running around Calvary Convention Centre



Running enthusiastically along road side



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam and event chairperson Benjamin Ong with the Top 3 women's 10km winners



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and event chairperson Benjamin Ong with the Top 3 men's 10km winners



Calvary Church Camp group photo



Fun activities during camp

We are called to be anointed witnesses. From 31 May to 2 June 2016, over 300 Calvarites gathered for Calvary Church Camp at Grand Beach Resort, Port Dickson. It was a relaxing venue with beautiful seaside, to emphasize and enable campers to abide in His Word and Spirit.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam conducted the keynote session on the first night as he spoke on the Holy Spirit and us, paralleling Samson's life with the life of Christians. He explained Samson's qualification to be anointed was threefold, first he was a miracle birth; second, he was separated to God, and third, was God's promise of the Holy Spirit in him. We all are results of miracle births, born in water and spirit, called to be separated from the kingdom of darkness to the God's kingdom of light, and given the promise of Holy Spirit.

The camp guest speaker, Pastor Joel Costa continued to enlighten and encourage us at the remaining sessions of the camp.

On the second day, he used Ephesians 6:18-19 to teach us to deal with our life with the perspective of the spiritual dimension of prayers. Ministry is equalled with the amount of time spent be with Him, where we shall give more time for the Lord, than works for the Lord; with the subjects of prayer at sequence of:



Senior Pastor sharing the keynote address



Our camp speaker Pastor Joel Costa



Pam Guneratnam speaking about 'The Path to Forgiveness'



Associate Pastor David Seah sharing on 'Discipleship'



Associate Pastor Richard Yun interacting with campers during workshop



Campers praying for needs at the altar

- 1) God is the first priority, hence we shall devote and worship Him;
- 2) Pray for ourselves;
- 3) Pray for family;
- 4) Pray for church; and
- 5) Pray for the nation and the lost.

Pastor Joel powerfully expounded on Exodus 14:15 at the night session, to understand God's will for Moses at that time was "not to cry, but to lead and fight", in order to teach campers to understand and be obedient to God's will accurately at different times. To know God's will, we have to live with Him, so we can learn His pattern.

On the third day, Pastor Joel outlined in detail the roles, attributes, symbols, functions and baptism of Holy Spirit. The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to enable us to serve God and be an excellent teacher. Besides that, He guides us in all truth and decision making.

At the night session, Pastor Joel encouraged the campers to raise their expectation from God with verses from Acts 3:1-9. The scripture's story is about a lame who was expecting Peter and John to give him money, but God used Peter and John to give him the ability to rise and walk, which is a much better gift than gold and silver.

On the last day, Pastor Joel concluded by challenging the campers to dream big with Psalm 126:1-3. He used

"dream" to describe the gladness of the captivity of Zion when they could return home. A dream creates the capacity to see till the end, and drive our pattern and direction of life to fulfil it. However, we can only accomplish our dream in God's hand.

The workshops on 'Discipleship' and 'The Path to Forgiveness' were refreshing and relevant. Both gave practical lessons that we can implement straight away guiding us to appreciate the grace and blessings we have received in Jesus.

The camp also gave us the opportunity to enjoy the company of friends both old and new. In that light, tele-matches that allowed participation of campers as young as 5 and as old as 70 was organised. With a wonderful beach view, it was a fun and laughter-filled time. Another fun activity was the 'wefie' competition. This led to many interesting and humorous sights of campers posing creatively at the beach.

The camp has indeed blessed all campers in various aspects. We thank God for impactful exhortations, good food, protection, and a meaningful time of fellowship.



CHINESE CAMP 家庭营 2016



Group photo of Chinese campers

By Suzanne Thong

The Chinese Camp was held in conjunction with Calvary Church Camp, which was attended by 70 campers. They were blessed by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's keynote address and Chinese Camp speaker, Rev. Susan Seow's sessions.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam depicted the story of Samson from the Bible. He encouraged us that God has His purpose for our lives; He will see us through to victory when we lean on Him. In life, we may find it overwhelming having to confront demonic power, hindrances and temptations in our lives, but no matter what we encounter, we are going to be made whole.

Rev. Susan Seow delivered the Word of God in a cheerful and uplifting manner. She encouraged us by highlighting the act of faith and obedience in order to see His will come to pass in our lives. She taught a practical session on right living and prayer of deliverance from generational curse. Praise the Lord 5 were baptized in the Holy Spirit and 6 received salvation. God's hand was evident during this camp.

