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# God's Mercies ARE NEW EVERY MORNING

BY PASTOR DAVID SEAH

Each morning, as the sunrise brings a fresh start—a new opportunity to experience the unfailing mercy of God. In Lamentations 3:22-24 (NKJV), the prophet Jeremiah declares, "Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul, 'Therefore I hope in Him!'" This passage, written in the midst of grief and destruction, speaks of God's unchanging character and His readiness to renew and restore His people.

### The Source of God's Mercy: His Unchanging Character

Jeremiah's lament over the destruction of Jerusalem was not just about the loss of a city; it was about the consequences of a people who had turned away from God. Yet, even in their suffering, he recognized that God's mercy had not been withdrawn. Despite human failure, God's mercy ensures that we are not destroyed by our mistakes or sins. He remains patient, extending His compassion to all who turn to Him. We must remember that His mercy is not given because we deserve it but because He is faithful.

### Mercy Fuels Our Motivation to Take Responsibility

Taking responsibility for our wrongs is not just an act of humility but a step toward spiritual growth. When we recognize our failures, confess them, and seek to make things right, we allow God's mercy to shape us into His likeness. Proverbs 28:13 (NKJV) reminds us, "He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy." Genuine repentance is not about hiding in shame but walking in the light of God's grace. While taking responsibility is not always easy, God's mercy empowers us to do so with confidence, knowing that His grace sustains us in the process.

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### Mercy Counters Guilt and Condemnation

One of the greatest struggles believers face is dealing with the guilt and condemnation that follow sin. The enemy often seeks to trap us in shame, whispering that we are unworthy of God's love. This is particularly prevalent in cultures where shame can define a person's identity rather than just their actions.

However, Romans 8:1 (NKJV) declares, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus." Guilt may remind us of where we have fallen, but mercy invites us to get up again. 1 John 1:9 assures us that if we confess our sins, God is faithful to forgive and cleanse us. Mercy is not an excuse to continue in sin but a call to live in the freedom and grace of Christ.

### The Reach of God's Mercy

God's mercy is not limited to a select few—it extends to all who seek Him. Psalm 145:9 (NKJV) says, "The Lord is good to all, And His tender mercies are over all His works." Therefore, His mercy is not only for us to receive but also for us to extend to others. In our homes, workplaces, and communities, we must reflect the compassion we have received. By forgiving

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others, showing kindness, and standing for justice, we become living testimonies of God's unfailing love.

**Responding to God's Mercy**

The ultimate expression of God's mercy is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Through His sacrifice, we have been granted access to an abundant mercy that covers our sins, restores relationships, and renews our hearts.

Knowing that God's mercies are new every morning, how should we respond?

- Seek Mercy: Come before God daily, repenting and receiving His renewal.
- Show Mercy: Extend forgiveness and kindness to others as God has done for us

Imagine starting each day with the certainty that God's mercy is already at work in your life—lifting burdens, healing wounds, and restoring hope. No failure is final when placed in His hands. Today, embrace His mercy and reflect it in your life, knowing that He is faithful in every season.

Great is His faithfulness!

**SCAN TO WATCH FULL SERMON:**

# MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY BY AUDREY KUM

On 15 December 2024, 59 were accepted as members of Calvary Church on Membership Sunday. We praise the Lord and welcome them into our fellowship. We rejoice with them and pray that they will be blessed and be a blessing!

There are 10 "Joys" of being a member, and are found in this acronym "Fellowship":

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| **Faithful Gathering** | Believers come together as a community (Acts 2:42) |
| **Enables Corporate Worship** | Establishes principles for corporate worship (1 Cor 14:26) |
| **Love and Fellowship** | Cultivates meaningful relationships among members (Acts 2:42) |
| **Learning Together** | Facilitates instruction in Scripture for growth (Heb 3:13) |
| **Observance of Communion** | Opportunity to share in the Lord's supper (1 Cor 11:23-24) |
| **Word Instruction** | Encourages teaching and spiritual maturity (2 Tim 2:2) |
| **Supporting Each Other** | Encourages mutual aid within the community (Gal 6:6) |
| **Heartfelt Restoration** | Enables believers to restore one another with grace (Gal 6:1) |
| **Involvement in Service** | Calls members to engage in church responsibilities (Acts 6:3) |
| **Partnership in Faith** | Represents commitment to shared beliefs and tasks (Acts 5:12-14) |

Interested to become a member of Calvary Church? Contact our church membership administrator, Fabian Aron at 03-89995532 (Extension: 415)

The pastors praying for the new members.

