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EXPERIENCING GOD

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Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He commissioned and empowered His disciples to be His witnesses on earth. The Bible says, *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”* (Acts 1:8).

How are we to be His witnesses? We proclaim the Gospel of salvation and share our personal

experiences with God. The Bible tells us that the God we love and serve is not a God who stands far off, but draws near to His people. He desires that we experience His work in our daily lives at all times – whether in times of rejoicing or in times of challenges. And as we are transformed in thought, word, and deed through our experiences with Him, we become agents of transformation as the “salt” and “light” in this needy world. We bring His light into dark situations, and His flavour into bland, meaningless lives.



THE BIBLE REVEALS GOD'S DESIRE TO HAVE HIS PEOPLE EXPERIENCE HIM

a) Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden

"Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, 'Where are you?'" (Genesis 3:8). God did not create man to leave us living independently of Him. God desired Adam and Eve to experience and enjoy fellowship with Him.

b) Moses and the Israelites in the desert

"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them" (Exodus 25:8). Because of God's love for His people, He brought them out of slavery in Egypt. As they journeyed towards the Promised Land, God instructed Moses to build Him a tabernacle because He desired to dwell among His people. The Israelites encountered and experienced the glory of God as they brought their offerings and sacrifices to the tabernacle.

c) God communicated with His people through the prophets

The Bible says, *"Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets"* (Amos 3:7). God warned the prophet Amos that His people would be punished if they did not repent of their sins, which would rob them of their experience of His glory in their lives.

d) Through God's Son

God's ultimate revelation of Himself to His people was

through His Son. The people experienced the love, power, holiness, and wisdom of God through the teaching and ministry of His Son. *"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through who he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word"* (Hebrews 1:3).

e) Through the sending of the Holy Spirit

Jesus said, *"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you"* (John 14:25). When Jesus spoke of His impending death, the disciples were left distraught because they thought they would not be able to experience Him anymore. However, Jesus has assured them that the coming of the Holy Spirit would enable a continued relationship with Him.

f) Through the Church

The early church experienced the presence of God as they gathered in Jesus' name to praise and worship God. *"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly"* (Acts 4:31).

Today, we can experience God as authentically as the people described in the Scriptures.

THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD

When we encounter God in Scripture, our lives will be transformed. The Bible says, *"For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and*

attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account" (Hebrews 4:12-13).

THROUGH WORSHIP

"While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (Acts 13:2). Paul said, "And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into that same image from one degree of glory to another" (2 Corinthians 3:18). We can experience God through worship. When Isaiah saw the Lord through worship (Isaiah 6:1-6), he understood who God was, and what God wanted him to do.



THROUGH PRAYER

Jesus said, *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened"* (Luke 11:9). We experience God when we commune with Him in prayer and express our needs and desires to Him.

Jesus said, *"Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea', and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer"* (Matthew 21:21-22).

THROUGH ONE ANOTHER

Jesus declared, *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"* (Matthew 5:16). We will experience God and cause others to experience God through acts of kindness and words of encouragement.

THROUGH EVANGELISM

One of the greatest privileges given to us to experience God is by proclaiming the Gospel. Jesus works with us as we do this. The Bible says, *"After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it"* (Mark 16:19-20).

Let us not be believers who merely follow a set of rules, but let us be genuine followers of Jesus who experience God on a daily basis. When we truly encounter God, we will

desire to bring these experiences to the lost by proclaiming the Gospel, so that they also may experience God for themselves.

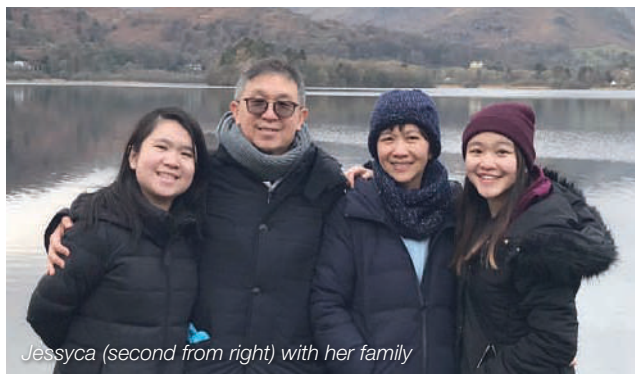
All Bible quotations are from the New International Version (NIV).