Pam Guneratnam conducted the workshop on forgiveness. She has encouraged us that it is normal to take time to grief and digest during times of unforgiveness; whilst it is crucial to seek counsel with the right person and surrendering our hearts and thoughts to our Lord Jesus to help us to forgive.

Campers were tremendously blessed by the Word at the same time were able to spend quality time with family members.

中文部家庭营同期举行与加略山教会营会共有70营员。营会的讲员分别是主任牧师Prince Guneratnam和中文牧师苏珊萧。

主任牧师Prince Guneratnam牧师通过圣经描绘参孙的故事。主任牧师鼓励我们，上帝有他的目的在我们的生活中，他会引导我们进入胜利，当我们倚靠他。在这个生命中，我们可能会觉得很艰难必须面对恶魔的力量，障碍和诱惑在我们的生活中，但无论我们面对的是什麼，我们将获得完整。

中文牧师苏珊萧以欢快和向上的方式分享了神的话语。她鼓励我们通过强调接着信心和顺从的行为来看见上帝的旨意应验在我们的生活里。她教营友们如何实际性过正确的生活和释放世代的诅咒。赞美主5个营员受圣灵的洗礼和6个营员得救恩。上帝的手很明显的在这个营会。

Pam Guneratnam教导我们宽恕课程。她鼓励我们，是正常的我们需要时间去悲伤和消化无法饶恕的时间。而关键的是要寻求正确给予忠告的人和屈服我们的心和思想给上帝来帮助我们去饶恕。牧师苏珊·萧为例已经通过突出才能看到他会在我们的生活中传递信心和顺从的行为鼓励了我们。

营员们获得巨大的祝福通过神的话语分享和家人共处的时间。



Chinese campers enjoying the sessions



Senior Pastor speaking at the Chinese Camp



Chinese Camp speaker Rev Susan Seow

胜过所受的限制

(文：古纳南主任牧师)

「撒母耳就用角里的膏油，在他的兄长中膏了他。从这日起，耶和华的灵就大大感动大卫。撒母耳起身回拉玛去了。于是扫罗差遣使者到耶西那里，说：“叫你放羊的儿子大卫到我这里来。”」（撒上16: 13, 19）

你是一个被他人欺负或外境限制和导致你的特性的受害者吗？圣经给了我们胜过我们受的限制的答案。先知以赛亚告诉我们恩膏的能力，「到那日，亚述王的重担必离开你的肩头，他的轭必离开你的颈项；那轭必因肥壮而撑断」（赛10: 27）。但恩膏并不免除大卫被歧视，嘲笑，受障碍和不利的情况。大卫战胜过了他的挑战，并成为一个成功的君王，因为他有神的恩膏。

神并不需要什么？

圣经上说道：「耶和華對撒母耳說：“我既厭棄掃羅作以色列的王，你為他悲傷要到幾時呢？你將膏油盛滿了角；來，我差遣你到伯利恆人耶西那里去，因為我在他兒子中已看中了一個為我作王的。”...他們來的時候，撒母耳看見以利押，就心裏說，耶和華的受膏者一定在耶和華面前了。耶和華卻對撒母耳說：“不要只看他的外貌和他身材高大，我不揀選他。因為耶和華不像人看人，人是看外貌，耶和華是看內心。”耶西叫亞比拿達從撒母耳面前經過，撒母耳說：“耶和華也不揀選他。”耶西又叫沙瑪經過，撒母耳說：“耶和華也不揀選他。”耶西叫他七個兒子都從撒母耳面前經過，撒母耳對耶西說：“這些都不是耶和華所揀選的。”撒母耳對耶西說：“你的兒子都在这里了嗎？”他說：“還有一個最小的，看哪，他正在放羊。”撒母耳對耶西說：“你派人去叫他來；他若不在这里，我們必不坐席。”耶西就派人去叫他來。他面色紅潤，雙目清秀，容貌俊美。耶和華說：“起來，膏他，因為這就是他了。”撒母耳就用角里的膏油，在他的兄長中膏了他。從這日起，耶和華的靈就大大感動大衛。撒母耳起身回拉瑪去了」（撒上16: 1, 6-13）。

