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# Unity and Tolerance

Rev Dominic Yeo

From Jurong to Pasir Ris, Yishun to Telok Blangah, children start each school day with the National Pledge. With their right fists over their hearts, every child recites the National Pledge to inculcate a heart that looks beyond differences, so that our nation of Singapore can achieve happiness, prosperity, and progress.

It's easy to memorize and regurgitate the National Pledge—our children are evidence of this. Its main message: “Unity despite our differences.” While we don't have to battle with the racial riots of 1964 today, it's so easy to allow differences to divide people—to see the world as “us versus them”.

When it comes to ethnic and cultural differences, every person struggles with varying degrees of racist thoughts and prejudiced actions. In our world, where having a sense of entitlement is common, people feel that they have the right to say their piece and air their opinions. We often hear the phrase: “It is easier said than done.” And precisely because it is easier said, we can become careless with our words or say things in jest.

We need to understand that our spoken words have power. Words can be used to hurt or bless. As believers, when you speak, know that God will use your words to build, inspire and encourage.

Many times, we underestimate the impact of our words. Beyond just what we say, the words we punch out on the

keyboard and share on various social media platforms carry the same weight. A commitment to speak life is one of the greatest assets in building unity and tolerance.

## Why the need for Unity and Tolerance?

### The World is upon God's Heart

John 3:16 says, “*For God so loved the World that He gave His one and only son...*” God doesn't just love the Church. He loves the World. All of us are part of His creation. The Bible also tells us how grieved the heart of God would be should any of us perish. God loves everyone equally and Christ died for all. It is not an option for us to abandon what's upon the heart of God because of our personal entitlements or preferences.

### The Church is Christ's Ambassador

The church is called to the “ministry of reconciliation”. We are Christ's ambassadors. The way we live and talk should reflect Him. Jesus set an example for us in the way He represented the Father. He was always loving and gentle with His words. We need to partner with God and not be an opposing force that tears and destroys the One we represent. There is a well-known quote that says: “Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words.” Are we reflecting Christ accurately?

In our pursuit of holiness, it can be easy to fall into the trap of Christian elitism. Though we are called to hate the sin and love the sinner, our actions and words sometimes say otherwise. We refuse to make allowances for differing

opinions and lifestyles. We judge and openly criticize those who do not hold the same values as we do. In this way, our lack of compassion or empathy often comes off as hating the sin and the sinner.

We need to love people with God's heart and extend grace in exercising tolerance—to allow for differences in opinions, values, and lifestyles while remaining firm on our Christian convictions.

The World looks at the Church to see a representation of God. What will our Assemblies of God of Singapore churches look like among fellow Singaporeans? Will they see Christ? Will our Words, spoken or written, build life or destroy communities? Will we be an advocate for unity or will we allow the enemy to use us in defaming the image of God and His Church?

My prayer for us as the Assemblies of God Singapore is that we will be a church that showcases God's heart for the World. While we continue to be mindful of the various cultures that are present both in and outside the Church, let us remember Who we represent. May we be keenly aware of the power of words, understanding that there is great authority in our words as believers of Jesus Christ. Let our words speak life!



# 合一和包忍

从裕廊到巴西立，从义顺到直落布兰雅，莘莘学子每天上学都要宣读信约。每个孩子宣读信约时将右手握拳放在心口上。宣读信约是为了向他们灌输尊重差异的心，使新加坡能够迈向幸福、繁荣与进步。

背诵信约不难，孩子们就是最好的证明。信约的主要信息是“在异中合一”。我们不用面对1964年的种族暴乱，但是我们却容易掉以轻心，让人与人之间的差异分离我们，把这世界看作是“我们或是他们”。

谈到种族和文化的差异，每个人都有不同程度的种族主义思想和偏激的行为。在这个特权主意的文化中，人们觉得他们有权利发声，表示看法。我们常听到这句话：“说起来容易，做起来难。”正因为说起来容易，我们容易口不遮拦或口出戏言。

我们必须明白我们的语言是有能力的。语言能够带来祝福或伤害。身为信徒的你要知道，当你说话的时候，神使用你的话语建造、启发和鼓励人。

很多时候，我们低估了语言的冲击。除了口中所说的话，键盘上所打出来，分享在社交媒体上的文字也拥有同样的冲击力。承诺用善用话语是合一和包容的社会最大的资产。

## 为什么需要合一和包容？

整个世界都在神的心上。  
约翰福音3:16 “神爱世人，甚至将他的独生子赐给他们。”神不只是单单爱教会，祂爱的是整个世界。我们都是祂的创造。圣经告诉我们任何一个人的灭亡都叫神悲痛。神对每个人的爱都是一样的。耶稣为了每个人而死。我们不能因着个人的特权或喜好而抛弃神心头的爱。这并不是一个选项。

教会是基督的使者。  
教会被呼召做“与人和好的事工”。我们都是基督的使者。我们如何生活，如何说话都应该反映耶稣。耶稣如何代表天父，这为我们设立了榜样。祂的话语总是温和并且带着爱。我们需要与神同工，而不是成为反对的势力，摧毁和破坏我们所代表的上帝。亚西西的方济各有一句名言“随时传福音。如果需要，就使用话语。”我们是否准确地反映耶稣基督？

我们在追求成圣的过程中，容易掉入基督徒贵族主意的陷阱。虽然神要我们恨罪而爱罪人，我们的行为和话语有时却不是那样的。我们拒绝考虑不同的看法和生活方式。我们公开地论断和批评那些和我们的价值观不同的人。因此，这种恻隐之心或同理心的缺乏常成为恨罪也恨罪人的表现。

我们需要以基督的心爱人，并以包容之心恩待人，在坚定于基督教信念的同时，也包容不同的看法、价值观和生活方式。

世人看教会时，看到的是神的代表。新加坡人怎么看我们神召会教会？他们看到基督吗？我们语言和语文是建立生命还是摧毁社群？我们鼓吹合一还是允许仇敌使用我们诋毁神和祂的教会的形象？

我祷告我们新加坡神召会能成为向世界展示神的心跳的教会。但愿我们能时刻意识到语言的能力，明白身为信徒，我们的话语带着权柄。让我们的话语带来生命。让我们留意渗入教会的文化，并记住我们代表的是谁。



We are living in a time where the issues of our differences as people are being debated frequently. Our General Superintendent, Rev Dominic Yeo has exhorted us on the importance of adopting the posture of **‘Unity and Tolerance’** toward every people group—regardless of race, gender, demographic, socio-economic background, religious beliefs, or lifestyle choices.