The Church Council, the Pastoral Team and the Membership Committee getting to know the new members over light refreshments afte service.

# FAITHFUL SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations to those whose faithfulness in service were recognised at the Year End Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, 31 December 2024.

## 40 YEARS

**Ministry Pastor Steven Kum**
Church Staff

## 25 YEARS

**Pastor David Seah**
Church Staff

**Pastor Chan Lee Peng**
Church Staff

**Aw Sheek Hian, Angela**
Church Staff

**Tan Boon Seng**
SCG

## 10 YEARS

**Robert Hue Voon**
Hospitality

**Amy Tan**
Life Group

**Darren Here Jun Hou**
Life Group

**Heather Monica Samuel**
Life Group

**Lim Hon Kiat, Jonathan**
Life Group

**Neoh Lay Lek, Brenda**
Life Group

**Ng Ee Khoon, Adrian**
Life Group

**Phan Yoke Hin**
Life Group

**Teow Cheng Keat, Jeffrey**
Life Group

# WHAT HAS KEPT ME GOING ALL THESE YEARS?

"I constantly remember that God loves me so much that He gave His Son that I might have access to His grace, wisdom and strength. I am grateful beyond words too for indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit bringing His peace, joy and hope. I am astounded by the privilege to serve Him and His people."
- **Ministry Pastor Steven Kum**

"God's grace and mercy have been my foundation through 25 years of service, alongside the unwavering support and prayers of my family. It's been an incredible privilege to serve under the excellent leadership and care of Senior Pastors Prince and Petrina Guneratnam and to share in the joy of camaraderie with the pastors and staff. Also the kindness of this church family has made this journey truly meaningful and fulfilling." - **Pastor David Seah**

"The call of God has been my anchor through the ups and downs of ministry. His grace has been my portion, sustaining me beyond my own strength. His vision has kept me pressing on to see His purposes fulfilled."
**- Pastor Chan Lee Peng**

"My late mom used to say, 'To be happy or sad, the day will still pass. Only you can choose how you want it to be.' Time waits for no man, I choose God and focus on Him everyday! ;)" - **Aw Sheek Hian, Angela**

"Started with seeing the need to teach in Calvary Cheras, God's help, encouragement and the love for teaching has seen me through teaching in SCG classes. Jesus is my inspiration. All glory to Him!" - **Tan Boon Seng**

# TO SUCH BELONGS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

## BY CHARLENE

Charlene and her mum, Anna

My name is Charlene, and I am 9 years old. Today, I want to share how God showed His goodness to my family this year, and how He answered our prayers in ways we didn't expect.

This year, one of the biggest challenges my family faced was my Mommy's surgery in July. She had to go for a myomectomy – a surgery to remove a big fibroid in her body. The fibroid was huge, about 20 cm × 20 cm × 10 cm, and it was making her bloated and causing her discomfort because it was pressing on her other organs.

When we first found out about the fibroid, my Daddy, my sister, and I were very worried. I didn't want my Mommy to go through so much pain. We started praying every day, asking God to heal her, and to guide the doctors who would take care of her.

## EVEN THOUGH WE WERE SCARED, WE KEPT PRAYING AND TRUSTING GOD.

My parents met different doctors to understand the situation better, and they finally found one who explained how serious it was. The doctor said the surgery could be risky and that there was a chance of losing a lot of blood.

Even though we were scared, we kept praying and trusting God. My sister and I prayed for Mommy's recovery and that everything would go smoothly when the operation day came in July.