从这个圣经记载的一些教训

首先，大卫的七个兄弟是杰出人才，具有良好的体格和力量。他们拥有一切所有人会需要一个领袖期望的条件。先知撒母耳，也这么认为，他们会成为好的君王。神却对撒母耳说：「不要只看他的外貌和他身材高大，我不揀選他。因為耶和華不像人看人，人是看外貌，耶和華是看內心」（撒上16: 7）。这个原则即使在今天也是如此。神不依赖于我们的才干，容貌或能力。他是看我们的信心和顺服的心。没有神的恩膏我们不能过得胜的基督徒生活。同样地，不要为神工作，而是与他同工。他是不在找免费的劳力。神膏抹那些以心灵和诚实来敬拜他的人。他寻找信心和顺服。主会膏抹我们，当我们知道和遵行他给我们的生命的旨意，我们一定会成功。

其次，除非我们重生，我们永远不能讨神的喜悦。

圣经上说道：「因为体贴肉体就是与神为敌，对神的律法不顺服，事实上也无法顺服。属肉体的人无法使神喜悦」（罗8: 7-8）。「这就是说，肉身所生的儿女不是神的儿女，惟独那应许的儿女才算是后裔」（罗9: 8）。约翰福音告诉我们：「凡接纳他的，就是信他名的人，他就赐他们权柄作神的儿女。这些人不是从血生的，不是从情欲生的，也不是从人的意愿生的，而是从神生的」（约1: 12-13）。

第三，油是象征性的。

大卫已经是神所拣选和受膏作王，因圣经上说道：「耶和華對撒母耳說：“我既厭棄掃羅作以色列的王，你為他悲傷要到幾時呢？你將膏油盛滿了角；來，我差遣你到伯利恆人耶西那里去，因為我在他兒子中已看中了一個為我作王的。”」（撒上16: 1）。

大卫见证作为一个牧羊人时，神的恩膏临在他的身上。

1. 耶和華是我的牧者，我必不致缺乏（诗23: 1）——作为一个牧羊人，大卫没有缺乏。恩膏的能力使他成功地成为他的羊群的保护者。
2. 耶和華领导他（诗23: 2）——他给异象，方向，意义和人生的目的。
3. 耶和華使他的灵魂苏醒（诗23: 3）——他更新和苏醒因为我们会疲倦和疲乏。
4. 当神领导何时何地都没有恐惧（诗23: 4）——当没有恐惧时，信心就增长。
5. 他的杯子因领受神的祝福而满溢（诗23: 5）——他的杯子不是空的，半满，或满，而是满到溢出！
6. 「恩惠」——是我们不配的神却赐予（诗23: 6）
7. 「怜悯慈爱」——是我们应受的神却饶恕我们（诗23: 6）

你的生活质量取决于谁是你的牧羊人。当你有耶稣为你的牧者时，神在你身上的恩膏会让你成为得胜者，胜过你所有的限制。大卫是他所有的限制的得胜者。

让我提出大卫所面对的五個限制

首先，当撒母耳来到他们家时，大卫没有被他的父亲邀请，但他的七个兄弟却受到邀请。圣经上说道：「他说：“为平安来的，我是要向耶和華献祭。你们要使自己分别为圣，来跟我一同献祭。”撒母耳把耶西和他众儿子分别为圣，请他们来一同献祭」（撒上16: 5）。大卫却不在场。

其次，大卫被他的哥哥以利押轻视和批评，当他在父亲的要求下去探望他的兄弟们。这是以色列与非利士人之间战争的时刻。以利押说：「你下来做什么呢？在旷野的那几只羊，你交托谁了呢？我知道你的骄傲和你心里的恶意，你下来只是为了看战争！」（撒上17: 28）。但是，大卫没有作出防卫的反应。

第三，扫罗王强调大卫的战争经验不足，不能与歌利亚相比。他说：「你不能去与那非利士人决斗，因为你年纪太轻，他从小就是

战士」（撒上17: 33）。扫罗王最后听到大卫的故事，就派他去与歌利亚作战（17: 37）。

第四，歌利亚看不起大卫和威胁他，要用他的肉来喂鸟兽。圣经说歌利亚冷笑：「就藐视他，因为他年轻，面色红润，容貌俊美」又对他大喊说：「来吧！我要把你的肉给空中的飞鸟和田野的走兽」（撒上17: 42, 44）。但大卫杀了歌利亚，因为耶和華已经膏抹他为王。

