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**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS
OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS**

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Accrediting Royal Rangers'
Accomplishments!

Soaring with Christ

LIVING BOLDLY FOR THE LORD

BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

We are living in challenging times that demands the church of Jesus Christ to stand up with boldness to testify of their faith and courage to accept the consequences. To suffer persecution for Christ is an honour and privilege according to the Word of God (Philippians 1:29, Romans 8:17).

The Bible gives us an account of Peter and John's boldness and courage to stand and speak up for God's work and what Jesus Christ has done to those who were in authority that threatened them for their faith. *"One day at three o'clock in the afternoon, Peter and John were on their way into the Temple for prayer meeting. At the same time there was a man crippled from birth being carried up. Every day he was set down at the Temple gate, the one named Beautiful, to beg from those going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter the Temple, he asked for a handout. Peter, with John at his side, looked him straight in the eye and said, "Look here." He looked up, expecting to get something from*

them. Peter said, "I don't have a nickel to my name, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" He grabbed him by the right hand and pulled him up. In an instant his feet and ankles became firm. He jumped to his feet and walked. The man went into the Temple with them, walking back and forth, dancing and praising God. Everybody there saw him walking around and praising God. They recognized him as the one who sat begging at the Temple's Gate Beautiful and rubbed their eyes, astonished, scarcely believing what they were seeing" (Acts 3:1-10, The Message). "While Peter and John were addressing the people, the priests, the chief of the Temple police, and some Sadducees came up, indignant that these upstart apostles were instructing the people and proclaiming that the resurrection from the dead had taken place in Jesus. They arrested them and threw them in jail until morning, for by now it was late in the evening. The next day a meeting was called in Jerusalem. The rulers, religious leaders, religion scholars, Annas the Chief Priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander—everybody who was anybody was there. They stood Peter and John in the middle of the room and grilled them: "Who put you in charge here? What business do you have doing this?" With that, Peter, full of the Holy Spirit, let loose: "Rulers and leaders of the people, if we have been brought to trial today for helping a sick man, put under investigation regarding this healing, I'll be completely frank with you—we have nothing to hide. By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the One you killed on a cross, the One God raised from the dead, by means of his name this man stands before you healthy and whole. Jesus is 'the stone you masons threw out, which is now the cornerstone.' Salvation comes no other way; no other name has been or will be given to us by which we can be saved, only this one. They couldn't take their eyes off them—Peter and John standing there so confident, so sure of



themselves! Their fascination deepened when they realized these two were laymen with no training in Scripture or formal education. They recognized them as companions of Jesus. The religious leaders renewed their threats, but then released them. They couldn't come up with a charge that would stick, that would keep them in jail. The people wouldn't have stood for it—they were all praising God over what had happened” (Acts 4:1-3, 5-13, 21; The Message). In the same way, there are many that need to hear and experience the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are called to be witnesses, in testifying of our own salvation and the Lord's blessings upon our life.

The Bible teaches us as believers to be bold and courageous for the Lord as His witnesses:

1. BE PRAYERFUL

James says, *“Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and*

the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results” (James 5:13-16). The only basis we can stand righteous in God's presence to pray is because of our faith in Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross. Prayer gives God the moral right to intervene in human affairs. Therefore, we must be a praying believer in Christ.

2. BE UNITED AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

There is power when believers come together in unity to pray. The church is one body with many parts (1 Corinthians 12:1, 14-21) and with different gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-11) to glorify and honour God. The Bible says, *“How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony! For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head that ran down his beard onto the border of his robe. Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And there the Lord has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting”* (Psalm 133).

3. BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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). We fail when we try to be bold witnesses in our own strength and abilities. Our work is not to convict people of their sin. The Bible says, *“And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment”* (John 16:8). We are not the healer or miracle worker but God is (Psalm 103:3, Acts

9:34). Our calling as believers is to be witnesses of God's saving and healing grace. The Bible tells of an occasion, *"One day the group of prophets came to Elisha and told him, "As you can see, this place where we meet with you is too small. Let's go down to the Jordan River, where there are plenty of logs. There we can build a new place for us to meet." "All right," he told them, "go ahead." "Please come with us," someone suggested. "I will," he said. So he went with them. When they arrived at the Jordan, they began cutting down trees. But as one of them was cutting a tree, his axe head fell into the river. "Oh, sir!" he cried. "It was a borrowed axe!" "Where did it fall?" the man of God asked. When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it into the water at that spot. Then the axe head floated to the surface. "Grab it," Elisha said. And the man reached out and grabbed it"* (2 Kings 6:1-7). This situation illustrates the importance of the Holy Spirit. The handle of the axe can represent us. The axe head represents the Holy Spirit. The handle alone is ineffective. It needs the axe head. In the same way, when we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we have the boldness and courage to be effective witnesses for the glory of God.