God is so good and faithful; He didn't just answer our prayers, He answered them beyond what we could have imagined! The surgery, which the doctors thought might be complicated, was finished in just 30 minutes. There were no complications, and my Mommy didn't lose a lot of blood. The doctors made a 23 cm incision, but my Mommy was able to start walking on the second day after her surgery.

I remember being amazed at how quickly she recovered! By the 9th day, Mommy was already driving again! I saw how strong and brave my mommy was, but I also knew it was because of God's grace. My family felt so grateful to Him.

This experience has taught me that God listens to our prayers. Sometimes, when we pray, we might feel unsure if God will answer, but He always does in His perfect way and timing. I learned that trusting Him, even when we're scared, brings peace to our hearts.

I also learned how important it is to pray together as a family. My Daddy, my sister, and I prayed every day, and we encouraged each other to trust God. Through this, I saw how God was not just working in my Mommy's health, but He was also strengthening our family's faith.

So, I want to say "Thank you" to God for His goodness and love. He showed me that He cares about every detail of our lives. I hope my testimony reminds you that no matter what challenges we face, we can always trust God to take care of us.

Thank you and have a great day everyone!

# THE STEPS OF A GOOD MAN

BY FOO SAY JIN

I would like to praise and thank the Lord for His blessings on my family and I.

The Lord provided me with a fulfilling job at a multinational company that not only provided a roof over our heads and food on the table, but also paid for the children's tertiary education. Over the past 21 years, I rose from being a Production Engineer to my current position as Head of Manufacturing Operations.

Among the nine manufacturing locations, our KPI has always been one of the best but in January 2024, we made a great leap in our productivity and, in addition to now being the benchmark for the other locations, we are also the training hub for other sites. This higher productivity enabled us not just to produce more but within fewer working days. We are now able to have two weekends off every month, as compared to working almost daily up till 2023. All this has been made possible because of the Lord's blessings, guidance, and wisdom upon me.

In early 2024, my wife Felisa (who is involved in the Bahasa Ministry), highlighted to me that God put me in a position where I was able to care for the physical welfare of my employees and that I should also look to their spiritual welfare – the few remaining years of my employment before I retire would be a good time to help them in their spiritual journey. Thus began the Nilai BM Fellowship in May 2024 for my East Malaysian employees and their families, many of whom are non-believers or nominal Christians.

We started out renting a room in a factory in Nilai and when my Director, a non-believer, heard about this, she said, "I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible work you are doing in offering spiritual support to our team. Your dedication and compassion have not gone unnoticed and I sincerely hope that the efforts of both of you will make a positive impact on everyone involved. If there is anything I can do to support or assist you in this important work, please don't hesitate to let me know. I genuinely appreciate the time and energy you are putting into helping others to navigate their spiritual journeys. My first step will be letting you have the production floor to save on rental costs. Thank you and may God bless you both always."

We meet about twice a month where Bible lessons are shared separately for adults and children. There is also a weekly sharing of Gospel songs and Life Group lessons via WhatsApp. Initially starting with just two families, today we have close to 40 with full attendance. On 14 December 2024, 10 of my employees and their spouses took the step of faith in water baptism.

I am grateful to be able to serve together with my wife and the church in this worthwhile endeavour. I know this is only the beginning of what God wants to do, not only for these workers but for the many other East Malaysians in Nilai.

All Praise and Honor to God Our Father!

# ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK I STAND

## BY EMMANUEL WONG

2024 has been a year of significant change for me—emotionally, spiritually, and physically.

I'm in my early 20s with a background in music performance, music education, and audio. Since high school, I've felt a potential call to full-time ministry, which was affirmed at camp a few years ago. This led me to start working in church in August last year.