最后，当撒母耳膏抹大卫时，他没有给他赞美的吻，这是他膏抹扫罗为第一任君王时曾给他的。圣经上说道：「撒母耳拿一瓶膏油倒在扫罗的头上，亲吻他，说：“耶和華岂不是膏你作他产业的君王吗？”」（撒上10: 1）。

别让人把限制加到你身上，当神已经按使徒行传1: 8，以圣灵为你施洗。

对神有信心，他对你有信心，不要放弃！圣经上说道：「在神凡事都能」。

• 你是神膏抹的见证人

圣经上说道：「但圣灵降临在你们身上，你们就必得着能力，并要在耶路撒冷、犹太全地和撒玛利亚，直到地极，作我的见证」（徒1: 8）。耶路撒冷代表宗教人士的地方，那些说他们并不需要神的人。犹太全地是自以为义的人的地方，那些认为他们拥有一切，也不需要神的人。撒玛利亚代表被遗弃的人，穷人和不那么体面的社群的地方。直到地极代表其他的人。

一些圣经例证关于那些胜过自身限制的人

• 尼希米

圣经上说道：「参巴拉听见我们建造城墙就发怒，非常恼恨，并嗤笑犹太人。他对他的弟兄和撒玛利亚的军兵说：“这些软弱的犹太人做什么呢？要为自己重建吗？要献祭吗？要一日完工吗？要使土堆里火烧过的石头再有用吗？”亚扪人多比雅在一旁说：“他们所修造的石墙，就是狐狸上去也必崩裂」（尼4: 1-3）。尼希米胜过了所有的嘲笑，讥笑和反对，因为神派他为了他的受膏者。他成功地完成了重建耶路撒冷的城墙。

• 耶稣在拿撒勒——他的家乡

圣经上说道：「“这不是那木匠吗？不是马利亚的儿子雅各、约西、犹大、西门的长兄吗？他姊妹们不也是在我们这里吗？”他们就厌弃他」（可6: 3）。耶稣被人贬低和蔑视，他们知道他谦逊的背景和家庭而被冒犯，不肯相信他。然而，耶稣胜过了他们的嘲讽，因为圣经上说道：「主的灵在他身上」（路4: 18）。

圣灵的恩膏是胜过所有限制的能力。圣经上说道：「不要醉酒，酒能使人放荡；要被圣灵充满。要用诗篇、赞美诗、灵歌彼此对说，口唱心和地赞美主。凡事要奉我们主耶稣基督的名常常感谢父神」（弗5: 18-20）。要顺着圣灵而行，而不是靠肉体的力量。

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本修订版。

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Adakah kamu seorang mangsa kepada orang atau kepada perkara yang meletakkan batasan ke atas kamu, dan telah menjadikan kamu, siapa diri kamu? Alkitab memberikan kita jawapan untuk mengatasi batasan-batasan kita. Nabi Yesaya memberitahu kita mengenai kuasa pengurapan, **"Pada waktu itu beban yang ditimpakan mereka atas bahumu akan terbuang, dan kuk yang diletakkan mereka atas tengkukmu akan lenyap"** (Yesaya 10:27). Tetapi pengurapan tidak mengecualikan Daud daripada diskriminasi, ejekan, halangan dan situasi yang buruk. Daud dapat mengatasi cabaran-cabaran dan menjadi seorang raja yang berjaya kerana pengurapannya.

APA YANG TUHAN TIDAK PERLU?