4. PREACH THE WORD OF GOD

Peter and John, in healing the lame man did not speak of themselves. They preached about Jesus and God's promises.

a) God's Word is truth. Jesus praying to His Father said, *"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth"* (John 17:17 NKJV) and *"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future"* (John 16:13).

b) God's Word is Spirit and life. The Word of God is a living Word and strengthens the believer's walk and ability to be bold in living for the Lord. The Bible says, *"This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life"* (Psalm 119:50 NKJV) and *"The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world"* (John 6:33).

c) We are God's message in shoes. The Bible says, *"If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honourable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom"* (James 3:13). Unbelievers do not read the Bible. We are to be the salt and light of the earth. Jesus said, *"In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father"* (Matthew 5:16).

The Word of God which is God's wisdom, truth and Spirit gives us boldness. As a result of their boldness, the rulers and elders were amazed and associated them as being with Jesus. In the same way, we too, as ordinary believers called by Jesus can live to be bold and effective witnesses. We must allow the Holy Spirit to fill us, empower us and use us to be a prayerful, united and Word-centered people of God.

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



Timothy sharing an encouraging message



Rangers, commanders and parents supporting the achievers

ACCREDITING ROYAL RANGERS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

BY AMANDA CHONG

The Royal Rangers held their 36th Council of Achievement on Sunday, 30 September 2018 with Theatre 3 at Calvary Convention Centre filled to its capacity by fellow rangers, commanders and parents.

The ceremony began with an entertaining performance by the Expedition Rangers called "Make a Joyful Noise" which was produced from a combination of sound effects in a classroom setting. Our Chaplain, Timothy Yee, shared a devotion from Hebrews 10:24-25, encouraging us to meet consistently as our weekly meetings are more than just fellowship but it is to spur one another on to do good works for the Lord.

The highlight of the event was the Adventure Bronze Medals presentation where four Adventure Rangers, Siavash Sharifirad, Nicholas Praba Lucas, Christopher Jonathan Param and Isaac Ong, received these

awards. There was also a special recognition for the Discovery Rangers' achievements in the recent Royal Rangers Derby Competition organised by Metro Tabernacle Church. Isabel Chow won the Most Original Design Award for her derby car, Ezra Lee for the Best Appearance in the 6-11 year old category, and Kenneth Chua for being second runner-up for the Best Overall Time in the same age category.

We had a wonderful event and we praise God for His continuous blessings upon us.

Royal Rangers Ministry is for boys and girls from six to 17 years old. Join our activities on Sundays, 11.30am at Calvary Convention Centre. For more information, call 03-8999 5532 ext 408.



Siavash, Nicholas, Christopher and Isaac (L-R) awarded with Adventure Bronze Medals



Isabel, Kenneth and Ezra (L-R) with their winning derby cars



Thank you sir!



Ranger Kids proudly showing their advancement certificates



Senior Pastor sharing an encouraging keynote address



A delightful performance by the multilingual choir

SOARING WITH CHRIST

BY LAI WING FAI

The Life Group (LG) Conference themed “In Christ, We Soar” was held on 28 and 29 September 2018 at Calvary Damansara Heights and was attended by 420 and 225 participants respectively.

On Friday night, the diverse, creative and vibrant talents of the LG Ministry were celebrated through a performance by the multilingual choir. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, then declared that indeed, Calvary Church is ready to soar! In his keynote address, he encouraged the congregation to continue using their diverse gifts to build and strengthen the work of God. Two short videos of Honorary Pastor Guynes speaking about the Church’s apostolic role were also played and encouraged all who came. The evening ended with a captivating and well-choreographed dance by a group of youths.

The following morning, before the first plenary session, four Assistant LG Leaders were installed and prayed for. This is to meet the growing



A refreshing time of fellowship during breakfast



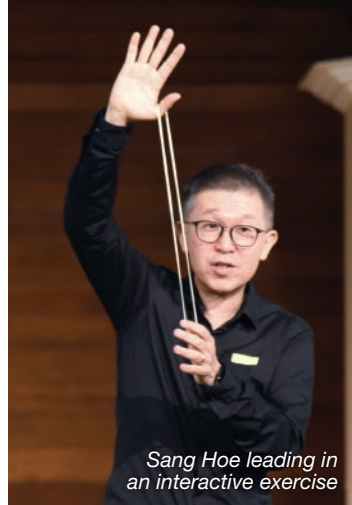
Youths performing a specially choreographed dance for the conference



Attention-grabbing, life-sized theme display



Pastor David charging the newly installed Assistant LG Leaders, (L-R) Tommy Kiew, Nora Chen, Angeline Leong and Ivan Yun



Sang Hoe leading in an interactive exercise



4. *The congregation participating and learning about "Creative Tension"*

demands of increasing attendance and new LGs. Associate Pastor David Seah, our LG Pastor, then began the session by sharing the essentials of self-leadership while Pastor Carol Weller further highlighted the need to embrace self-awareness that enhances our relationship with Christ, fellow members and the pastoral ministry team.

The second plenary session was conducted by our deacon, Chow Sang Hoe, who explained the concept of "Creative Tension". With a practical demonstration of stretching a rubber band between the fingers, he compared the tension generated this way to the gap separated between our vision set and the current state of our LGs. He emphasised the need to resolve the gap difference in order to improve the fruitfulness and effectiveness of LGs.

