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# BE OF GOOD CHEER -

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Educators teach by using whiteboards, pictures, charts and other tools. When Jesus taught, He referred to nature - the birds, fields, trees and so on. He told parables, referring to people, events, incidents and circumstances to teach about the Kingdom of God. On one occasion, even without microphones then, He taught to thousands at the feeding of the 5,000. He taught individuals, including, Nicodemus and the rich young ruler.

The Bible is good for learning and teaching. The Bible says, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). This is why Calvary Church believes in preaching and teaching the Word of God, so you can know and experience the truth.

I would like to draw your attention to the following text in Scripture. *"Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by*

*the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.' And Peter answered Him and said, 'Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.' So He said, 'Come.' And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, 'Lord, save me.' And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?' And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then*

*those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, 'Truly You are the Son of God'"* (Matthew 14:22-33). For many, this account seems to highlight Peter's failure or lack of faith. But it is actually a powerful teaching on faith that works. Walking on water is simply having faith in what God says and trusting in the power of God rather than being dictated by our situation or condition.

Like Peter, you may have stepped out of your boat in obedience to God's Word and now you are faced with human reality. Whatever your storm may be, a boisterous marriage, health issues, business, battling to live righteously, finances, or whatever else. You had faith to obey Him to get out of your boat, and now you find yourself sinking!

Let's learn from Peter's situation.

# BE COURAGEOUS

**God Wants You To Understand Two Things.**

## **FIRST, THE STORM WAS ABOUT FAITH AND NOT ABOUT NO FAITH.**

Peter was the only one who stepped out of the boat in response to Jesus invitation, “Come” (Matthew 24:29). The winds were boisterous, not because he was disobedient, but on the contrary, he acted in obedience by faith. He did walk on water, but when he looked around and saw the winds becoming boisterous, he began to sink. Does this not sound familiar? We start out in faith but depend on our human wisdom, ability and natural senses to dictate to us.

We face adverse circumstances in life, not necessarily out of disobedience or for lack of faith. For faith to be faith, we have to face adverse circumstances. Faith works best in impossible situations, for with God all things are possible. Why do you need faith, if there is no storm? Storms prove our faith and faith grows out of our relationship with Jesus.

Our faith permits us to face Goliath, the walls of Jericho,

mountains and even face lions. Faith causes us to obey His Word and believe God is able to do what is impossible for us. That is why Jesus said, “Come” and when Peter cried out, “Save me”, immediately, Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” (Matthew 14:30-31). When you get into trouble, Jesus will respond to you immediately, when you act in faith, though it may be little. “Immediately” may not always be “right away” in some cases, but it shows He acts on your faith.

## **SECOND, JESUS DID NOT NEED TO WALK ON WATER. BUT HE DID, TO TEACH YOU ABOUT FAITH.**

Jesus was using this occasion to teach us about putting our faith into action, for faith without works is dead (James 2:17). Therefore, when we act in obedience by faith, don’t murmur, complain, get frustrated or lose your sense of balance. Jesus tells us faith and action makes our faith complete (James 2:22, NIV).

**Three Vital Truths About Walking In Faith.**

## **TRUTH 1: “BE OF GOOD CHEER” (Matthew 14:27) or TAKE COURAGE.**

The Bible says, “*And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid’*” (Matthew 14:26-27). God said the same to Joshua, when he led the children of Israel into the Promised Land. “*Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go*” (Joshua 1:6,7). To have Jesus with us, is the greatest and the most comforting assurance one can ever have. The Bible says, “*Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with*

you. He will not leave you nor forsake you” (Deuteronomy 31:6).

## **TRUTH 2: “IT IS I” (Matthew 14:27) or “I AM WITH YOU”.**

The problem with the Church is when Jesus comes in a manner beyond our expectation and speaks through the Holy Spirit, we fail to acknowledge Him and miss the blessings of God. You would have imagined that the disciples would have known better having been with Jesus. Jesus had to tell them, *“It is I; do not be afraid”*. They did not have to fear anything because Jesus was with them. The truth about the importance of having God’s presence is illustrated in Moses’ desire for God’s presence in all he did. Moses said to God, *“If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here”* (Exodus 33:15) and God said, *“My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest”* (Exodus 33:14).

### **THE PRESENCE OF GOD WILL BRING:**

- **The Provision of God**

When you have faith in God, and in a storm or sinking, God will show up. And where God is, His provisions are available to you. When Peter stepped out of the boat by faith and began to sink, he cried out to Jesus. Jesus immediately stretched out His hand to save him. In

God’s provision, we will have what we need.

- **The Power of God**

The Bible says, *“And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased”* (Matthew 14:32). God’s power is for those who have a need, those who are sinking, the weak and the faint. The apostle Paul said, *“Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities ... in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when, I am weak, than I am strong”* (2 Corinthians 12:10).