Alkitab mengatakan, **"Berfirmanlah TUHAN kepada Samuel: 'Berapa lama lagi engkau berdukacita karena Saul? Bukankah ia telah Kutolak sebagai raja atas Israel? Isilah tabung tandukmu dengan minyak dan pergilah. Aku mengutus engkau kepada Isai, orang Betlehem itu, sebab di antara anak-anaknya telah Kupilih seorang raja bagiKu.'**" Ketika mereka itu masuk dan Samuel melihat Eliab, lalu pikirnya: **"Sungguh, di hadapan TUHAN sekarang berdiri yang diurapiNya."** Tetapi berfirmanlah TUHAN kepada Samuel **"Janganlah pandang parasnya atau perawakan yang tinggi, sebab Aku telah menolaknya. Bukan yang dilihat manusia yang dilihat Tuhan; manusia melihat apa yang di depan mata, tetapi TUHAN melihat hati."** Lalu Isai memanggil Abinadab dan menyuruhnya lewat di depan Samuel, tetapi Samuel berkata: **"Orang inipun tidak dipilih TUHAN."** Kemudian Isai menyuruh Syama lewat, tetapi Samuel berkata: **"Orang inipun tidak dipilih TUHAN."** Demikianlah Isai menyuruh ketujuh anaknya lewat di depan Samuel, tetapi Samuel berkata kepada Isai: **"Semuanya ini tidak dipilih TUHAN."** Lalu Samuel berkata kepada Isai: **"Inikah anakmu semuanya?"** Jawabnya: **"Masih tinggal yang bungsu, tetapi sedang menggembalakan kambing domba."** Kata Samuel kepada Isai: **"Suruhlah memanggil dia, sebab kita**

tidak akan duduk makan, sebelum ia datang ke mari." Kemudian disuruhnyalah menjemput dia. Ia kemerahmerahan, matanya indah dan parasnya elok. Lalu TUHAN berfirman: **"Bangkitlah, urupilah dia, sebab inilah dia."** Samuel mengambil tabung tanduk yang berisi minyak itu dan mengurapi Daud di tengah-tengah saudara-saudaranya. Sejak hari itu dan seterusnya berkuasalah Roh TUHAN atas Daud. Lalu berangkatlah Samuel menuju Rama" (1 Samuel 16: 1, 613).

Beberapa Pengajaran Darpada Peristiwa Dalam Alkitab Ini

Pertama, tujuh orang saudara-saudara Daud adalah gagah, dengan susuk tubuh yang baik dan kuat. Mereka mempunyai ciri-ciri yang orang akan cari dalam seorang pemimpin. Samuel, seorang nabi juga berfikir begitu, bahawa mereka boleh menjadi raja-raja yang baik. Tuhan berkata kepada Samuel, **"Tetapi berfirmanlah TUHAN kepada Samuel: 'Janganlah pandang parasnya atau perawakan yang tinggi, sebab Aku telah menolaknya. Bukan yang dilihat manusia yang dilihat Tuhan; manusia melihat apa yang di depan mata, tetapi TUHAN melihat hati'"** (1 Samuel 16:7). Prinsip ini adalah benar sehingga ke hari ini. Tuhan tidak bergantung kepada bakat, rupa atau kebolehan kita. Dia melihat iman dan ketaatan pada hati kita. Kita tidak boleh hidup kehidupan Kristian yang berkemenangan tanpa urapan Tuhan. Begitu juga, jangan bekerja untuk Tuhan, tetapi bekerja denganNya. Dia bukan mencari buruh yang percuma. Tuhan mengurapi mereka yang menyembahNya dalam roh dan kebenaran. Dia melihat pada iman dan ketaatan. TUHAN akan mengurapi kita apabila kita mengetahui dan melakukan kehendakNya untuk kehidupan kita, kita akan berjaya.

Kedua, melainkan kita dilahirkan semula, kita tidak dapat menyenangkan hati Tuhan.

Alkitab mengatakan, **"Sebab keinginan daging adalah perseteruan terhadap Tuhan, karena ia tidak takluk kepada hukum Tuhan; hal ini memang tidak mungkin baginya. Mereka yang hidup dalam daging, tidak mungkin berkenan kepada Tuhan"** (Roma 8:7&8). **"Artinya: bukan anak-anak menurut daging adalah anak-anak Tuhan, tetapi anak-anak perjanjian yang**

disebut keturunan yang benar" (Roma 9:8). Injil Yohanes memberitahu kita, **"Tetapi semua orang yang menerimaNya diberiNya kuasa supaya menjadi anak-anak Tuhan, yaitu mereka yang percaya dalam namaNya; orang-orang yang diperanakkan bukan dari darah atau dari daging, bukan pula secara jasmani oleh keinginan seorang laki-laki, melainkan dari Tuhan"** (Yohanes 1:12 & 13).

Ketiga, minyak itu adalah simbolik.