Following a refreshment break, the participants segregated into their LGs and engaged in thought provoking discussions on materialising their vision and goals into reality within a specified timeframe.

Summaries of visions, goals and action plans from various LG categories were shared to inspire and encourage everyone present.

Pastor David then concluded the conference encouraging the participants to remain focused, persistent and tenacious, and prayed for God's hand of partnership, challenging all to soar higher for the glory of Christ.

For more information about the LG Ministry, call 03-8999 5532 ext 414 or email dseah@calvary.org.my



Pastor Carol speaking on self-awareness



Pastor David sharing on self-leadership



Discussing and planning in groups

A TIME OF fellowship



Ushers welcoming joyful Calvarites

The Covered Plaza filled with colourful balloons

PIN WITH JOY

Calvarites placing pins with joy on the interactive timeline at Calvary Convention Centre to commemorate God's blessings



AND Thanksgiving



The Multipurpose and Banquet Hall filled with joyous atmosphere



WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP

The Calvary family gathering in celebration with food and fellowship





The cake cutting ceremony by Church leadership



Celebrating 50 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

BY MELISSA SAMUEL AND JASON SIA

What a day! Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) was joyously filled on Sunday, 28 October 2018 as the Church family gathered in celebration of Calvary Church's 50th Anniversary. From the young to the old, all of us were seen exulting in some way or another.

On this great occasion, we began with joyful worship with songs we have sung over the past five decades led by past and present worship leaders like Richard Lee, Associate Pastor Peter Ong, Philip Tan, Associate Pastor Chris Lee and Darren Yong together with a multi-generational worship team.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam shared a powerful anniversary sermon entitled "The Foundation of the Church" from Matthew 16:18, "... upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it." Calvary Church is built on the Rock that is Jesus Christ, and is called to be a Fountainhead Church. He reminded us that God builds His Church through "Revelation" and "Relationship". Having received God's revelation to be a people set apart for His glory, Calvarites must continue to serve as sons and daughters, and not like hired-servants, to fulfil God's call to us to proclaim the Gospel faithfully till

Jesus returns. Many responded to the altar call to be touched, empowered and used by God.

Our Deacon, Chow Sang Hoe, shared of God's miraculous financial provision for the building of the CCC through the years, culminating with the announcement that on our Year of Jubilee, Calvary Church is now free of any external debt. As we rejoiced over this news, Senior Pastor reminded us that there was even a greater debt that we could not pay – the debt of sin and death. This debt was paid by Jesus through His work on the Cross. As the congregation responded in worship, confetti exploded on stage, so did our hearts erupt in awe and thanksgiving at our wondrous and almighty God!

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An elated congregation in worship



A entourage of worship leaders (L-R): Richard Lee, Associate Pastor Peter Ong, Philip Tan, Associate Pastor Steven Kum, Associate Pastor Chris Lee, Darren Yong, Shaun Ng, Victoria Grace Adigun, Asher Anthony and Hayleigh Fernandez



The vibrant and diverse group of performers including the Worship Choir, Ensembles, One Voice, KidsCAT (Kids' Creative Arts Team), dancers, orchestra, and the Worship band

rejoicing IN GOD'S GOO



Senior Pastor encouraging the congregation

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With great elation, the Church leadership then proceeded to the cutting ceremony of a gorgeously decked-out cake, as a celebrative way of Calvary Church turning 50.

Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng then introduced an inspiring video that the Lord has more in store ahead of us. We must fulfil God's call upon us as a fountainhead and apostolic Church and it will take each and every one of us. The video encapsulated the projections made by our Ministry Heads as Calvary Church moves into the future. As the congregation watched it, they said, "Count us in, use us Lord!"

Patrick Wong, Victoria Choi and Russell Paul, representing three generational groups, then led us in a prayer that God will continue to glorify Himself through Calvary Church.

After the service, the congregation headed to a celebratory luncheon and wonderful fellowship.

What a wonderful celebration of God's goodness upon Calvary Church over the past 50 years. Truly, it was a day full of thanksgiving and renewed determination for the Church to grow according to God's purpose.



Calvarites responding to the altar call

DNES AND *moving forward*



Calvary Church is declared debt free from external loans!



Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratham praying for thanksgiving offering



Pastor Chee Weng introducing the "Into the Future" video



(L-R) Patrick, Victoria and Russell praying for God's continuous blessings



Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng concluding the service with a time of prayer



Chow Sang Hoe announcing the Church is free from external financial debt



Watch Senior Pastor's full message at our YouTube channel [@calvaryone](#)



View more photos at our Facebook page [@calvarykl](#)

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HIDUP DENGAN BERANI BAGI TUHAN

OLEH PENDITA KANAN PRINCE GUNERATNAM

Kita hidup di masa-masa sulit yang menuntut gereja Yesus Kristus untuk berdiri dengan keberanian untuk bersaksi tentang iman dan keberanian mereka untuk menerima akibatnya. Untuk menderita penganiayaan bagi Kristus adalah suatu kehormatan dan hak istimewa menurut Firman Tuhan (Filipi 1:29, Roma 8:17).