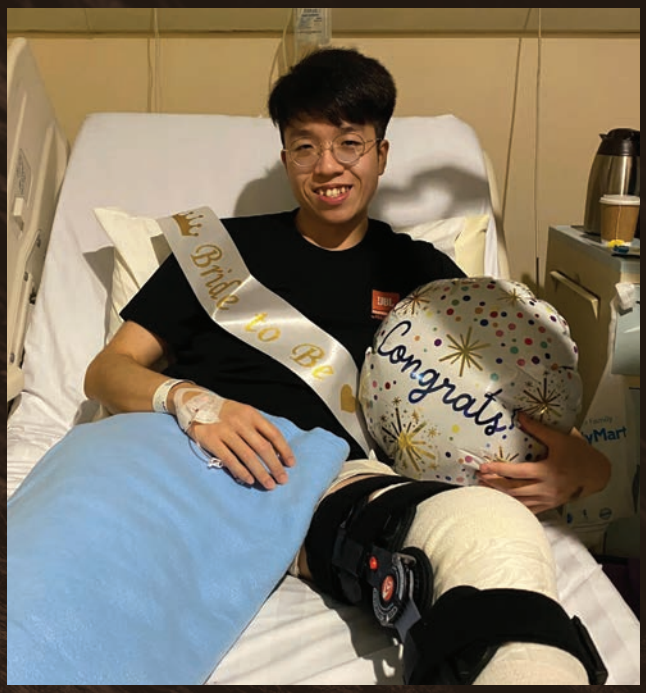
We have weekly badminton sessions for staff on Tuesday evenings in church. On one of them, I tore the ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) in my left knee, shutting me off from work for two and a half months. Initially it was misdiagnosed as tendonitis and I was told to rest at home. Little did I know, my ACL was partially torn.

Over the next month, I dismissed several smaller injuries around the knee as minor, not resting when I needed to. One day, while rushing, I felt a pop in my knee, followed by intense pain that left me unable to walk and with a fully torn ACL. This meant I couldn't even stand up on my own.

Our ACL plays a significant role in ensuring our balance and stability while walking. Without it, we'd be unable to keep a firm footing on the ground, not counting the pretty immense pain that comes bundled together when it is injured. And the worst part? There's no way it can heal by itself – it requires surgical reconstruction.

Like any surgery, there's the pre-surgery, surgery, and recovery phases. Well, I stand and happily testify that God has worked, and is working nothing but good things in and through me, even in the seemingly negative and painful situation.

Reflecting on my transition from being active to relying on crutches was humbling. Despite my fears about the upcoming four-hour procedure, I chose to worship and trust God. On the day of the surgery, I rejoiced in His faithfulness, even as I was wheeled into the operating theatre. The surgery was successful, and God's presence




was evident through the unwavering support of my family, friends, and church leaders.

Post-surgery, God revealed unexpected things and used this period to draw me closer to Him. Before this, I had a mindset of prioritising ministry, often at the expense of rest or spiritual renewal. What seemed to be only a period of convalescence became a season for spiritual growth as I delved deeper into the Word, watched sermons, and explored faith-based podcasts—things I had neglected in my busyness in ministry, to a point that it felt empty and weird whenever I wasn't scheduled to serve in a service. As the saying goes, "When ministry becomes your idol, rest feels like a sin."

If there is but one way I would like all of you to be encouraged through my testimony, it is that God works through all things, even our trials. Trust Him, even when it is hard to see His plan, because He is faithful.

Let's stand firm on His foundation, for all other ground is sinking sand.

# MADE NEW

BY DESIREE SAW

The 2025 Youth Camp, held from 20-23 January at the Port Dickson Methodist Centre, was a place where young people encountered God in tangible ways, found a sense of belonging and explored what a life made new in Christ looked like. The camp theme was a declaration that "...in Christ, we are a new creation... The old has gone, behold, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

During the session the first night, camp speaker, Pastor Rachel K. Bulan spoke to the 180 youth on how our masks often prevent us from truly beholding God as He is. We are to come to God as we are, surrendering completely to Him. Many responded, letting their guard down to allow God to strip them of all pretenses and renew their spirits.