Daud adalah Raja yang sudah dipilih dan diurapi Tuhan kerana Alkitab mengatakan, **"Berfirmanlah TUHAN kepada Samuel: 'Berapa lama lagi engkau berdukacita karena Saul? Bukankah ia telah Kutolak sebagai raja atas Israel? Isilah tabung tandukmu dengan minyak dan pergilah. Aku mengutus engkau kepada Isai, orang Betlehem itu, SEBAB DI ANTARA ANAK-ANAKNYA TELAH KUPILIH SE-ORANG RAJA BAGIKU"** (1 Samuel 16: 1).

Daud bersaksi sebagai seorang gembala urapan Tuhan atas hidupnya.

1. **TUHAN adalah gembalaku, takkan kekurangan aku (ayat 1)** Daud tiada kekurangan sebagai seorang gembala. Kuasa pengurapan membolehkan beliau menjadi pelindung yang berjaya untuk domba-dombanya.
2. **Tuhan membimbingnya (ayat 2)** Dia memberi visi, arahan, makna dan tujuan dalam hidup.
3. **TUHAN memulihkannya (ayat 3)** Dia memperbaharui dan menyegarkan kerana kita boleh menjadi letih dan lesu.
4. **Tidak ada rasa takut di mana jua Tuhan bimbing (ayat 4)** Apabila tiada rasa takut, iman bertumbuh.
5. **Cawannya berkelimpahan dengan berkat yang diterima daripada Tuhan (ayat 5)** cawannya bukan kosong, separuh penuh atau penuh, tetapi penuh berkelimpahan!

6. **"Kebaikan"** adalah apa yang Tuhan berikan apabila kita tidak layak (ayat 6).

7. **"Rahmat"**- adalah melindungi kita dari apa yang kita layak terima (ayat 6).

Kualiti hidup kamu bergantung kepada siapa gembala kamu. Apabila kamu mempunyai Yesus sebagai gembala kamu, urapan Tuhan pada kamu akan membuat kamu seorang yang dapat menangani semua batasan kamu. Daud adalah seorang yang dapat menangani semua batasannya.

BIAR SAYA MENYEBUT LIMA BATASAN YANG DAUD HADAPI

Pertama, Daud tidak diundang oleh bapanya apabila Samuel datang ke rumah mereka tetapi tujuh orang abangnya diundang. Alkitab mengatakan, **"Ya, benar! Aku datang untuk mempersembahkan korban kepada TUHAN. Kuduskanlah dirimu, dan datanglah dengan daku ke upacara pengorbanan ini."** Kemudian ia menguduskan Isai dan anak-anaknya yang laki-laki dan mengundang mereka ke upacara pengorbanan itu" (1 Samuel 16: 5). Tetapi Daud tidak hadir.

Kedua, Daud diperkecilkan dan dikritik oleh Eliab, abang sulungnya ketika beliau melawat saudara-saudaranya yang lain atas permintaan bapanya. Ketika itu adalah masa peperangan di antara Israel dan orang Filistin. Eliab berkata, **"Ketika Eliab, kakaknya yang tertua, mendengar perkataan Daud kepada orang-orang itu, bangkitlah amarah Eliab kepada Daud sambil berkata: "Mengapa engkau datang? Dan pada siapakah kau tinggalkan kambing domba yang dua tiga ekor itu di padang gurun? Aku kenal sifat pemberanimu dan kejahatan hatimu: engkau datang ke mari dengan maksud melihat pertempuran"** (1 Samuel 17:28). Tetapi Daud tidak membalasnya.

Ketiga, Raja Saul menyerlahkan Daud yang tidak berpengalaman dalam peperangan berbanding dengan Goliath. Beliau berkata, **"Tetapi Saul berkata kepada Daud: "Tidak mungkin engkau dapat menghadapi orang Filistin itu untuk melawan dia, sebab engkau masih muda, sedang dia sejak dari masa mudanya telah menjadi prajurit"** (1 Samuel 17:33). Akhirnya raja terdengar cerita Daud dan menyuruhnya untuk menghadapi Goliath (1 Samuel 17:37).

Keempat, Goliath menghina Daud dan mengancam untuk menjadikannya daging cincang. Alkitab mengatakan Goliath mengejeknya, **"dihinanya Daud itu karena ia masih muda,**

kemerah-merahan dan elok parasnya" dan menjerit kepada Daud, "Hadapilah aku, maka aku akan memberikan dagingmu kepada burung-burung di udara dan kepada binatang-binatang di padang" (1 Samuel 17:42 & 44). Tetapi Daud membunuh Goliath karena TUHAN telah mengurapi dia sebagai raja.