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL AS THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS

BY JESSYCA CHIN

I went on my usual morning walk in Bukit Kiara. On my way down, I passed the coconut vendor and heard him give a big sigh. He looked weary. Then I heard in my spirit, 'Pray for him.' Realising it was the Holy Spirit, I turned back and made some talk with the vendor. I did not know how to get to praying for him, so I just muttered a prayer of blessing for him as I left.

Driving down the road, I struggled, knowing the Holy Spirit wanted me to approach him directly to pray. Finally I obeyed and turned back, telling God how embarrassing it was as I did not know what to pray for. Immediately two things came to me: "Ask him, 'Is there some problem at home?'" and tell him "God told me to pray for you."



Jessyca (second from right) with her family

Venturing to ask as the Lord had led, the vendor replied that his mother has just had a stroke. He also mentioned his wife and kids were believers, but not him. I asked why not, and he said one day. I offered to pray for him and his mother, and told him God loves him and sent me to pray for him. Shortly after praying, customers arrived and our conversation ended.

His family must have been praying for him, and a seed has definitely been planted.

I thank God for the leading of the Holy Spirit, the boldness to obey, and the opportunity to pray with the vendor. All glory to God.

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

BY EUNICE YONG

God's Word is powerful, full of wisdom, and life-transforming. When we are deeply rooted in His Word, we will not waver easily, but will stand firm in times of adversity, and bear good fruits in God's timing.

I resigned from my job in 2003 to help my late father at his grocery shop. In 2016, he fell sick. Due to the need to work on weekends, I did not attend church, and started to depend on my own strength instead of God. That was when I felt I was very far away from God.

For a very long time, I had an inner desire to read the Bible again. I bought one, and started reading. Despite

my shortcomings, God continuously guided me through His Word, and led me to read earnestly when I experienced challenges.



His Word is indeed comforting and uplifting. He spoke to me over the situation I was going through, and knew that I needed His direction and affirmation to make decisions for resolutions over my circumstances. God's Word also gives me strength in times of waiting, merely by trusting in Him completely. There were times when I felt like giving up, but His Word reassured and redirected my path.

In July 2018, I felt a strong urge to attend church again. I rededicated my life, and was water baptised in March this year. The more I read the Bible, the more His Word becomes alive to me, and His presence becomes so real as I seek Him earnestly. God's Word is indeed all-knowing and all-powerful!

Share your testimony with us. Fill up the MY RESPONSE card and hand it to the ushers or the information counter after the worship services, or fill up online at calvary.my/get-in-touch



Senior Pastor sharing God's Word at the Sunday Worship Service



Senior Pastor praying for fathers in the congregation

HONOURING FATHERS


BY LISA TOH

The Calvary family honoured fathers on Father's Day on 16 June 2019 during the Sunday Worship Service at Calvary Convention Centre (CCC).

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam shared an inspiring message on living a true and real life; that we are born again in Christ, free from pretense. He expounded on the importance of living in the truth, reminding us all that on the day of judgement, we will all have to give an account of our lives. We are to live our lives as a living sacrifice, as it says in Romans 12:1-2, not conforming to the world, but to be transformed from within.

Therefore, we are to make a radical decision, a rational determination, a rigorous discipline, and a routine demonstration. We are not to walk after the flesh of conformity, but after the Spirit of transformation.

Senior Pastor acknowledged all fathers present and prayed for them. The fathers were then blessed by the One Voice Choir with a special number titled "We are Family", and each of them received a memento to commemorate their visit to Calvary Church.

 Watch Senior Pastor's full message on our YouTube channel @calvaryone



The instrumental trio at Calvary Damansara Heights Service performing "When Morning Gilds the Skies"



Fathers were also recognised at the Saturday Worship Service at Calvary Damansara Heights





The Youth Ensemble singing "Even So Come"

The One Voice Choir presenting the special number at CCC



Fathers receiving their memento from the youth



YOUTH IN MISSIONS

BY NG JEN NING

Youth Missions was held on Saturday, 6 July 2019 at Calvary Damansara Heights, and we were encouraged and challenged by Abbiegail Lee and Jamie Guneratnam's testimony of their one-and-a-half-month missions trip to Nepal in March 2019. We were blessed to know that despite their struggles and how incapable they felt, they were willing to surrender and trust God. As a result, God used them in a mighty way, blessing the Nepalese teenagers. It was exciting to hear about their experience, and how God was gracious throughout the trip.

