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LIVING OBEYING –

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The Old Testament is vital to understand the New Testament truths and teachings as the events are good illustrations.

For instance, Deuteronomy, chapter eight, verses seven to ten say, “For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you” (Deuteronomy 8: 7-10).

The “good land” can be illustrated as God’s good promises. There are more than 365 promises in the Bible. We have at least a promise for each day! We need to learn to depend on God and claim His promises. He is the provider and therefore we lack nothing. Paul said, “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

God also cautions us with the blessings of His promises, “Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His command-

ments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage” (Deuteronomy 8:11-14). We need to be grateful and watchful that we do not let Satan deceive us by making us forget it is God who blessed us. Some have backslided because, with God’s blessings of promotions, finances and favour upon them, they forgot God and believe it was their own doing.

Another, is the story of the conquest of the promised land by the children of Israel. It proved to be a long journey of challenges to possess the land. The challenges are not to hinder you, but to strengthen your faith in God, that you may grow spiritually.

THE PROMISED LAND

Moses was excited with God's promised land, for Moses sent out 12 spies to survey the land. "And they returned from spying out the land after forty days" (Numbers 13:25). They reported, "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit" (Numbers 13:27).

But despite the evidence of the abundant goodness of the Promised Land, ten out of the 12 spies "gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, 'The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight'" (Numbers 13:32-33). Only two of the 12 spies, Caleb and Joshua gave a positive report. The Bible says "Then Caleb quieted the people

before Moses, and said, 'Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it'" (Numbers 13:30).

THE CHALLENGES TO TRUST AND OBEY.

1. The Canaanites who possessed the land were strong in position.

The Bible says, "Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large" (Numbers 13:28). The Israelites were sojourners, and have nothing, compared with the inhabitants of the land. "Very large" means they were outnumbered in terms of population.

2. The Canaanites were stronger than them.

The Bible says, "But the men who had gone up with him said, 'We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we'" (Numbers 13:31).

3. They were descendants of giants.

The Bible says, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature" (Numbers 13:32) and "moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there" (Numbers 13:28). This was the tribe where Goliath came from. Imagine, facing Goliaths at every turn.

4. They were mighty in their own eyes.

The Bible says, "There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight" (Numbers 13:33). Challenges have a way of demoralising us and making us feel insignificant. They saw the inhabitants not only stronger in numbers but mighty in strength.

When faced with negative circumstances or seemingly impossible conditions, it takes the fear of God, trust and obedience to claim God's promises.



STEPS TO FACE OUR CHALLENGES.

1. Have God's perspective according to God's word.

Believe God's word, and He will empower you to confront your challenges and fulfill His promises. The Bible says, "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me" (Isaiah 54:17). The Bible says, "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect" (Romans 12:1-2, NLT). Jesus is our righteousness and no weapons formed against us shall prosper. This is God's perspective of us, when we face our challenges according to God's Word.

2. Do not rebel, pray without fear, trust and obey the Lord - you will prosper.

Look at Israel's response. The Bible says, "Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: 'The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, "a land which flows with milk and honey." Only do not rebel against the LORD,



nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them'" (Numbers 14:5-9). Whatever the challenges, do not lose heart and be fearful by what you see and hear. But, watch out when you succeed, do not take credit for yourself. Glorify the God of your Salvation.

3. God delights in our obedience.

Parents are delighted when their children obey them. Similarly, God delights in our obedience. We are God's children by the grace of God through faith in Jesus. The fear of God and faith help us obey and experience the rewards of obedience. Everything God commands us to do is for our good. Faith says, "With God, nothing is impossible". God 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" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

God is with us and we can defeat whatever giants we face. Obeying God demonstrates our love for Him and trust in Him. The Bible says, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15) and "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the Lord which I command you this day for your good" (Deuteronomy 10:12-13).

All Bible quotations are in the New King James Version, unless otherwise indicated.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” - Matthew 28:19-20 NIV

WATER BAPTISM

Congratulations to 32 Calvarites who followed the Lord in water baptism on 17 December 2016 at the Saturday Worship Service at Calvary Damansara Heights. May you continue to grow from faith to faith in your journey with the Lord.



Front Row (L-R): Lim Mae Yi, Lim Jun Yi, Rowena Khor Ying Ru, Chuang Pei Yen, Krystle Chien Su Jin, Charmaine Jayarina a/p Suresh Jayaseelan, Chuang Pei Qi, Togue Yallah Anita Horbira, Joshua James Khoo Teng-An, Jaden James Khoo Teng-Yu

Middle Row (L-R): Law Siam Gooh, Tung Chai Ping, Lim Tiong Kian, John Kiew Tion Siong, Moon Chong Kwee Chin, Chong Kwee Chin, Chong Chee Loy, Chong Mei Wan, Lim Wei Ling, Jason Khoo Boo Ong