Akhir sekali, apabila Samuel mengurapi Daud, dia gagal memberikan ciuman kelulusan yang dia telah berikan kepada Saul ketika ia telah diurapi sebagai raja yang pertama. Alkitab mengatakan, **"Lalu Samuel mengambil buli-buli berisi minyak, dituangnyalah ke atas kepala Saul, diciumnyalah dia sambil berkata: "Bukankah TUHAN telah mengurapi engkau menjadi raja atas umatNya Israel? Engkau akan memegang tampuk pemerintahan atas umat TUHAN, dan engkau akan menyelamatkannya dari tangan musuhmu di sekitarnya. Inilah tandanya bagimu, bahwa TUHAN telah mengurapi engkau menjadi raja atas milikNya sendiri"** (1 Samuel 10: 1).

KAMU BOLEH MENGATASI BATASANMU APABILA TUHAN TELAH MEMBAPTISKAN KAMU DENGAN ROH KUDUS MENGIKUT KISAH PARA RASUL 1: 8.

Milikilah iman dalam Tuhan, yang mempercayakan kamu, dan janganlah berputus asa! Alkitab mengatakan, **"Dengan Tuhan tiada yang mustahil".**

• Kamu adalah saksi Tuhan yang diurapi. Alkitab mengatakan, **"Tetapi kamu akan menerima kuasa, kalau Roh Kudus turun ke atas kamu, dan kamu akan menjadi saksiKu di Yerusalem dan di seluruh Yudea dan Samaria dan sampai ke ujung bumi"** (Kisah Para Rasul 1: 8). Yerusalem bermaksud tempat orang beragama, orang-orang yang mengatakan mereka tidak memerlukan Tuhan. Yudea adalah tempat orang yang fikir mereka benar, yang berfikir bahawa mereka mempunyai segala-galanya dan juga tidak memerlukan Tuhan. Samaria bermaksud tempat orang-orang buangan, masyarakat yang miskin dan tidak begitu dihormati. Ujung bumi mewakili semua orang. Tuhan telah memberi kuasa kepada kamu untuk menjadi saksinya.

CONTOH ALKITABIAH ORANG-ORANG YANG MENGATASI BATASAN MEREKA

• Nehemia
Alkitab mengatakan, **"Ketika Sanbalat mendengar, bahwa kami sedang membangun kembali tembok, bangkitlah amarahnya dan ia sangat sakit hati. Ia mengolok-olokkan orang Yahudi dan berkata di hadapan saudara-saudaranya dan tentara**

Samaria: "Apa gerangan yang dilakukan orang-orang Yahudi yang lemah ini? Apakah mereka memperkokoh sesuatu? Apakah mereka hendak membawa persembahan? Apakah mereka akan selesai dalam sehari? Apakah mereka akan menghidupkan kembali batu-batu dari timbunan puing yang sudah terbakar habis seperti ini?" Lalu berkatalah Tobia, orang Amon itu, yang ada di dekatnya: "Sekalipun mereka membangun kembali, kalau seekor anjing hutan meloncat dan menyentuhnya, robohlah tembok batu mereka" (Nehemia 4:13). Nehemia mengatasi semua cemuhan, ejekan dan penentangan kerana Tuhan telah menghantar beliau sebagai seorang yang diurapiNya. Beliau telah berjaya melengkapkan pembinaan semula tembok-tembok Yerusalem.

• Yesus di Nazareth - kampung halamannya Alkitab mengatakan, **"Bukankah Ia ini tukang kayu, anak Maria, saudara Yakobus, Yoses, Yudas dan Simon? Dan bukannya saudara-saudaraNya yang perempuan ada bersama kita?" Lalu mereka kecewa dan menolak Dia"** (Markus 6: 3). Yesus telah diremehkan dan diperkecilkan oleh orang-orang yang mengenaliNya dan tersinggung dengan latar belakang keluargaNya yang tidak berada dan tidak ingin percaya kepadaNya. Akan tetapi Yesus mengatasi cemuhan mereka itu kerana Alkitab berkata, **"Roh Tuhan ada padaKu"** (Lukas 4:18).