Joanna Oh testifies:
"For three years, I struggled with guilt, and eventually lost faith when I felt God wasn't answering my pleas to be delivered from a certain temptation. Church became meaningless, and I paid no attention to sermons. After Pastor Rachel preached about the masks we wear to hide our shame, I poured my heart during the altar call, apologising for my past. For the first time, I felt God's presence giving me the courage to sing and praise Him again. Nicole, an intercessor I had never met before, prayed for me, embracing me as I wept. Then, she asked about my struggles, saying God had told her a girl named Joanna needed prayer. At that moment, I realized that God knew my name, my pain, and my past. Despite my mistakes, He still loves me."

Camp speaker, Pastor Rachel Bulan ministering in prayer and intercession

The campers warming up on Day 1 with some engaging, interactive team activities

At the Tuesday morning session, Pastor Rachel inspired the youth with a message on being culture changers versus culture consumers – hitting hard against followers of Jesus living a double life. Tuesday night saw a shift in the atmosphere as the Holy Spirit led the move from celebrating what God has done for us in Jesus to focusing on the Father's unending and everlasting love. Pastor Rachel facilitated campers returning to God's great love, particularly for those that were broken and fatherless.

Desiree Saw shared:
"I felt like it was just me and God in the room, and everyone else disappeared. Though our schedules and Pastor Rachel's planned messages were thrown out of the window, God reminded us that He is in control and always has our best interests in mind."

Phineas Tan shared:
"Having been a Christian all my life, I really wanted an encounter with God. On the second night, during praise and worship, I started crying uncontrollably. Pastor Rachel prayed for me, and I was overwhelmed. This prayer was different from the others I have received. I fell to the ground, unable to move for a while. Then I felt a surge through my chest and a hand touching me. There was a voice telling me, "Stop being afraid because I am here." I am thankful for this opportunity and want to glorify the Lord with my life."

On Wednesday, Pastor Rachel's morning message, "Save Me from Me", showed the young people that often, the greatest obstacle to transformation is themselves. That night, Pastor Rachel felt led to raise the faith in the

room. Eight individuals with leg injuries were called up on stage and she prayed for healing before getting the individuals to test their legs. It was such a joy to see young people laying hands and praying for each other for healing to take place. Praise and thank God, the eight individuals on stage were either completely healed or felt significantly less pain!

Pastor Rachel then called on those who desired to be used by God in a special way. As they surrendered themselves to the Lord, many young people were baptised in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. The session ended with the youth stretching out their hands in prayer for the youth leaders, and our Calvary Youth Pastor, Pastor Michael praying a declaration over Calvary Youth to spark a prayer revival.

Lew Yong Tong (one of the 8) testified:
"Honestly, me being at Youth Camp is itself a miracle – despite all the exam schedule, transport, and parental conflicts, God made a way! I wrote in my expectations: 'Use me in ways that I have never experienced before' and 'Heal my knee.' And God answered both. On the first night, God pushed me out of my comfort zone, and I prayed for my friends at the altar. And on the third night, Pastor Rachel called for healing, specifically on leg problems and I went. And my knee felt better right after!"

On the final day of camp, Pastor Rachel brought a wrap up message on hearing the voice of God and teaching the young people how to sustain personal revival. Hearing God's voice can only come about through intimacy with Him, setting appointments to intently read His Word, and spend time with Him through prayer.

It would not be a Youth Camp without games. The Games Team took over on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, fostering camaraderie and teamwork through a variety of station games. One of the standout station games called "Squid Game", involved playing captain ball with fresh squid instead of a ball. That is one game that will be etched in the memory of the campers for a long time.

Praise God! Eight young people accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, 25 rededicated their lives, over 30 were baptised in the Holy Spirit, and over 70 responded to wholeheartedly give their lives to Jesus for His purposes. As Pastor Michael kept reminding the youth, "The revival of a movement starts with the revival of a person." Revival is not just a moment, but an ongoing transformation as we behold God and live in intimacy with Him. May this generation be one of zeal and passion in knowing God and making Him known!