Back Row (L-R): Suresh Jayaseelan a/l Jayakumar, Anna Ruby A Jeyaseelan, Modeal Patricia Touade, Chinedu Micheal Onwuegbu, Koh Wai Leng, Goh Lee Hong, Angeline Michelle Oh Ai Kiew, Conrad Pillai a/l Sithamparam, Marites Gamilia Demate, Ivan Loong Tian Peng, Hannah Wong Siew Lan, Raymund Arokiasamy

MEMBERSHIP INTAKE



Congratulations to 29 Calvarites who were received as members on 18 December 2016 at the Sunday Worship Service at Calvary Convention Centre. May you continue to be found faithful in this local body of Christ and be involved in serving the Lord.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

By David Tan

With much festivity and cheer, we celebrated Christmas with warm, meaningful services on 24 and 25 December 2016, at both Damansara Heights and Calvary Convention Centre respectively.

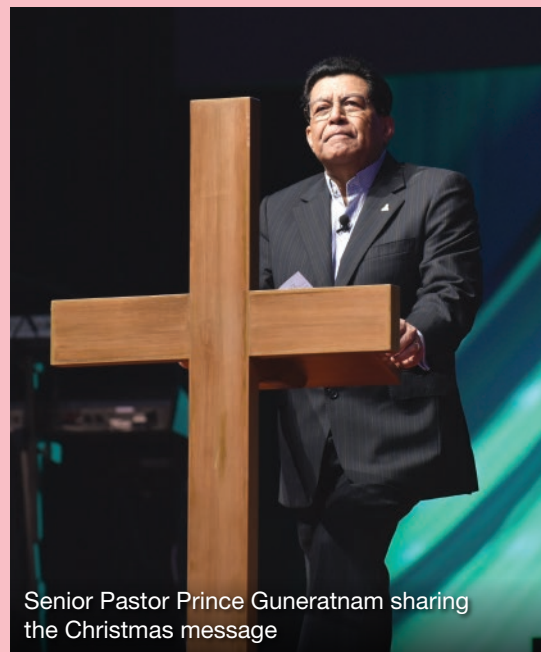
A special treat of Krispy Kreme doughnuts and puffs with tea and coffee were served at Calvary Convention Centre on Christmas morning, and there was much warmth and laughter as Calvarites and their friends and families fellowshiped with each other before the service.

We began with a joyful note as Calvarites worshipped and celebrated our Saviour's birth together with timeless

Christmas carols such as 'Joy to the World', 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' and 'O Come All Ye Faithful'. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam shared a Christmas message on "Heaven's Response to the Birth of Jesus" and encouraged us to be true worshippers which makes us His anointed witnesses to proclaim the Good News and walk in obedience.

We ended by wishing each other "We wish you a blessed Christmas" in song. Indeed, this was truly a day to remember!

*(This sermon can be watched online via our **Calvaryone** YouTube channel, or you can download the sermon outline from our website @ www.calvary.org.my)*



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam sharing the Christmas message



Christmas morning fellowship



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam sharing an exhortation to encourage the congregation