Alkitab memberi kita penjelasan tentang keberanian Petrus dan Yohanes serta keberanian untuk berdiri dan berbicara untuk pekerjaan Tuhan dan apa yang telah dilakukan Yesus Kristus kepada mereka yang memiliki wibawa yang mengancam mereka karena iman mereka. “Pada suatu hari menjelang waktu sembahyang, yaitu pukul tiga petang, naiklah Petrus dan Yohanes ke Bait Tuhan. Di situ ada seorang laki-laki, yang lumpuh sejak lahirnya sehingga ia harus diusung. Tiap-tiap hari orang itu diletakkan dekat pintu gerbang Bait Tuhan, yang bernama Gerbang Indah, untuk meminta sedekah kepada orang yang masuk ke dalam Bait Tuhan. Ketika orang itu melihat, bahwa Petrus dan Yohanes hendak masuk ke Bait Tuhan, ia meminta sedekah. Mereka menatap dia dan Petrus berkata: “Lihatlah kepada kami.” Lalu orang itu menatap mereka dengan harapan akan mendapat sesuatu dari mereka. Tetapi Petrus berkata: “Emas dan perak tidak ada padaku, tetapi apa yang kupunyai, kuberikan kepadamu: Demi nama Yesus Kristus, orang Nazaret itu, berjalanlah!” Lalu ia memegang tangan kanan orang itu dan membantu dia berdiri. Seketika itu juga kuatlah kaki dan mata kaki orang itu. Ia melonjak berdiri lalu berjalan kian ke mari

dan mengikuti mereka ke dalam Bait Tuhan, berjalan dan melompat-lompat serta memuji Tuhan. Seluruh rakyat itu melihat dia berjalan sambil memuji Tuhan, lalu mereka mengenal dia sebagai orang yang biasanya duduk meminta sedekah di Gerbang Indah Bait Tuhan, sehingga mereka takjub dan tercengang tentang apa yang telah terjadi padanya” (Kisah Para Rasul 3:1-10). “Ketika Petrus dan Yohanes sedang berbicara kepada orang banyak, mereka tiba-tiba didatangi imam-imam dan kepala pengawal Bait Tuhan serta orang-orang Saduki. Orang-orang itu sangat marah karena mereka mengajar orang banyak dan memberitakan, bahwa dalam Yesus ada kebangkitan dari antara orang mati. Mereka ditangkap dan diserahkan ke dalam tahanan sampai keesokan harinya, karena hari telah malam. Pada keesokan harinya pemimpin-pemimpin Yahudi serta tua-tua dan ahli-ahli Taurat mengadakan sidang di Yerusalem. dengan Imam Besar Hanas dan Kayafas, Yohanes dan Aleksander dan semua orang lain yang termasuk keturunan Imam Besar. Lalu Petrus dan Yohanes dihadapkan kepada sidang itu dan mulai diperiksa dengan pertanyaan ini: “Dengan kuasa manakah atau dalam nama siapakah kamu bertindak demikian itu?” Maka jawab Petrus, penuh dengan Roh Kudus: “Hai pemimpin-pemimpin umat dan tua-tua, jika kami sekarang harus diperiksa karena suatu kebajikan kepada seorang sakit dan harus menerangkan dengan kuasa manakah orang itu disembuhkan, maka ketahuilah oleh kamu sekalian dan oleh seluruh umat Israel, bahwa dalam nama Yesus Kristus, orang Nazaret, yang telah kamu salibkan, tetapi yang telah dibangkitkan Tuhan dari antara orang mati--bahwa oleh karena Yesus itulah orang ini berdiri dengan sehat sekarang di depan kamu. Yesus adalah batu yang dibuang oleh tukang-tukang bangunan--yaitu kamu sendiri--, namun ia telah menjadi batu penjuru’. Dan keselamatan tidak ada di dalam siapapun juga selain di dalam Dia, sebab di bawah kolong langit ini tidak ada nama lain yang diberikan kepada manusia yang olehnya kita dapat diselamatkan. “Ketika sidang itu melihat keberanian Petrus dan Yohanes dan mengetahui, bahwa keduanya orang biasa yang tidak terpelajar, heranlah mereka; dan mereka mengenal keduanya sebagai pengikut Yesus. Mereka semakin keras mengancam rasul-rasul itu, tetapi akhirnya melepaskan mereka juga, sebab sidang tidak melihat jalan untuk menghukum mereka karena takut akan orang banyak yang memuliakan nama Tuhan berhubung dengan apa yang telah terjadi” (Kisah Para Rasul 4:1-3, 5-13, 21). Dengan cara yang sama, ada banyak yang perlu mendengar dan mengalami kuasa Injil Yesus Kristus. Kita dipanggil untuk menjadi saksi, dengan bersaksi tentang keselamatan kita sendiri dan berkat-berkat Tuhan atas hidup kita.

