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COME HOME:

YOU WERE NEVER MEANT TO EARN YOUR PLACE

BY PASTOR MICHAEL LOON

We live in a culture that cares deeply about how we are seen. We edit our photos, polish our profiles and carefully choose what parts of our lives others get to see. We may build our identity through success, ministry, relationships, possessions or reputation. But when the screens are off, the applause is gone and we are alone with our thoughts, one question remains: Who am I, really? Not what I do. Not what I own. Not what people think about me. Who am I when nobody is watching?

Every generation asks this question in different ways. A child asks, "Do I matter?" A teenager asks, "Where do I fit in?" An adult asks, "Am I enough?" A senior asks, "Did my life make a difference?" The questions differ, but underneath them is the same deep longing: "Am I loved, and do I belong?" This is a pivotal question as we cannot call people to follow Jesus boldly while they are still quietly trying to earn their place with God or with others.

The First Identity Crisis

To struggle with this question is to be human. In fact, the first crisis in the Bible was an identity crisis. Lucifer was created with beauty and greatness, but he wanted what belonged to God. In reaching for a place that was not his, he lost the place he had been given. This is where we see the beginning of what we might call the orphan heart. The orphan heart is one that feels disconnected from God, uncertain of where it belongs and constantly searching for what it believes it is missing.

That same lie was brought to humanity. When the serpent approached Adam and Eve, he did not begin with a threat. He began with a question: "Did God really say...?" (Genesis 3:1). The attack was not simply about a rule. It was an attack on what they believed about God. The serpent planted doubt about God's goodness and His words. And once they began to doubt God's character, they began to doubt their own place with Him.

That is where the orphan heart begins: when we stop trusting that God is good, that He loves us and that we truly belong to Him. This is not simply a problem caused by a difficult family background; it is a human problem.





God's First Question

After Adam and Eve sinned, they hid from God (Genesis 3:8). When God came looking for them, His first question to them was not, "What have you done?" Instead, He asks them two questions which significantly revealed the intent of His heart:

1. "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:9)
2. "Who told you that you were naked?" (Genesis 3:11)

God already knew what had happened. His questions were not because He lacked information. However, He was calling the first two humans out of hiding and confronting the lies they had begun to believe. Before dealing with their disobedience, God came looking for His children. He desired that the identity and intimacy question be settled.

The good news of the gospel that Christians profess is that God has never stopped asking the pivotal question, "Where are you?" God does more than call us from a distance. He pursues us out of His great love for us. In Jesus Christ, God stepped into our world, entered our brokenness and stretched out His hands to bring us home. The cross is the ultimate proof—God's pursuit of us was so great that He gave His precious Son to make a way for us to belong to Him again

The Heart of the Father

In Luke 15:11-32, Jesus tells the story of two sons, and both are lost in different ways. The younger son leaves home because he wants a life without his father. He believes he will find freedom and fulfillment somewhere other than home (Luke 11:13-16).

The older son, on the other hand, stays home, but his heart is far away. He serves his father, but he relates to him like a servant trying to earn a reward rather than a son who knows he is loved (Luke 11:25-29).

One son ran away from home; the other stayed home. However, both never understood what it meant to belong. One believed he needed to find himself, while the other believed he needed to prove himself. In essence, both failed to understand the father's heart. Similar to the account in Genesis, the father pursues both sons.

When the younger son finally returns, the father does not stand at the door with folded arms, waiting to see whether his son deserves another chance. He runs toward him. He embraces him and welcomes him home (Luke 15:20-24).

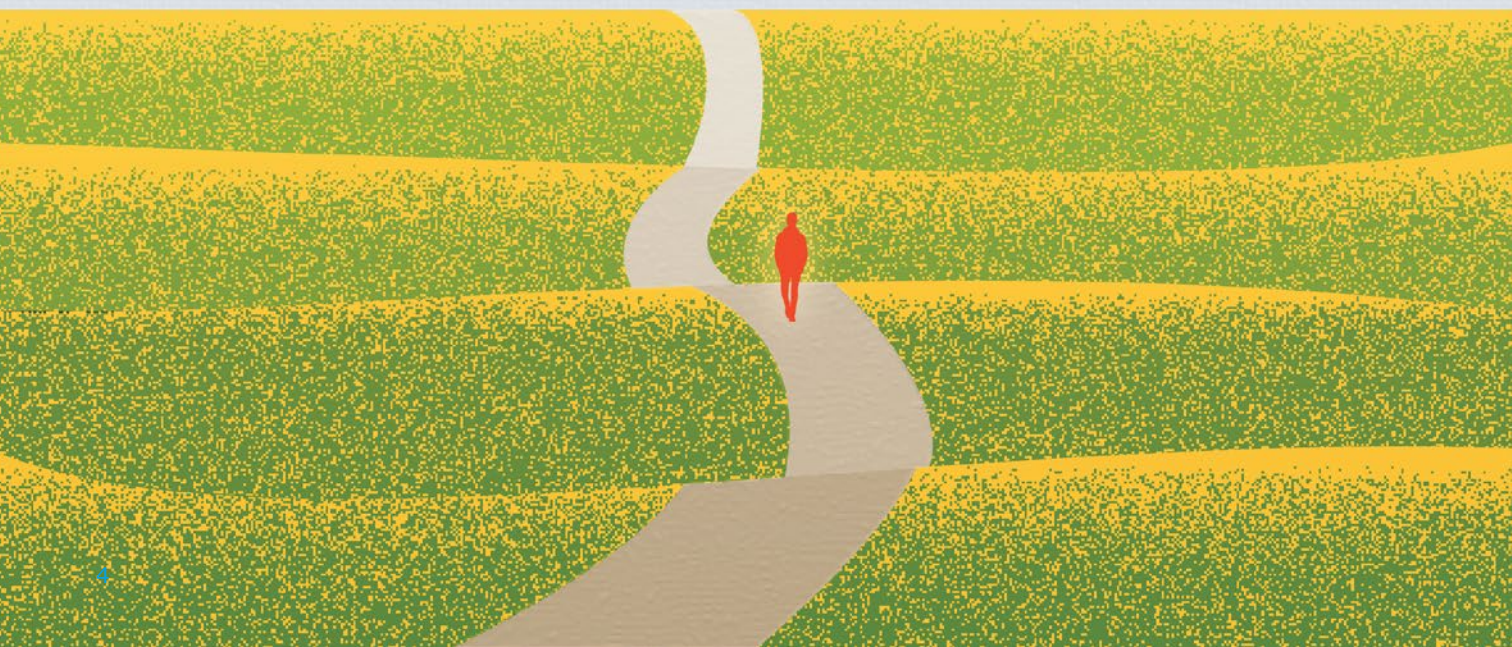
Then he gives him a robe, a ring and sandals. These were visible signs that the son was being restored to his place in the family (Luke 15:22). The Father does not say, "Earn your place." He says, in effect, "You are my son. Come home." The father also goes out to the older son, inviting him to come inside and join the celebration, because he desires both sons to be at home with him (Luke 15:30-32). The Father's heart is for both the one who ran away and the one who stayed but never knew he belonged.