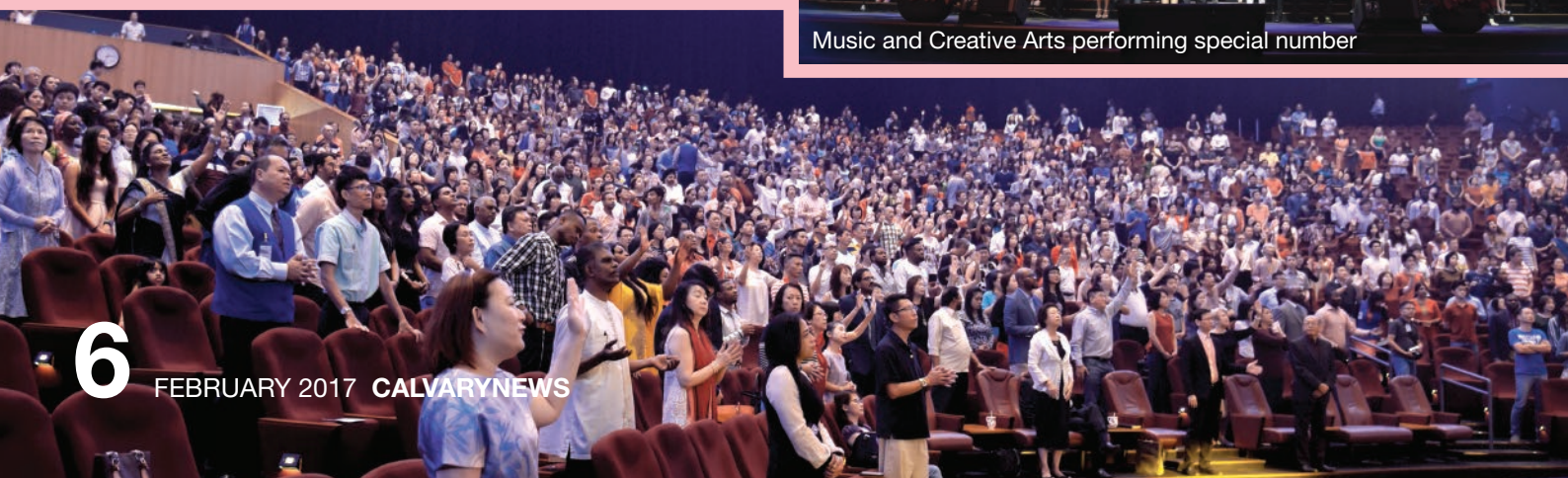
Vibrant worship



Associate Pastor David Seah reading scripture taken from Luke 1:26-2:7



Music and Creative Arts performing special number



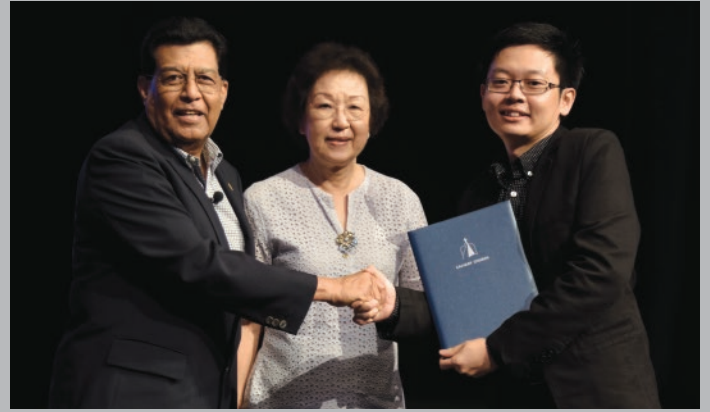
FAITHFUL SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following whose faithfulness in service was recognised at the 2016 Year End Thanksgiving Fellowship & Celebration at Calvary Convention Centre.

CHURCH STAFF



Yee Yuet Hoh - Church Administrative Secretary
15 years



Eleazar Tan Hsiu Tjer - Audio Video Technician
10 years

LAY LEADERS 10 Years

(Left - Right)

Benny Lee Wan Yu	Life Group Ministry
Ding Lai Hong	Life Group Ministry
Suresh Raman	Life Group Ministry
Richard Chew Sung Haw	Life Group Ministry
Kevin Chew Kean Sin	Life Group Ministry



(Left - Right)

Philip Yong Fen Chun	Life Group Ministry
Peter Lim Wee Hall	School of Christian Growth
Rory Kim Wong	Life Group Ministry
Puan Chen Keck	Life Group Ministry
Hon Woei Loon	Life Group Ministry



(Left - Right)

Adeline Cheah Thooi Wah	Music & Creative Arts
Christine Tang Saw Ling	Children's Ministry
Liew Way Hong	Life Group Ministry
Woong Suh Shian	Life Group Ministry
Vivian Chua Yoke Lan	Life Group Ministry
Felisa Dominic Foo	Life Group Ministry



YEAR END THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for the congregation

“I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.” (Psalm 89:1)

On 31 December 2016, the Year End Thanksgiving Fellowship & Celebration started off as Calvarites gathered for a time of remembering our blessings, and how good God has been, and being truly thankful for His faithfulness in our lives.

After a time of fellowship over sumptuous hi-tea at the Multi-purpose & Banquet Hall, we

adjourned to the Main Auditorium for worship and thanksgiving celebration.

Sixteen lay-leaders and two fulltime staff received their faithful service awards from Senior Pastors Prince and Petrina Guneratnam.

Kids' Creative Arts Team (KidsCAT) performed an upbeat song and dance “So Good to Me”, and the Chinese Ministry presented an elegant fan dance of thanksgiving to God, while others shared their personal testimonies.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam concluded with seven powerful truths to hold on to as we face 2017:

- The Bible is the answer to successful and victorious living in this present world
- Prayer in Jesus' Name will be answered
- The Holy Spirit is available to teach, guide and empower us to live and obey the Lord
- God's presence will inhabit the praises of His people
- The Kingdom of God will advance in spite of the world's darkness
- God's love is still unconditional – He is still saving, delivering those who come to Him
- Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever!

All who were present that evening gathered at the altar to offer a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for the past year and were challenged to look forward to 2017 with courage and confidence.

Enjoyable interaction at the tables among...



youth



family



adults



chinese congregation

& CELEBRATION

By Jason Sia



Congregation gathering and praying at the altar



Performing energetic song and lively dance



Performing a graceful "fan" dance

Calvarites sharing thanksgiving testimonies



THANKSGIVING FROM

Four ministries of our church had their Thanksgiving Fellowships on 27 November
Here are some encouraging testimonies from

CHINESE MINISTRY

Daphne Way (Leader)

Praise and thank God that through attending the prayer meeting, I can experience the unity in prayer that brings fulfilment of God's promises and also unite the hearts of the congregation. For SCG class helps me to understand how to live daily to please God.

