

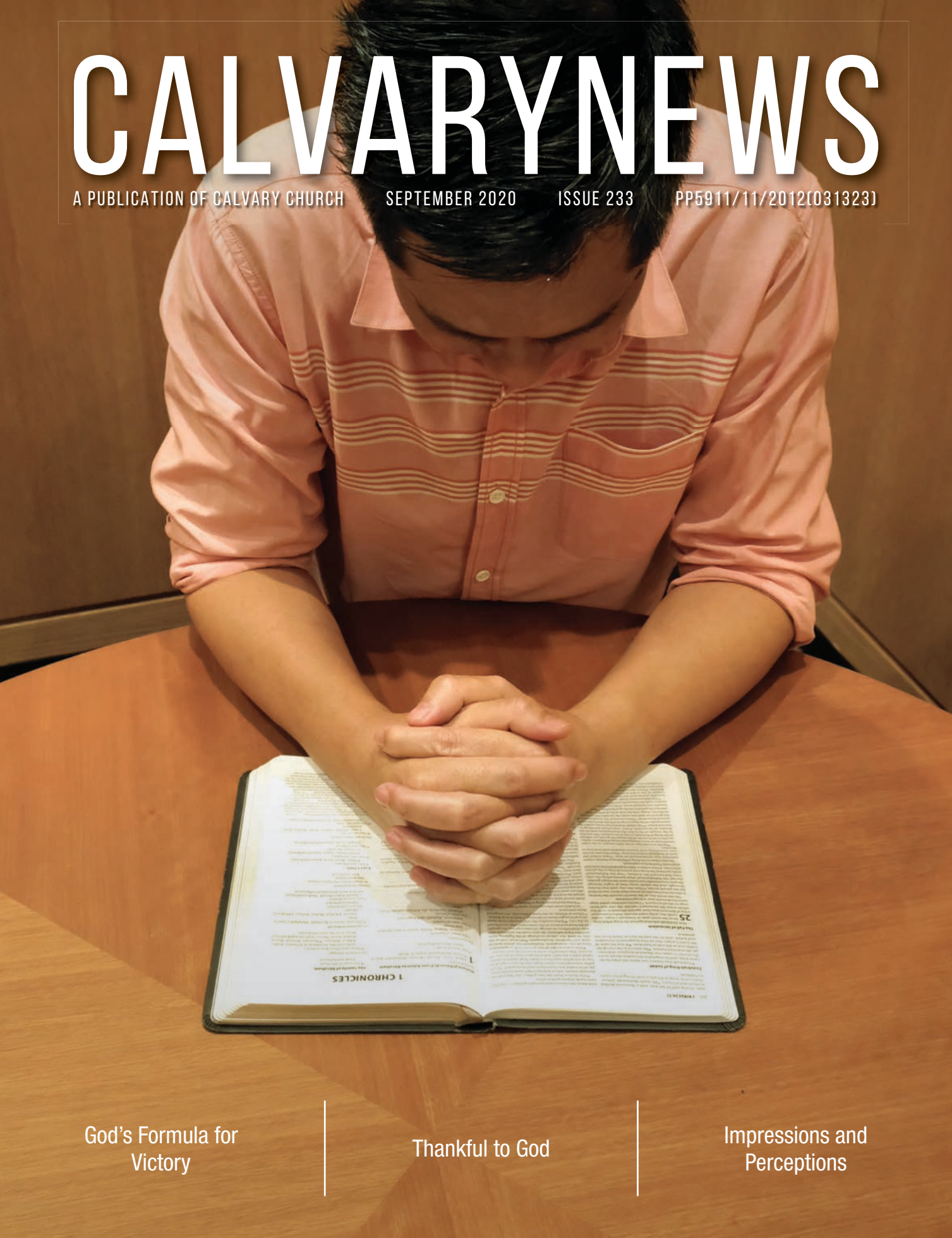
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# GOD'S FORMULA FOR VICTORY

BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

There is no challenge where God's grace and power is unable to give us the victory. God said to the Apostle Paul, *"My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me*" (2 Corinthians 12:9). The boasting of weaknesses is not a boasting that we are weak, but that God is omnipotent and His power is available to us in our weakness.

God has made it possible for us to be overcomers. There are four fundamental principles we can learn from the disciples of Jesus. In the book of Acts, it said, *"And when they had prayed, the place where they assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness"* (Acts 4:31 NKJV).

## 1. PRAYER

Prayer is one of the most powerful weapons given to us as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Prophet Isaiah shows us the power of prayer. He said, *"Though you are a lowly worm, O Jacob, don't be afraid, people of Israel, for I will help you. I am the Lord, your Redeemer. I am the Holy One of Israel. You will be a new threshing instrument with many sharp teeth. You will tear your enemies apart, making chaff of mountains. You will toss them into the air, and the wind will blow them all away; a whirlwind will scatter them. Then you will rejoice in the Lord. You will glory in the Holy*

*One of Israel"* (Isaiah 41:14-16). The new threshing instrument with many sharp teeth is the weapon of prayer. Therefore, prayer should not merely be a belief, but a regular practice for every believer. The Bible said, *"One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up"* (Luke 18:1).