How can we live out our values of meekness, grace, and peace when disagreements arise?

In this special feature on **‘Building Christian Character’**, our ministers will dive deep into the areas of, **‘Pride and Meekness’** (Rev Simon Ang, Pg 4), **‘Unforgiveness and Grace’** (Ps Bernadette Fan, Pg 5), and **‘Anger and Peace’** (Rev Dominic Tan, Pg 7).

# Pride and Meekness

*When the world shouts, “Our rights” and “Pride”, the Bible speaks the opposite.  
Rev Simon Ang expounds on this truth.*

Did you know that, “*Whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will find it,*” is a statement of Jesus that’s most-often found in the Bible? With Him repeating this one line with great frequency over the course of His ministry, it surely must be of significant importance in our lives. However, what does it really mean, and how should we adopt this attitude of living in our daily life?

Jesus is telling us that those who try to live for themselves only will end up losing the very life that they had tried to save for their own purposes. They will look back and realize that the years they had spent chasing the temporal trophies of this world were in fact pointless. In contrast, Jesus advises us to lose our lives for Him—to realize that it is more important to give than to receive—and promises that we will, in turn, discover a life that is eternal, and far more abundant.

The same principle is recapitulated in the third beatitude (Matthew 5:5), where Jesus declares: “*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*” Essentially, Jesus is saying that we have more to gain if we lose our self-assertiveness and self-seeking in life. This is a paradox and bold challenge to the self-sufficient zeitgeist of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Understandably, most of us are hesitant to answer the call to be meek. After all, we are naturally uncomfortable with associating ourselves with weakness in a world where dominance is desired and to be fought for. We may feel that if we were weak, we could be manipulated or exploited, and perhaps even trampled on by the more assertive ones in society. We may even question why God would want His people to live like “losers”.

To understand this rather absurd call of God, we have to first examine the Hebrew and Greek texts regarding meekness.

In Hebrew, the word “meek” is used to describe someone who loves and obeys God, and would trust Him regardless of the circumstances that they are going through. These meek people believe in the providence and sovereignty of God in their lives!

In the New Testament, the Greek word of “meek” has a variety of meanings and applications, one of which is used to describe a horse that humbly does its work for its master with strength and discipline.

From these two explanations, we can deduce that when God calls us to be meek, it is not a direction to be a mere pushover, but rather a prompting to surrender ourselves to His will, in full confidence of His majestic strength that

lies in us! Meekness describes great power under great control. Thus, instead of imposing our will, we exercise restraint, knowing that God is Lord over all.

Here are three guiding points to help you distinguish and choose the rewarding life of meekness described in the Bible. These points highlight the differences between the self-promoting spirit of our age, and the humility that God calls us to possess.

Firstly, **the worldly seek to assert their rights, while the meek focus on their duties and responsibilities.** The call to be meek runs counter-culture to our world, where people prefer to talk about demanding rights for themselves and their causes, and they start complaining if things do not work out the way they want them to. Sometimes, even if the situation is rosy, people can still find reasons to grumble—such as complaining in a covetous spirit. However, the meek trust God through good times and bad, as they are convinced of the great truth that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him. Hence, we need not anxiously advance our agenda, but can instead trust Him in all scenarios, pressing on dutifully with praise on our lips through thick and thin.

Secondly, **the worldly flexes and grandstands, but the meek exercise power with dignified humility.** Many people love attention, putting everything on show to garner the praise of fellow men. However, the meek remember that praise and reverence belongs to the Lord, and thus do not yearn for it. They know that their strength was entrusted to them to bring glory to God and His Kingdom. Avoid playing to please the crowd. Instead, demonstrate the essence of meekness—great power under control.

Thirdly, **the worldly take by force, but the meek trust God to provide.** In Psalm 37:11 (KJV), the psalmist David says: “*But the meek will inherit the earth...*” It is interesting that the word “inherit” is used. We cannot earn, work, or snatch inheritance by force! It is something that we receive as a gift. The meek understand that it is inefficacious to reach out and grab life and its rewards. Trusting God to provide is the wiser option. This is not an excuse to neglect setting goals and working hard, we just have to remember to pursue those goals with a faith in God’s plans. This is so that “*He may lift you up in due time.*” (1 Peter 5:6)

Therefore, I urge you to seek a meek life in Christ, remembering His sovereignty in all parts of your life. We need not be anxious for our futures. We also do not need to flail in the pressures of being independent and strong in our society. Know that His strength already lies in you, and that as you decrease, He increases (John 3:30). And nothing can overcome our great God!



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# Unforgiveness and Grace

*We often carry unforgiveness in us toward someone who has done wrong to us. The way to forgive is through the grace of God. Ps Bernadette Fan teaches us from the examples of Jesus and God Himself.*

*"I feel angry every time I think of them and the trouble they've caused me."*

*"No matter what you say or do, it won't change anything."*

*"I wasn't the one who started it so why is she making me the problem?"*

*"It's never going to work, because he won't change his ways. So, what's the point of forgiving?"*

Although the virtue of forgiveness lies at the core of our Christian identity, interpersonal unforgiveness is a big hurdle that many of us struggle to overcome. The question, *"Why should I forgive?"* remains to generate tension between the heart and mind. It exposes the conflict between emotions emanating from the relational transgression and the demands of objective reasoning.

In spite of what we know, we often find it hard to forgive people who have wronged or mistreated us—due to the pain and resentment, as well as our desire to see justice done. Punishment might seem a worthier alternative to put an end to the offense. It is, after all, only fair by any reasonable measure that justice is meted out to a wrongdoer—be it the trouble-making colleague at work or the recalcitrant family member who seems to give the family no rest from pain.