Suzanne Thong (Leader)

Serving the Lord has enabled me to be more humble, bold and changing my mindset of fear of not being ready to serve. Through serving, I have been encouraged by the congregation that one can never be ready, it is through serving and involvement that I will be more equipped.

Eric Chew (Member)

Praise and thank God that through the Chinese ministry I have grown in the Lord. Also through involvement in serving the Lord helps me to know more people.

Crystal Cheng (Member)

Praise and thank God that through the involvement in serving the Lord I feel that the church is like a hospital, many who are hurting they can be healed and made whole again.

ROYAL RANGERS

Alicia Chan (Commander)

Rangers has helped me grow spiritually and mentally throughout my teenage years up until now. Through the devotions, night services in camp and even learning from the commanders, I have picked up leadership skills and been blessed to deepen my relationship and knowledge in God.

Renee Toh (Ranger)

2016 was my second year in Rangers, it really helped me grow and I've learned a lot. Being in Royal Rangers is not a mistake or a regret instead it is a blessing.

Ong Wei Jen (Ranger)

I was really blessed with the opportunity and privilege to go for so many Royal Rangers' camps. Through those camps, I became a better and God-fearing person, and built closer bonds with my fellow rangers.



Alicia Chan receiving the GMA and Isabella Wong receiving the SMA



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam ministering at Chinese Thanksgiving Fellowship



The Rangers leading in Christmas carols and worship



Chinese congregation responding for prayer



Enjoying tasty refreshment

CHURCH MINISTRIES

2016 in thanking God for His faithfulness and blessings upon the ministries.
the respective ministries' leaders and members:

MISSIONETTES

Andrea Naomi Paul (Member)

I thank God for the opportunity to reach out to the Myanmar refugee children at the Rakhine centre. I am grateful to God that our efforts for the past 11 months were not in vain because some of them accepted Christ.

Anjuli Phang (Member)

Being involved in the outreach to the Rakhine children has taught me gratitude. I realized there are many unfortunate people in this world and I should be thankful for the many blessings that I have often taken for granted.

June Lai (Sponsor)

I have been blessed through my involvement in the Missionettes ministry since I started serving last year. It is wonderful to be able to contribute and impact the lives of the girls in different ways through our God-given talents and personal experiences.

Lina Lau (Sponsor)

I am very blessed to be involved in the Missionettes outreach to the Rakhine centre and to be part of God's work among the migrant community in our nation. Truly, it is more blessed to give than to receive. The sincerity and enthusiastic joy of the children have truly encouraged me.

BAHASA MALAYSIA (BM) MINISTRY

Linda Pang (Leader)

I thank God for the spiritual growth in the BM life group as the members learn to share with faith with others as well use their spiritual gifts to bless their friends from other faith.

Kristin (Member)

Saya sangat berterimakasih pada Tuhan Yesus Kristus kerana saya diberi kesihatan, kekuatan iman, kehidupan baru dan pengertian di dalam Yesus Kristus untuk terus bertumbuh melalui penglibatan saya dalam kelompok sel.

(I thank the God for giving me good health, strengthen in faith, new life and understanding to grow in Jesus Christ through my involvement in the Life Group.)



Missionettes boys and girls posing for group photo with the sponsors



Playing fun and interactive games



BM Ministry members with Associate Pastor David Seah



Enjoying mouth watering food

HIDUP MENTAATI – TANAH YANG DIJANJIKAN

Oleh Pendita Kanan Prince Guneratnam

Perjanjian Lama adalah penting untuk memahami kebenaran-kebenaran dan ajaran-ajaran Perjanjian Baru kerana peristiwa-peristiwa yang berlaku didalamnya adalah gambaran yang baik.

Seperti contoh, Ulangan, fasal lapan, ayat tujuh hingga sepuluh mengatakan, “Sebab TUHAN, Tuhanmu, membawa engkau masuk ke dalam negeri yang baik, suatu negeri dengan sungai, mata air dan danau, yang keluar dari lembah-lembah dan gunung-gunung; suatu negeri dengan gandum dan jelainya, dengan pohon anggur, pohon ara dan pohon delimanya; suatu negeri dengan pohon zaitun dan madunya; suatu negeri, di mana engkau akan makan roti dengan tidak usah berhemat, di mana engkau tidak akan kekurangan apapun; suatu negeri, yang batunya mengandung besi dan dari gunungnya akan kaugali tembaga. Dan engkau akan makan dan akan kenyang, maka engkau akan memuji TUHAN, Tuhanmu, karena negeri yang baik yang diberikan-Nya kepadamu itu” (Ulangan 8:7-10).