We have every reason to pray. Firstly, we pray because James exhorts us, *"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results"* (James 5:16). Secondly, we pray because God answers our prayers. The Lord says, *"When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honour them"* (Psalm 91:15). Thirdly, we pray because prayer gives God the moral right to intervene in the affairs of man. This is illustrated in Israel's deliverance from Egypt, where they were enslaved. God told Abram, *"You can be sure that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land, where they will be oppressed as slaves for 400 years"* (Genesis 15:13). Israel lived in Egypt for 430 years, 30 years longer than what God had earlier told Abram (Exodus 12:40-41). However, we see God delivering them from Egypt when they cried out in prayer. God said to Moses, *"Look! The cry of the people of Israel has reached me, and I have seen how harshly the Egyptians abuse them. Now go, for I am sending you to Pharaoh. You must lead my people Israel out of Egypt"* (Exodus 3:9-10). Similarly, God will not impose His will upon us. We must pray the will of God for our life.

Therefore, let us realise the power and importance of prayer in our lives by setting aside a time and place to pray. Our prayer





should not be out of religiosity, but is God's powerful weapon for victory.

## 2. THEY WERE ASSEMBLED TOGETHER IN PRAYER AND UNITY

The Bible says, *"When they had heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God: 'O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them.' After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness"* (Acts 4:24, 31). King David also said, *"Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of*

*Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing – life forevermore"* (Psalm 133:1, 3 NKJV). We can pray at home but there is power in praying together. The early church experienced success and victory as they gathered in praying in unity as a congregation.

## 3. THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Paul exhorted the church, *"Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts"* (Ephesians 5:18-19). To be filled with the Holy Spirit ought to be a daily experience to live the Christ life and walk in





victory. Paul said, ***“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God”*** (Romans 8:14). Furthermore, the Holy Spirit gives us the power to do the work of God in being effective witnesses of the Gospel. 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). Let us be filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit daily.

#### 4. THEY SPOKE THE WORD OF GOD BOLDLY

The disciples proclaimed God’s Word boldly by faith and with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Peter, the disciple who denied Jesus, repented and received forgiveness of his wrongs. On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon him and he stood up boldly to proclaim the Gospel. The Bible said, ***“Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, ‘‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, ‘Save yourselves from this crooked generation!’ Those who believed what Peter said were baptised and added to the church that day – about 3,000 in all”*** (Acts 2:37, 40-41). As a result, the church was born and it grew significantly.

As believers in Jesus Christ, we too can experience what Peter experienced as we allow the Holy Spirit to lead, guide, and anoint us daily to be bold witnesses. Let us have our own prayer altars. Let us also be filled daily with the Holy Spirit and boldly proclaim God’s Word. He is able to do what we cannot do and grant us the victory over every situation. We can be overcomers as we put our faith in Jesus Christ and live by the power of the Holy Spirit!

All Scripture references are taken from the New Living Translation (NLT), unless otherwise stated.



# THANKFUL TO GOD

BY MARK THOMAS / SHARON CHAN

**W**hen the Movement Control Order first started, I remember thinking to myself that this is just a short phase which I needed to go through. I did not really give it much thought, so I sailed into it full of faith and confidence the Lord will get us through the “rough seas” quite smoothly.



As the days went by, I began to hear more and more accounts of how devastating Covid-19 is, and as reality set in, fear crept in and eventually gripped me. I realised how bad our financial status was, and started to worry. The more I thought of it, the more my faith eroded.

God in His love, grace, and mercy started to deal with me. He reminded me about the important

lesson of tithing. I literally had no income, but I had time. So God imparted in me to tithe my time, first thing every morning. I am not a morning person, but God is training me to wake up at 5.00am and give Him my first hours of the day. He encouraged me further, “Give me your first fruits in time, and watch me bless and multiply it.”

As I began to spend more time with Him, peace began to fill me. I have peace knowing God is with me and He is faithful to take care of me. I am so blessed that He chose me, forgave me, and saved me because He first loved me.

**Mark Thomas, Discipleship Ministry**



**S**ince 18 March 2020, all our lives have completely changed. While I have been serving in ministry since 2007, recording videos for worship sessions and Carpenter’s Workshop (CW) lessons is something none of us have had experience with before.

Not all of our teachers are technology-savvy, but we thank God that we are able to arrange Zoom meetings to connect the teachers, kids, and parents together. The CW team has regular Zoom meetings with the kids in our small groups, and we are so encouraged to have received positive feedback from the parents on our effort to stay in touch with their kids.

I thank God that I am still able to serve in this ministry, and I have learnt to depend more on Him, especially during these challenging, unprecedented times where we have to do things differently, sometimes with limited resources.