Perhaps a simple explanation to this conflict lies in the fact that with forgiveness, one relinquishes the personal right to bear a grudge, keep a blame account or get even. So how can we free ourselves of an unforgiving spirit and live out the true Christian identity?

## God and Forgiveness

When we consider God's forgiveness toward us, we first recognize that it is a gift that expresses that *"God so loved"*. It is given even as we do nothing to qualify for or earn it. In other words, no requirements or conditions precede God's forgiveness, apart from His love.

Secondly, God initiates forgiveness. God makes the first move to bring His redemptive grace, not counting our trespasses. He makes this act of grace possible, through Christ on the cross.

Thirdly, God's forgiveness paves for us a new way of life. Forgiveness releases us into the freedom of restoration, wiping the slate clean to rid the trail of past failures. Forgiveness does the ultimate work of mending the broken relationship between God and us. Forgiveness makes reconciliation possible.

Forgiveness reflects God's character to love; it opens up for us the opportunity to experience love-transformed lives and relationships. The power and influence of forgiveness expresses God's grace through Jesus Christ. As His Spirit takes up residence in us, what Christ does for us through forgiveness enables us to do the same for others.

## FINDING A WAY TO FORGIVE

Romans 5:8 (ESV) prompts us: *"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."* Just as our Father lovingly made His first move to extend His grace to us *"while we were still sinners"*, we too can take steps to forgive those who show no remorse for their wrongs done against us.

### Choose to Forgive

The capacity to love and forgive flows from God's grace. Forgiveness is an act of will, not emotion. Therefore, we can initiate forgiveness by turning ourselves over toward and accepting God's grace. The writer of Hebrews said in Hebrews 12:15, *"See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many."* Pray to accept the grace of God that eases and opens the pathway of release.

### Choose Not to Retaliate

In dealing with our hurt, Christ presents to us the cross as a place of exchange. The cross of Jesus is where we can turn toward to release our pain and hurt, and in return, receive peace, healing and comfort. As we know, we cannot do it in our own strength. We are limited by our memories, heartaches and relentless reminders all around us. Christ invites us to turn to Him as our source, by showing His own perfect example for forgiveness when He hung on the cross. 1 Peter 2:23 reveals to us that *"when they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly."* Pray to obtain the strength of Christ to release every desire to get even—at the cross.

### Choose to Restore

God made the pathway of restoration and reconciliation possible for us through forgiveness. By the same token, our interpersonal relationships have every potential to be restored and transformed through the grace of God. When Apostle Paul sent the slave Onesimus back to his owner, he wrote a letter to Philemon urging him to forgive whatever wrong he had done. But he also asked Philemon to receive him back *"no longer as a slave but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord"* (Philemon 15-16). This kind of forgiveness Paul sought from Philemon was more than "wiping the slate clean". In Paul's perspective, he presented forgiveness as a possibility of transforming the former relationship to a new one based on restoration and reconciliation. Pray to submit each relationship to the transforming power of God's grace.

Let us, as we ourselves are forgiven, choose to forgive others too. May the grace of God and the confidence of Christ in our hearts guide us into the freedom and power of forgiveness.



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# Anger and Peace

*The greatest way for us to learn how to handle anger with peace is from the example of Jesus Himself.  
Rev Dominic Tan draws lessons from the life of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.*

Anger is normally considered a negative emotion. If one allows it to simmer within oneself for an indefinite period of time, at best, it will drain up one's energy; at worst, it can lead one to do terrible things like harm others or even murder.

However, it is written that Jesus was angry before (Matthew 21:12-13). It is okay to get angry, but what's important is how we react to that anger. It says in Ephesians 4:26, *"In your anger do not sin" Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry."*

To most people, anger is a difficult emotion to control. How then can a Christian maintain a posture that is appropriate—not hurting God, not hurting oneself and not hurting others? I find that peace is the best way to regulate our anger and not end up sinning with it. And the perfect person to learn how to do this from is Jesus Himself.

## Peace comes from our communion with God

Peace is the antibody to anger. This peace comes from deep within a person. It is different from the peace that the world can give (John 14:27). It is a peace that is developed from a deep relationship with God. Jesus had the peace with God as well as the peace of God. The peace *with* God in a Christian comes about from the redemptive work of Christ—the fact that we are reconciled with our Maker. The peace *of* God comes from our continual relationship with God. Many times the Gospels show the communion Jesus had with the Father. In Mark 1:35, it is written: *"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed."*

Again, in Mark 6:46, it is recorded that Jesus, after performing the miracle of feeding the five thousand with five loaves and two fish, *"went up on a mountainside to pray."* It is this type of close relationship with God that gives one the assurance and peace of one's identity while he or she is here on earth. The hard situations and circumstances one goes through, or the difficult people one meets become insignificant. There is then no cause to be angry.

## Peace comes from obeying God's will for your life

Sometimes, anger, or a lack of peace, can come about because of one's unresolved turmoil within. This is not about the pressure or failings in life. It is about knowing the will of God and not doing it. It produces an anger with one's self. At worst, it can be expressed overtly to the detriment of others.

In Luke 22:42, Jesus, despite knowing the struggles and sufferings that He has yet to go through, said, *"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."* What Jesus showed of Himself was a character of courage, fortitude and love—courage to go through the hardship and love that He had for His Father. Jesus had peace with Himself by doing so.

In John 5:16-19, instead of getting angry and potentially arguing with the Jewish leaders, who persecuted Him for working on the Sabbath and calling God His Father, Jesus responded, *"Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by Himself; He can do only what He sees His Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does."* In this verse, Jesus showed a total dependency as well as His complete obedience to do what He sees His Father doing. Jesus, the Word Himself, obeyed the Father's will totally, and again, had peace in doing so.

## Peace comes from doing the right thing, not the popular thing

Generally, a person's beliefs and thinking is shaped by the community or society in which he or she lives in. Every community has its own ideology, ethicality, justice, and even biases. The closer knit the community is, the stronger the influence it has on its people. Unfortunately, if that influence is negative, it can lead to animosity and violence toward others.

Jesus was born into a Jewish family. In His time, many Jewish people did not look kindly to other races. Jesus, however, was different. He believed in doing what was right in God's eyes. And treated all people, regardless of backgrounds, with kindness and love.