Alkitab mengajarkan kita sebagai orang percaya untuk menjadi berani dan tabah bagi Tuhan sebagai saksi-Nya:



1. SENANTIASA BERDOA

Yakobus berkata, "Kalau ada seorang di antara kamu yang menderita, baiklah ia berdoa! Kalau ada seorang yang bergembira baiklah ia menyanyi! Kalau ada seorang di antara kamu yang sakit, baiklah ia memanggil para penatua jemaat, supaya mereka mendoakan dia serta mengolesnya dengan minyak dalam nama Tuhan. Dan doa yang lahir dari iman akan menyelamatkan orang sakit itu dan Tuhan akan membangunkan dia; dan jika ia telah berbuat dosa, maka dosanya itu akan diampuni. Karena itu hendaklah kamu saling mengaku dosamu dan saling mendoakan, supaya kamu sembuh. Doa orang yang benar, bila dengan yakin didoakan, sangat besar kuasanya" (Yakobus 5: 13-16). Satu-satunya dasar kita dapat berdiri teguh dalam hadirat Tuhan untuk berdoa adalah kerana iman kita kepada Yesus Kristus dan karya-Nya yang telah diselesaikan di kayu salib. Doa memberi Tuhan hak moral untuk campur tangan dalam urusan manusia. Karena itu, kita harus menjadi orang percaya yang berdoa di dalam Kristus.

2. BERSATU BERSAMA SEBAGAI TUBUH KRISTUS

Ada kekuatan ketika orang percaya bersatu dalam kesatuan untuk berdoa. Gereja adalah satu tubuh dengan banyak bagian (1 Korintus 12: 1, 14-21) dan dengan karunia yang berbeza (1 Korintus 12: 4-11) untuk memuliakan dan menghormati Tuhan. Alkitab mengatakan, "Sungguh, alangkah baiknya dan indahnya, apabila saudara-saudara diam bersama dengan rukun! Seperti minyak yang baik di atas kepala meleleh ke janggut, yang meleleh ke

janggut Harun dan ke leher jubahnya. Seperti embun gunung Hermon yang turun ke atas gunung-gunung Sion. Sebab ke sanalah TUHAN memerintahkan berkat, kehidupan untuk selama-lamanya"(Mazmur 133).

3. DIPENUHI DENGAN ROH KUDUS

Alkitab berkata, "Tetapi kamu akan menerima kuasa, kalau Roh Kudus turun ke atas kamu, dan kamu akan menjadi saksi-Ku di Yerusalem dan di seluruh Yudea dan Samaria dan sampai ke ujung bumi" (Kisah Para Rasul 1: 8). Kita gagal ketika kita mencoba menjadi saksi yang berani dengan kekuatan dan kemampuan kita sendiri. Pekerjaan kita bukan untuk menghukum orang-orang dari dosa mereka. Alkitab mengatakan, "Dan kalau Ia datang, Ia akan menginsafkan dunia akan dosa, kebenaran dan penghakiman" (Yohanes 16: 8). Kita bukan penyembuh atau pembuat mukjizat tetapi Tuhanlah yang melakukannya (Mazmur 103: 3, Kisah Para Rasul 9:34). Panggilan kita sebagai orang percaya adalah menjadi saksi akan kasih karunia Tuhan yang menyelamatkan dan menyembuhkan. Alkitab menceritakan suatu peristiwa, "Pada suatu hari berkatalah rombongan nabi kepada Elisa: "Cobalah lihat, tempat tinggal kami di dekatmu ini adalah terlalu sesak bagi kami. Baiklah kami pergi ke sungai Yordan dan masing-masing mengambil satu balok dari sana, supaya kami membuat tempat tinggal untuk kami." Jawab Elisa: "Pergilah!" Lalu berkatalah seorang: "Silakan, ikutlah dengan hamba-hambamu ini." Jawabnya: "Baik aku akan ikut." Maka ikutlah ia dengan mereka. Setelah mereka sampai di sungai Yordan, mereka pun menebang pohon-pohon. Dan terjadilah, ketika seorang sedang menumbangkan sebatang pohon, jatuhlah mata kapaknya ke dalam air. Lalu berteriak-teriaklah ia: "Wahai tuanku! Itu barang pinjaman!" Tetapi berkatalah abdi Tuhan: "Ke mana jatuhnya?" Lalu orang itu menunjukkan tempat itu kepadanya. Kemudian Elisa memotong sepotong kayu, lalu dilemparkannya ke sana, maka timbullah mata kapak itu dibuatnya. Lalu katanya: "Ambillah." Orang itu mengulurkan tangannya dan mengambilnya"(2 Raja-Raja 6: 1-7). Situasi ini menggambarkan pentingnya Roh Kudus. Pemegang kapak dapat mewakili kita. Kepala kapak melambangkan Roh Kudus. Pegangannya saja tidak efektif. Itu memerlukan kepala kapak. Dengan cara yang sama, ketika kita dipenuhi oleh Roh Kudus, kita memiliki keberanian dan ketabahan untuk menjadi saksi yang berkesan bagi kemuliaan Tuhan.

4. BERKHOTBAH TENTANG FIRMAN TUHAN

Petrus dan Yohanes, dalam menyembuhkan orang lumpuh tidak berbicara tentang diri mereka sendiri.