All glory to God!

**Sharon Chan, CW Teacher**





# IMPRESSIONS AND PERCEPTIONS

BY ANNABEL LILY

The 3Sixteen working team recently kicked off its first 8-week online training on Saturday, 4 July 2020. Having faithfully sat through the training, Week Five was a reflective checkpoint for the trainees. It was important for us to know what they were thinking and feeling. The greatest compliment trainees can give their trainers is when their responses reveal they comprehended the lessons and have their passion for evangelism redirected and/or fanned into greater flame.

Here are some interesting perspectives and observations made by some of the trainees:

**Jeffrey Teow** responded *“I feel better equipped and have more confidence in doing the evangelistic work systematically and with love and compassion.”*

**Nora Chen** stated *“I have learned a lot through this training. It was conducted very systematically and understandably.”*

**Tan Chee Leong** and his wife **Joanne Tan** observed *“We see light after the sessions that we are never too young or new to run 3Sixteen and we are not restricted by the Movement Control Order situation.”*

*“Learnt practical and important methods to reach out and the emphasis on the four core values of love, reliance, honour, and humility will help us in evangelising”* said **Loke Heng Fatt** and **Liza Loke**.

**Marcia Hoe** realised it is *“a great avenue and platform to share, learn, grow, and show that Jesus Christ is still at work in our lives.”*

It is crucial to know that at the core of 3Sixteen is evangelism in small groups. The trainees recognise that 3Sixteen has been developed uniquely for this purpose and they see the urgency to reach out to their potentially believing friends and loved ones.

**Samantha Ong** is aware that the bedrock for the success of 3Sixteen is prayer when she said *“I see the urgency of prayer before a seed is planted.”*

**Joe Lim** stated *“I realised I have to be more conscious about spending time with my non-Christian friends. Inviting people is so difficult when all I do is spend time with believers!”*

**Saw Boon Hu** realised that fulfilling the Great Commission can be accomplished with 3Sixteen





when he reiterated what the Bible commanded us to do: *“Reach out and make disciples for our Lord.”*

3Sixteen is outwardly evangelistic and inwardly spiritual for the trainees. God is a great economist. He never misses the opportunity to teach, guide, and challenge us.

3Sixteen is made up of a community of Christians who believe in the mandate that God has given us in impacting and transforming lives. **Thong Oi Shiang** acknowledges that there is *“strength in unity.”*

**Judy Ong** commented that with God all things are possible when she said with conviction *“I have the assurance from God that I can do all things pertaining to 3Sixteen through Christ.”*

**Jane Loong** emphasised on prayer. *“We must dedicate potential believers in prayer. It is God who chose them and only by the Holy Spirit that works in them that they can experience Him. Not our way or power or intelligence.”*

**Jess Kwan** had a nudging from God when she shared *“God has blessed me with a home which I did not intend to move in to initially, but He impressed upon my heart that He has a purpose for this house and got me ready as a 3Sixteen venue host.”*

Although the trainees come with different impressions and perceptions of 3Sixteen, the common thread is the overarching virtue of God’s love that drives the impetus and the efforts to reach out to the lost. The acknowledgement of relying on the Holy Spirit to enable them to do His work and the quiet assurance that God is at work when we simply obey is evident in their sharing. The power of bended knees is imperative in 3Sixteen, as it is the only way we will witness stupendous harvest.

Like the trainees who took a step of faith and are one step closer to fulfilling the Great Commission, you too have this opportunity to reach out to your world of potential believers. We need to let our friends and loved ones know that the gift of salvation is made available to them. They deserve to know who Jesus is.



The systematic, coherent, and comprehensive strategy in 3Sixteen will both help and equip you to witness effectively. We welcome you to join us in 3Sixteen training. Please seek assistance from your Life Group Leader, or call us at 03-8999 5532 ext. 442.





**Front row (L-R):** David Dev Peter, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam, Chow Sang Hoe  
**Center row (L-R):** Puan Chen Keck, Helen Elizabeth Leong  
**Back row (L-R):** Christopher Lim Hwa Seong, Tam Kok Meng, Ngeow Zoo Gin

# DEACONS' INSTALLATION 2020

BY LISA TOH

On Friday, 31 July 2020, Stewardship Day was held at Calvary Damansara Heights. Three deacons were reelected to serve another two-year term, and there was affirmation and acknowledgement for all the reports that were presented. It is a blessing to have members who support the church through prayer, giving, and involvement in ministry.

The deacons were introduced during the 8.00am worship service on Sunday, 9 August 2020 at Calvary Convention Centre. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam prayed for the deacons, that they and their families will continue to be blessed as they carry out the responsibilities that have been assigned to them.

Senior Pastor exhorted the church to continue standing together in unity and faith as we serve the Lord together.