In John 4:7-9, Jesus asked a Samaritan woman for a drink of water from the well. She replied, *"You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)* Jesus was not concerned and continued to speak with her despite going against cultural norms. This later resulted in many Samaritans becoming saved after listening to her testimony on this encounter with the Messiah.

Furthermore, in Matthew 15:21-28, Jesus healed a Canaanite woman's daughter from demon-possession despite the displeasure from His disciples. In both cases, Jesus was above racial discrimination, gender discrimination as well as cultural biases. He did not care if He was in line with what everyone was doing, or being popular. He was only concerned with doing the right thing. He loved His creation and was at peace with healing and helping all who sought after Him.

## Jesus is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)

As much as it's true that Jesus can grant a Christian peace within, a Christian is also called to progressively grow into the likeness and image of Christ. Jesus had shown the examples in His life of achieving the peace of God, the peace with Himself, and the peace with others.

Just as apostle Paul followed the example of Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1), may we also follow Jesus' example in the Bible and develop the peace within that will nullify the antigen of anger.



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# Leading the Little Ones

*Over 50 leaders joined a ministry equipping camp to better lead 5- to 7-year-olds in their respective churches.*

*By Royal Rangers Singapore*



The youngest age group in Royal Rangers (RR) is the Ranger Kids (ages 5 to 7). Anyone with a child in this age range knows and understands the high energy and fun-filled activities needed to engage them. It is also a critical age for establishing godly values in them. Hence, the Ranger Kids Training Conference (RKTC) is a specialized training camp by RR Singapore that equips dedicated leaders with the right skills and perspectives to engage the little ones during their weekly meetings in their respective churches.

Over 50 leaders, including five from the Philippines, attended a ministry equipping camp on November 29 to December 1, 2018. The attendees bonded over their shared calling for the ministry in a camp setting. They learned various skills and crafts like puppetry, program planning, unique crafts as well as spiritual truths through devotions. As the skills were taught, many of the trainers shared from their personal experience, creativity and passion. The attendees also took the training time as a time of refreshing, being spiritually challenged in their service to God and drawing fresh outpouring of the spirit for the next lap of their ministry.



I thank God for RKTC because He refreshed me in tremendous ways. The devotions deepened my resolve to honor God with my life in service. The opportunity to laugh, learn and labor with others who share a similar God-given passion was priceless!

**Ps Bernadette Fan**  
Senior Pastor  
The Harvest Force (Outpost #23)

I have been waiting to attend RKTC since 2001 and when I finally attended in 2018, it was special because I attended it together with the first Ranger Kids batch that I took care of. While praying during one of the campfire services, I could smell the aroma of burning sandalwood. God impressed upon me that our sacrifice of time to serve God was pleasing to Him.

**Cmdr Aileen Goh**  
Faith Community Baptist Church (Outpost #19)

Since the start of RR Philippines, we've been blessed by the trainings, guidance and opportunities given to us from RR Singapore. This RKTC was a real challenge to attend and God really provided for our team to join in. Some of our leaders come from churches that has just started RR a few months ago. Just seeing their desire to be better equipped to minister to the children is very encouraging!

**Ps Emerose Nemenzo**  
National Commander  
Royal Rangers Philippines





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Every week, godly men and women spend time with children and youths (ages 5-18) at Royal Rangers programs held across various churches. Visit [www.royalrangers.org.sg](http://www.royalrangers.org.sg) or email [info@royalrangers.org.sg](mailto:info@royalrangers.org.sg) to find a church for your children to join in the weekly meetings and activities filled with learning, adventure and friendship.

- 1 Our leaders coming together in this training camp
- 2 Learning to create interesting craft and musical instruments out of everyday items and recyclable materials
- 3-4 Trainees created their own puppets and props for their own puppet show with a story, script, and songs

- 5-6 Trainees experiencing nature through outdoor activities and games first-hand in order to conduct future outings with their own outposts
- 7-8 The night services were filled with pageantry, themed skits, songs and spiritual devotions conducted by camp staff



# ONE Conference— For God and Our Generation

*ONE Conference, held from December 11 to 13, 2018, saw youths from 13 churches gather, learn God's Word and worship together as one.*

*By Yvette Lye, Trinity Christian Centre*

*"When the day of Pentecost came, they were altogether in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting." (Acts 2:1-2)*

A desire to see Acts 2:1-2 come to life before them was the reason why 575 youths from 13 churches gathered in one place to seek God together. The vision of seeing youths come together, from varying churches and different walks of life, encountering God together as ONE was the sole purpose of why ONE Conference was birthed forth. It was to truly inspire and birth that ONE desire and devotion to pursue God, whilst simultaneously believing and acting upon the power of the unity spoken of in Acts 2:1-2.

In the short span of three days, five speakers delivered God's Word powerfully through day sessions and night rallies, impacting and transforming lives. What is most important was that God's glory manifested itself in numerous ways and was brought to light by

an army of testimonies, testifying of His love and power.

Though the youths were all from different churches, it took them less than a day to warm up to one another. Day One's games created the space for the youths to break the ice within their groups. In order to complete the tasks given to them, they had to get to know each other, gradually rely upon one another and eventually trust each other with their "lives" in the games. Soon, awkwardness was overcome with bouts of laughter and heaps of fun. Day One's Morning Session also saw Ps Isaiah Fadzlin exhorting the youths to worship God with their entire being—to give God their best, and not their rest.

The youths were then further encouraged by Ps Gary Chia in the afternoon session, who spurred them on to look beyond their age limits and to allow God to use them powerfully. The first day was eventually concluded with Rev Ong Sek Leang's sermon on identifying glass ceilings, taking them seriously, and breaking







through them so that God can continue to develop them to their full potential.

After an impactful first day, the second day was greeted with many excited faces, hungry for more of God. Day Two began with Ps Mavis Wong inspiring the youths to live for the ONE, and not just for their likes. For many youths who shared after, it was a wake-up call for them to identify and surrender areas in their lives that were not fully lived out for Christ. This session was then followed by an enriching discussion where the pastors shared their thoughts on topics such as peer pressure, clubbing and drinking, those of which were commonly faced by youths. The discussion, though frank, were heartfelt messages that the youths needed to hear and be encouraged by.