# 每个早晨神的怜悯都是新的

谢秉发牧师

每个早晨太阳升起时都是新的开始，是体验神无尽怜悯的新机会。耶利米哀歌3:22-24，先知耶利米宣称："耶和华的慈爱永不断绝，他的怜悯永不止息。每天早晨都是新的；你的信实多么广大！我心里说：'耶和华是我的业分，所以，我必仰望他。'" 这段经文写于悲痛和毁灭之中，道出了神永恒不变的属性，以及他随时准备更新和修复他和他子民的关系。

**神怜悯的源泉：他不变的属性**

耶利米哀叹耶路撒冷被摧毁，不只是因为城市消失，更因为民族背离神而造成的后果。即使在苦难中，他知道神的怜悯没有消失。人虽然堕落，但神的怜悯确保我们不会因过失或罪孽而被毁灭。他始终忍耐，怜悯所有转向他的人。我们必须记住，他怜悯不是因为我们理所应得，而是因为他是信实的。

**怜悯激发我们承担责任**

承担错误不只是出于谦卑，更是灵命成长。当意识到自己犯了错，承认并努力改正时，我们允许神的怜悯把我们塑造成他的样式。箴言28：13提醒我们："遮掩自己过犯的，必不亨通；承认并离弃过犯的，必蒙怜悯。" 真正的悔改不是躲在羞愧中，而是行走在神恩典的光中。

虽然承担不容易，但神的怜悯让我们满怀信心，因为我们知道，他的恩典支撑我们走过。

## 罪恶感会提醒我们曾经跌倒，而怜悯让我们重新站起来。

**怜悯抵消罪恶感和谴责**

信徒最大挣扎之一就是罪所带来的罪恶感和谴责。仇敌常常试图让我们陷入羞愧之中，悄声地说我们不配得到神的爱。这在羞耻感可以定义一个人的身份而不仅仅是他们的行为的文化中尤其普遍。

然而，罗马书 8：1宣称："所以现在，那些在耶稣基督里的人就不被定罪了。" 罪恶感会提醒我们曾经跌倒，而怜悯让我们重新站起来。约翰一书 1：9向我们保证，如果我们承认自己的罪，神会信实地赦免并洁净我们。怜悯不是继续犯罪的借口，而是敦促我们活在基督的自由和恩典中。

**延伸神的怜悯**

神的慈爱不局限于少数人，而是惠及所有寻求他的人。诗篇145：9说："耶和华善待万有，他的怜悯临到他一切所造的。" 因此，他的怜悯不只给我们，而是让我们延伸给他人。我们领受的怜悯必须延伸到我们的家庭、工作场所和社区。透过原谅他人、对人慈爱和维护正义，我们成为神恒久之爱的见证人。

## 任何事只要交到他的手中都不会失败。

**回应神的怜悯**

神的怜悯最终体现在耶稣基督身上。因为他的牺牲，我们得丰盛怜悯，罪被遮盖，关系获修复，心灵得更新。

我们知道每个早晨神的怜悯都是新的。我们应该如何回应呢？

- 寻求怜悯：每天来到神面前，悔改并领受他的更新。
- 展现怜悯：宽恕并对他人施慈爱，就像神对我们一样。

想象一下，每天清晨你都能确定神的怜悯已经在你的生命中，他的怜悯减轻你的重担，治愈你的创伤，重燃你的希望。任何事只要交到他的手中都不会失败。让我们今天就拥抱他的怜悯，在生活中体现出来，因为我们知道他始终是信实的。

他的信实极其广大！

# BELAS KASIHAN TUHAN BAHARU SETIAP PAGI

OLEH PENDITA DAVID SEAH

Setiap pagi, fajar yang menyingsing membawa bersamanya permulaan baharu – peluang baharu untuk mengalami rahmat Tuhan yang tidak terputus-putus. Dalam Ratapan 3:22-24, nabi Yeremia menyatakan, "Tak berkesudahan kasih setia Tuhan, tak habis-habisnya rahmat-Nya, selalu baru tiap pagi; besar kesetiaan-Mu! 'Tuhan adalah bagianku,' kata jiwaku, oleh sebab itu aku berharap kepada-Nya." Petikan ini, yang ditulis tatkala dibelenggu kepiluan dan kebinasaan, menyebut sifat Tuhan yang tidak berubah serta kesediaan-Nya untuk memperbaharui dan memulihkan umat-Nya.