Homeground

The Apostle Paul says that God's people are "no longer strangers and aliens," but are part of God's family, being built together into a dwelling place for God (Ephesians 2:19-21). This means that church is not simply a building we come to every weekend, but a family, the very people among whom God lives.

It is one thing to tell someone, "You are loved." It is another thing to help others experience the reality of that love expressed in community and belonging. If people cannot see the Father's welcome in the Father's house, where will they see it?

The invitation that has been ringing through the ages from the God of the universe is simple: COME HOME. Not because we have finally become good enough, not because everything in life is fixed, and not because we have earned our place. Come home because the Father has never stopped loving us.



BREAKTHROUGH!

A PRAYER CONFERENCE

BY VICTORIA CHOI



Pastor Philip ministering to us in our Friday Prayer Rally.



As a church family, we were inspired, challenged, and convicted by the spiritual insights shared at the Breakthrough Prayer Conference, held from Friday to Saturday, 31 July to 1 August 2026. Across the two days, God called us back to the Source, Himself, reminding us of the urgency of the Great Commission and deepening our understanding of prayer and intercession. A total of 1,341 people gathered for the Friday Prayer Rally, while 785 attended the Saturday Conference.

Friday: Returning to the Source

At the prayer rally, Pastor Philip Mantofa of Gereja Mawar Sharon, Indonesia, spoke on the River of the Holy Spirit. The account in Ezekiel 47:1–9 tells us the river flowed from a significant place: the temple, the dwelling place of God. Pastor Philip challenged the church to return to the “entrance of the temple,” back to the Source from which the river flows.

For us today, we experience this life-giving flow by staying connected to God, dwelling continually in His presence, and living yielded and surrendered to Him. We remain rooted in Him through His Word, the solid foundation that shapes not only what we believe but also how we live.

Pastor Mantofa also called the church to faithfully steward the dunamis power of the Holy Spirit and make haste to reach the lost. – The message was clear: the time is now. There is an urgency to evangelise, make disciples, and live empowered by the Holy Spirit because Jesus is returning soon.

Saturday: Revival and The Three Levels of Prayer

The conference began with Pastor Solomon Bulan recounting the 1973 Bario Revival, which he witnessed firsthand. The revival began in a classroom during a regular prayer and Bible discussion with 12 Inter-School Christian Fellowship (ISCF) leaders. As he was about to conclude the meeting, a timid young boy interrupted, saying, "Sir... may I pray?"

As the boy prayed, the Holy Spirit brought him under deep conviction, and his prayer became a heartfelt cry of repentance. Soon, the room filled with loud prayers, deep sobbing, and cries of repentance, drawing other students from the hostel. This became the tipping point of the Bario Revival—a movement of repentance was ignited, and the revival fire spread from the classroom into the wider community and beyond.

Pastor Solomon reminded us that behind every revival stands one Person—the Holy Spirit, who alone prepares hearts, orchestrates events and brings about transformation that no human effort can produce.

In a beautiful demonstration of intergenerational ministry, Pastor Rachel Bulan then took us on a deep dive into the three levels of prayer found in Matthew 7:7–8: Ask (Petition), Seek (Devotion) and Knock (Intercession). Petition begins with knowing who we are in Christ. Seeking calls us to behold Him, cultivating silence and solitude as we align our hearts with His.

David learned to seek God in the secret place long before facing Goliath, and from that place came the faith and boldness to confront giants. Pastor Rachel's challenge was pointed: Have we sacrificed intimacy with God on the altar of productivity and busyness?

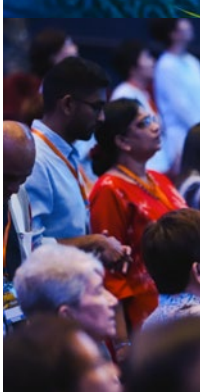
Intimacy with God grows through three distinct stages. We begin by asking in humble submission as servants. Next, we seek the Father with confidence as sons and daughters. Ultimately, we knock as a bride, entering into deep oneness with the Bridegroom until what beats in His heart begins to resonate in ours.