Senior Pastor praying for the deacons

## THE BOARD OF DEACONS AND THEIR PORTFOLIOS

<b>David Dev Peter</b>	- Church Secretary
<b>Chow Sang Hoe</b>	- Church Treasurer
<b>Helen Elizabeth Leong</b>	- Church Hospitality and Special Functions
<b>Christopher Lim Hwa Seong</b>	- Church Projects
<b>Ngeow Zoo Gin</b>	- Church Human Resources
<b>Puan Chen Keck</b>	- Church Business
<b>Tam Kok Meng</b>	- Church Administrative Affairs



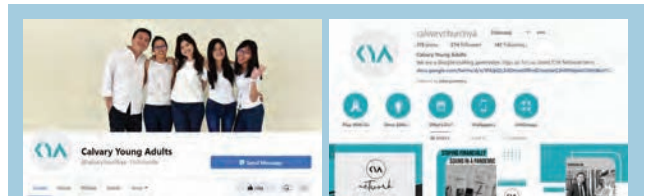
# OF FINANCES AND PANDEMICS

BY VICTORIA CHOI

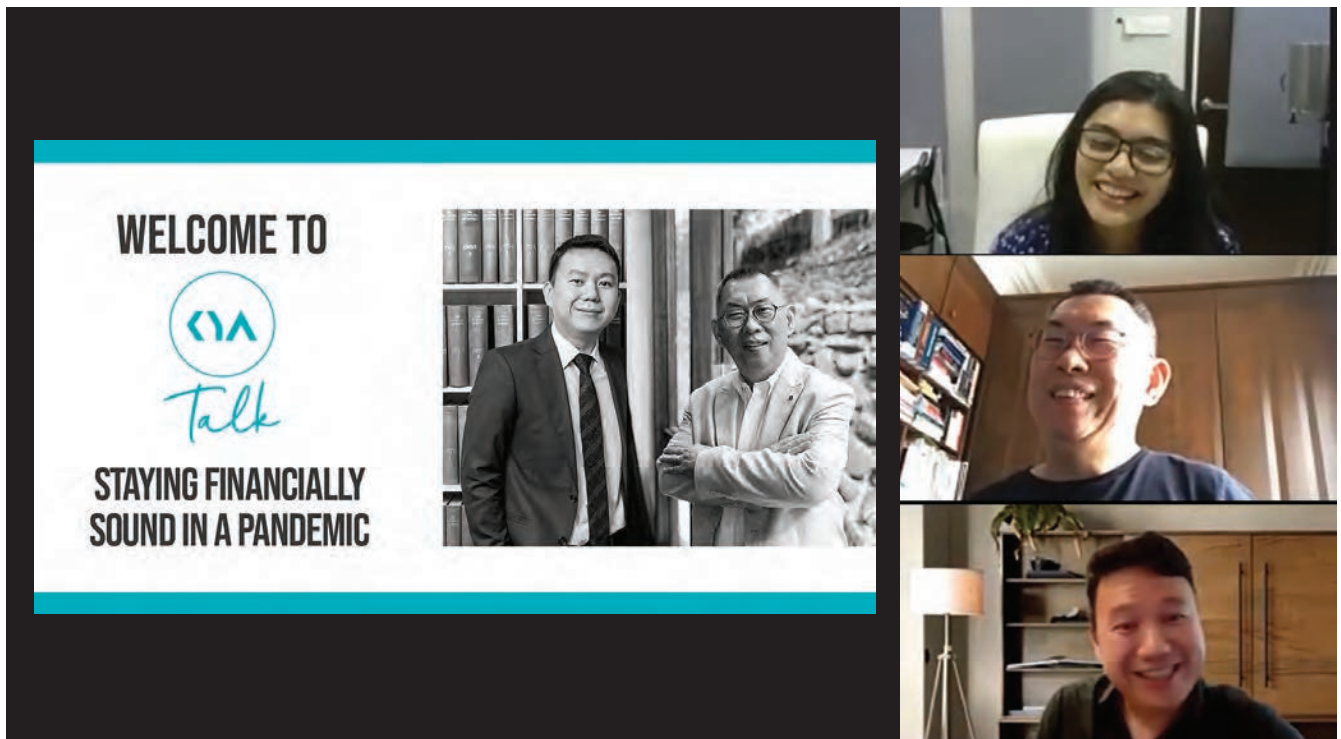
Calvary Young Adults (YA) organised its second of a series of three webinars on Saturday, 15 August 2020 titled “Staying Financially Sound in A Pandemic”. The guest speakers were Jonathan Lim, Corporate Partner at Zaid Ibrahim & Co. and former YA Life Group leader, as well as Philip Tan, former Citibank Managing Director and a Life Group Sectional leader. The Zoom webinar was hosted by Melissa Samuel.

Both speakers expressed candidly on the subject of finance, sharing both personal stories and timely words of advice. Jonathan openly shared his personal experience in going through financial hardship and the lessons he has learnt over the years in better managing his finances. Philip, who has had much experience giving financial talks and conferences, shared several financial planning principles, the importance of budgeting, and setting realistic financial goals.