The day of events then unfolded into a time of fun at Saint Andrew's Junior College's compound, where groups worked hard as squads to win games and earn points so that they could obtain the sweet reward of dunking their pastors. Though it rained, the high spirits were surely not dampened. Squads went around, spurred on and motivated by their goal in mind. Day Two was then brought to a close with Rev Ong's sermon on building altars, and not erecting pillars. He preached passionately that building an altar goes beyond erecting a pillar. It is not just about worshipping God, sacrificing or submitting to Him at any time, it is worshipping God, sacrificing and submitting to Him at a specific time.

Before we knew it, it was Day Three, the last day of the conference. The sense of



excitement only increased as the youths anticipated for God to move more amazingly than He did in the past two days. Rev Dominic Yeo emboldened the youths with a simple yet powerful word in the morning session, to 'Say Yes to God'. He encouraged them by sharing that the "saying yes to God" will translate into saying yes to transformations, miracles as well as greater things of His Kingdom.

Thereafter, the day's intensity was set into full swing with a treasure hunt at East Coast Park. The youths were brought to the park to complete games that would give them clues to find the "treasure". After an exhilarating afternoon, it was time for the last sermon to be delivered by Rev Ong. 'Jesus Can Set You Free' was Rev Ong's key message as he spent the night preaching about the six signs of a spiritual attack. It was a powerful time of ministry as Rev Ong called for the breaking of addictions amongst the youths. God's power manifested itself and youths were set free, released from the strongholds of their past. Many went home from the conference, transformed, rejuvenated in their spirit and hungry, for more—more of God's power, greatness and presence in their lives, with ONE desire and ONE devotion, for God and our generation.



- 1 Coming together in worship
- 2 Coming together for a group picture
- 3 We are blessed as we served together
- 4 Bonding through games
- 5-9 Our Conference speakers –  
Rev Dominic Yeo, Rev Ong Sek Leang,  
Ps Isaiah Fadzlin, Ps Gary Chia and  
Ps Mavis Wong





# AG Training and Togetherness in Prayer

*“Speak, that they may hear” is a timely reminder for us as we step into the New Year.*

*By Tiffany Tay, Grace Assembly of God*



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During our first 2TiP of the New Year, many across the different Assemblies of God (AG) churches in Singapore were gathered at Trinity Christian Centre for our General Superintendent, Rev Dominic Yeo, to challenge the credentialed ministers with the Word for 2019. It was also a time to pray and seek the Lord together.

Ps Bee Ngor led the people to pray for ourselves, for the churches in Singapore and also for our nation—that more will come to know Him in 2019. What struck me the most was the quote by Richard J Foster that Ps Bee Ngor shared, “Today the heart of God is an open wound of love. He aches over our distance and preoccupation. He mourns that we do not draw near to Him. He grieves that we have forgotten Him. He weeps over our obsession with muchness and manyness. He longs for our presence.” It was a timely reminder for us to guard our relationship with God in the midst of all the work that we will be getting ourselves into as the year begins. I was also reminded that nothing matters more than the relationship that we have with God, and the things that we do are a response of worship unto the God that we serve.

After the time of prayer, Rev Dominic shared a word on ‘The Power of the Declared Word’ through Matthew 8:5-10. By the declaration of the words of Jesus, healing came upon the centurion’s servant. The declared words of Jesus created life in the servant,

transformed the situation, and broke the servant’s sickness. The declared word has the power to create something from nothing, to transform anything into something, and to evict and break every sickness and demonic stronghold.

Rev Dominic also shared that every declared word has to go hand in hand with authority. “No one will pay attention if there is a declared word without authority,” he said. The authority we have comes from being sons and daughters of the Most High God. Sons and daughters have the right to claim inheritance, in this case, to claim the supernatural power of God. Sons and daughters have the right of representation, and in this case, the representation of God. 2 Corinthians 5:20 (NLT) says, “So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, ‘Come back to God!’”. And because we have this authority that God has given us as His children, we can speak words that give life and bring about growth in the faith of others.

The declared word is critical in building faith because “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17, ESV). So let’s believe that God has given us authority as His sons and daughters, and go forth in this authority to build faith in the lives of those around us by speaking into them.



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- 1 Entering into the presence of God
- 2 Praying and encouraging one another
- 3 Our ministers coming together to pray and hear the Word
- 4 Our General Superintendent addressing our ministers at the first 2TiP of 2019



OUR  
LANGUAGE  
MINISTRIES  
—Part 3

*We continue to explore the ministries in our Assemblies of God churches that are reaching out to the various people groups among us.*

# Ministering to the Nations Here on Our Shores

## Grace Assembly of God's Cantonese Ministry

Grace Assembly of God's Cantonese Ministry has a congregation size of about 300. We reach out to the population who understands Cantonese, especially the Cantonese-speaking group in Singapore.

According to the 2010 Census in Singapore, slightly more than 120,000 residents spoke Cantonese at home.

The beginning of our ministry can be traced back to the early 1950s. Back then, missionaries Valence and Lula Baird started 'A Story Hour' in Cantonese and in less than a year, it grew into an established Cantonese church service. Ever since then, the Cantonese Ministry has become an important ministry in the history of Grace Assembly.

Here are some of our outreach programs:

### Gospel Worship Service

We invite different guest speakers to share the gospel message at our worship services. Through the years, many were saved through the message of Christ.

### Festival Meals

Our festival meals include our Lunar New Year "Lao Yu Sheng", Parents' Day, Mid-Autumn celebrations and many more. We would often invite various celebrities to share their life testimonies. Through these testimonies, many lives were touched and many people gave their hearts to Jesus.

### Half-day Local Tours

We often organize half-day tours to different places in Singapore. Lunch will usually be served and a sharing of the gospel often follows. Our recent tours to halfway houses like Breakthrough Missions were well-received by our congregation members and their pre-believing loved ones.