Intercession, in essence, is sharing the burden of Christ. It is not reserved for a select few—it is the calling of every believer. These truths were brought together in a powerful time of corporate worship and prayer, which included a beautiful intergenerational moment where representatives from different generations took turns praying over one another, committing to faithfully support each other and steward all that God has entrusted to them.

Carrying the Fire Forward

As the conference came to a close, we were reminded that breakthrough is not simply about what God can do for us, but also about what He desires to do in us and through us. Let us keep praying, keep seeking and keep knocking. Let us contend in faith to see God's will established in our lives, in our church and across our land. May His Kingdom come, His purposes prevail, and His name be glorified in and through us.

May the fire God has kindled in us over these two days be carried beyond the conference into our church, homes, workplaces, communities and nation.





INSTALLATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL



Name

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>Ministry Pastor
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>Ministry Pastor Elect/Membership
>Church Crisis Management
>Pastor at Large
>Secretary
>Treasurer
>Legal/Administrative Affairs
>Deacon at Large

On Sunday, 30 August 2026, Calvary Church formally installed its new Church Council for the term July 2026 to June 2027. The Council Members took their pledge of faithfulness and commitment before the congregation. Church Overseer Sister Petrina Guneratnam prayed for them. Pastor Steven charged the church to uphold them in prayer and to support the effectiveness of their ministry. We are grateful to God for raising up spiritual, capable, and dedicated men and women to serve, and we thank Pastor Raymond Yong for his years of faithful service on the Council.

WATER BAPTISM

CONGRATULATIONS TO 12 CALVARITES
WHO FOLLOWED CHRIST IN WATER BAPTISM!



18 July 2026

Back (L-R)

Tan Hsu Lin, Aiden, Rebecca

Middle (L-R)

Eunice Eng Kim Hong, Joanna

Front

Emmett



8 August 2026

Back (L-R)

Mrabelle, Enricko Setiwan, Elodie

Front (L-R)

Isabella, Chris, Olivia

If you would like to be baptised, call 03-8999 5532 (ext. 415), visit calvary.my/water-baptism or speak to any of the pastors.

A WILLING HEART, A GREATER MISSION

MISSION EMPHASIS JULY - DECEMBER 2026

BY REBECCA SATHIATHASAN

Missions Emphasis July 2026 invited us to look beyond the familiar and consider what it means to step out in faith. Inspired by the theme "Stepping Out" and the assurance of Joshua 1:9, the church was reminded that mission is a shared responsibility and that courage comes not from knowing every step ahead, but from trusting in the God who goes with us.

The church foyer was eye-catching, with rows of miniature flags representing nations from around the world and a central display reflecting different expressions of missions. The display consisted of three human silhouettes, which together captured the heart of missions, stepping beyond our comfort zones and trusting God as we participate in His work.

The first, kneeling in prayer, carried the words "Praying Without Limits," reminding us that mission begins with prayer that crosses borders, reaches unseen needs and strengthens those serving faithfully in challenging places. The second held a briefcase and a Faith Promise response card, and beneath it were the words "Giving Beyond Comfort," challenging us to see giving as an act of faith, obedience and trust. The third carried a Bible and appeared to be moving forward; the accompanying words, "Going Without Fear," reflected the courage to answer God's call, step into unfamiliar places and carry His Word wherever He leads.



A joyful blend of colour and praise as the choir lifts their voices in worship.



Smiles and snapshots captured around the event's central display.

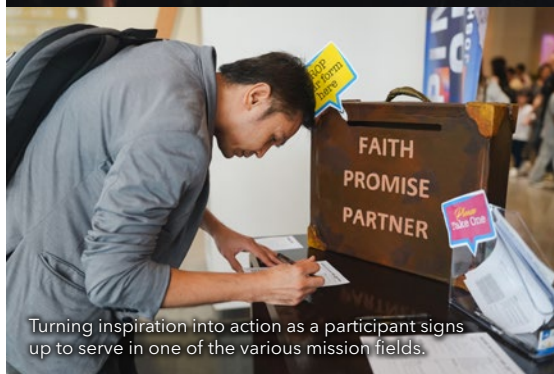


A special highlight was the ministry of our guest preacher from Thailand, Reverend Meechai Kowae, whose message, "The Desires of the Called," centred on a powerful truth: God does not merely choose the qualified; He qualifies those whom He chooses. His sharing reminded us that the feelings of inadequacy, inexperience or uncertainty should not prevent us from responding to God's call. Throughout Scripture, God used ordinary people willing to trust and obey Him. He equipped them, strengthened them and worked through their weaknesses for His glory. The message reminded us that willingness often matters more than ability. When He calls, He also provides the grace, wisdom and strength needed for the journey. Our responsibility is to respond with faith and allow Him to shape and prepare us.

The missions video report gave the congregation a glimpse of how the church's prayer, giving and acts of service have impacted lives locally and overseas for the first six months of 2026. Each contribution became part of a greater story, one reflected in lives transformed, faith strengthened, and hope restored. This truth was echoed in the testimonies of Faith Promise partners, both young and old, demonstrating that age is no limit to expressions of faith. Some shared how they gave amid uncertainty, while others testified to God's unexpected provision. These reminded us that Faith Promise is not merely a financial pledge; it is a personal journey of trust that the giver takes with God. The value lies not in the amount pledged, but in the willingness of the heart. Calvarites were given an opportunity to renew their Faith Promises or make new ones at the close of the service. Pastor Steven Kum reminded them that this was not merely a 'faith giving' exercise but a 'faith building' one too.