The hour-long webinar was relevant and engaging as the speakers exchanged helpful information and insights on how we can recover and rebuild our financial reserves during this time. Philip concluded the webinar by reminding the young adults about the difference between financial independence and financial contentment, and how having financial security does not always mean having financial peace of mind. He explained that more often than not, contentment and having peace of mind is less of a money issue, but a deeper spiritual issue. With this, he encouraged the young adults to have both biblical and financial counsel so that they can be good managers of their own money and possessions.



For updates and to find out more about the YA ministry, hop on over to the YA Facebook ([facebook.com/calvarychurch.ya](https://facebook.com/calvarychurch.ya)) or Instagram (@calvarychurchya) pages!





# RUMUS TUHAN UNTUK KEMENANGAN

OLEH PENDITA KANAN PRINCE GUNERATNAM

Tiada cabaran dimana rahmat dan kuasa Tuhan tidak dapat memberikan kita kemenangan. Tuhan berkata kepada Rasul Paulus, "Tetapi jawab Tuhan kepadaku: "Cukuplah kasih karunia-Ku bagimu, sebab justru dalam kelemahanlah kuasa-Ku menjadi sempurna." Sebab itu terlebih suka aku bermegah atas kelemahanku, supaya kuasa Kristus turun menaungi aku" (2 Korintus 12:9). Membanggakan kelemahan bukanlah membanggakan bahawa kita lemah, tetapi bahawa Tuhan itu Mahakuasa dan kuasaNya tersedia bagi kita dalam kelemahan kita. Tuhan telah memungkinkan kita untuk menjadi pemenang. Ada empat prinsip dasar yang dapat kita pelajari dari para murid Yesus. Dalam kitab Kisah Para Rasul, dikatakan, "Dan ketika mereka sedang berdoa, goyanglah tempat mereka berkumpul itu dan mereka semua penuh dengan Roh Kudus, lalu mereka memberitakan firman Tuhan dengan berani" (Kisah Para Rasul 4:31).

## 1. DOA

Doa adalah salah satu senjata paling berkuasa yang diberikan kepada kita sebagai murid Yesus Kristus. Nabi Yesaya menunjukkan kepada kita kekuatan doa. Dia berkata, "Janganlah takut, hai si cacing Yakub, hai si ulat Israel! Akulah yang menolong engkau, demikianlah firman Tuhan, dan yang menebus engkau ialah Yang Mahakudus, Tuhan Israel. Sesungguhnya, Aku membuat engkau menjadi papan pengirik yang tajam dan baru, dengan gigi dua jajar; engkau akan mengirik gunung-gunung dan menghancurkannya, dan bukit-bukitpun akan kau buat seperti sekam. Engkau akan menampi mereka, lalu angin akan menerbangkan

mereka, dan badai akan menyerakkan mereka. Tetapi engkau ini akan bersorak-sorak di dalam Tuhan dan bermegah di dalam Yang Mahakudus, Tuhan Israel" (Yesaya 41:14-16). Alat pengirik baru dengan banyak gigi tajam adalah senjata doa. Oleh kerana itu, doa bukan sekadar sesuatu yang dipercayai, tetapi amalan yang biasa bagi setiap umat percaya. Alkitab berkata, "Yesus mengatakan suatu perumpamaan kepada mereka untuk menegaskan, bahwa mereka harus selalu berdoa dengan tidak jemu-jemu" (Lukas 18:1).

Kita punya banyak sebab untuk berdoa. Pertama, kita berdoa karena Yakobus menasihati kita, "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 5:16). Kedua, kita berdoa karena Tuhan menjawab doa kita. Tuhan berkata, "Bila ia berseru kepada-Ku, Aku akan menjawab, Aku akan menyertai dia dalam kesesakan, Aku akan meluputkannya dan memuliakannya" (Mazmur 91:15). Ketiga, kita berdoa kerana doa memberi Tuhan hak moral untuk campur tangan dalam urusan manusia. Ini ditunjukkan dalam pembebasan Israel dari Mesir, tempat mereka diperbudak. Tuhan memberi tahu Abram, "Firman Tuhan kepada Abram: "Ketahuilah dengan sesungguhnya bahwa keturunanmu akan menjadi orang asing dalam suatu negeri, yang bukan kepunyaan mereka, dan bahwa mereka akan diperbudak dan dianiaya, empat ratus tahun lamanya" (Kejadian 15:13). Israel tinggal di Mesir selama 430 tahun, 30 tahun lebih lama dari apa yang Tuhan katakan sebelumnya kepada Abram (Keluaran 12:40-41). Namun, kita melihat Tuhan membebaskan mereka dari Mesir saat mereka berseru dalam doa. Tuhan berkata kepada Musa, "Sekarang seruan orang Israel telah sampai kepada-Ku; juga telah Kulihat, betapa kerasnya orang Mesir menindas mereka. Jadi sekarang, pergilah, Aku mengutus engkau kepada Firaun untuk membawa umat-Ku, orang Israel, keluar dari Mesir" (Keluaran 3:9-10). Demikian pula, Tuhan tidak akan memaksa kehendak-Nya kepada kita. Kita harus berdoa dengan kehendak Tuhan untuk hidup kita. Sebab itu, marilah kita





menyedari kekuatan dan pentingnya doa dalam hidup kita dengan menyediakan waktu dan tempat untuk berdoa. Doa kita tidak boleh kerana praktis keagamaan, tetapi merupakan senjata kuat Tuhan untuk kemenangan.