- **The Purpose of God**

The Bible says, *“Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, ‘Truly You are the Son of God’”* (Matthew 14:33). As soon as they entered the boat the wind ceased. The disciples recognised Jesus’ authority over nature and worshipped Him. The purpose of God showing up is so we will acknowledge and worship Him. Worship belongs to God. When faith arises within you, you worship Him. In every crisis of life, God has a miracle for you.

## **TRUTH 3: DO NOT BE AFRAID.**

Peter said, *“Lord, if, it is You, command me to come to You on the water. So He said, ‘Come’”* (Matthew 14:28-29). Walking in faith involves hearing, knowing and doing God’s will. The Bible says,

*“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”* (Romans 10:17). Faith is always built on God’s Word. And the Word in this occasion is “Come”. Peter did walk on the water, he walked in faith. Always exercise faith in God’s Word. The Bible says, *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away”* (Matthew 24:35). Jesus recognised Peter’s faith.

It is our responsibility to simply do what He says. Act on His promises. He is a promise keeper. Be encouraged too by this wonderful promise, *“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,” says the Lord* (Isaiah 54:17).

*All Bible quotations are in the New King James Version.*

# THE OLIVE CAFÉ IS NOW 2 YEARS OLD!

By Pastor Carol Weller



Calvarites enjoying food and fellowship with one another



Volunteers serving food

Every Sunday, scores of Calvarites sit around tables at the Olive Café at Basement 2 of Calvary Convention Centre (CCC), enjoying a simple Malaysian breakfast at affordable prices. They catch up with family and friends and make new acquaintances. The café is led by the women in the Dimensions Ministry.

This ministry of providing simple meals before and after Sunday Worship Services began in 2013 with the Father's Day Bazaar where the women participated in setting up stalls. They then ran a regular breakfast stall every first Sunday of the month at the covered plaza.

In June 2015, with the encouragement of Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam, a faithful team of women came together and agreed to take up the challenge of running the canteen at Basement 2 as a ministry. On 1 July 2015, the Olive Café was birthed. By October, the café was refurbished and equipped with new amenities. The café is run with the purpose of providing a warm, conducive place for Calvarites to fellowship and build a sense of community. It is wonderful to note that people have



Choon King (middle) and Magdalene (far right) serving at the Olive Café

been led to accept Christ over a cup of coffee here.

Besides the women, the Men's Ministry has now come on board to run the café on the second Sunday of each month. Café coordinator, Pastor Carol Weller is thrilled to see new ones joining the team of regular servers who still remain enthusiastic about the ministry.

**Tan Choon King** says, "I feel loved and relaxed serving at the Olive Café. This is a great opportunity to meet and minister to people."

**Toh Poh Guat**, who joined the team a few months ago says enthusiastically, "I find it refreshing and fulfilling even though I have to wake up at 6am on Sundays."

**Magdalene Foo**, one of longest serving says, "I have enjoyed serving in the café these past two years. I enjoy baking the sausage puffs which is a sell-out every week."

The café is also a blessing to those serving in ministry. Lee Bee Peng says, "My daughter and I are always in a rush to reach CCC before 7.30am each Sunday for the Teens and Carpenters' Workshop worship practice. We are so blessed with delicious breakfasts prepared early by a team of faithful Calvarites."

Life Groups and Ministries are welcome to provide food or run the café on any given Sunday. Men and women who are keen on serving at the café on a regular basis are encouraged to join. For more information, please call 03-89995532 ext. 415.



Poh Guat (far right) with Pastor Carol Weller (back) and other joyful volunteers

# ROYAL RANGERS COUNCIL

By Samuel Soong



Timothy Yee sharing an inspiring devotion



Ranger Kids presenting an amusing song

The Royal Rangers Council of Achievement is a platform whereby boys or girls can be acknowledged for their achievements.

On Sunday, 1 October 2017, the event commenced with a scrumptious lunch. With their stomachs all filled, everyone was seated in the Theaterette, eagerly waiting for the program to start. Many parents joined the celebration as they were all stoked to witness their kids receive awards for their achievements throughout the year.

The program started off with a welcome address by Senior Commander, Jason Tan. The time of worship was led by the Expedition Rangers, followed by a timely Spirit-filled devotion from our Chaplain, Timothy Yee.

To show gratitude to the Chaplain, the Rangers Kids presented an amusing song called "They Say That in the Rangers". The event continued with a short skit performed by the Expedition

Rangers using modern scenarios to reenact the Parable of the Talents from Matthew 25:14-30. The audience was very much entertained by both presentations that greatly lightened the mood in the hall.

The next item on the agenda involved awarding the Rangers for their hard work. Every successful Ranger walked up the stage with their heads held high, receiving their certificates and badges from their respective Outpost Commanders. The program continued with recognition of national achievements by the Royal Rangers. This was the Bronze Medal of Achievement (BMA) by Thean Li Shen, Mak Kai Xiang and Tishan Prakash with medals pinned by Royal Rangers Overseer, Jim Guneratnam. The extra hours of sweat outside of Sunday classes earned them these awards.