“Tanah yang baik” boleh digambarkan seperti janji-janji Tuhan. Ada lebih daripada 365 janji-janji dalam Alkitab. Kita ada sekurang-kurangnya satu janji untuk setiap hari! Kita perlu belajar untuk bergantung kepada Tuhan dan menuntut janjiNya. Dia adalah pembekal dan maka itu, kita tidak kekurangan apa-apa. Paulus mengatakan, “Tuhanku akan memenuhi segala keperluanmu menurut kekayaan dan kemuliaan-Nya dalam Kristus Yesus” (Filipi 4:19).

Tuhan juga mengingatkan kita tentang berkat janjiNya, “Hati-hatilah, supaya jangan engkau melupakan TUHAN, Tuhanmu, dengan tidak berpegang pada perintah, peraturan dan ketetapan-Nya, yang kusampaikan kepadamu pada hari ini; dan supaya, apabila engkau sudah makan dan kenyang, mendirikan rumah-rumah yang baik serta mendiaminya, dan apabila lembu sapimu dan kambing dombamu bertambah banyak dan emas serta perakmu bertambah banyak, dan segala yang ada padamu bertambah banyak, jangan engkau tinggi hati, sehingga engkau melupakan TUHAN, Tuhanmu, yang membawa engkau keluar dari tanah Mesir, dari rumah perbudakan” (Ulangan 8:11-14). Kita perlu memberi syukur dan berjaga-jaga agar kita tidak membenarkan Iblis memperdayakan kita dengan membuat kita lupa bahawa Tuhanlah yang memberkati kita. Ada yang telah berpaling daripada Tuhan kerana, dengan berkat Tuhan akan kenaikan pangkat, kewangan dan berkat yang mereka terima, mereka telah melupai Tuhan dan memikirkan bahawa semua itu adalah hasil usaha mereka sendiri.

Satu lagi, adalah cerita penaklukan tanah yang dijanjikan oleh umat Israel. Ia menjadi satu perjalanan jauh penuh cabaran untuk memiliki tanah itu. Cabaran-cabaran ada bukannya untuk menghalangi kamu, tetapi untuk

menguatkan iman kamu dalam Tuhan, agar kamu boleh bertumbuh secara rohani.

Musa begitu teruja dengan tanah Tuhan yang dijanjikan, kerana ia menghantar 12 perisik untuk menyelidiki tanah itu. “Sesudah lewat empat puluh hari pulanglah mereka dari pengintaian negeri itu” (Bilangan 13:25). Mereka melapurkan, “Kami sudah masuk ke negeri, ke mana kausuruh kami, dan memang negeri itu berlimpah-limpah susu dan madunya, dan inilah hasilnya” (Bilangan 13:27).

Namun, walaupun dengan bukti kebaikan yang berkelimpahan Tanah Yang Dijanjikan, sepuluh daripada dua belas perisik itu “menyampaikan kepada orang Israel kabar busuk tentang negeri yang diintai mereka, dengan berkata: ‘Negeri yang telah kami lalui untuk diintai adalah suatu negeri yang memakan penduduknya, dan semua orang yang kami lihat di sana adalah orang-orang yang tinggi-tinggi perawakannya. Juga kami lihat di sana orang-orang raksasa, orang Enak yang berasal dari orang-orang raksasa, dan kami lihat diri kami seperti belalang, dan demikian juga mereka terhadap kami’” (Bilangan 13:32-33). Hanya dua daripada 12 perisik itu, Kaleb dan Yosua menyampaikan kabar positif. Alkitab berkata “Kemudian Kaleb mencoba menenteramkan hati bangsa itu di hadapan Musa, katanya: ‘Tidak! Kita akan maju dan menduduki negeri itu, sebab kita pasti akan mengalahkannya!’” (Bilangan 13:30)

CABARAN-CABARAN UNTUK PERCAYA DAN TAAT

1. Orang-orang Kanaan yang memiliki tanah itu mempunyai kedudukan yang kuat.

Alkitab mengatakan, “Hanya, bangsa yang diam di negeri itu kuat-kuat dan kota-kotanya berkubu dan sangat besar” (Bilangan 13:28). Umat Israel merupakan pendatang, dan tidak mempunyai apa-apa berbanding dengan penduduk tanah itu. “Sangat besar” bermakna mereka lebih ramai dari segi populasi.

2. Orang-orang Kanaan lebih kuat daripada mereka.

Alkitab mengatakan, "Tetapi orang-orang yang pergi ke sana bersama-sama dengan dia berkata: "Kita tidak dapat maju menyerang bangsa itu, karena mereka lebih kuat dari pada kita" (Bilangan 13:31).

3. Mereka merupakan keturunan gergasi.

Alkitab mengatakan, "Negeri yang telah kami lalui untuk diintai adalah suatu negeri yang memakan penduduknya, dan semua orang yang kami lihat di sana adalah orang-orang yang tinggi-tinggi perawakannya" (Bilangan 13:32) dan "juga keturunan Enak telah kami lihat di sana" (Bilangan 13:28). Ini adalah suku dari mana datangnya Goliat. Bayangkan, menghadapi Goliat di mana-manapun.