## 2. MEREKA BERKUMPUL BERSAMA DALAM DOA DAN KESATUAN

Alkitab berkata, “Ketika teman-teman mereka mendengar hal itu, berserulah mereka bersama-sama kepada Tuhan, katanya: ‘Ya Tuhan, Engkaulah yang menjadikan langit dan bumi, laut dan segala isinya.’ Dan ketika mereka sedang berdoa, goyanglah tempat mereka berkumpul itu dan mereka semua penuh dengan Roh Kudus, lalu mereka memberitakan firman Tuhan dengan berani” (Kisah Para Rasul 4:24, 31). Raja Daud juga berkata, “Sungguh, alangkah baiknya dan indahnya, apabila saudara-saudara diam bersama dengan rukun!”

(Mazmur 133:1). Kita boleh berdoa di rumah tapi ada kuasa dalam berdoa bersama. Gereja mula-mula mengalami kesuksesan dan kemenangan saat mereka berkumpul dalam berdoa dalam kesatuan sebagai jemaat.

## 3. MEREKA SEMUA DIPENUHI DENGAN ROH KUDUS

Paulus menasihati gereja, “Dan janganlah kamu mabuk oleh anggur, karena anggur menimbulkan hawa nafsu, tetapi hendaklah kamu penuh dengan Roh, dan berkata-katalah seorang kepada yang lain dalam mazmur, kidung puji-pujian dan nyanyian rohani. Bernyanyi dan bersoraklah bagi Tuhan dengan segenap hati” (Efesus 5:18-19). Dipenuhi dengan Roh Kudus harus menjadi pengalaman sehari-hari untuk menjalani kehidupan Kristus dan berjalan dalam kemenangan. Paulus berkata, “Semua orang, yang dipimpin Roh Tuhan, adalah anak Tuhan” (Roma 8:14). Malahan lagi,



Roh Kudus memberi kita kuasa untuk melakukan pekerjaan Tuhan dalam menjadi saksi Injil yang berkesan. 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). Marilah kita dipenuhi dan dikuatkan oleh Roh Kudus setiap hari.

#### 4. MEREKA MENGINJIL DENGAN BERANI

Para murid mengistiharkan Firman Tuhan dengan berani melalui iman dan dengan pengurapan Roh Kudus. Petrus, murid yang telah menyangkal Yesus, bertobat dan menerima pengampunan atas kesalahannya. Pada Hari Pentakosta, Roh Kudus turun ke atasnya dan dia berdiri dengan berani untuk memberitakan Injil. Alkitab berkata, “Ketika mereka mendengar hal itu hati mereka sangat terharu, lalu mereka bertanya kepada Petrus dan rasul-rasul yang lain: ‘Apakah yang harus kami perbuat, saudara-saudara?’ Kemudian Petrus terus berkhotbah untuk waktu yang lama, dengan kuat mendorong semua pendengarnya, berilah dirimu diselamatkan dari angkatan yang jahat ini.” Orang-orang yang menerima perkataannya itu memberi diri dibaptis dan pada hari itu jumlah mereka bertambah kira-kira tiga ribu jiwa: (Kisah Para Rasul 2:37, 40-41). Hasilnya, gereja lahir dan tumbuh secara ketara.

Sebagai orang percaya kepada Yesus Kristus, kita juga dapat mengalami apa yang Petrus alami saat kita mengizinkan Roh Kudus untuk memimpin, membimbing, dan mengurapi kita setiap hari untuk menjadi saksi yang berani. Marilah kita memiliki mezbah doa kita sendiri. Marilah kita juga dipenuhi setiap hari dengan Roh Kudus dan dengan berani memberitakan Firman Tuhan. Dia mampu melakukan apa yang tidak dapat kita lakukan dan memberi kita kemenangan atas setiap situasi. Kita dapat menjadi pemenang saat kita beriman kepada Yesus Kristus dan hidup oleh kuasa Roh Kudus!

Semua rujukan Alkitab adalah dari Alkitab Bahasa Indonesia, melainkan jika dinyatakan.