**Punca Belas Kasihan Tuhan: Sifat-Nya yang Tidak Berubah**

Ratapan Yeremia atas kemusnahan Yerusalem bukan hanya kerana kehilangan sebuah kota; ianya kerana akibat yang melanda kaum yang berpaling daripada Tuhan. Namun, walaupun dalam penderitaan mereka, beliau sedar bahawa belas kasihan-Nya kekal ada. Walaupun manusia tergelincir, rahmat Tuhan memastikan bahawa kita tidak dimusnahkan oleh kesilapan atau dosa masing-masing. Dia tetap sabar, menghulurkan belas kasihan-Nya kepada semua yang menghadap-Nya. Kita harus ingat bahawa rahmat Tuhan dikurniakan bukan kerana kita layak menerimanya tetapi kerana Dia setia.

**Belas Kasihan Memacu Motivasi Kita untuk Bertanggungjawab**

Bertanggungjawab atas kesalahan masing-masing bukan sekadar tindakan merendahkan diri tetapi juga suatu langkah dalam perkembangan rohani. Apabila kita mengenali dan mengakui kegagalan kita, dan berusaha memperbaiki semula keadaan, kita membolehkan rahmat-Nya membentuk kita supaya mirip Dia. Amsal 28:13 memberi peringatan, "Siapa menyembunyikan pelanggarannya tidak akan beruntung, tetapi siapa mengakuinya dan meninggalkannya akan disayangi." Pertaubatan yang tulus bukanlah menyorok dalam aib tetapi berjalan dalam cahaya rahmat-Nya.

Walaupun bertanggungjawab bukan selalu mudah, rahmat Tuhan memperkuasai kita untuk berbuat demikian dengan yakin, kerana sedar bahawa kasih karunia-Nya yang menampung kita dalam proses tersebut.

**RASA BERSALAH MUNGKIN MENGINGATKAN KITA BAHAWA KITA JATUH TERGELINCIR TETAPI BELAS KASIHAN MENYAHUT KITA UNTUK BANGKIT SEMULA.**

**Belas Kasihan Mengatasi Rasa Bersalah dan Pengutukan**

Salah satu cabaran terbesar yang dihadapi penganut ialah menangani rasa bersalah dan pengutukan yang dirasai berikutan dosa. Musuh sering berusaha memerangkap kita dalam keaiban, membisik bahawa kita tidak layak menerima kasih Tuhan. Ini amat lazim terutamanya dalam budaya di mana keaiban boleh menentukan identiti seseorang dan bukan hanya tindakan mereka.

Namun, Roma 8:1 menyatakan, "Demikianlah sekarang tidak ada penghukuman bagi mereka yang ada di dalam Kristus Yesus." Rasa bersalah mungkin mengingatkan kita bahawa kita jatuh tergelincir tetapi belas kasihan menyahut kita untuk bangkit semula. 1 Yohanes 1:9 meyakinkan kita bahawa jika kita mengakui dosa kita, Dia setia mengampuni dan menyucikan kita. Belas kasihan bukanlah suatu alasan untuk terus berdosa tetapi seruan untuk hidup dalam kebebasan dan rahmat Kristus.

**Jangkauan Belas Kasihan Tuhan**

Rahmat Tuhan tidak terhad kepada segelintir orang yang terpilih – ia dihulurkan kepada semua yang mencari Dia. Mazmur 145:9 berkata, "Tuhan itu baik kepada semua orang, dan penuh rahmat terhadap segala yang dijadikan-Nya." Oleh itu, rahmat-Nya bukan sahaja untuk diterima kita malah juga untuk kita hulurkan. Di rumah, tempat kerja, dan masyarakat masing-masing, kita harus mencerminkan belas kasihan

yang kita terima. Dengan memaafkan orang lain, menunjukkan kebaikan dan mempertahankan keadilan, kita menjadi kesaksian hidup tentang kasih Tuhan yang tidak terputus-putus.