4. Mereka kuat di mata sendiri

Alkitab mengatakan, "Juga kami lihat di sana orang-orang raksasa, orang Enak yang berasal dari orang-orang raksasa, dan kami lihat diri kami seperti belalang, dan demikian juga mereka terhadap kami" (Bilangan 13:33). Cabaran-cabaran mempunyai cara untuk melemahkan semangat kita dan membuat kita rasa tidak penting. Mereka melihat penduduk-penduduk itu bukan sahaja lebih ramai tetapi juga lebih kuat.

Bila dihadapi dengan situasi yang negative atau keadaan yang nampaknya mustahil, kita memerlukan takut akan Tuhan, kepercayaan dan ketaatan untuk menuntut janji-janji Tuhan.

LANGKAH-LANGKAH UNTUK MENGHADAPI CABARAN-CABARAN KITA

1. Punyai Perspektif Tuhan Menurut Firman Tuhan.

Percaya firman Tuhan, dan Dia akan menguasai kamu untuk menghadapi cabaran-cabaran kamu dan memenuhi janji-janjiNya. Alkitab berkata, "Setiap senjata yang ditempa terhadap engkau tidak akan berhasil, dan setiap orang yang melontarkan tuduhan melawan engkau dalam pengadilan, akan engkau buktikan salah. Inilah yang menjadi bagian hamba-hamba TUHAN dan kebenaran yang mereka terima dari pada-Ku" (Yesaya 54:17). Alkitab berkata, "Karena itu, saudara-saudara, demi kemurahan Tuhan aku menasihatkan kamu, supaya kamu mempersembahkan tubuhmu sebagai persembahan yang hidup, yang kudus dan yang berkenan kepada



Tuhan: itu adalah ibadahmu yang sejati. Janganlah kamu menjadi serupa dengan dunia ini, tetapi berubahlah oleh pembaharuan budimu, sehingga kamu dapat membedakan manakah kehendak Tuhan: apa yang baik, yang berkenan kepada Tuhan dan yang sempurna" (Roma 12:1-2). Yesus adalah kebenaran kita dan tidak ada senjata yang ditempa terhadap kita akan berhasil. Ini adalah perspektif Tuhan terhadap kita, apabila kita menghadapi cabaran-cabaran kita menurut Firman Tuhan.

2. Jangan Memberontak, Berdoa Tanpa Rasa Takut, Percaya Dan Taat Kepada Tuhan – Kamu Akan Berhasil.

Lihat pada respon Israel. Alkitab berkata, "Lalu sujudlah Musa dan Harun di depan mata seluruh jemaah Israel yang berkumpul di situ. Tetapi Yosua bin Nun dan Kaleb bin Yefune, yang termasuk orang-orang yang telah mengintai negeri itu, mengoyakkan pakaiannya, dan berkata kepada segenap umat Israel: "Negeri yang kami lalui untuk diintai itu adalah luar biasa baiknya. Jika TUHAN berkenan kepada kita, maka Ia akan membawa kita masuk ke negeri itu dan akan memberikannya kepada kita, suatu negeri yang berlimpah-limpah susu dan madunya. Hanya, janganlah memberontak kepada TUHAN, dan janganlah takut kepada bangsa negeri itu, sebab mereka akan kita telan habis. Yang melindungi mereka sudah meninggalkan mereka, sedang TUHAN menyertai kita; janganlah takut kepada mereka" (Bilangan 14:5-9). Apapun cabaran-cabaran itu, jangan patah hati dan takut dengan apa yang kamu lihat dan dengar. Tetapi, berjaga-jagalalah apabila kamu sudah berhasil, jangan memikirkan kamu sendiri yang melakukannya. Muliakan Tuhan Keselamatan kamu.

3. Tuhan Senang Dengan Ketaatan Kita.

Ibubapa senang apabila anak-anak mereka mentaati mereka. Dengan cara yang sama, Tuhan senang dengan ketaatan kita. Kita adalah anak-anak Tuhan dengan kasih karuniaNya melalui iman kita dalam Yesus. Takut akan Tuhan dan iman membantu kita menaati dan mengalami ganjaran-ganjaran ketaatan. Segala yang Tuhan perintahkan kita untuk lakukan adalah untuk kebaikan kita. Iman berkata, " Dengan Tuhan, tidak ada yang mustahil". 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" (2 Korintus 12:9).