Mereka berkhotbah tentang Yesus dan janji-janji Tuhan.

- a) Firman Tuhan adalah kebenaran. Yesus berdoa kepada Bapa-Nya berkata, “Kuduskanlah mereka dalam kebenaran; firman-Mu adalah kebenaran” (Yohanes 17:17) dan “Tetapi apabila Ia datang, yaitu Roh Kebenaran, Ia akan memimpin kamu ke dalam seluruh kebenaran; sebab Ia tidak akan berkata-kata dari diri-Nya sendiri, tetapi segala sesuatu yang didengar-Nya itulah yang akan dikatakan-Nya dan Ia akan memberitakannya kepadamu hal-hal yang akan datang” (Yohanes 16:13).
- b) Firman Tuhan adalah Roh dan hidup. Firman Tuhan adalah Firman yang hidup dan menguatkan jalan orang percaya dan kemampuan untuk menjadi berani dalam hidup untuk Tuhan. Alkitab berkata, “Inilah penghiburanku dalam sengsaraku, bahwa janji-Mu menghidupkan aku” (Mazmur 119:50) dan “Karena roti yang dari Tuhan ialah roti yang turun dari sorga dan yang memberi hidup kepada dunia” (Yohanes 6:33).
- c) Kita adalah berita Tuhan dalam sepatu. Alkitab berkata, “Siapakah di antara kamu yang bijak dan berbudi? Baiklah ia dengan cara hidup yang baik menyatakan perbuatannya oleh hikmat yang lahir dari kelemahlembutan” (Yakobus 3:13). Orang yang tidak percaya tidak membaca Alkitab. Kita harus menjadi garam dan terang dunia. Yesus berkata, “Demikianlah hendaknya terangmu bercahaya di depan orang, supaya mereka melihat perbuatanmu yang baik dan memuliakan Bapamu yang di sorga” (Matius 5:16).

Firman Tuhan yang merupakan hikmat Tuhan, kebenaran, dan Roh memberi kita keberanian. Sebagai hasil dari keberanian mereka, para penguasa dan penatua kagum dan mengaitkan mereka sebagai bersekutu bersama Yesus. Dengan cara yang sama, kita juga, sebagai orang percaya yang biasa dipanggil oleh Yesus untuk dapat hidup menjadi saksi yang berani dan berkesan. Kita harus mengizinkan Roh Kudus memenuhi kita, menguasai kita dan memakai kita untuk menjadi umat Tuhan yang penuh doa, bersatu dan berpusat pada Firman.

Semua petikan Alkitab berasal dari Alkitab Bahasa Indonesia, melainkan jika dinyatakan.

大胆地为主而活

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我们生活在充满挑战的时代，它要求耶稣基督教会大胆地站起来见证他们的信心和有勇气接受后果。按照神的话，为基督受迫害是一种荣誉和特权(腓1:29, 罗8:17)。

圣经给了我们一个关于彼得和约翰的大胆和勇气的记载，他们站起来对那些威胁他们信心的当权者，为神的工作和耶稣基督所做的话说话。「下午三点钟祷告的时候，彼得和约翰上圣殿去。一个从母腹里就是瘸腿的人正被人抬来，他们天天把他放在圣殿的一个叫美门的门口，求进圣殿的人施舍。他看见彼得、约翰将要进圣殿，就求他们施舍。彼得和约翰定睛看他，彼得说：“看着我们！”那人就注目看他们，指望从他们得着什么。彼得却说：“金银我都没有，但把我有的给你：奉拿撒勒人耶稣基督的名起来行走！”于是彼得拉着他的右手，扶他起来；他的脚和踝骨立刻健壮了，就跳起来，站着，又开始行走。他跟他们进了圣殿，边走边跳，赞美神。百姓都看见他又行走，又赞美神，认得他是那素常坐在圣殿的美门口求人施舍的，就因他所遇到的事满心惊讶诧异」(徒3:1-10)。「彼得和约翰正向百姓说话的时候，祭司们、守殿官和撒都该人来了，就很烦恼，因为使徒们教导百姓，传扬在耶稣的事上证明有死人复活，于是下手拿住他们；因为天已经晚了，就把他们押在拘留所到第二天。第二天，官长、长老和文士在耶路撒冷聚集，又有亚那大祭司、该亚法、约翰、亚历山大，和大祭司的亲族都在那里。他们叫使徒站在中间，问他们：“你们凭什么能力，奉谁的名做这事呢？”那时，彼得被圣灵充满，对他们说：“民间的官长和长老啊，倘若今日我们被查问是因为在残障的人身上所行的善事，就是这人怎么得了痊愈，那么，你们大家和以色列全民都当知道，站在你们面前的这人得痊愈，是因你们所钉在十字架、神使他从死人中复活的拿撒勒人耶稣基督的名。这位耶稣是：‘你们匠人所丢弃的石头，已成了房角的头块石头。’除他以外，别无拯救，因为在天下人间，没有赐下别的名，我们可以靠着得救。”他们见彼得、约翰的胆量，又看出他们原是没有学问的平民，就很惊讶，认出他们曾是跟耶稣一起的；官长为百姓的缘故，想不出任何法子惩罚他