Associate Pastor Steven Kum shared his experience growing up as a teenager; how he found Christ and how God eventually led him to serve full-time. Pastor Steven challenged us to allow God to take full control of our lives, and to allow Him to use us the way He pleases. Many young people surrendered their lives to God, allowing them to be used by Him, and six responded to God's full-time calling. Praise God for moving among our midst.

Each of us filled up a small card to commit a person and a nation to pray for, and also to commit to an action to take to proclaim the Gospel in every area of our lives. We believe God will help us realise that even if we have faith as small as a mustard seed, He can use our lives to bless others and bear good fruit that will ultimately bring glory to Him.



Pastor Steven sharing his insights on missions



Abbiegail (top picture) and Jamie (bottom picture) sharing about their trip to Nepal



Praising the Lord in song



Pastor Richard explaining Faith Promise to the kids



The children with their Faith Promise cards

CALVARY KIDS, THE INSPIRING GIVERS

BY KENNEDY KOMBA

The joyful, God-loving kids have been active partners of Faith Promise through their consistent giving. It is inspiring to witness their faithful giving contributing to the church's mission projects, touching lives locally and abroad.

Associate Pastor Richard Yun had an affable talk with the kids, mirroring their giving to the child in the Bible who willingly and cheerfully gave his five loaves and two fish. This seemingly petite giving was used by Jesus to feed more than five thousand people.

The kids were excited as they related to the sacrificial giving of their fellow kid from biblical times. As the story of the five loaves and two fish unfolded, the class atmosphere changed. The kids got the message that it is wonderful to be involved in giving to God's work. They were motivated when it was vividly portrayed that their giving helps the needy through the various mission projects of the church. You could hear a pin drop, for their attentiveness was marvellous. The kids responded to the message shared and prayer at the end of the combined session.

After the message, the kids filled up their Faith Promise cards for another six months' journey of their involvement in missions. It is encouraging to see the young kids take missions seriously.



The Carpenter's Workshop teachers performing a simple skit on missions



Enjoying the skit by the Carpenter's Workshop teachers



Filling up their Faith Promise cards



Praying for each Faith Promise partner represented by the cards

YOU CAN HAVE MORE – WITH PURPOSE

BY SHARON TAN

Missions Emphasis kicked off with Pastor Edwin Alvarez, Senior Pastor of Hosanna Apostolic Community in Panama City reminding us to draw near to God at Missions Prayer on 5 July 2019. In Mark 15:22-39, significant events happened during the third, sixth, and ninth hours. The third hour proclaims the need to receive the Holy Spirit's anointing, just as the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. The sixth hour encourages us to seek God in prayer, to have a clear vision of God's purpose, like Peter who was granted a life-transforming vision - that the Gospel is also for Gentiles. The ninth hour invites us to experience the power of God working miracles through prayer, just as the lame man at the gate called Beautiful received his miracle.

Pastor Alvarez shared from Matthew 25:14-29 over the Faith Promise services on 6-7 July 2019. Believers can have more, but with purpose, just as how God blessed Abraham to be a blessing. He shared four laws, the first being the Law of Management, where everything we have, our talents and abilities, belong to God; we are only managers of what He has given.

Second is the Law of Use, that we use our time appropriately, doing God's business until He returns, whether in missions, in prayer, in hosting a Life Group, or in any of a myriad other ways to do God's work.

Thirdly, the Law of Revelation is about having the right concept of God. God wants the best for us, to give us more - more of His love in our hearts, more mercy, that we enjoy more of His goodness and live in His peace.

Last is the Law of Conquering - we must first overcome our own evil heart, negligence, and fear. We must defeat inactivity, and see that it is a blessing to surrender our lives unto the Lord.

Praise God for an impactful Missions Emphasis!



Pastor Alvarez and his wife, Pastor Dalys, praying over Calvarites who responded for prayer



The ensemble singing a special number on Friday





Pastor Alvarez sharing the powerful Word of God during Missions Prayer



Calvarites responding to altar call



The worship choir singing the opening number "Facing A Task Unfinished"



Calvarites filling up their Faith Promise cards at Calvary Damansara Heights



The Youth Ensemble singing the beautiful song "King of Love"



Calvarites filling up their Faith Promise cards at CCC

MENGALAMI TUHAN

OLEH PENDITA BERSEKUTU STEVEN KUM

Sebelum Yesus naik ke syurga, Dia memerintahkan dan memberi kuasa kepada pengikut-pengikutNya untuk menjadi saksi di bumi. 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).