Our youth and children were also challenged to take part in missions.



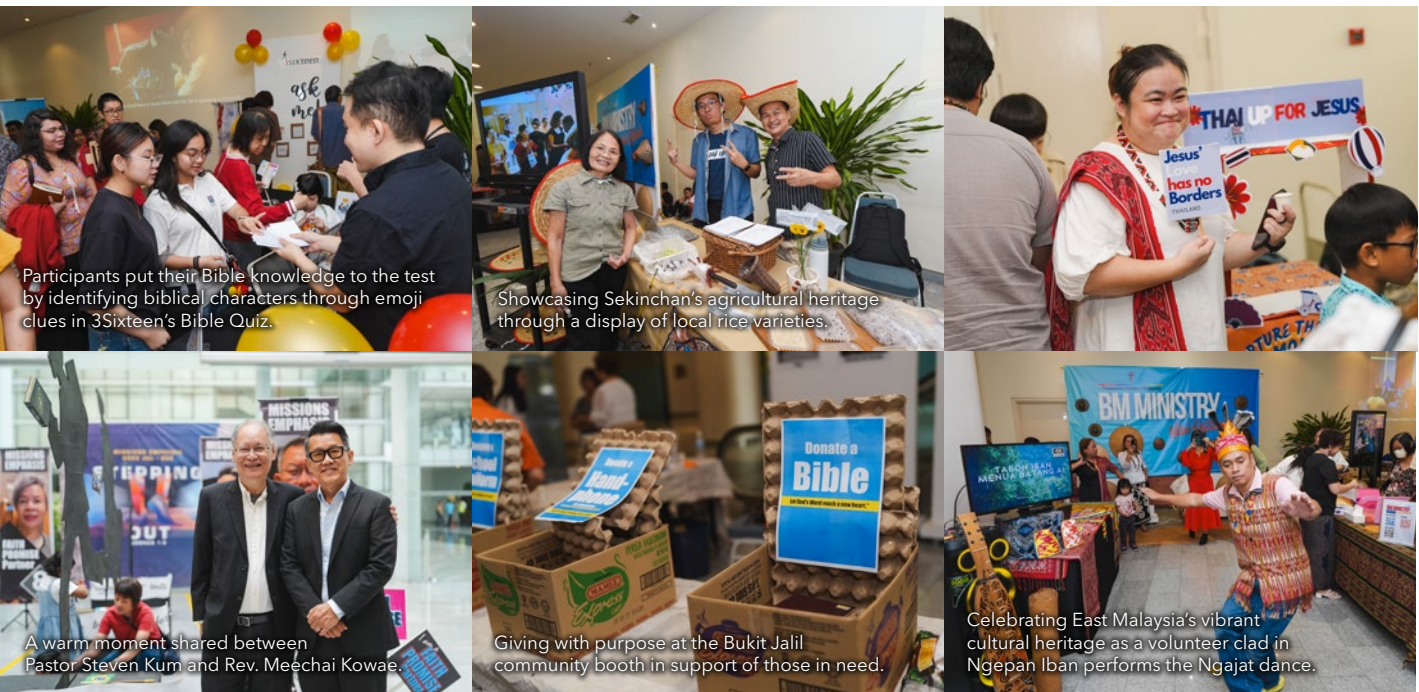
Turning inspiration into action as a participant signs up to serve in one of the various mission fields.



Participants putting their decision-making skills into practice by selecting food within a given budget.



Men of Calvary repurpose old laptops to support the education of students in need.



Participants put their Bible knowledge to the test by identifying biblical characters through emoji clues in 3Sixteen's Bible Quiz.

Showcasing Sekinchan's agricultural heritage through a display of local rice varieties.

A warm moment shared between Pastor Steven Kum and Rev. Meechai Kowae.

Giving with purpose at the Bukit Jalil community booth in support of those in need.

Celebrating East Malaysia's vibrant cultural heritage as a volunteer clad in Ngepan Iban performs the Ngajat dance.

Meanwhile, in the church foyer, thoughtfully curated booths representing Thailand, India (featuring Balakong and Cameron Highlands Tamil Outreach), East Malaysia, Sekinchan Outreach, Nilai BM Outreach, Calvary Youth and Young Adults Ministry, Muhibbah Community, Bread of Life, Men's Ministry and 3Sixteen introduced the needs of each mission field, the people being ministered to, and the many ways worshippers could pray, give or serve. Besides bringing missions closer to home, this served to reaffirm that the Great Commission belongs to the whole church. Every act of obedience contributes to the advancement of God's Kingdom and brings glory to His name.

Traditional snacks, games, quizzes, souvenirs, cultural displays and performances made the experience both lively and engaging. Among the delicious comestibles were fragrant cardamom tea, kuih sarang semut, penganan, kuih goyang and cha manao. Volunteers clad in Ngepan Iban at the East Malaysia booth performed the

Ngajat dance and displayed the terabai shield. At the Sekinchan corner, displays of different rice varieties and volunteers in farmers' hats brought the area's agricultural identity to life. At the Muhibbah Community booth, alongside intricate henna art and carrom, was a portrayal of the hardships faced by underprivileged families, highlighting sobering realities such as babies being fed sugar water when milk is unaffordable and families surviving on simple meals of rice and plain curry sauce.