To add the icing to the cake, a guard of honour accompanied Wilfred Ang, our Gold Medal of

Achievement (GMA) recipient into the hall. The GMA is the highest award a Royal Ranger can earn. His parents, Robert and Selina Ang, were up on stage pinning the medal to his uniform, and shared of their son growing up culminating with today's achievements.

The program closed with Timothy Yee praying for the medalists and the Royal Rangers Ministry as a whole. Everyone left with their bags and uniforms heavier, weighed down with the awards and medals received.

To know more about the Royal Rangers, visit [www.kl1rr.com](http://www.kl1rr.com)



Jim Guneratnam awarding three BMA recipients

# OF ACHIEVEMENT



Wilfred Ang (middle) with (L-R) Jason Tan, his parents, Selina and Robert Ang, and Jim Guneratnam

## ROBERT AND SELINA ANG'S TESTIMONY ABOUT WILFRED

Wilfred was five years old when he joined the Missionettes Ministry as a rainbow in 2005. Back then, he was a quiet and shy boy.

As he grew up, he joined the Royal Rangers (RR) Ministry as a Ranger Kid. He started to participate in various activities, for example Ranger Kids' Night Out, RR Annual Camp in Sungai Congkak and Father-Son Cooking Competition. In 2013, he received the Silver Medal Award for completing his achievements. He also joined the Discovery Training Camp where he co-led a Parade and the Mount Yong Yap Expedition in 2015.

Apart from being a Ranger, he also committed in community services. He volunteered in the 'Spread the Smile' campaign where the funds

raised went towards helping underprivileged children born with heart illness and cleft lip condition for corrective surgeries. He also participated in a camp in Calvaryland in 2013 where he painted a classroom wall with a mural. When the Calvary Youth Ministry organized a combined effort to serve the Sungai Pelek Community, Wilfred joined other youths for the "gotong-royong" works.

At school, he and his teammate, Jeremy emerged as the National Champion Team at the 20th National SPM Oral Bible Knowledge Quiz in August 2016. Both of them were awarded 100% scholarship to study in Methodist College Kuala Lumpur. In April this year, he was presented with five awards at the school's Excellence Award Day.

One of his achievements was Top 2016 SPM scorer.

Wilfred would always plan things ahead and work towards the end result. Without a doubt, these achievements were possible because God's hand was upon him.

On the occasion of Wilfred receiving his Gold Medal of Achievement (GMA), we would like to thank Senior Pastors Prince and Petrina Guneratnam and all the Pastors for their prayers and care upon Wilfred. Throughout his years in the Royal Rangers, he has acquired self-discipline, self-confidence and self-esteem and much emulated qualities from those who have been his Commanders. We thank the Commanders for their dedication, guidance, advice, unwavering support, nurture, care, love and sacrifice.

As parents, we want to congratulate him and are really proud of his hard work. We would like to encourage him to continue to be humble, love God with all his heart, soul, mind and strength, and serve Him with gladness. Our prayer is that the Lord will lead him to make choices that bring Him glory and experience the life He intends for him to live.

To God be the glory!



## CALVARY YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

### Community Outreach Program in November & December 2017

Join us to **Make A Difference** in our community, to make an impact for Christ and to be God's hands and feet, advancing God's love as we reach out.

*"But God has already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God." (Micah 6:8)*

As you bless others, we believe that this will be an amazing opportunity for God to work through you, that His love will be made so evident in and through your lives.

For more information or to register, drop by our counters or call 8999 5532 ext. 408 or 442.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

# A REFRESHING CCC RUN

By Andrew Yem



Runners warming up before the run



Darren Yong emceeing the event



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam sending-off the 3km fun run

The Bukit Jalil CCC Run, making its come back for the second year in a row on Saturday, 30 September 2017 saw 935 runners flagged off from the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC).

The runners for the three categories, 10km, 5km and the 3km fun run were clad in orange, purple and pink T-shirts respectively. They

kicked off with great enthusiasm and excitement, cheered on by their supporters. All three courses were in the vicinity of CCC in the Bukit Jalil neighbourhood. Many parents with young children and toddlers in prams participated in the fun run and completed their course in good time. Many took the opportunity to pause for family photos along the course.

Thank God for answers to prayers. Everything went smoothly. The weather was perfect with no rain, but cool and clear sky. All runners who completed their course were presented with goodie bags and medals. Trophies and prizes were awarded to the top three winners for men and women in the 5km and 10km categories.



Patrick Wong, our Church Elder, flagging-off the 5km run



Excited and joyful runners



# AT BUKIT JALIL



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam presenting prizes to one of the winners together with Benjamin Ong, the event chairman

All runners, young or old, were beaming with joy after the run. They fellowshiped over complimentary drinks as well as sandwiches, fruit juices and hot drinks that were on sale at the CCC Plaza. It was like a mini-bazaar with stalls selling not only food, but clothes as well and one offering health screening. Our Calvary Social Concern stall and Hidden Treasure were open too, and proceeds for the day went towards supporting refugees.