**Menyahut Rahmat Tuhan**

Penyataan utama belas kasihan Tuhan digenapi dalam Yesus Kristus. Melalui pengorbanan-Nya, kita diberikan akses kepada rahmat yang berkelimpahan yang melitupi dosa, memulihkan perhubungan, dan memperbaharui hati kita.

Mengetahui bahawa rahmat-Nya baharu setiap pagi, bagaimanakah harus kita menyahut?

- Carilah Rahmat: Datang menghadap Tuhan setiap hari, insaf dan terima pembaharuan-Nya.
- Tunjukkan Belas Kasihan: Hulurkan pengampunan dan kebaikan kepada orang lain sepertimana dilakukan Tuhan untuk kita.

## TIADA KEGAGALAN YANG MUKTAMAD TATKALA DILETAKKAN DALAM TANGAN-NYA.

Bayangkan memulakan setiap hari dengan kepastian bahawa rahmat Tuhan sudahpun bekerja dalam hidup anda – mengangkat beban, menyembuhkan luka, dan memulihkan harapan. Tiada kegagalan yang muktamad tatkala diletakkan dalam tangan-Nya. Hari ini, terimalah rahmat-Nya dan cerminkan juga dalam hidup anda, dengan mengetahui bahawa Dia setia pada setiap musim.

Agung Sungguh Kesetiaan-Nya!

# CONGRATULATIONS TO 12 CALVARITES WHO FOLLOWED CHRIST IN WATER BAPTISM!

**8 February 2025**

**Back Row (L-R)**
Cindy Tan Chen Nee, Bennett Subash Peter, Jordania Lily

**Front (L-R)**
Khoo Ler Jing Charis, Foo Yi Wen

**8 March 2025**

**Back Row (L-R)**
Sung Mei Lin, Thavanthran A/L Bakiah, Joel Tan Yong Shen

**Front (L-R)**
Winnie Chai Hsiao Wei, Yong Jiun Ting, Parwathy A/P Ramasamy, Celeste Eng Xik Yi

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.

# LIFE

## BRING LIFE TO DRY LANDS

BY CARMEN CHONG

Calvarites kicked off the first half of 2025 with a Missions Emphasis (ME) on 11 - 12 January. Dressed in vibrant ethnic attire, we were reminded that the gospel is for all people, across all generations, without discrimination.

The choir's worship echoed this heart cry: "Father, make me a river, come living water, flow through me." This resonated deeply with the ME theme—"Bring Life to Dry Lands" (Isaiah 43:19).

Ministry Pastor Steven Kum, our Missions Pastor, praised God for the fulfilment of 92% of 2024's faith pledges, a testament to His provision through faith promise partners. With this foundation, we are stepping forward in faith with a missions' budget increase of over 10% for 2025.

Guest speaker Dr. David Sumrall, Senior Pastor of Cathedral of Praise in Manila, challenged the church to embrace our calling—not just to grow but to plant churches. With a solemn tone, he warned against a trend where churches focus on assimilation rather than evangelism—growing by attracting believers from other

churches rather than reaching the lost. Instead, he exhorted us to embrace God's heart, which desires all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4).

Using the story of the Samaritan woman, Dr. Sumrall emphasised that Jesus saw beyond cultural divisions—He saw her spiritual need and the harvest ahead (John 4:35). In the same way, we must look at people with eyes of compassion.

As the gospel is an imperishable seed (1 Peter 1:23), Dr. Sumrall urged us to step out in faith, reminding us that transformation comes from the message, not the messenger.

Finally, he called on the new generation of Calvary Church to rise up, willing to lay aside career, success, and even family for the sake of God's mission. His parting words were both sobering and inspiring, "I can't promise you anything but a joyful life with a front-row seat to God's grace. Watching lives change is the greatest privilege He could ever give you. Don't turn away."

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THE MUSICAL

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SATURDAY 19 APRIL 2025 | 5PM
SUNDAY 20 APRIL 2025 | 5PM

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