### Testimony by Tan Lun Yin (陈銓英)

In the year 2017, I met Jesus in my dream. Though it was only a dream, the feeling was so real within me. As I had wanted to clear the doubts in my heart, I followed my daughter to the Cantonese Service of Grace I. Through the preaching of the church pastors, I came to know and accepted Jesus

as my personal Lord and Savior. Since becoming a Christian, I have become an optimistic person. I have learned to release my burdens to Jesus by believing wholeheartedly in this true and living God. Every single day of my life is filled with joy!



*Our congregation coming together to worship God in our services*



*Lunar New Year "Lao Yu Sheng" event*



*Having fun on our half-day local tours at Chinatown Heritage Centre and Breakthrough Missions*

### Visit Grace Assembly of God's Cantonese Service

**Address:** Grace I  
355 Tanglin Road  
Singapore 247960  
Level 1 Galilee Hall

**Worship Services:** Sat, 5pm

**Contact:** Ps Siew at 96502181 or  
email to woh.kit@graceaog.org



# Trinity's Christmas 2018— Preparing Hearts for the King

In December, Trinitarians took up the Christmas challenge to be a blessing to their family and friends, preparing hearts for the arrival of the King.

By Alivia Kan, Trinity Christian Centre

## The 20-Day Christmas Challenge

Many took up the 20-Day Christmas Challenge by praying for open hearts and open heavens, blessing their family and friends with Care Acts, and inviting people to our Christmas events.

## Island-Wide Christmas Party

In acts of *incredible unity* (part of Trinity's vision), Trinitarians came together as carecells and ministries to host 209 Christmas parties throughout the island. Together, we had the opportunity to lead 171 people to make decisions for Christ.

Our fellow carecell member showed so much unity and enthusiasm to host the party. Our invited guests enjoyed the games and the fellowship. Though some were shy to make decisions for Christ that night, I could sense that they were touched by the testimonies and Gospel message.

- Mary Chua, North District



Having fun at one of our island-wide Christmas parties



The dancers giving their best in *The Arrival* performance

## The Arrival

With more than 485 hours of preparation over six months, 300 cast and crew members presented a spectacular Christmas Cantata and drama, *'The Arrival'*, from December 21 to 24. 10,543 people were given the opportunity to experience Christmas as a celebration of God's Word becoming flesh. We are grateful for the opportunity to lead 169 people to make decisions for Christ.

Being part of the orchestra was such a humbling and inspiring experience. Witnessing people coming to the altars to receive Christ was unforgettable and uplifting. Truly, all of our efforts were worth it because we were doing it for God's Kingdom!

- Shawn Koh, Clarinetist

I thank the Lord for answering my prayers. My entire family of 10 attended the Christmas Cantata. My parents and nephew received salvation this Christmas. Praise the Lord!

- Helena Oh, East District



The people responding to the altar during *The Arrival*



Our Lead Pastor preaching to the congregation during the Family Christmas service

## Family Christmas

"Emmanuel...God with us" - Matthew 1:23

It was a glorious Christmas morning as Trinitarians young and old filled the Sanctuary for Family Christmas. Lead Pastor, Rev Dominic Yeo shared a powerful word on the need to realign our posture and response to God by embracing His affirmation, surrendering in worship, and allowing Him to guide us toward our destiny.

After all these years of praying for my husband and inviting him to carecell events, God spoke to him through Rev Dominic's message. That day, he responded to the altar call and rededicated his life to Jesus.

- Wong Yan Zhen, Analyst



All coming together to celebrate at Family Christmas



# Home for Christmas

The meaning of Christmas brought to the community through games and a message of love.

By Amanda Seah, Calvary Assembly of God

The story of Christmas is the ultimate story of love. It tells of the manifestation of an indescribably beautiful and unfathomable Love. Love that came down to breathe life and bring hope into a dying and broken world. Such was the redemptive plan of a holy, perfect and eternal God that *“the Word became flesh and dwelt among us”* (John 1:14, ESV) to save us who were sinners and reconcile us with Him. We are thus restored to righteousness as God’s ambassadors—ambassadors with the commission of knowing His love and making His love known. And what better way to be an ambassador of God’s love than to share the love of Christmas with the community?

With that purpose in mind, Calvary Assembly kick-started the festive celebrations with a Christmas carnival for the Bedok South community on December 1, 2018. We were blessed with a continued partnership with the Siglap East Residents’ Committee (RC), through which we managed to secure the same venue for the Christmas carnival as we had done the year before—an amphitheater beside Blk 165 Bedok South Road.

Preparations for the event went under way, and even at the initial planning stages, we saw different ones rising up to pitch in and serve in whatever way they could. It was heartening to experience how God moved and united the hearts of the Calvarites, which saw an unprecedented number of volunteers contributing to the event, helping with things such as game design, gift wrapping and manning the carnival booths. This gave people from different ministries and generations the chance to unite over the responsibilities they had been assigned to. Throughout the event, we continued to cover everything in prayer and committed all we were doing to the Lord.

The day of the carnival finally arrived and our church members congregated at the amphitheater to ensure that everything was ready. Residents started strolling in as the *Home for Christmas* carnival commenced. Right at that moment, the weather took a turn for the worse, and a downpour descended upon the Bedok South vicinity. Nevertheless, God was in control, and



*Serving together as one big family*



*Setting up the different stations*

miraculously, the rain did not deter the crowd. Instead, people continued to stream in despite the poor weather. Together with the Siglap East RC members, our event befrienders took the initiative and got umbrellas to shelter the carnival participants to and fro between booths.

After some time of fun, food and games, the crowds were directed to the stands and were treated to an enthralling program lineup, which included a bubble show, a Christmas medley performance and a line dance. The crowd in the stands enthusiastically clapped along during the Christmas medley and line dance. The children in the audience were especially fascinated by the bubble show, and ran out of the stands to try and pop as many bubbles as they could!

This was followed by a short sharing from our Senior Pastor, Ps Timothy Eu, about the meaning of Christmas at the end of the last performance item. The event culminated in a blessings draw, and as the winning ticket numbers were announced,



*Target practice in session*

the joy on the winners’ faces only added to the cheer that permeated the atmosphere.

All glory be to God for opening this door for Calvary Assembly to reach out and share the love of Christmas with the Bedok South community. Truly, this is what *Home for Christmas* is about—a heart to love and a heart to serve.