Opportunities were also given to our youth and children to receive a fresh challenge to be involved in this vital ministry of missions.

As we move forward, may the reflections from this week remain in our hearts, reminding us that the work of missions grows when faith translates into action. Every act of mission begins with a willing heart that responds, "Here I am, Lord. Send me."

PULANGLAH:

KAMU TIDAK DITAKDIRKAN UNTUK MEMPEROLEHI TEMPAT KAMU

PENDITA MICHAEL LOON

“SIAPAKAH SAYA APABILA TIADA SIAPA PUN YANG MEMERHATI?”

Kita hidup dalam budaya yang menitikberatkan cara kita kelihatan di mata umum. Kita menyunting gambar kita, menggilap profil kita, serta memilih dengan teliti bahagian kehidupan kita yang dapat dilihat orang lain. Kita mungkin membina identiti masing-masing melalui kejayaan, pelayanan, hubungan, harta benda, atau reputasi. Tetapi, apabila skrin padam, pujian tiada, dan kita berseorangan bersama fikiran masing-masing, tinggal satu lagi soalan: Siapakah saya, sebenarnya? Bukan perkara yang saya buat. Bukan harta benda yang saya miliki. Bukan pandangan orang lain mengenai saya. Siapakah saya apabila tiada siapa pun yang memerhati?

Setiap generasi bertanya soalan ini dalam cara yang berbeza. Seorang kanak-kanak bertanya, “Adakah saya penting?” Seorang remaja bertanya, “Di manakah saya cocok?” Seorang dewasa bertanya, “Adakah saya mencukupi?” Seorang warga emas bertanya, “Adakah hidup

saya meninggalkan kesan?” Soalan-soalannya berbeza, namun pada dasarnya terdapat kerinduan mendalam yang sama: “Adakah saya dikasihi, dan adakah saya tergolong?” Soalan ini amat penting kerana kita tidak boleh memanggil orang ramai mengikuti Yesus dengan berani apabila mereka masih secara diam-diam berusaha memperolehi tempat mereka dengan Tuhan atau orang lain.

Krisis Identiti Pertama

Bergelut dengan soalan ini merupakan hakikat kemanusiaan. Malah, krisis pertama dalam Alkitab merupakan krisis identiti. Syaitan dianugerahkan keindahan dan keagungan, tetapi dia inginkan sesuatu yang dimiliki Tuhan. Dalam usahanya mencapai kedudukan yang bukan miliknya, dia kehilangan kedudukannya yang telah diberikan kepadanya. Di sinilah kita menyaksikan permulaan perkara yang boleh kita sebut hati anak yatim. Hati anak yatim ialah hati yang terasa terputus hubungan dengan Tuhan, tidak pasti akan tempatnya, dan sentiasa mencari-cari perkara yang dipercayainya hilang.

Dusta yang sama dibawa kepada manusia. Apabila ular menghampiri Adam dan Hawa,

dia tidak bermula dengan ancaman. Dia mulakan dengan soalan: “Benarkah Tuhan berfirman...?” (Kejadian 3:1). Serangan tersebut bukan sekadar berkenaan peraturan. Sebaliknya, serangan tersebut terhadap kepercayaan mereka terhadap sifat-sifat Tuhan. Ular menanam keraguan tentang kebaikan Tuhan dan firman-Nya. Dan sebaik sahaja mereka mula meragui sifat Tuhan, mereka juga meragui tempat mereka di sisi-Nya.

Di situlah mulanya hati anak yatim: apabila kita berhenti mempercayai bahawa Tuhan baik, bahawa Dia mengasihi kita, dan bahawa kita benar-benar milik-Nya. Ini bukan masalah yang disebabkan latar belakang keluarga yang mencabar; ianya masalah kemanusiaan.

Soalan Pertama Tuhan

Setelah Adam dan Hawa berdosa, mereka bersembunyi daripada Tuhan (Kejadian 3:8). Waktu Tuhan datang mencari mereka, soalan pertama-Nya kepada mereka bukanlah, “Apa yang telah kamu lakukan?” Sebaliknya, Dia menanyakan dua soalan yang menunjukkan niat hati-Nya dengan ketara:

1. “Di manakah kamu?” (Kejadian 3:9)
2. “Siapakah yang memberitahu kamu bahawa kamu bogel?” (Kejadian 3:11)

Tuhan sudah tahu perkara yang telah berlaku. Soalan-Nya bukan kerana Dia kekurangan maklumat. Walau bagaimanapun, Dia memanggil kedua-dua

manusia pertama keluar dari tempat persembunyian dan menghadapi dusta yang mula mereka percayai. Sebelum menangani keingkaran mereka, Tuhan datang mencari anak-anak-Nya. Dia inginkan agar persoalan identiti dan hubungan rapat diselesaikan.

Berita baik injil yang diakui umat Kristian ialah Tuhan tidak pernah berhenti menanyakan soalan utama, "Di manakah kamu?" Tuhan bukan sekadar memanggil kita dari jauh. Dia mengejar kita demi kasih-Nya yang besar sekali untuk kita. Dalam Yesus Kristus, Tuhan melangkah masuk dunia kita, memasuki kehancuran kita, dan menghulurkan tangan-Nya untuk membawa kita pulang. Kayu salib merupakan bukti muktamad – Tuhan memburu kita dengan begitu gigih sehingga Dia mengorbankan Anak kesayangan-Nya demi membuka jalan untuk kita agar kita menjadi milik-Nya semula.