Praise and thank God for the opportunity to connect with the community as a Church through this enjoyable CCC Run. We



10km runners starting off their run

appreciate the labour of love of the Organising Committee, led by Benjamin Ong, and the pastoral oversight given by Associate Pastor Richard Yun.

To God be the glory!



Determined runners along the road



Runners finishing their run with smiles on their faces



# Missions PHOTO CONTEST

By Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng

Praise the Lord for 148 photographs that were received for the Missions Photo Competition. 57 were shortlisted for exhibition at the CCC lobby from 1 – 14 October 2017. The competition and exhibition was organized to visually highlight how people need the Lord. It challenged us to see daily life from the

Lord's perspective. Big congratulations to all the winners of this inaugural event. They were presented with prizes on 15 October 2017 by Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam during Sunday Worship Service. Hopefully, we will be more conscious to see life through the lenses of the Lord.

## DAILY LIFE



Winner of Creative Choice

◀ **TEH CHAT YIN** ▶



Winner of Missions' Choice & People's Choice

▶ **BRANDON ENG** ◀





Winner of Missions' Choice  
**TRACY CHAN**



Winner of People's Choice  
**PERLA BRAVANTE**



Winner of Creative Choice  
**LER ME YEE**

# BERSUKACITALAH – TABAHKAN DIRI

Oleh Pendita Kanan Prince Guneratnam

**Pendidik mengajar dengan menggunakan papanputih, gambar-gambar, carta-carta dan peralatan lain. Ketika Yesus mengajar, Dia merujuk kepada alam sekitar – burung-burung, padang, pokok-pokok dan sebagainya. Dia menggunakan perumpamaan, merujuk kepada manusia, peristiwa, kejadian dan keadaan tertentu untuk mengajar akan Kerajaan Tuhan. Pada satu ketika, tanpa mikrofon pun, Dia mengajar ribuan semasa membekalkan makanan kepada 5,000 orang. Dia mengajar individu, termasuk Nikodemus dan raja kaya yang muda.**

Alkitab sesuai untuk pengajaran dan pembelajaran. Alkitab menyatakan "Segala tulisan yang diilhamkan Tuhan memang bermanfaat untuk mengajar, untuk menyatakan kesalahan, untuk memperbaiki kelakuan dan untuk mendidik orang dalam kebenaran" (2 Timotius 3:16-17). Ini sebabnya kenapa Gereja Calvari percaya dalam mengkhutbah dan mengajar Firman Tuhan, agar kamu dapat mengetahui dan mengalami kebenaran.

Saya mahu membawa perhatian kamu kepada teks Alkitab berikut "Sesudah itu Yesus segera memerintahkan murid-murid-Nya naik ke perahu dan mendahului-Nya ke seberang, sementara itu Ia menyuruh orang banyak pulang. Dan setelah orang banyak itu disuruh-Nya pulang, Yesus naik ke atas bukit untuk berdoa seorang diri. Ketika hari sudah malam, Ia sendirian di situ. Perahu murid-murid-Nya sudah beberapa mil jauhnya dari pantai dan diombang-ambingkan gelombang, karena angin sakal. Kira-kira jam tiga malam datanglah Yesus kepada mereka berjalan di atas air. Ketika murid-murid-Nya melihat Dia berjalan di atas air, mereka terkejut dan berseru: "Itu hantu!", lalu berteriak-teriak karena takut. Tetapi segera Yesus berkata kepada mereka: "Tenanglah! Aku ini, jangan takut!" Lalu Petrus berseru dan menjawab Dia: "Tuhan, apabila Engkau itu,

suruhlah aku datang kepada-Mu berjalan di atas air." Kata Yesus: "Datanglah!" Maka Petrus turun dari perahu dan berjalan di atas air mendapatkan Yesus. Tetapi ketika dirasanya tiupan angin, takutlah ia dan mulai tenggelam lalu berteriak: "Tuhan, tolonglah aku!" Segera Yesus mengulurkan tangan-Nya, memegang dia dan berkata: "Hai orang yang kurang percaya, mengapa engkau bimbang?" Lalu mereka naik ke perahu dan anginpun redalah. Dan orang-orang yang ada di perahu menyembah Dia, katanya: "Sesungguhnya Engkau Anak Tuhan" (Matius 14:22-33). Bagai ramai orang, peristiwa ini bagaikan menonjolkan kegagalan atau ketiadaan iman dari pihak Petrus. Tetapi sebenarnya ia adalah satu pengajaran yang penting tentang iman yang berhasil. Berjalan diatas air bermakna memiliki iman dalam apa yang dikatakan oleh Tuhan daripada dipengaruhi oleh situasi atau kondisi kita sendiri.