们，只好威吓一番就把他们释放了；这是因众人为了所行的奇事都归荣耀与神」(徒4:1-3, 5-13, 21)。同样地，有许多人需要听到和经历耶稣基督福音的大能。我们蒙召作见证人，为见证我们自己的救恩和主在我们身上的赐福。

圣经教导我们作为信徒，要大胆和有勇气地为主作他的见证人：

1. 帶著祷告的心

雅各说：「你们中间若有人受苦，他该祷告；有人喜乐，他该歌颂。你们中间若有人病了，他该请教会的长老们来为他祷告，奉主的名为他抹油。出于信心的祈祷必能救那病人，主必叫他起来；他若犯了罪，也必蒙赦免。所以，你们要彼此认罪，互相代求，使你们得医治。义人祈祷所发的力量是大有功效的」(雅5:13-16)。我们能成为义人站在神的面前祷告的唯一根据是因为我们相信耶稣基督和他在十字架上所完成的工作。祷告给予神介入人类事务的道德权利。因此，我们必须在基督里作一个祷告的信徒。

2. 合一作为基督的身体

当信徒们合一在一起祷告时就会有力量。教会是一个由许多肢体组成的身体(林前12:1, 14-21)，并有不同的恩赐(林前12:4-11)来荣耀和尊崇神。圣经上说：「看哪，弟兄和睦同住是何等的善，何等的美！这好比那贵重的油浇在亚伦的头上，流到胡须，又流到他的衣襟；又好比黑门的甘露降在锡安山；因为在那里有耶和華所命定的福，就是永远的生命」(诗133)。

3. 被圣灵充满

圣经上说：「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)。当我们试图以自己的力量和能力中作为大胆的见证人时，我们就失败了。我们的工作不是去指正人有罪。圣经上说：「他来的时候，要为罪、为义，为审判，指证世人」(约16:8)。我们不是医治者，也不是行神迹奇事者，但神是(诗

103:3；徒9:34)。我们作为信徒的呼召是成为神的拯救和医治的恩典的见证人。圣经讲述了一件事，「先知的门徒对以利沙说：“看哪，我们在你面前居住的地方，那里对我们太窄小了。让我们往约旦河去，各人从那里取一根木料，在那里为自己建造居住的地方。”他说：“你们去吧！”有一人说：“请你与仆人同去。”他说：“我可以去。”于是以利沙与他们同去。到了约旦河，他们砍伐树木。有一人砍树的时候，斧子的头掉在水里，他就喊着说：“不好了！我主啊，斧子是借来的。”神人说：“掉在哪里了？”他把那地方指给以利沙看。以利沙砍了一块木头，抛在水里，就使斧子的头浮上来了。以利沙说：“拿起来吧！”那人就伸手拿起来了」(王下6:1-7)。这个情况说明了圣灵的重要性。斧子的柄可以代表我们。斧头代表圣灵。单靠斧柄是无效的。它需要斧头。同样地，当我们被圣灵充满的时候，我们就有胆量和勇气为神的荣耀作有效的见证人。

4. 传讲神的道

彼得和约翰在医治瘸子的过程中，并没有讲到他们自己。他们传讲耶稣和神的应许。

- 神的道是真理。耶稣向父祷告时说：「求你用真理使他们成圣；你的道就是真理。」(约17:17)。「但真理的灵来的时候，他要引导你们进入一切真理。因为他不是凭着自己说的，而是把他所听见的都说出来，并且要把将要来的事向你们传达」(约16:13)。
- 神的道是灵，是生命。神的道是活泼的道，它坚固信徒的行事为人和大胆为主而活的能力。圣经上说：「你的话将我救活了；这是我在患难中的安慰」(诗119:50)。「因为神的粮就是那位从天上降下来，并且赐生命给世界的」(约6:33)。
- 我们是神行动的信息。圣经上说：「你们中间谁是有智慧有见识的呢？他就当在智慧的温柔上显出他的善行来」(雅3:13)。非信徒不读圣经。我们要成为地上的盐和光。耶稣说：「你们的光也要这样照在人前，叫他们看见你们的好行为，把荣耀归给你们在天上的父」(太5:16)。

神的道是神的智慧，真理和圣灵给我们胆量。由于他们的大胆，官长和长老们感到惊讶，并将他们与耶稣联系在一起。同样地，我们作为耶稣呼召的平凡信徒，也可以活着做一个大胆有效的见证人。我们必须让圣灵充满我们，赋予我们能力，让我们成为一个祷告、合一、以神的道为中心的神的子女。

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(L-R) Sarah Chong (daughter), Raphael and Rachel

GOD SAVED OUR LIVES!

A LIFE STORY AND TESTIMONY BY RACHEL YEO

When I was pregnant with my second child, I was admitted to the ICU (Intensive Care Unit) at 18 weeks because I was bleeding so profusely I could have died! The gynaecologist at the emergency room said I was like a “paip bocor” (burst pipe). I had four pints of blood transfusion then, with more than 50 intravenous lines connected to my body in case I needed more. I

stayed in the hospital for more than ten weeks and was on complete bed rest. During this time, I read the Bible more and worshiped God every day in my quiet time. I was alone, but it brought me closer to Him.