Bagaimana kita menjadi saksi-Nya? Kita mengisytiharkan Injil keselamatan dan berkongsi pengalaman peribadi kita bersama Tuhan. Alkitab memberitahu kita bahawa Tuhan yang kita kasihi dan layani bukanlah Tuhan yang berdiri jauh, tetapi mendekati umatNya. Dia menghendaki kita mengalami karyaNya dalam kehidupan seharian kita - sama ada pada saat-saat bersukacita atau ketika menghadapi cabaran. Dan ketika kita berubah dalam pemikiran, perkataan, dan perbuatan melalui pengalaman kita dengan Dia, kita menjadi agen

perubahan sebagai “garam” dan “cahaya” di dunia yang memerlukan ini. Kami membawa cahayaNya ke dalam keadaan gelap, dan rasaNya kepada kehidupan yang hambar, yang tidak bermakna.

ALKITAB MENUNJUKKAN KEINGINAN TUHAN BAGI UMATNYA UNTUK MENGALAMINYA

a) Adam dan Hawa di Taman Eden

“Kemudian lelaki dan isterinya mendengar suara Tuhan ketika ia berjalan di taman itu pada waktu siang, dan mereka bersembunyi dari Tuhan Tuhan di antara pepohonan di taman. Tetapi Tuhan menyeru kepada lelaki itu, “Di mana kamu?”” (Kejadian 3:8). Tuhan tidak menciptakan manusia untuk meninggalkan kita hidup secara bebas daripada Dia. Tuhan menghendaki Adam dan Hawa untuk mengalami dan menikmati persekutuan dengan Dia.

b) Musa dan orang Israel di padang gurun

“Dan mereka harus membuat tempat kudus bagi-Ku, supaya Aku akan diam di tengah-tengah mereka” (Keluaran 25:8). Kerana kasih Tuhan kepada umatNya, Dia membawa mereka keluar dari perhambaan di Mesir. Ketika mereka berjalan menuju Tanah Perjanjian, Tuhan memerintahkan Musa untuk membangunkan Dia sebuah bait Tuhan



kerana Dia ingin berdiam di antara umatNya. Orang-orang Israel menemui dan mengalami kemuliaan Tuhan ketika mereka membawa persembahan dan korban mereka ke bait Tuhan itu.

c) Tuhan berkomunikasi dengan umatNya melalui para nabi

Alkitab mengatakan, “Sungguh, Tuhan tidak berbuat sesuatu tanpa menyatakan keputusan-Nya kepada hamba-hamba-Nya, para nabi” (Amos 3:7). Tuhan memberi amaran kepada nabi Amos bahawa umatNya akan dihukum jika mereka tidak bertobat dari dosa-dosa mereka, yang akan merompak mereka daripada pengalaman mereka dengan kemuliaanNya dalam hidup mereka.

d) Melalui Anak Tuhan

Pengwahyuan terakhir Tuhan kepada umatNya adalah melalui AnakNya. Orang mengalami kasih, kuasa, kekudusan, dan kebijaksanaan Tuhan melalui pengajaran dan pelayanan AnakNya. “Setelah pada zaman dahulu Tuhan berulang kali dan dalam pelbagai cara berbicara kepada nenek moyang kita dengan perantaraan nabi-nabi, maka pada zaman akhir ini Ia telah berbicara kepada kita dengan perantaraan Anak-Nya, yang telah Ia tetapkan sebagai yang berhak menerima segala yang ada. Oleh Dia Tuhan telah menjadikan alam semesta. Ia adalah cahaya kemuliaan Tuhan dan gambar wujud Tuhan dan menopang segala yang ada dengan firman-Nya yang penuh kekuasaan” (Ibrani 1:1-3a).

e) Melalui pengutusan Roh Kudus

Yesus berkata, “Semuanya itu Kukatakan kepadamu, selagi Aku berada bersama-sama dengan kamu” (Yohanes 14:25). Apabila Yesus membicarakan kematian-Nya yang akan datang, pengikut-pengikutNya berasa risau kerana mereka beranggapan mereka tidak akan dapat mengalami Dia lagi. Walau bagaimanapun, Yesus memberi jaminan kepada mereka bahawa kedatangan Roh Kudus akan membolehkan hubungan yang berterusan dengan Dia.

f) Melalui Gereja

Gereja awal mengalami kehadiran Tuhan ketika mereka berkumpul dalam nama Yesus untuk memuji dan menyembah Tuhan. “Setelah mereka berdoa, tempat pertemuan mereka digoncangkan. Dan mereka semua dipenuhi dengan Roh Kudus dan memberitakan firman Tuhan dengan berani” (Kisah Para Rasul 4:31).