Seperti Petrus, kamu mungkin telah melangkah keluar daripada perahu kerana mentaati Firman Tuhan dan kini kamu berdepan dengan realiti. Apa sekalipun ribut kamu, rumahtangga yang bergelora, isu kesihatan, perniagaan, bergelut mahu hidup dalam kebenaran, kewangan, atau apa sekalipun. Kamu mempunyai iman mentaati Dia untuk keluar dari perahu kamu, dan kini dapati kamu sendiri tenggelam!

Marilah pelajari daripada situasi Petrus.

**Tuhan Mahu Kamu Memahami Dua Perkara.**

**PERTAMA, RIBUT ITU ADALAH TENTANG IMAN DAN BUKANNYA TENTANG KETIADAAN IMAN.**

Petrus seorang sahaja yang melangkah keluar dari perahu ekoran pelawaan Kristus, "Datanglah!" (Matius 14:29). Angin kencang, bukan kerana dia ingkar, tetapi sebaliknya, dia bertindak mematuhi dalam iman. Dia berjalan di atas air, tetapi apabila dia melihat kiri kanan dan nampak akan angin kencang, dia mulai tenggelam. Adakah ini sesuatu yang pernah didengari? Kita mulai dengan iman tetapi bergantung atas kebijaksanaan manusia, kebolehan dan deria semulajadi untuk menguasai kita.

Kita hadapi keadaan rencam dalam kehidupan, tidak semestinya kerana ketidakpatuhan atau kekurangan iman. Agar iman adalah iman sejati, kita terpaksa hadapi kerencaman kehidupan. Iman menonjol dalam situasi yang mustahil, kerana dengan Tuhan semuanya mungkin. Kenapa kamu perlukan iman, sekiranya tiada ribut? Rيبut membuktikan iman kita dan iman bertumbuh hasil perhubungan kita dengan Yesus.

Iman kita membolehkan kita berdepan dengan Goliat, tembok Jeriko, gunung dan juga berdepan dengan singa. Iman menyebabkan kita patuhi Firman Tuhan dan percaya Tuhan boleh melakukan untuk kita apa yang agak mustahil. Sebab itulah Yesus berkata, "Datanglah" dan apabila Petrus berteriak, "Tolonglah aku", segera Yesus mengulurkan tanganNya, memegang dia dan berkata: "Hai orang yang kurang percaya, mengapa engkau bimbang?" (Matius 14:30-31). Apabila kamu dalam kesusahan, Yesus akan bertindak balas segera, apabila kamu bertindak dalam iman, mahupun ianya sedikit. "Segera" bukan selalunya "serta merta" dalam keadaan tertentu, tetapi ia menunjukkan Dia bertindak atas iman kamu.

## **KEDUA, YESUS TIDAK PERLU BERJALAN DIATAS AIR. NAMUN IA MELAKUKANNYA, UNTUK MENGAJAR KAMU TENTANG IMAN.**

Yesus menggunakan situasi ini untuk mengajar kita supaya bertindak dalam iman, kerana iman tanpa perbuatan hakikatnya mati (Yakobus 2:17). Oleh itu, apabila kita taat bertindak dalam iman, jangan merungut, bersungut, berputus asa atau hilang keseimbangan. Yesus memberitahu kita, "Iman bekerjasama dengan perbuatan-perbuatan dan oleh perbuatan-perbuatan itu iman menjadi sempurna" (Yakobus 2:22).

### **Tiga Kebenaran Yang Penting Tentang Berjalan Dalam Iman.**

#### **KEBENARAN 1: "BERSUKACITALAH" (Matius 14:27) atau TABAHKAN DIRI.**

Alkitab menyatakan, "Ketika murid-murid-Nya melihat Dia berjalan di atas air, mereka terkejut dan berseru: "Itu hantu!", lalu berteriak-teriak karena takut. Tetapi segera Yesus berkata kepada mereka: "Tenanglah! Aku ini, jangan takut!" (Matius 14:26-27). Tuhan berkata yang sama kepada Yosua, apabila dia memimpin bangsa Israel memasuki Tanah Yang Dijanjikan. "Kuatkan dan teguhkanlah hatimu, sebab engkau yang akan memimpin bangsa ini memiliki negeri yang Kujanjikan dengan bersumpah kepada nenek moyang mereka untuk diberikan kepada mereka. Hanya, kuatkan dan teguhkanlah hatimu dengan sungguh-sungguh, bertindaklah hati-hati sesuai dengan seluruh hukum yang telah diperintahkan kepadamu oleh hamba-Ku Musa; janganlah menyimpang ke kanan atau ke kiri, supaya engkau beruntung, ke manapun engkau pergi" (Yosua 1:6,7). Mempunyai Yesus bersama kita, adalah jaminan yang paling baik dan yang menghiburkan yang boleh seseorang perolehi. Alkitab menyatakan, "Kuatkan dan teguhkanlah hatimu, janganlah takut dan jangan gemetar karena mereka, sebab TUHAN, Tuhanmu, Dialah yang berjalan menyertai engkau; Ia tidak akan membiarkan engkau dan tidak akan meninggalkan engkau" (Ulangan 31:6).