*Captivated by bubbles*



# Christmas Under the Stars

Bringing the meaning of Christmas to our community beyond the doors of the church.

By Joey Lim, Centre of New Life

As Christmas was approaching, streets and buildings were beginning to light up. This was the 10<sup>th</sup> year our church was celebrating Christmas in the Jurong West area.

We were glad to have Dr Amy Khor, Senior Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, and Member of Parliament of Hong Kah North constituency, as our Guest-of-Honor.

The celebration was named '*Christmas Under the Stars*', and all were welcome to join us at the carnival. We thank God for the many new faces that came to celebrate Christmas with us.

At Centre of New Life, our church's vision is in alignment with the Apostle Paul's vision of the church as a temple of



*A group picture to conclude the wonderful evening*

the Spirit in our vicinity. It is a physical representation of the Spirit, filled with communities of people who are united not just by our ministries, hobbies or social cliques, but also by our status as God's beloved and our love for one another. This vision is powered by individuals, who are devoted to making Jesus, our Centre of New Life.

Following this Christmas Carnival, we hope not just to meet our neighbors once a year to celebrate Christmas. As such, we are leading collaborated interest groups such as morning

exercises, K-pop dance sessions, small tuition groups and many more.

We believe our God's love is greater, deeper and wider (Ephesians 3:18) than the four walls of our church building. Just as our Father sent His love through His Son Jesus, Jesus sent us to do the same (John 20:21). We believe that our vision will come to pass in this land that God has placed us as we continue to be messengers of God's love to our neighbors. Praise be to God!



*The Diabolo and K-pop interest groups*



*Our Guest-of-Honor, Dr Amy Khor with our pastors and members of Centre of New Life*



# Flourish—NDFI 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary and SP Installation

Our 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary was filled with much joy as we celebrated over two decades of God's goodness and witnessed the installation of our new Senior Pastor, Ps Jireh.

By Sayori Bose, New Destiny Fellowship International

October 27, 2018 was a momentous day for New Destiny Fellowship International (NDFI). We celebrated not only 21 years of God's goodness upon us, but also witnessed the installation of Ps Jireh Chee as our new Senior Pastor. This much awaited service brought together leaders from Christian International Global Network (CIGN), Ministers Fellowship International (MFI), Assemblies of God (AG) Executive Committee, as well as senior pastors, ministry partners, friends and members of NDFI. A photowall was also created for members and guests to take photographs for remembrance.

The celebrations began with exuberant worship led by Bro Benjamin and the combined congregations worship team. Our guest speaker, Rev Alvin Ngo, shared from Psalms 92:12-15 on the theme 'Flourish'. He challenged us to recognize that our Lord keeps His promises. Jesus will also never forsake those who put their trust in Him even in adverse seasons as they are "planted" in the House of the Lord.

Here are more highlights of the occasion:

- A special song entitled 'In Your Presence' was presented by Bro David Chng from our youth ministry together with the worship team.
- A video clip showing greetings from our ministries, well-wishes from our church-plants NDFI-Kuwait and NDFI-Sinipay, as well as Apostle Naomi Dowdy and several senior pastors. There was also a prophetic declaration among the greetings: "A new season has dawned upon you (Isaiah 43:18-19). Look forward and begin to

speak with excitement regarding the new things you are believing God for. Expect the unexpected from the Lord!"

- Rev David Chee, our Founder and Teaching Pastor, presented the AW Tozer Bible to Ps Jireh, exhorting Ps Jireh's ministry to be anchored on God's Word while still being relevant to the times.
- Ps Gloria presented a Tallit (Prayer Shawl) to Ps Jireh as a symbolic reminder of growing in intimacy (Psalm 61:4), and ministering out of his identity in Christ Jesus (Mark 1:11).
- After Rev Alvin gave the charge to both Ps Jireh and the congregation, Rev Dr Ruth Leung (CIGN) and Rev Simon Ang (AG) prayed for Ps Jireh. This was followed by Ps Jireh's presentation of a gift of appreciation to Rev David.

The celebration ended on a high note as we gathered for a group photo to capture the occasion. We then proceeded to enjoy food and fellowship with one another.

As we left, we were captured by the passionate reminder from Ps Jireh's exhortation: *How is my relationship with the Lord?*

Will you join me to respond to Jesus with the lyrics of the song we sang at the anniversary?

Lord, I give You my heart  
I give You my soul  
I live for You alone  
And every breath that I take  
Every moment I'm awake  
Lord, have Your way in me

A video of the occasion can be viewed at:  
[https://youtu.be/eNuDEB\\_Ybsg](https://youtu.be/eNuDEB_Ybsg)



Bro David Chng and the worship team singing 'In Your Presence'



Presentation of the Tallit



Praying for our new Senior Pastor



Appreciating our Founder, Rev David Chee



GREATER things have yet to come



# God is our Help in Times of Difficulty

God walked through with us in our good and tough times.

By Zhilong and Elaine Heng, Bethel Assembly of God

This is a long overdue testimony of God's grace, provision and healing. Zhilong and I want to give all the praise and thanks to God for the great things He has done and is still doing in our family.

On February 14, 2012 when we first received the awesome news that I would be having twins, our hearts leaped with joy and thankfulness. Due to my period's irregularity, we were most awed by God's grace, mercy and kindness toward us as we would be having our second and third child.

Not long after, we were informed by the doctor that my twins had a high possibility of being Mongol twins. This is a term for children with Down Syndrome. We were taken aback when it was surfaced to us. We prayed and committed the boys to God and both of us knew that regardless of the condition, they are precious and God's gifts to us. Nonetheless, the news had weighed us down. We kept on praying.

During one of our routine checks with the doctors at the hospital, my aunt, Jeaneatte Lim, accompanied us there. God works mysteriously and beautifully. That day, the doctor told us that Eliezer was not growing as desired and by natural selection, he may not make it. It was devastating when we first received the news! God lovingly placed my aunt there to comfort and remind me to continue to trust in Him, and that all will be well. This really touched and strengthened our hearts. From then on till the delivery, God's hands were upon the twins and protected them throughout.