Hari ini, kita dapat mengalami Tuhan hari ini secara asli seperti yang diterangkan dalam Kitab Suci.

MELALUI FIRMAN TUHAN

Apabila kita menemui Tuhan dalam Alkitab, kehidupan kita akan berubah. Alkitab mengatakan, “Sebab firman Tuhan hidup dan kuat dan lebih tajam dari pada pedang bermata dua manapun; ia menusuk amat dalam sampai memisahkan jiwa dan roh, sendi-sendi dan sumsum; ia sanggup membedakan pertimbangan dan pikiran hati kita. Dan tidak ada suatu makhlukpun yang tersembunyi di hadapan-Nya, sebab segala sesuatu telanjang dan terbuka di depan mata Dia, yang kepada-Nya kita harus memberikan pertanggungan jawab” (Ibrani 4:12-13).

MELALUI PENYEMBAHAN

“Pada suatu hari ketika mereka beribadah kepada Tuhan dan berpuasa, berkatalah Roh Kudus: “Khususkanlah Barnabas dan Saulus bagi-Ku untuk tugas yang telah Kutentukan bagi mereka”” (Kisah Para Rasul 13:2). Paulus berkata, “Dan kita semua mencerminkan kemuliaan Tuhan dengan muka yang tidak berselubung. Dan karena kemuliaan itu datangnya dari Tuhan yang adalah Roh, maka kita diubah menjadi serupa dengan gambar-Nya, dalam kemuliaan yang semakin besar” (2 Korintus 3:18). Kita boleh mengalami Tuhan melalui penyembahan. Apabila Yesaya melihat Tuhan melalui penyembahan (Yesaya 6:1-6), dia memahami siapa Tuhan, dan apa yang Tuhan mahu dia lakukan.

MELALUI DOA

Yesus berkata, "Oleh karena itu Aku berkata kepadamu: Mintalah, maka akan diberikan kepadamu; carilah, maka kamu akan mendapat; ketoklah, maka pintu akan dibukakan bagimu" (Lukas 11:9). Kita mengalami Tuhan apabila kita berkomunikasi dengan Dia dalam doa dan menyatakan keperluan dan keinginan kita kepadaNya. Yesus menjawab mereka: "Aku berkata kepadamu, sesungguhnya jika kamu percaya dan tidak bimbang, kamu bukan saja akan dapat berbuat apa yang Kuperbuat dengan pohon ara itu, tetapi juga jikalau kamu berkata kepada gunung ini: Beranjaklah dan tercampaklah ke dalam laut! Hal itu akan terjadi. Dan apa saja yang kamu minta dalam doa dengan penuh kepercayaan, kamu akan menerimanya" (Matius 21: 21-22).

MELALUI SATU SAMA LAIN

Yesus berkata, "Demikianlah hendaknya terangmu bercahaya di depan orang, supaya mereka melihat perbuatanmu yang baik dan memuliakan Bapamu yang di sorga" (Matius 5:16). Kita akan mengalami Tuhan dan menyebabkan orang lain mengalami Tuhan melalui tindakan kebaikan dan kata-kata galakan.

MELALUI PENGINJILAN

Salah satu keistimewaan yang diberikan kepada kita untuk mengalami Tuhan ialah dengan memberitakan Injil. Yesus bekerja dengan kita semasa kita melakukan ini. Alkitab mengatakan, "Merekapun pergilah memberitakan Injil ke segala penjuru, dan Tuhan turut bekerja dan meneguhkan firman itu dengan tanda-tanda yang menyertainya" (Markus 16:20).

Marilah kita tidak hanya menjadi orang percaya yang mengikuti satu set peraturan, tetapi marilah kita menjadi pengikut sejati Yesus yang mengalami Tuhan setiap hari. Apabila kita benar-benar menemui Tuhan, kita akan ingin membawa pengalaman ini kepada yang sesat dengan memberitakan Injil, supaya mereka juga dapat mengalami Tuhan untuk diri mereka sendiri.

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Alkitab Bahasa Indonesia.