#### **KEBENARAN 2: "INI AKU" (Matius 14:27) atau "AKU BERSAMAMU".**

Masalah dengan gereja adalah apabila Yesus datang dengan cara di luar jangkaan dan bercakap melalui Roh Kudus, kita gagal mengakuiNya menyebabkan kita melepasi berkat-Nya. Kamu mungkin menjangka murid Kristus sudah pasti mengenali Yesus kerana lama bersamaNya. Yesus terpaksa memberitahu mereka "Aku Ini, jangan takut". Mereka tidak perlu takut apa sekalipun kerana Yesus bersama mereka. Kebenaran akan kepentingan berada dalam hadirat Tuhan dipamerkan dalam keinginan Musa akan hadirat Tuhan dalam segala apa yang dia lakukan. Musa berkata kepada Tuhan, "Jika Engkau sendiri tidak membimbing kami, janganlah suruh kami berangkat dari sini" (Keluaran 33:14-15) dan Tuhan berkata, "Aku sendiri hendak membimbing engkau dan memberikan ketenteraman kepadamu" (Keluaran 33:14-15).

#### **HADIRAT TUHAN AKAN MEMBAWA:**

##### **• Pembekalan Tuhan**

Apabila kamu meletakkan iman dalam Tuhan, maupun dalam badai atau tenggelam, Tuhan akan muncul. Juga di mana Tuhan berada, bekalanNya terbuka luas kepada kamu. Apabila Petrus melangkah keluar dari perahu dalam iman dan mulai tenggelam, dia memanggil Yesus. Yesus segera menghulur tanganNya untuk menyelamatkan dia. Dalam bekalan Tuhan, kita akan peroleh apa yang kita perlukan.

##### **• Kuasa Tuhan**

Alkitab menyatakan, "Lalu mereka naik ke perahu dan anginpun redalah" (Matius 14:32). Kuasa Tuhan untuk mereka yang mempunyai keperluan, mereka yang tenggelam, yang lemah dan yang dalam keraguan. Paulus berkata, "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 Korintus 12:10).

#### **• Matlamat Tuhan Adalah Untuk Kita MenyembahNya**

Alkitab menyatakan, "Dan orang-orang yang ada di perahu menyembah Dia, katanya: "Sesungguhnya Engkau Anak Tuhan" (Matius 14:33). Sebaik sahaja mereka menaiki perahu angin pun reda. Murid Kristus ketahui autoritas Yesus atas alam semulajadi dan menyembah Dia. Matlamat Tuhan muncul supaya kita akan mengenal dan menyembah Dia. Penyembahan adalah milik Tuhan. Apabila iman bangkit dalammu, kamu menyembahNya. Dalam setiap krisis kehidupan, Tuhan mempunyai mukjizat bagi kamu.

#### **KEBENARAN 3: JANGANLAH TAKUT**

Petrus berkata, "Tuhan, apabila Engkau itu, suruhlah aku datang kepada-Mu berjalan di atas air. Kata Yesus: "Datanglah!" (Matius 14:28-29). Berjalan dalam iman melibatkan pendengaran, pengenalan dan perlakuan kehendak Tuhan. Alkitab menyatakan, "Jadi, iman timbul dari pendengaran, dan pendengaran oleh firman Kristus" (Roma 10:17). Iman selalu dibina atas Firman Tuhan. Dan firman untuk ketika ini ialah "Datanglah". Petrus pernah berjalan di atas air, dia berjalan dalam iman. Selalu praktikkan iman dalam Firman Tuhan. Alkitab menyatakan, "Langit dan bumi akan berlalu, tetapi perkataan-Ku tidak akan berlalu (Matius 14:35). Yesus mengesahkan iman Petrus.

Adalah tanggungjawab kita untuk melakukan apa yang dikatakanNya. Bertindak atas janji-janjiNya. Dia pemegang janji. Didorong juga dengan janji indah ini, "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, demikianlah firman TUHAN" (Yesaya 54:17).

*Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dalam Versi Alkitab Terjemahan Baru, melainkan dinyatakan.*

# 你们放心— 要有勇气

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**教育工作者使用白板，图片，图表和其他工具进行教学。当耶稣教导的时候，他提到自然界一鸟，田野，树木等等。他讲比喻，提到人，活动，事件和环境来教导神的国。有一次，即使没有麦克风，在喂饱五千人的事迹中他教导了数以千计的人。他教导个人，包括尼哥底母和富有年轻的官。**

圣经对学习和教导都是有益的。圣经上说：「圣经都是神所默示的，于教训、督责、使人归正、教导人学义都是有益的，叫属神的人得以完全，预备行各样的善事」（提后3:16-17）。这就是为什么加略山教会相信传讲和教导神的话语，这样你可以认识和经历真理。