August 14, 2012—Praise God! The birth of Eliezer and Elias. Eliezer and Elias were premature babies. This was very common for twins. Eliezer and Elias were kept under observation in ICU and we discovered that Eliezer's left eye was closed most of the time. This kept us very worried.

We came to know that Eliezer had a condition called "Congenital Ptosis". It's a result of improper development of the levator muscle which lifts the upper eyelid, thus explaining the left

eye being closed most of the time. Eliezer needed to patch his right eye and with the aid of tape to lift up his weak left eyelid. Both Eliezer and Elias also had regular checks for their hearts as they were not fully developed yet due to their prematurity. Praise God that their hearts are developing well now!

God truly has it all planned out! He has made everything beautiful in its time. Eliezer could have gotten his oculoplastic surgery at three years old. However, due to him not being of optimal health, the surgery was postponed to God's perfect timing on June 7, 2018 last year. His perfect timing indeed. The surgery was a success!

At six years old, Eliezer was able to understand the whole process and did not kick up a fuss when we administered the post-operation medicine, cleansing and ointment. It was a tedious application, but he went through it without complaints. Eliezer was even able to instruct us on the sequence of the administration for the ointment and cleansing. We cannot imagine if he had the surgery at three! It would have been a very different experience. God has granted us favor with the nurses, the doctors, the professors and even the counter staff throughout the whole journey. God is wonderful!

The Hebrew meaning of Eliezer is "God is Help". Job 2:10 says, "Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" And Psalm 46:1 says, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Both verses reminded us that God was with us, even in the midst of difficulties.



Eliezer before eye surgery



Eliezer after eye surgery

We want to give all praise and glory for all that He has done! We give thanks to God on how He brought many people alongside us—to encourage and pray with us—family, loved ones, pastors, as well as my Royal Rangers family, Bethel family, and friends. His Word constantly lifted us up and strengthened our souls. He has graciously, lovingly and divinely healed Eliezer and Elias of their conditions.

Two verses encouraged our hearts throughout this entire journey: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) and "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever." (Psalm 136:1).

To our Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Great I Am, we give all thanks, praise and glory to You!



**'Blessed'** is an album that reflects the faithfulness, love and trustworthiness of God through life's journey. Many of these songs like 'Love Now' and 'You Can Be Free' have been inspired by real life experiences and stories. 'Say a Little Prayer,' is a reminiscent of a childhood favorite, featuring voices to children that sing in this reminder of trusting God that all will be right!

'Blessed' is Rev Daphne June Lau's second album. Produced by Jonathan Koh, this album features 9 original songs, a Kelly Willard cover and a bonus track by local Singapore songwriter Jachin Huang, all guaranteed to impact every listener.

Rev Daphne June Lau, a singer/songwriter and an artiste with Sought After Music, is also an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God. She is the Worship Base Pastor and Missions Director at Eternal Life Assembly. She is also an adjunct faculty at Immanuel Bible College in Cebu, Philippines teaching Foundations of Worship. Apart from her previous album 'A New Day' (2013), distributed by Integrity Asia, Daphne has also released 2 singles 'Hold My Faith Strong' (2007) and 'Be Thou My Vision' (2016).



Here's how you can get a copy of the new album at \$22 each:

1. Eternal Life Assembly (Tel: 6466 3100)
2. Sought After Music (soughtaftermusic@gmail.com)
3. AG council office (Tel: 6841 4912/3, admin@ag.org.sg)
4. Hope Oasis (contact@hopeoasis.org)

You may also PM Rev Daphne June Lau or email daphnesmusicroom@gmail.com

Album is also available on iTunes, Apple Music, Spotify and other major music platforms

## TRANSFORMATION

# Never Ever Let Go of God

*A journey of finding God all over again.*

*By Joshua Seth Lim, Trinity Christian Centre*



*A major milestone in my life—my graduation*

I used to go to church when I was in primary school but I never fully understood what being a Christian meant.

As I grew up, Christianity felt like a contract. If you fulfill His terms and conditions you can ask for what you want. Eventually due to the stress from my studies, I backslided, thinking, "I'll make do without God. I don't need Him to do well."

My life went into reverse. I was severely overweight as I poured my time into my grades, and I developed low self-esteem. I didn't have many friends and was often laughed at for being big in size.

When I got to Polytechnic, the stress and emotional issues worsened. If I got a B+ for an assignment, I would panic. I'd shout at my group mates if they didn't live up to my standard, and take over the entire project. I was prideful, but it was a coverup of all my insecurities.

I neglected my parents and friends' advice. I entered toxic and sexual relationships to numb myself. To fit in, I went on an extreme weight loss regime where I starved myself, and worked out extensively twice a day. In one semester, I lost 26.5kg.

During my internship I turned to drinking. I couldn't sleep most nights; so I drank myself to sleep, and awoke many times crying from nightmares. I also had many suicidal thoughts. I even had a plan made: if I didn't get an A for my internship, I'd immediately unlock the front door and throw myself off the building at 10am, on results day.

Life was miserable, and I wished myself dead.

Thankfully not all wishes come true. A friend of mine from school, Elicia, invited me to attend Trinity. I'm usually not the most keen to visit church, as I would always feel judged and unwelcomed. But somehow that day when Elicia invited me, I decided to give God and His church one last chance!

I came for my first service at Trinity's youth ministry, IGNYTE, and I immediately felt welcomed by the community. During my first cell dinner with Dauntless, I wasn't bombarded with questions about my background, my knowledge of the Bible, or pressured to attend the next Saturday service. They simply welcomed me, and although I had just met these people, it felt like I was already part of the family—no peer pressure whatsoever.

Since then, God has enabled me to see that He's been watching over me all this time even when I was unfaithful and walked away from Him. How did I know this? He kept me alive during the trying times of my internship, and placed good friends around me to prevent me from losing myself to greater evils, and ultimately, He led me on a path back to Him.

In IGNYTE, I've met amazing Kingdom friends in the polytechnic and National Service (NS) cells who have been guiding me through my journey. Through Poly Camp and One Conference, I've learned never to put my worth into my studies and relationships; but to only put my worth in Jesus alone.

I will never let God go in my life ever again. No more toxicity. No more selfishness. No more self-hate. Only Love. Only Jesus!





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