经历神

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耶 稣升天之前，他委托他的门徒并赐他们能力成为他的见证人。圣经上说：“可是圣灵降临在你们身上，你们就必须领受能力，并且要在耶路撒冷、犹太全地、撒玛利亚，直到地极，作我的见证人。”（使徒行传1:8）

我们如何成为他的见证人？我们宣讲救恩的福音，并分享我们个人与上帝的经历。圣经告诉我们，我们所爱和服事的神不是遥不可及的神，他亲近他的子民。他渴望他的子民无时无刻不在日常生活里经历他——无论是在欢乐中或面对挑战时。当我们的思想、言语和行为因为经历他而发生改变时，我们就成为这个贫乏世界的光和盐，成为转变世界的使者。我们为黑暗的世界、乏味晦涩的生活注入了他的光和盐。

圣经启示神的渴望——叫他的子民经历他

a) 亚当和夏娃住在伊甸园里

天起凉风的时候，那人和他的妻子听见耶和华 神在园中行走的声音，就藏在园子的树林中，躲避耶和华神的面。耶和华神呼唤那人，对他说：“你在哪里？”（创世记3:8）神创造人并没有让我们离开他独自生活。神渴望亚当和夏娃经历他，享受与他同在的时光。

b) 摩西和以色列人在旷野

“他们要为我建造圣所，使我可以在他们中间居住。”（出埃及记25:8）神爱他的子民，他带领他们脱离埃及的奴役。他们前往应许之地时，神指示摩西为他建造帐幕因为他渴望与他的子民同在。以色列人把祭品和燔祭带到帐幕经历了神的荣耀。

c) 神透过先知与他的子民沟通

圣经上说：“如果主耶和华不先把计划向他的仆人众先知显示，他就不会作任何事。”（阿摩司书3:7）神警告先知阿摩司，如果他的子民不悔改远离罪行，他必惩罚他们，不让他们在生命中经历他的荣耀。

d) 透过神的儿子

神透过他的儿子向他子民作最终的启示。神的子民透过他儿子的服事和教导，体验神的爱、能力、圣洁

和智慧。“神在古时候，曾经多次用种种方法，借着先知向我们的祖先说话；在这末后的日子，却借着他的儿子向我们说话。神已经立他作万有的承受者，并且借着祂创造了宇宙。祂是神荣耀的光辉，是神本质的真象，用自己带有能力的话掌管万有；祂作成了洁净罪恶的事，就坐在高天至尊者的右边。”（希伯来书1:1-3）

e) 透过差来的圣灵

耶稣说：“我还跟你们在一起的时候，就对你们讲了这些事。但保惠师，就是父因我的名要差来的圣灵，祂要把一切事教导你们，也要使你们想起我对你们所说过的一切话。”（约翰福音14:25-26）当耶稣告诉他的门徒祂即将离世时，门徒因为再也无法经历祂而心里忧愁。耶稣保证会差圣灵来使他们继续与祂保持关系。

f) 透过教会

初期教会，当门徒奉耶稣的名义聚集，赞美敬拜神时，他们就经历神的同在。“他们祷告完了，聚会的地方震动起来，他们都被圣灵充满，放胆传讲神的道。”（使徒行传4:31）

我们今天也可以像圣经所叙述的人那样真实地经历神。

透过神的话语

当我们在神的话语里遇见神，我们的生命会被改变。圣经上说：“神的道是活的，是有效的，比一切两刃的剑更锋利，甚至可以刺入剖开灵与魂，关节与骨髓，并且能够辨明心中的思想和意念。被造的在神面前没有一样不是显明的，万有在他的眼前都是赤露敞开的；我们必须向他交帐。”（希伯来书4:12-13）

透过敬拜

“他们事奉主，并且禁食的时候，圣灵说：‘要为我把巴拿巴和扫罗分别出来，去作我呼召他们作的工。’”（使徒行传13:2）保罗说：“我们众人脸上的帕子既然已经揭开，反映主的荣光，就变成主那样的形象，大有荣光。这是主所作成的，他就是那灵。”（哥林多后书3:18）我们可以透过敬拜经历神。以赛亚在敬拜中看见神。（以赛亚书6:1-6）他认识神是谁，也知道神要祂完成的事。



透过祷告

耶稣说：“我又告诉你们，你们祈求，就给你们；寻找，就寻见；叩门，就给你们开门。”（路加福音11:9）当我们透过祷告与神亲密沟通，并表达我们的需要和渴望时，我们便经历神。耶稣回答他们：“我实在告诉你们，如果你们有信心，不怀疑，不但能作我对无花果树所作的，就是对这座山说‘移开，投到海里去’，也必成就。你们祷告，无论求什么，只要相信，都必得着。”（马太福音21:21-22）