我想请你注意以下的圣经经文。

「耶稣随即催门徒上船，先渡到对岸，等他叫众人散去。疏散了众人以后，他独自上山去祷告。到了晚上，只有他一人在那里。那时船已离岸好几里，因风不顺，被浪颠簸。天快亮的时候，耶稣在海面上走，往门徒那里去。但门徒看见他在海面上走，就惊慌了，说：“是个鬼怪！”他们害怕得喊叫起来。耶稣连忙对他们说：“放心！是我，不要怕！”彼得回答他说：“主啊，如果是你，请叫我从水面上走到你那里去。”耶稣说：“你来吧！”彼得就从船上下去，在水面上走，往耶稣那里去；只因见风很强，害怕起来，将要沉下去，就喊着说：“主啊，救我！”耶稣立刻伸手拉住他，说：“你这小信的人哪，为什么疑惑呢？”他们一上船，风就停了。在船上的人都拜他，说：“你真是神的儿子。”」（太14:22-33）。对许多人来说，这个叙述似乎强调了彼得的失败或缺乏信心。但它实际上是一个大有能力的教导关于有果效的信心。在水面上走，就是要对神所说的话有信心和信靠神的大能，而不是由我们的情况或环境来决定。

就像彼得一样，你可能顺从神的话已经从你的船上下去，在水面上走，现在你面对人类现实一面。无论你面对的风暴是什么，一场喧闹的婚姻，健康问题，生意，与过公义的生活，理财或任何其他事情斗争。你有信心顺从他，从你的船上下去，现在你发现自己要沉下去！

让我们从彼得的情况学习。

神要你明白两件事。

**首先，这场风暴是关于信心，而不是没有信心。**

彼得是唯一一个回应耶稣的邀请「你来吧」，就从船上下去的人（太24:29）。猛烈的风，不是因为他不顺从，情况正相反，他因着信顺从。他在水面上行走，但是当环顾四周，看到风变得很强烈时，他开始沉下去。这听起来不是很熟悉吗？我们从信心开始，但依赖于我们的智慧，能力和自然的感官来支配我们。

我们面对生活中的逆境，不一定是由于不顺从或缺乏信心。因着信心为信心，我们必须面对逆境。信心在不可能的情况下最有果效，因在神凡事都可能。如果没有风暴，你为什么需要信心呢？风暴证明我们的信心和信心是从我们与耶稣的关系中生长出来。

我们的信心允许我们面对歌利亚，耶利哥的城市，大山甚至面对狮子。信心使我们顺从神的话语，相信神能够为我们成全不可能的事。这就是为什么耶稣说：“你来吧”，而当彼得大声喊着说：“主啊，救我”，耶稣立即伸手，拉住他，对他说：“你这小信的人哪，为什么疑惑呢？”（太14:30-31）。当你陷入困境时，因着你的信心耶稣会立即回应你，尽管它可能是小信。在某些情况下，「立即」并不总是「马上」，但这显示他是因你的信心行事。

**第二，耶稣不需要在水面上走。但他这么做为要教你关于信心的事。**

耶稣正在用这个场合教导我们把我们的信心付诸行动，因为没有行为的信心是死的（雅2:17）。因此，当我们以信心顺从行事时，不要发怨言，抱怨，沮丧或失去平衡感。耶稣告诉我们：“信心是因着行为才得以成全的”（雅2:22）。

**关于信心生活的三个重要真理。**

**第一个真理：「放心」（太14:27）或者要有勇气。**

圣经上说：“但门徒看见他在海面上走，就惊慌了，说：“是个鬼怪！”他们害怕得喊叫起来。耶稣连忙对他们说：“放心！是我，不要怕！”」（太14:26-27）。当约书亚带领以色列人进入应许之地时，神对他说：“你当刚强壮胆，因为你必使这百姓承受那地为业，就是我向你们列祖起誓要给他们的地。只要刚强，大大壮胆，谨守遵行我仆人摩西所吩咐你的一切律法，不可偏离左右，使你无论往哪里去，都可以顺利”（书1:6-7）。有耶稣与我们同在，是最大也是最令人欣慰的保证。圣经上说：“你们当刚强壮胆，不要害怕，也不要畏惧他们，因为耶和华—你的神必与你同去；他必不撇下你，也不丢弃你。”（申31:6）。

**第二个真理：「是我」（太14:27）或「我与你同在」。**

教会的问题是，当耶稣以超出我们期望的方式来到，并通过圣灵说话时，我们没有承认祂，而错过神的祝福。你会想象到门徒们因与耶稣在一起，必会认出耶稣。耶稣却必须告诉他们：“是我，不要怕”。他们不必惧怕任何事，因为耶稣与他们在一起。有关神同在的重要性的真理之例证是在摩西的渴望，求神在他所行的一切事上有神与他同在。摩西对神说：“你若不亲自去，就不要把我们从这里领上去。”（出33:14-15）和神说：“我必亲自去，让你安心”（出33:14-15）。