# 神所赐的得胜方程式

文：古纳南主任牧师

**神**的恩典和大能使我们得胜一切挑战。神对使徒保罗说：“我的恩典是够你用的，因为我的能力在人的软弱上显得完全。”所以，我更喜欢夸自己的软弱，好让基督的能力临到我的身上（哥林多后书12:9）。我们夸自己的软弱并不是要证明自己软弱，而是夸神无所不能，他的大能在我们的软弱上显得完全。

神使我们成为得胜者。我们可以从耶稣的门徒身上学习四个基本原则。《使徒行传》说：“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）。

## 1. 祷告

祷告是耶稣基督赐给我们作为他的门徒最强大的武器之一。先知以赛亚告诉我们祷告的大能。他说：“虫子雅各啊！以色列人哪！你不要惧怕。我必帮助你；这是耶和華说的。你的救赎主，就是以以色列的圣者。看哪！我要使你成为打粮的器具，又新，又锋利，又有很多利齿；你要扬净群山，把它们压得粉碎，又使冈陵变成糠秕。你必簸扬它们，风要把它们吹去，旋风也要把它们吹散；但你要靠耶和華喜乐，以以色列的圣者夸耀”（以赛亚书41:14-16）。祷告是神赐的武器，像新的打粮器具那样有很多利齿。因此，祷告不应该只是个信念，而是信徒要每天实践。圣经上说：“耶稣对他们讲一个比喻，论到人必须常常祈祷，不可灰心”（路加福音18:1）。

有种种理由促使我们要祷告。首先，雅各叮嘱我们：“义人祈祷所发出的力量，是大有功效的”（雅各书5:16）。第二，神应允我们的祷告。耶和華说：“他求告我，我必应允他；他在患难中，我必与他同在；我必拯救他，使他得尊荣”（诗篇91:15）。第三，祷告赋予神权利干预人的事务。神把以色列人从被奴役的埃及地解救出来的事迹说明了这件





事。耶和华对亚伯兰说：“你要确实地知道，你的后裔必在外地寄居，也必服事那地的人，那地的人苦待他们四百年”（创世记15:13）。以色列人寄居在埃及的时间长达四百三十年之久，比神跟亚伯兰说的多了30年（出埃及记12:40-41）。然而，当他们向神祷告呼求，神便把他们从埃及救出来。耶和华对摩西说：“现在以色列人的呼声已经达到我的面前，我也看见了埃及人对他们所施的压迫。所以现在你来，我要派你到法老那里去，使你可以把我的人民以色列人从埃及领出来”（出埃及记3:9-10）。同样的，神不会把他的旨意强加给我们，我们要呼求神的旨意临到我们。

因此，让我们安排时间和地点来祷告，藉此体会祷告在我们生命中的力量和重要性。祷告不是宗教行为，而是神赐我们得胜的有力武器。

## 2. 他们聚集一起同心祷告

圣经上说：“他们听了，就同心向神高声说：“主啊，你是那创造天地、海洋和其中万物的主宰。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4:24,31）。大卫王也说：“看哪！弟兄和睦共处，是多么的善，多么的美。又好比黑门的甘露落在锡安的众山上，在那里有耶和华命定的福，就是永远的生命”（诗篇133:1,3）。我们当然可以自己在家祷告，可是聚集祷告有它的能力。早期教会，当众圣徒聚集在一起同心祷告时，他们经历了得胜的能力。

## 3. 他们全都被圣灵充满

保罗叮嘱教会，“不要醉酒，醉酒能使人放荡任性，却要让圣灵充满。应当用诗章、圣诗、灵歌，彼此呼应，口唱心和地赞美主”（以弗所书5:18-19）。我们当每天被圣灵充满，活出基督的样式，过得胜的生活。保罗说：“因为蒙神的灵引导的，都是神的儿子”（罗马书8:14）。此外，圣灵使我们有能力做神的工作，有效见证福音。圣经上说：“可是圣灵降临在你们身上，你们就必须受能力，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）。让我们每天被圣灵充满，得着能力。

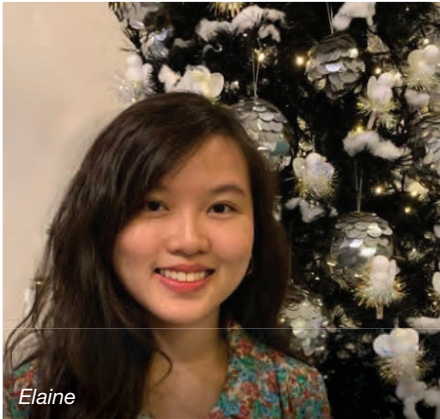
## 4. 他们大胆宣讲神的话语

门徒被圣灵充满，凭信心大胆宣讲神的话语。彼得，那个不认耶稣的门徒，悔改承认他的过错并得到了赦免。五旬节当天，圣灵降临在他身上，他勇敢地站起来宣扬福音。圣经上说：“他们听了以后，觉得扎心，就对彼得和其余的使徒说：‘弟兄们，我们应当作什么呢？’彼得还用许多别的话，郑重作证，并且劝勉他们，说：‘你们应当救自己脱离这弯曲的世代！’于是接受他话的人都受了洗，那一天门徒增加了约三千人”（使徒行传2:37,40-41）。就这样，教会诞生了，并大大增长。