透过彼此

耶稣说：“照样，你们的光也应当照在人前，让他们看见你们的好行为，又颂赞你们在天上的父。”（马太福音5:16）我们可以透过鼓励的话语与善意的行为叫自己和别人都经历神。

透过传福音

神赐给我们的最大特权之一就是通过宣讲福音让我们经历神，因为耶稣与我们同工。圣经上说：“主耶稣向门徒讲完了话，就被接到天上，坐在神的右边。门徒出去，到处传扬福音，主和他们同工，借着相随的神迹，证实所传的道。”（马可福音16:19-20）

我们不要做一个只是遵行律法规则的信徒，让我们成为耶稣真正的门徒，每天经历神的同在。当我们真正遇见神，我们会渴望跟别人分享福音，让失丧的人可以亲自经历神。

圣经经文摘自圣经新译本



All excited for the outing



"The giraffes are so tall!"

FUN DAY AT THE ZOO

BY TAN ZHI RONG

On 29 June 2019, the Discovery Rangers (DR) embarked on a field trip to Zoo Negara to complete their merits relating to wildlife, birds, and insects. Forty-five Rangers were in attendance, under the supervision of 15 Commanders.

The outing started with a devotion shared by Council Chairman Eddy Law. For many Rangers, it was their first close encounter with tigers, lions, giraffes, and pandas. The fascinating show of trained animals was fun and interesting for them too. Ranger Julian Liaw shared that he enjoyed getting to see so many animals closely, especially the pandas, as this was a first for him.

The rain later in the afternoon did not dampen the spirits or enthusiasm of the DR. Some continued gathering information, diligently completing their merit requirements. The DR were a happy bunch at the end of the outing, as they not only had a very interesting and enjoyable outing, they also successfully accomplished their mission to complete their merit requirements. The trip to the zoo was both educational and fun, and they had a good time bonding with fellow Rangers and the Commanders.

We thank the parents for their continual support, and for encouraging their children to participate in the activities planned by the Royal Rangers.



"Look! There is the elephant!"



Taking shelter from the rain at the panda enclosure



"The rain is not going to stop me!"

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



Waiting for the show to begin



At the panda enclosure!



Admiring the lions



The participants being prayed for



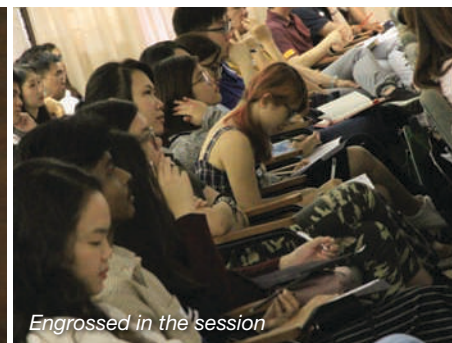
Michael Loon introducing the speaker



Rev. Victor sharing insights on salvation



Pastor Richard praying for all who responded at the altar call



Engrossed in the session

AM I SAFE?

BY NG XUE JEN

We were greatly encouraged to see 128 people gathered at Calvary Damansara Heights on the sunny Saturday morning of 13 July 2019, to learn about the doctrine of salvation from Reverend Dr. Victor Lee, President of the Bible College of Malaysia. Rev. Victor addressed several aspects of salvation, amongst which were the meaning of salvation, what we are being saved from, why is Jesus the only way to salvation, and the concept of predestination.

Evidently intrigued by Rev. Victor's sharing, many questions were raised and answered. Associate Pastor Richard Yun and Young Adults Coordinator

Michael Loon extended an invitation for the people to respond to the message shared. We thank God for two who responded to the call for salvation, 15 who responded to rededicate their lives to Jesus, and four who indicated interest considering full-time ministry, or a greater role in serving the church.

The young adults then had an engaging time of fellowship and personal conversations over light refreshments and coffee. Some left with their curiosities piqued, some assured of their salvation, and others with lingering questions on their minds; but all were certainly edified and blessed by Rev. Victor's insights. We are already looking forward to the next Young Adults (YA) Fellowship.

Join us for the next YA Fellowship on Saturday, 21 September 2019! For more information, call 03-8999 5532 ext. 442.



Fellowshipping over refreshments



BOLDLY DECLARING THEIR FAITH

Congratulations to 16 Calvarites who followed Christ in water baptism on 22 June 2019 at the Saturday Worship Service at Calvary Damansara Heights. The Lord bless your obedience in your journey with Him.