On Mother's Day 2015, my little baby was born prematurely at 28 weeks. We named him Raphael, meaning “God Heals” in Hebrew. His lungs were not fully developed and he had two holes in his heart. At only 12 days old, he was diagnosed with meningitis and chicken pox. His birth weight was 1.27kg, but it went down further to 1.05kg. Blood was drawn from him for various tests, leaving many scars on his hands, feet, legs and scalp. He was also anaemic and had to undergo blood transfusion umpteen times. He fought many hard battles and stayed in the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) for almost four months.

When he was discharged, we were glad that he could finally come home but we were all anticipating the challenges ahead of us. He had chronic lungs disease, which made him so vulnerable and susceptible to severe complications. He was readmitted twice after his initial discharge from the NICU. He was on eight types of medication and there were episodes of him choking on his own saliva until his face turned blue, severe coughing and vomiting, pertussis (whooping cough), reflux, and 'failure to thrive' due to slow weight gain and thyroid issues.

Today, we celebrate God's victory over our little Raphael. The holes in his heart are closed! The condition of his lungs has improved tremendously. There is no more pertussis and reflux. He has been gaining weight, slowly but surely. Most importantly, he is growing happily and healthier every day. I thank God for my family and all those around us who have showered us with so much support. Thank God for my Life Group leader, Tan Boon Seng, and the Sungai Long Life Group, Pastor Susan Tan, Pastor Quek Lee Siu and teachers from Calvary Kids, who prayed unceasingly for us. God is our miracle worker! God is indeed good, all the time! All glory be to God!

BE WISE, UNDERSTAND THE WILL OF GOD

BY ASSOCIATE PASTOR TIMOTHY ONG

“Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.” (Ephesians 5:17-19).

GOD SAID THAT YOU CAN KNOW HIS WILL

God wants us to walk in wisdom and not as fools. He wants us to know His will for our situation. We need to be filled with the Holy Spirit and allow Him to direct us through an inner prompting. Focus on God as you worship, pray, sing and praise Him.

YOU NEED TO MAKE ‘SPACE’ FOR HIM

We can tune into the voice of the Holy Spirit by creating a ‘sacred time’ and a ‘sacred place’ to pray and practise spiritual discipline. This is a time of reading God’s Word, worship, listening and soaking in His presence. These constant encounters with the

living God position us to receive great grace and take us to new spiritual heights. As a result, our situation will turn out better because we have listened to Him and understood His desires for our lives.

IT ALL DEPENDS ON YOU

God has given us the choice to draw close to Him. We need to respond to His invitation before we can expect Him to respond to ours.

Want to learn more?

- Visit CALVARY PRAYER TOWER website at www.calptower.org and click on the ‘Resource Center’. There are model prayers to help you to pray for God’s will in your life.
- Call us at 03-8999 5532 or write to us at calptower@gmail.com for more information.

FOLLOWING JESUS’ FOOTSTEPS

Congratulations to eight Calvarites who followed Christ in water baptism on 22 September 2018 at the Saturday Worship Service at Calvary Damansara Heights. The Lord bless your step of obedience in your journey with Him.

L-R: Naing Niang Win, Joshua Newman Emelife, Thor Yue Hern, Lady Casandra Khristienne Fameri De Leon, Christian De Leon, Cherryl Fameri De Leon, Eliora Khor Ying Yi, Jean Seow Pik Fong



For enquiries and to obtain water baptism forms, please contact 03-8999 5532.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2018

Saturday, 5.00pm Calvary Damansara Heights

- 03** Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
Communion
- 10** Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng
- 17** Associate Pastor Raymond Yong
- 24** Associate Pastor Steven Kum
Water Baptism

Sunday, 9.00am Calvary Convention Centre

- 04** Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
Communion
- 11** Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
- 18** Guest Speaker
- 25** Associate Pastor Peter Ong

ACTIVITIES

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Saturdays, 10 & 24 November 2018, 1.00pm
Calvary Damansara Heights
Topic: Why the Cross?

ROYAL RANGERS YEAR END THANKSGIVING

Sunday, 25 November 2018, 11.30am
Calvary Convention Centre

MISSIONETTES THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Sunday, 25 November 2018, 11.30am
Calvary Convention Centre

TAMIL MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, 25 November 2018, 11.30am
Theatrette 2, Level B2, Calvary Convention Centre
Speaker: Associate Pastor Yong Chee Weng

CHINESE THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, 25 November 2018, 11.30am
Theatrette 1, Level B2, Calvary Convention Centre
Speaker: Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam

BAHASA MALAYSIA THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, 02 December 2018, 11.30am
Theatrette 1, Level B2, Calvary Convention Centre
Speaker: Associate Pastor David Seah

WATER BAPTISM

Saturday, 24 November 2018, 5.00pm
Calvary Damansara Heights

Closing date for submission of application:
Sunday, 11 November 2018



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