身为耶稣基督的信徒，只要我们允许圣灵每天带领，引导并膏抹我们，我们也能够像彼得一样，大胆见证福音。让我们建立祷告祭坛，每天被圣灵充满，大胆宣讲神的话语。他无所不能，赐我们能力胜过所有挑战。相信耶稣基督，依靠圣灵的能力生活，我们也能成为得胜者！

经文摘自新译本圣经。





Elaine



Danny



Magnificat

# THE MANDATE TO MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS

BY HELEN READ AND STEPHEN LIU

**B**efore Jesus ascended to heaven, He mandated, “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20 NLT).

The Lord has brought many who are passionate about following up with visitors and new believers. The goal: to see respondents grow, be rooted in the Word of God and prayer, and serve Him. It has been a wonderful journey to see first-hand what God is doing in our midst. We started with four disciplers and now have a team of 56 serving with love.

Disciplers’ testimonies:

Elaine Peng accepted the Lord at age 12. She started attending Calvary in 2014.

“I feel privileged to serve in this ministry as I have become committed in my prayer life, which has helped me be more sensitive to God’s direction. I have

been equipped with knowledge and methods on how to approach respondents.”

Danny Soh accepted the Lord in 2016 and started attending Calvary in July the same year.

“In discipling others, I feel so satisfied in my spirit, my motivation in moving forward in faith. The training has equipped me with the necessary armour to disciple others.”

Magnificat Mella accepted the Lord in 1994 and started attending Calvary in 2018.

“Discipleship is the heart of the Church. The training has sharpened my mind and my focus with confidence to share the Gospel and to help others be disciplers for Christ.”

They were once disciplined. They joined the ministry, became disciplers, and are now mentors to disciplers. It is the process and progression of spiritual multiplication. We are grateful to see many reproducing, effective disciplers serving.

You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit. - John 15:16a NLT

Discipleship in eight words: ‘When God asks you to do something, say yes!’ - Malcolm Duncan

In giving yourself, you are turning over to God the most valuable thing you can give - Ron Bennett

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We invite you to be part of the Discipleship Team! Contact the church office 03-8999 5532 ext. 427.





# STAY IN TOUCH!

**W**hile not all of our activities can be resumed physically, our various ministries continue to meet online.

Continue to keep your Wednesday mornings and Friday evenings to pray as a family. The online reflection and prayer guide is updated weekly on the church website at [calvary.my/online-reflection-and-prayer-guide](http://calvary.my/online-reflection-and-prayer-guide)

CalvaryKids meet regularly and there are resources available for those of us who are parents to guide our children in their Bible study and devotions.

The Dimensions ladies meet up regularly for a study of God's Word.

The Chinese and Tamil Ministries continue to meet monthly.

The Royal Rangers and Missionettes meet twice a month.

One Voice resumes weekly training for September 2020.

The Youth and Young Adults meet regularly. Connect with us on Instagram (@calvaryyouthmy and @calvarychurchya) and Facebook (facebook.com/CalvaryYouthMy and facebook.com/calvarychurch.ya)!

If you are looking to be part of a Life Group, information on people to contact can be found at [calvary.my/life-groups](http://calvary.my/life-groups)

For more information, give us a call during office hours at 03 8999 5532, and we will gladly assist you.

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# WORSHIP SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2020

## Saturday, 5.00pm Calvary Damansara Heights

- 05 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong  
Communion
- 12 Associate Pastor Richard Yun
- 19 Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng
- 26 Associate Pastor David Seah  
Water Baptism

## Sunday, 8.00am & 11.30am Calvary Convention Centre

- 06 Senior Associate Pastor  
Petrina Guneratnam  
Communion
- 13 Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
- 20 Associate Pastor Steven Kum
- 27 Associate Pastor Raymond Yong



All our 8.00am Sunday Worship Services will also be streamed on our YouTube channel, @Calvaryone

## ACTIVITIES

### 16 DAYS Prayer for Our Nation

#### A CALL TO PRAY AND FAST FOR MALAYSIA 1 - 16 SEPTEMBER

FOLLOW ALONG THE PRAYER GUIDE AT  
CALVARY.MY



Join us as we begin 16 days of prayer and fasting as a church from Tuesday, 1 September 2020 till Wednesday, 16 September 2020!

Let us continue to uphold our nation and our church in prayer, especially in these uncertain times that we are in. As we seek Him in humility, He will give us peace that transcends all understanding.

Do use the prayer guide available at the church website at calvary.my

In it, you will find prayer points for each of the 16 days of fasting and prayer.

For more information or assistance, contact the Prayer Tower during office hours at 03 8999 1642.



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