Front Row (L-R): Lai Wen Hui, Mathaeus Grason Yu, Rafael Wong Kenn Chung, Nathaniel Shawn Yu
2nd Row (L-R): Akiana Ng Mee Hui, Leeann Lalata Tham Su Linn, Elise Chiong Bi Zhen, Sandra Nisha A/P Manimaran
3rd Row (L-R): Tikhala Precious Perekamoyo, Anicelle Nina Metango Kadjo, Dawson Tan Soon Wei, Sam Ng Kwang Hooi
Back Row (L-R): Teo Tiong Aik, Selena Tee Hui Ming, Ong Swee Lian, Soh Li Juan

If you would like to take the step of obedience to the Lord and be water baptised, call 03-8999 5532 ext. 434, visit calvary.my/water-baptism, or talk to any of the pastors.

NEW LIFE GROUPS (LG) ON TWO HILLS

Home LG in Bukit Damansara

Wednesday 8.15pm

Women's LG in Bukit Tunku

Monday 10.15am

We have 84 LGs to serve you.
 Come join one of these groups and be enriched!
 Visit us at calvary.my/life-groups

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Send your resume to email@calvary.org.my



SPENDING TIME IN GOD'S PRESENCE

BY ASSOCIATE PASTOR TIMOTHY ONG

A man may study because his brain is hungry for knowledge, even Bible knowledge. But he prays because his soul is hungry for God."

- Leonard Ravenhill

The church meets and prays together at the Morning Watches, and we thank the Lord for these testimonies of encouragement and healing.

EUNICE WONG

"Morning Watch is time well-spent with God. It allows me to surrender my problems and worries to God in exchange for His rest and peace. It is refreshing and beneficial for self-reflection as I meditate on God's Word and allow the Holy Spirit to lead me. I have learnt to care for others, praying for souls to be saved, for our country's needs, and for God's wisdom, guidance, and blessing over the church, pastors, and leaders. I am encouraged knowing that the church commits everything to the Lord in prayer. Let the house of God always be a house of prayer."

MALCOM LEONG

"As a working adult, I am always caught up with the hustle and bustle of city life, making ends meet. One evening, I mentioned allocating more time for God, and my wife suggested attending Morning Watch. It was a struggle at first, as it starts at 7.00am. I am always amazed and encouraged there are fellow believers who dedicate time and effort to attend. After attending, it draws me closer to God, and refreshes my mind and soul. The midweek is the best time to refocus on God, to pray together, and to experience a more intimate relationship with God."

MICHAEL ANG

"During one of the Morning Watches, we were asked to pray for each other's needs. I did not mention about my leg pain, even though it has been about a month. As I left that day, I realised the pain was gone.

My song to the Lord: 'Divine healing comes rain or shine, from Jesus our healer the vine, making the sick healthy and fine, His Name be glorified all the time.' Praise the Lord for His healing on me!"

Join the Morning Watches on Wednesdays at 7.00am at Calvary Damansara Heights and Calvary Convention Centre. For more information, call 03-8999 5532.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE AUGUST 2019

Saturday, 5.00pm Calvary Damansara Heights

- 03** Associate Pastor Peter Ong
Communion
- 10** Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
- 17** Associate Pastor Richard Yun
- 24** Associate Pastor Raymond Yong
Water Baptism
- 31** Associate Pastor David Seah
Communion

Sunday, 9.00am Calvary Convention Centre

- 04** Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
Communion
- 11** Associate Pastor David Seah
- 18** Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng
- 25** Associate Pastor Peter Ong

ACTIVITIES



10 & 24 AUG 2019

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, 1.00pm
Calvary Damansara Heights
Topic: Goliath Must Fall



**11
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TAMIL FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, 11.30am
Theatrette 2, Level B2,
Calvary Convention Centre
Speaker: Associate Pastor Steven Kum
Topic: Stand on His Word



**24
AUG**

WATER BAPTISM

Saturday, 5.00pm
Calvary Damansara Heights

*Closing date for submission of application:
Sunday, 11 August 2019*



**25
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CHINESE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, 11.30am
Theatrette 1, Level B2,
Calvary Convention Centre
Speaker: Associate Pastor
Timothy Ong



**25
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BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, 11.30am
Theatrette 2,
Calvary Convention Centre
Speaker: Associate Pastor David Seah
Topic: God's Faithfulness Throughout
the Seasons



**30
AUG**

COMBINED PRAYER MEETING: PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Friday, 7.30pm
Calvary Damansara Heights



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