Pengurapan Roh Kudus adalah kuasa untuk mengatasi segala batasan. Alkitab mengatakan, **"Dan janganlah kamu mabuk oleh anggur, karena anggur menimbulkan hawa nafsu, tetapi hendaklah kamu penuh dengan Roh, dan berkata-katalah seorang kepada yang lain dalam mazmur, kidung puji-pujian dan nyanyian rohani. Bernyanyi dan bersoraklah bagi Tuhan dengan segenap hati. Ucaplah syukur senantiasa atas segala sesuatu dalam nama Tuhan kita Yesus Kristus kepada Tuhan dan Bapa kita"** (Efesus 5: 18-20). Berjalan dalam roh dan bukannya dalam daging.

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Alkitab Indonesia melainkan dinyatakan.



KIDS' CAMP 2016

By Pastor Quek Lee Siu

Kids' Camp ran concurrently with Calvary Church Camp this year with the theme "Big Heart Farm", where God's fruit grows taken from Galatians 5:22-23. The focus was to teach the kids to abide in Christ to grow the fruit of the Spirit in order to be anointed witnesses for Him.

Forty kids embarked on their journey to cultivate and grow the fruit of the Spirit by learning to abide in Christ (John 15:4) in the opening session, subsequently followed by Bible Seeding on other sessions to grow the fruit of the spirit through impactful worship and fun filled games and exciting activities.

The kids learned that love is not just a word from their mouth, it requires action and at times sacrifices as in the Bible story of Ruth. They recognised that where love is, faithfulness will follow. They also learned that they can have joy and peace even in troubled circumstances just like Paul and Silas when they were in the prison. The story of the Good Samaritan depicted that kindness and goodness should be shown to everyone and not just limited to their friends. Finally, the kids learned that they can have patience and self-control in difficult situations or with people that they don't like just like David spared King Saul's life.

On the last day, the kids had a wonderful time to harvest their fruits through party and celebration. They also presented a song entitled "Gotta Move" in the adult session as their first action of being anointed witnesses for God.

All in all, the kids had the opportunity to serve one another, to lead a group and to work as a team. Most of all, they were given the opportunity to respond to the word of God by committing themselves to abide in Christ to bear fruits and be His powerful witnesses.



Fun activities during camp



Toddlers enjoying toys at the nursery care



Kids playing a singing game



Kids during worship



Kids performing a special number during church camp



Associate Pastor David Seah closing in prayer for the youths



Enjoying food and fellowship



Sri Petaling Young Adults Life Group serving at the food counter



Having a funtime during ice-breaker



Laying back on their bean bags



MOVIE AT THE PLAZA

By Timothy Yee

Good food, great fellowship, an amazing time of just kicking it back under the stars with a movie. That's a summary of what happened at "Movie at the Plaza". This event on the evening of 28 May 2016, first of its kind in CCC, saw the Quiet Garden bustling with young people mingling and laughing, some even came with their families too. Movie goers were warmed up for the movie with scrumptious food, an engaging ice breaker and bonding session.

Casually laid back on mats, sleeping bags, lounge chairs and bean bags, all were set for the movie. The movie "Saved by Grace" talked about how God has His good and perfect will behind all that He does, even at times where we don't understand or see the good in it. Pastor Tabitha Ong and Associate Pastor David Seah gave a good closure to the movie, challenging the young people to learn to place their trust in Him.

All in all, we thank God for His favour upon the event, especially for the great weather and the seeds sown into the many lives.

SERVICE SCHEDULE JULY 2016

Calvary Damansara Heights
Saturday at 5.00pm

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Communion

Associate Pastor Raymond Yong

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Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng

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Associate Pastor David Seah

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Associate Pastor Steven Kum

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Associate Pastor Peter Ong

Calvary Convention Centre
Sunday at 9.00am

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Communion

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

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Associate Pastor Peter Ong

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Associate Pastor Steven Kum

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Associate Pastor David Seah

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Membership Intake

Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

中文团契 CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

Date : Sunday, 31 July 2016
Time : 11.30am
Venue : Theatre 1, Level B2, CCC
Speaker : Chua Ken Tee

BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP

Date : Sunday, 31 July 2016
Time : 11.30am
Venue : Room b1.03, Level B1, CCC
Speaker : Associate Pastor David Seah

NEXT MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

WATER BAPTISM

Date : Saturday, 13 August 2016
Time : 5.00pm
Venue : Calvary Damansara Heights



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