Tuhan menyertai kita dan kita boleh menewaskan segala apa gergasi yang kita hadapi. Mentaati Tuhan mendemonstrasikan kasih kita kepadaNya dan kepercayaan kita padaNya. Alkitab berkata, "Jikalau kamu mengasihi Aku, kamu akan menuruti segala perintah-Ku" (Yohanes 14:15) dan "Maka sekarang, hai orang Israel, apakah yang dimintakan dari padamu oleh TUHAN, Tuhanmu, selain dari takut akan TUHAN, Tuhanmu, hidup menurut segala jalan yang ditunjukkan-Nya, mengasihi Dia, beribadah kepada TUHAN, Tuhanmu, dengan segenap hatimu dan dengan segenap jiwamu, berpegang pada perintah dan ketetapan TUHAN yang kusampaikan kepadamu pada hari ini, supaya baik keadaanmu" (Ulangan 10:12-13).

Semua petikan Alkitab dipetik daripada Alkitab Terjemahan Baru melainkan dinyatakan.

顺服的生活 - 应许之地

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旧约对于理解新约的真理和教义是至关重要的，因为其中的事件是很好的例证。

例如申命记8章7-10节说“因为耶和华你神领你进入美地，那地有河、有泉、有源，从山谷中流出水来；那地有小麦、大麦、葡萄树、无花果树、石榴树、橄榄树和蜜。你在那地不缺食物，一无所缺。那地的石头是铁，山内可以挖铜。你吃得饱足，就要称颂耶和华你的神，因他将那美地赐给你了。”

那“美地”可说明为上帝美好的应许。圣经里有超过365个应许。我们至少每一天都有一个应许。我们必须学习依靠神并抓紧祂的应许。祂是我们的供应者，因此我们从不缺乏。保罗如此说，“我的神必照祂荣耀的丰富，在基督耶稣里使你们一切所需用的都充足。”（腓立比书4:19）

上帝也用祂应许的祝福告诫我们，“你要谨慎，免得忘记耶和华你的神，不守祂的诫命、典章、律例，就是我今日所吩咐你的。恐怕你吃得饱足，建造美好的房屋居住，你的牛羊加多，你的金银增添，并你所有的全都加增，你就心高气傲，忘记耶和华你的神（就是将你从埃及地为奴之家领出来的）”我们需要感恩和警惕，不要让撒旦欺骗我们，让我们忘记是神祝福我们。有些人背离神，上帝的恩典让他们晋升，赐予经济上的祝福，及对他们的恩宠，他们却忘记了上帝，并相信这是他们自己的作为。

另一个是以色列人征服应许之地的故事。要得着应许之地是一条漫长并充满挑战的旅途。这些挑战不是为了阻碍你，而是要加强你对上帝的信心，使你在属灵上能够成长。

摩西对于神的应许之地感到兴奋，他差派12个探子窥探那地。“过了四十天，他们窥探那地才回来。”（民数记13:25）他们报告“我们到了你所打发我们去的那地，果然是流奶与蜜之地。这就是那地的果子。”（民数记13:27）。

但是，尽管有应许之地的丰盛和美好为证，十二个探子中有十个探子“论到所窥探之地，向以色列人报恶信，说：‘我

们所窥探经过之地是吞吃居民之地，我们在那里所看见的人民都身量高大。我们在那里看见亚纳族人，就是伟人，他们是伟人的后裔。据我们看，自己就如蚱蜢一样；据他们看，我们也是如此。”（民数记13:32-33）。12个探子中只有两个，迦勒和约书亚给了正面积极的报告。圣经说迦勒对以色列全会众说：“我们所窥探经过之地是极美之地。耶和华若喜悦我们，就必将我们领进那地，把地赐给我们，那地原是流奶与蜜之地。”（民数记14:7-8）。

相信与顺服的挑战

1. 住在那地的迦南人地位强大

圣经说“然而住那地的民强壮，城邑也坚固宽大，并且我们在那里看见了亚纳族的人。”（民数记13:28）。以色列人是牧民，与该地的居民相比，他们没有什么。这意味着他们的人口数量超过了以色列人。

2. 迦南人比他们更强大

圣经说“但那些和他同去的人说：“我们不能上去攻击那民，因为他们比我们强壮。”（民数记13:31）。

3. 他们是巨人的后裔

圣经说“探子中有人论到所窥探之地，向以色列人报恶信，说：‘我们所窥探经过之地是吞吃居民之地，我们在那里所看见的人民都身量高大。’”（民数记13:32）。及“并且我们在那里看见了亚纳族的人。”（民数记13:28）。歌利亚正是这族的人。想象一下，每一次都必须面对歌利亚。

4. 他们在自己的眼中是强大的。

圣经说，“我们在那里看见亚纳族人，就是伟人，他们是伟人的后裔。据我们看，自己就如蚱蜢一样；据他们看，我们也是如此。”（民数记13:33）。挑战使我们沮丧，使我们感到微不足道。他们看到当地的居民不仅数量多，力量更是强大。