“TUHAN MEMANGGIL KITA DARI JAUH. DIA MENGEJAR KITA DEMI KASIH-NYA YANG BESAR SEKALI UNTUK KITA.”

Hati Bapa

Dalam Lukas 15:11-32, Yesus menceritakan kisah dua orang anak lelaki, dan kedua-duanya sesat dalam cara yang berbeza. Anak bongsu meninggalkan rumah kerana dia inginkan kehidupan tanpa

bapanya. Dia percaya bahawa dia akan mendapat kebebasan dan kepuasan di tempat selain rumah (Lukas 11:13-16).

Anak sulung, di sebaliknya, tinggal di rumah, namun hatinya jauh. Dia melayani bapanya, tetapi hubungannya dengan bapanya bak seorang hamba yang berusaha mendapatkan ganjaran dan bukannya seorang anak yang tahu dia disayangi (Lukas 11:25-29).

Seorang anak lari rumah; seorang lagi tinggal di rumah. Walau bagaimanapun, kedua-duanya tidak pernah memahami erti menjadi tergolong. Seorang percaya bahawa dia perlu mencari dirinya sendiri, manakala yang seorang lagi percaya dia perlu membuktikan dirinya. Pada dasarnya, kedua-duanya gagal memahami hati bapa. Seperti kisah dalam Kejadian, bapa mengejar kedua-dua anaknya.

Apabila anak bongsu kembali akhirnya, bapa tidak berdiri di ambang pintu berpeluk tubuh, menunggu untuk melihat sama ada anaknya layak menerima peluang lagi. Dia berlari mendapatkannya. Dia memeluknya dan menyambutnya pulang (Lukas 15:20-24).

Kemudian dia memberikannya satu jubah, cincin, dan sepatu. Ini semua tanda-tanda yang jelas bahawa kedudukan anak tersebut dalam keluarga sedang dipulihkan (Lukas 15:22). Bapa tidak berfirman, "Perolehi tempat kamu." Sebaliknya Dia sebenarnya menyahut, "Kamu anak-Ku. Pulanglah." Bapa juga mendapati anak sulung,

mengajaknya masuk dan menyertai perayaan, kerana dia menginginkan kedua-dua anaknya berada di rumah bersamanya (Lukas 15:30-32). Hati Bapa berkenan kepada dia yang lari rumah dan dia yang tinggal tetapi tidak sedar dia tergolong.

Tempat Sendiri

Rasul Paulus menyatakan bahawa umat Tuhan "bukan lagi orang asing dan pendatang," tetapi merupakan sebahagian keluarga Tuhan, dibina bersama menjadi tempat kediaman bagi Tuhan (Efesus 2:19-21). Ini bererti gereja bukan sekadar sebuah bangunan yang kita kunjungi setiap hujung minggu, tetapi keluarga, umat di kalangan mana Tuhan diam.

Suatu perkara untuk memaklumkan kepada seseorang, "Kamu dikasihi." Suatu perkara lain untuk membantu orang lain mengalami hakikat kasih tersebut diungkapkan dalam kemasyarakatan dan kekitaan. Jikalau orang ramai tidak dapat memerhatikan sambutan Bapa di rumah-Nya, di manakah lagi akan mereka menyaksikannya?

Undangan yang bergema sepanjang zaman oleh Tuhan alam semesta ringkas sahaja: PULANGLAH. Bukan kerana kita akhirnya cukup bagus, bukan kerana segala-galanya dalam hidup telah dibaiki, bukan kerana kita telah memperolehi tempat kita. Pulanglah kerana Bapa tidak pernah terputus kasih-Nya untuk kita.

回家吧，你永远是我的孩子

伦志仁牧师

我们生活在极其重视他人眼光的文化中。我们修图、美化个人资料、精心挑选向他人展示的生活片段。我们可以通过成就、事奉、人际关系、财富或名声来构建自我认同。但当屏幕关闭，掌声消散，我们独自面对内心的思考时，一个问题始终萦绕心头：“我究竟是谁？不是我做了什么，不是我拥有什么，也不是别人怎么看我。而是当无人注视时，我究竟是谁？”

每一代人以不同的方式提出类似的问题。孩子问：“我重要吗？”青少年问：“我属于哪里？”成年人问：“我够好吗？”老年人问：“我的人生有意义吗？”问题各不相同，但背后都隐藏着同样的深切渴望：“我被爱吗？我属于这里吗？”这是一个至关重要的问题，因为当人们仍默默地试图在神或他人面前赢得一席之地时，我们便无法呼召他们勇敢地跟随耶稣。

**“我究竟是谁？.....
而是当无人注视时，
我究竟是谁？”**

第一个身份危机

纠结于这个问题是人之常情。事实上，圣经中的第一个危机便是身份危机。路西法被创造得既荣美又伟大，但他却觊觎神的地位和荣耀。在企图占据本不属于他的地位时，他失去了他原有的。这就是我们或许可以称之为孤儿之心的开端。孤儿的心感到自己与上帝疏离，不确定自己属于哪里，并且不断地寻找自己认为缺失的东西。

同样的谎言也被带到了人类当中。当蛇接近亚当和夏娃时，它并不是先威胁，而是以一个问题作为开场：“神真的说过.....？”（创世记 3:1）。这攻击不仅仅针对一条诫命，更是他们对神的信仰。蛇让人怀疑神的良善和他的话语。一旦他们开始怀疑神的品格，他们就开始怀疑自己在神面前的地位。