**神的同在会带来**

**• 神的供应**

当你有神有信心，在暴风雨或沉没的时候，神会出现。神在哪里，就有祂为你预备的供应。当彼得因着信心从船上下去，开始沉下时，他向耶稣呼求。耶稣立即伸出手来拯救他。在神的供应中，我们将有我们所需要的。

**• 神的大能**

圣经上说：“他们一上船，风就停了”（太14:32）。神的大能是给有需要的人，那些正在沉没的人，软弱和胆怯的人。使徒保罗说：“为基督的缘故，我以软弱、凌辱、艰难、迫害、困苦为可喜乐的事；因为我什么时候软弱，什么时候就刚强了”（林后12:10）。

**• 神对我们的目的是敬拜他**

圣经上说：“在船上的人都拜他，说：“你真是神的儿子”」（太14:33）。一旦他们一上船，风就停止了。门徒们承认耶稣对自然界的权柄，并敬拜他。神显现的目的乃是要我们会承认和敬拜他。敬拜是属于神。当信心在你心里兴起时，你就敬拜他。在生命的每一个危机中，神为你预备了一个神迹。

**第三个真理：不要怕。**

彼得说：“主啊，如果是你，请叫我从水面上走到你那里去。耶稣说：“你来吧”」（太14:28-29）。信心的生活中涉及听，知道和遵行神的旨意。圣经说：“可见，信道是从听道来的，听道是从基督的话来的”（罗10:17）。信心永远是建立在神的话语之上。在这个场合神的话是「你来吧」。彼得在水面上走，他凭信心走。经常操练对神的话语的信心。圣经上说：“天地要废去，我的话却绝不废去”（太24:35）。耶稣看见彼得有信心。

我们有责任去遵行他所说的话。遵照他的应许行动。他是一位守约者。让这个美好的应许勉励我们，“凡为攻击你而造的兵器必无效用；在审判时兴起用口舌攻击你的，你必驳倒他。这是耶和华仆人的产业，是他们从我所得的义；这是耶和华说的”（赛54:17）。

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本修订版。

# WATER BAPTISM

Congratulations to 16 Calvarites who followed Christ in water baptism on 7 October 2017 at the Saturday Worship Service at Calvary Damansara Heights. The Lord bless your step of obedience in your journey with Him.



## Front Row (L-R):

Jancy Thangamaney  
Jeremy Aaron Naiker  
Claudai Serina Ravend  
Chan Yen Kain @ Chan Kwai

## 2nd Row (L-R):

Nicole Whaung Yen Nee  
Charmaine Ng Swet Mei  
Suemitra A/P Selvaratnam  
Sheirie Lai Pei Yoke  
Esther Lim Yi Chung

## 3rd Row (L-R):

Alexander Lam Gar Yung  
Andrew Murugan a/l Maripin  
Kelvin Kung Chee Keong  
Vince Ng Chee Seng

## Back Row (L-R):

Yvonne Siew Lai Ching  
Julita U. Abarilla  
Chan Mun Chee

*If you have not been water baptised, make sure you do so in obedience to the Lord. You can call the church office at 03-8999 5532 ext 434 or see any of the Pastors. Refer to back page for our next water baptism service.*

# CHILDREN'S DAY PARTY

Time for some fun, cheers and jolly time with exciting games, yummy food and laughter. All babies aged 4 months to kids aged 11 years old are invited. This is an opportunity for you to reach out to children for Jesus. Don't let them miss out on this great time!

For more information, please  
call 03-89995532 ext. 404.



SUNDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2017

9.00AM – 12.30PM

MULTIPURPOSE & BANQUET HALL  
CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE



# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## NOVEMBER 2017

### SATURDAY AT 5.00PM

#### Calvary Damansara Heights

04 Associate Pastor Steven Kum

11 Associate Pastor Peter Ong  
Water Baptism

18 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong

25 Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng

### SUNDAY AT 9.00AM

#### Calvary Convention Centre

05 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong

12 Associate Pastor David Seah

19 Associate Pastor Steven Kum

26 Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

7.00PM

4&18 NOVEMBER 2017  
Saturdays

CALVARY DAMANSARA HEIGHTS

### CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

11.30AM

19 NOVEMBER 2017  
Sunday

CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE,  
Theatrette 1, Level B2

Speaker: **Senior Associate Pastor  
Petrina Guneratnam**

### CHILDREN'S DAY

9.00AM

26 NOVEMBER 2017  
Sunday

CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE,  
Multipurpose & Banquet Hall

### WATER BAPTISM

5.00PM

9 DECEMBER 2017  
Saturday

CALVARY DAMANSARA HEIGHTS

Closing date for submission of application:  
**Sunday, 12 November 2017**

### CHRISTMAS SERVICE

9.00AM

24 DECEMBER 2017  
Sunday

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