当面对消极的情况或看似不可能的状况时，我们需要有敬畏上帝的心，信靠和顺服上帝才能兑现神的应许。

面对挑战的步骤。

1. 根据神的话语得着神的观点

相信神的话语，祂将赐给你力量面对挑战并实现祂的应许。圣经说“凡为攻击你造成的器械，必不利用；凡在审判时兴起用舌攻击你的，你必定他为有罪。

这是耶和華仆人的产业，是他们从我所得的义。”这是耶和華说的。（以赛亚书54:17）“所以弟兄们，我以神的慈悲劝你们，将身体献上，当做活祭，是圣洁的，是神所喜悦的，你们如此侍奉乃是理所当然的。不要效法这个世界，只要心意更新而变化，叫你们察验何为神的善良、纯全、可喜悦的旨意。”耶稣是我们的义，凡为攻击我们而造成的器械，必不能成功。当我们按照神的话语面对我们的挑战时，这是神对我们的看法。

2. 不要悖逆，祷告不惧怕，信靠及顺服耶和華 - 你必兴旺。

看看以色列人的回应。圣经说“摩西、亚伦就俯伏在以色列全会众面前。窥探地的人中，嫩的儿子约书亚和耶孚尼的儿子迦勒撕裂衣服，对以色列全会众说：“我们所窥探经过之地是极美之地。耶和华若喜悦我们，就必将我们领进那地，把地赐给我们，那地原是流奶与蜜之地。但你们不可背叛耶和华，也不要怕那地的居民，因为他们是我们的食物，并且荫庇他们的已经离开他们。有耶和华与我们同在，不要怕他们。”无论挑战是什么，不要失去信心，不要因着你所看到的或听到的而害怕。但是，谨慎，当你成功后，不要认为这些是自己的作为。而是荣耀这拯救你的神。

3. 神喜悦我们的顺服

当孩子顺从父母时，父母会感到欣喜。同样的，神也喜悦我们对祂顺服。因着神的恩典及我们对耶稣的信心，我们得着神儿女的名分。我们对神的敬畏及信心帮助我们顺服祂，并领受顺服的奖赏。神吩咐我们的每一件事都是对我们有利的。信心说“在神凡事都能”。神说“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。”（哥林多后书12:9）

神与我们同在，我们能够击败所面对的巨人。顺服神体现我们对祂的爱和信心。圣经说“你们若爱我，就必遵守我的命令。”（约翰福音14:15）及“以色列啊，现在耶和華你神向你所要的是什么呢？只要你敬畏耶和華你的神，遵行他的道，爱他，尽心、尽性侍奉他，13 遵守他的诫命、律例，就是我今日所吩咐你的，为要叫你得福。”（申命记10:12-13）

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CHURCH CAMP 2017



Speaker:
Bishop Mosa Sono

Theme:

TRUST & OBEY
Love and Serve
One Another
(Romans 12:10-13)

Date:

5 - 8 June 2017
(Monday - Thursday)

Venue:

Rainbow Paradise
Beach Resort, Tanjung
Bungah, Penang



Bishop Mosa Sono is Founder and Senior Pastor of Grace Bible Church, South Africa. His calling and passion is to win people to Christ, bring believers into full maturity of their walk with God, train, raise and mentor leaders in the church, corporate sector and in the community at large. He is married to Gege, and God has blessed them with two sons, Nkateko and Nhlamulo.

Camp is a marvellous time for you to have spiritual reflection and wait upon the Lord, seeking His purpose and plan for your life and ministry. Here are some of the encouraging testimonies from past camps:

"I was spiritually enlightened. I've learned to guard my heart's condition. Knowing that God have a plan for my life and I will fight for my destiny because there is an enemy that hinders me. I was refreshed and renewed."

"Thank God for His goodness and faithfulness. I am spiritually refreshed and more equipped with His Word to face challenges in living for Him in my work place and to be more sensitive to the workings of His Spirit in church ministry and serving others."

"At the beginning of the camp, my wife and I indicated our desire to be baptised in the Holy Spirit. During one of the sessions, both of us were baptized in the Holy Spirit. We thank God for a wonderful camp."

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 2017

SATURDAY AT 5.00PM

Calvary Damansara Heights

- 04** Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
Communion
- 11** Associate Pastor Peter Ong
- 18** Associate Pastor David Seah
Water Baptism
- 25** Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng

SUNDAY AT 9.00AM

Calvary Convention Centre

- 05** Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
Communion
- 12** Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam
Baby Dedication
- 19** Associate Pastor Peter Ong
Membership Intake
- 26** Associate Pastor David Seah

Dimensions Tuesday Worship Service

Date: Tuesdays, 7, 14, 21 & 28
February 2017

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Calvary Damansara Heights

Chinese Fellowship

Date: Sunday, 26 February 2017

Time: 11.30am

Venue: Theatrette 1, Level B2,
Calvary Convention Centre

Speaker: Senior Pastor Prince
Guneratnam

Water Baptism

Date: Saturday, 18 February 2017

Time: 5.00pm

Venue: Calvary Damansara Heights



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