这就是孤儿之心的开端：当我们不再相信神是良善的，他是爱我们的，以及我们确实属于他。这不仅仅是家庭背景不好所导致的问题；这是人类普遍存在的问题。

神首先问

亚当和夏娃犯罪后，便躲避神（创世记 3:8）。当神来寻找他们时，他首先问的不是“你们做了什么？”，而是两个足以深刻揭示他心意的问题：

1.“你在哪里？”（创世记 3:9）

2.“谁告诉你，你是赤身露体呢？”（创世记 3:11）

神早已知道发生了什么。他提出这些问题并非缺乏信息，而是要唤出躲藏起来的两个人，让他们直面自己已经开始相信的谎言。在处理他们的悖逆之前，神先来寻找他的儿女。他渴望先解决身份认同和与神亲密关系的问题。

基督徒所宣扬的福音，其佳音是神从未停止询问的重要问题：“你在哪里？”神不仅从远处呼唤我们，他更是出于对我们的爱，不断地追寻我们。在耶稣基督里，神走进我们的世界，进入我们破碎的生命，伸出他的双手，引领我们回家。十字架就是终极的证明——神对我们的追寻如此深切，以至于他赐下他宝贵的爱子，为我们开辟了一条重新归向他的道路。

父亲的心

路加福音 15:11-32，耶稣讲述两个儿子的故事，他们以不同的方式迷失了方向。小儿子离家出走，因为他想要过一个没有父亲的生活。他相信，在离家以外的地方，他能找到自由和满足（路加福音 15:13-16）。

另一方面，大儿子虽然留在家，但心却远在别处。他虽然服侍父亲，但对待父亲的态度更像是试图换取报酬的仆人，胜过自己是

被爱的儿子（路加福音15:25-29）。

一个儿子离家出走，另一个留在家里。然而，两人都从未真正理解归属的意义。一个认为自己需要寻找自我，另一个则认为需要证明自己。归根结底，两人都未能体察父亲的心意。正如创世记中的记载一样，父亲追寻着两个儿子。

当小儿子终于回家时，父亲并没有双手抱胸站在门口，等待着看儿子是否值得再给他一次机会。他奔向儿子，拥抱他，并欢迎他回家（路加福音 15:20-24）。

然后，他给儿子一件袍子、一枚戒指和一双凉鞋。这些都是让儿子恢复家庭地位的外在标志（路加福音 15:22）。父亲并没有说：“你得努力换取容身之所。”他实际上是在说：“你是我的儿子，回家吧。”父亲还走出去找大儿子，邀请他进来一同庆祝，因为他希望两个儿子都能与他同在家中（路加福音 15:30-32）。父亲的心意既关乎那个离家出走的儿子，也关乎那个虽然留了下来却从未意识到自己属于这个家的儿子。

归宿

使徒保罗说，神的子民“不再是外人和客旅”，而是神家里的人了，一同增长成为在主里面的圣所（以弗所书 2:19-21）。这意味着教会不仅仅是我们每个周末去的一栋建筑，而是一个家庭——有神同在的子民。

告诉别人“你被爱着”是一回事，帮助他人体验在群体归属中真实的爱则是另一回事。如果人们在天父的家中尚且看不到天父的接纳，那他们还能在哪里看到呢？

宇宙之神穿越时空的邀请很简单：回家吧。不是因为我们终于变得足够好，也不是因为生活中的所有问题都已解决，更不是因为配得上这个归宿。回家吧，因为天父从未停止爱我们。

**“神不断地追寻我们。
在耶稣基督里，神走进
我们的世界，进入我们
破碎的生命……”**



MOVING FROM CONVICTION TO ACTION

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE CONFERENCE 2026

BY AMY TAN LOH MEI

For three consecutive years, the Love God, Love People Conference has stood as a testament to what happens when believers commit to prayer and allow God to lead every step of the planning.

What began as a conviction has steadily grown into a movement, with a grand total of 573 attendees gathering at Theatre 3, Calvary Convention Centre (CCC), on Monday and Tuesday, 24–25 August 2026.

The numbers tell only part of the story. On the first night, 338 participants filled the hall with expectant hearts, while 235 returned on the second day, eager to continue the journey. Yet behind these figures lies something far more significant: a people hungry to move beyond passive belief toward active, costly, and transformative love.

The Anatomy of Love

This year's speaker, Rev. Dr. Vincent Leoh—former General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God Malaysia—delivered five powerful plenary sessions that challenged the church to embrace love as both doctrine and daily practice. Drawing from deep biblical scholarship and pastoral wisdom, Pastor Vincent unpacked three dimensions of divine love that every growing disciple must embody.

Kinetic Love opened the conference with a compelling truth: God always moves first. The Greek concept of kinesis reminds us that biblical love is not passive but active and initiating. Just

as the father ran to meet the prodigal son, God continually takes the first step toward us and calls us to do the same for others.

Kenotic Love invited participants to embrace the cruciform life. Through Philippians 2:5–11, we were challenged to practise self-emptying, moving away from transactional faith toward genuine vulnerability alongside the marginalised.

Pneumatic Love highlighted the Holy Spirit's disruptive power, urging the church to cross social, generational and cultural barriers. This was not comfortable teaching—but it was necessary.

Breaking Barriers

Pastor Vincent's session on "Horizontal Sabotage" proved particularly arresting. Examining the parables of the Good Samaritan and the Samaritan Woman, he called believers to dismantle personal biases and subcultural walls. Who are the "Samaritans" in our daily spheres? The question lingered long after the session ended.

The plenary teachings culminated in a vision for "The Radical Love Revolution"—an invitation to embrace what Pastor Vincent called the "liturgy of the mundane." Moving from the altar to the towel (John 13), and from the fire to the table (Acts 2), we were called to anoint the rhythms of daily life with Christlike service.



Tune-in talk: Mandy Chew, Alice Goh, Alina Sim, CT Lim sharing their testimonies.



Registration counter.

Breakthrough Prayer & Corporate Declaration, led by Ps. Richard

A powerful turning point in the conference occurred during the Breakthrough Prayer, led by Pastor Richard and accompanied by a video featuring Pastor Solomon Bulan. Believers surrendered distractions to return to their first love, prayed for simple daily obedience and committed to carrying Christ's presence into their homes and workplaces. The congregation then stood as one body, declaring their shared resolve to be a community that loves God deeply, loves people well and ushers in city-transforming revival.



Pastor Richard is leading the Breakthrough Prayer.

Tune-In Talks: Faith in Motion

One of the conference's most deeply moving moments came through the Tune-In Talks—short, powerful testimonies showing how ordinary believers fine-tune their lives to God's heart of love:

- Mandy Chew shared how the simple truth of John 3:16 transformed a family living in a low-income housing community, turning their home into a place of peace.
- Alina Sim thank God for the discipleship ministry who had persevered patiently in reaching out to her for seven years, culminating in her family's baptism and active service.
- Alice Goh revealed how God's blueprint breaks down our pride, transforming outreach into movements that cross boundaries.
- CT Lim showed how God multiplies small offerings, turning food aid into deep friendships and inspiring Pakistani groups within Calvary to reach out to other Pakistani families.



Pastor Steven is praying for Pastor Vincent.



Participants praying for one another during the prayer session

Stepping Forward

As Pastor David closed the conference, participants left equipped with three practical directives: Let It Go, Don't Let Go and Let Us Go. They were challenged to release what hinders God's purposes, persevere faithfully in what He has entrusted to them and move forward together to fulfil His mission.

To God be all the glory for two empowering and transformative days at CCC. The conviction has been clear; now the action begins.



Pastor David bringing the conference to a meaningful close.

HOMEGROUND

CALVARY YOUTH DAY 2026

BY YUEN TZE SVENN



Sunday, 9 August 2026, marked a powerful milestone in the life of Calvary Church as we gathered for our annual Youth Day Service. From Gen Zeal in 2025 to Homeground this year, the atmosphere carried one clear and resounding message: You belong here.

There's a feeling everyone knows but few can name—the feeling of walking into a room, letting your shoulders drop, no longer needing to perform, and hearing someone call your name and say they are glad to see you, and truly mean it. In that moment, you know you are home. Youth Day 2026 was designed to be that very place for every young person who walked through our doors.

Months of collaborative planning between Calvary Youth, Royal Rangers, Missionettes and One Voice culminated in a seamless showcase of unity. Together, we declared: **WE ARE CALVARY YOUTH!**

Welcome teams, comprising regular youth and leaders alike, lined the entrance from the main doors to the auditorium, warmly greeting newcomers and handing out welcome packs stocked with ministry information and snacks. Early arrivals were ushered to the dedicated youth seating sections and seated near connectors, who welcomed them and helped them feel at home.

The sanctuary came alive as young people took charge of every aspect of the service, from ushering and announcements to audiovisuals. Every element was handled seamlessly by the younger generation, while Victoria Choi, together with the One Voice ensemble, led a powerful worship experience.

The sermon shared by Calvary Youth Pastor, Michael Loon unpacked the core truths surrounding identity challenges and the orphan heart, a mindset that began when Adam and Eve doubted the Father's love (Genesis 3:1). This mindset has permeated the human heart and been passed down through the generations to us today.

The message also featured a short film telling John and Cindy Yong's story of restoration. The siblings' journey from abandonment to acceptance and belonging reminded the congregation that the Father has never stopped pursuing His children. God invites us to live loved, not as servants labouring in His house, but as sons and daughters at His table. It is not enough simply to tell people they belong; they need to be embraced until they believe it.

The young people then received a heartfelt prayer from Church Overseer Sister Petrina Guneratnam and presented a special song titled "Celebration," celebrating all that God has done in and through our young people. Additionally, the entire church body was encouraged to pray for, mentor and journey alongside the next generation.

Following the service, while the rest of the church family gathered in the Plaza and Foyer for the usual warm fellowship over refreshments, the young people adjourned to the Multipurpose Hall for dedicated Youth Connection activities.

Transformed into an exuberant hub where both newcomers and regulars could plug directly into where they felt they belonged, the Multipurpose Hall buzzed with vibrant energy. Young people enjoyed snacks and cooled off with fresh bingsu from Snowflake, mingled over interactive bingo games and captured instant keepsakes with friends and leaders at the Polaroid photo booth. Announcements showcased upcoming camps and connect groups, offering clear next steps for anyone looking to make Calvary their homeground.

Youth Day 2026 reaffirmed that young people are not merely the church of tomorrow, but a vital part of Calvary Church today. We praise God for bringing His sons and daughters home, and we look forward to growing deeper in faith together. Calvary Church is truly a church for all generations! To God be all the glory!



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