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A DANIEL IN OUR BABYLON

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Today we are in the midst of a corrupt culture. As Christians, we are not to conform to this culture, but to live holy, separated lives, standing up for God and for the Bible just as the four Hebrew men - Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah - did so in their lifetimes.

Daniel and his friends were fifteen years of age when they were taken by the conquering king Nebuchadnezzar from Judah to Babylon in 605 B.C., and Daniel was about eighty-five years old when the captivity ended. He and his friends lived at a time of extreme apostasy in Judah. Surrounded by paganism, they stood against the corrupt culture of Babylon. They became successful, not through conformity and compromise, but through holiness and living God-centred lives.

In the midst of idolatry, apostasy and moral darkness, God desires that His people shine as lights. In fact, God commands holiness.

1 Peter 1:16 tells us, *"You shall be holy, for I am holy."*

As we look at Daniel and his friends, we learn that to have a lifestyle of holiness we need to be:

1. Bible-Reading, Bible-Believing People.

Daniel 9 says Daniel read the Scripture and discovered from Jeremiah's prophecy that the time had come for the people of God to return from exile. These word-centred people studied, memorized, understood and believed the Bible and lived by it.

2. Filled With the Holy Spirit.

People testified that Daniel was the man in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God (Dan 5:11,14). It would be impossible for us to live for God without being filled with the Holy Spirit.

3. Having Fellowship with God's People.

In Daniel 2 when the demand came to tell and interpret Nebuchadnezzar's dream, the four

godly youths came together to pray and cry out to God. Theirs was a dynamic, thriving Christian fellowship.

4. Praying Earnestly.

These young men knew God and cried out to him. And God heard and answered their prayers. Today's Church needs to learn again that "He hears the prayer of the righteous" (Prov 15:29b.)

5. Excelling In Our Work.

God gave these youths wisdom, understanding, capacity, and competence to serve in the government of Babylon. God has gifted His people but we must have an excellent spirit like Daniel to stand out in our culture.

May we be challenged as we fast and pray, to have a lifestyle of holiness. Even as the Lord has said to His people in Leviticus 26:11-13, He says to us today, "I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your

God, and you shall be my people. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves. And I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect."

May the Church in Malaysia heed the Lord's call to, "go out from their midst, and be separate from them" (2 Cor 6:17) and dare to be a Daniel in our Babylon.

THE CALL TO PRESS ON

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In Genesis 1:1-2, the Bible records that God created the heavens and the earth. However, the earth He created was originally without form and void. It would have been exactly like the moon. Then in the succeeding six days, the formless and void earth was completely transformed into a living, vibrant and colorful world as we have it today. We call this change - transformation. Here, at the very beginning, God is revealed as the Creator and Great Transformer.

How did God carry out the miracle of transformation of the earth? He did it in three ways:

Firstly, we note the presence of the Spirit (vs 2). The task of transformation is more than just a human endeavor. Rather it is actually the work and activity of the Holy Spirit. It is futile to seek transformation without the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who brings the desired change that we seek and work for. To

have the Spirit working in our lives and in the midst of our nation, we need to recognize the person and work of the Holy Spirit, to seek His presence and make room for Him to move and work.

Secondly, we note the power of God's spoken Word (vs 3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, 26). Every act of transformation recorded was preceded and activated by the voice of God declaring His Will and Desire over the earth. We also read similar actions by prophets in the Old Testament, Jesus in the Gospels and the early Church in the Book of Acts resulting in the miraculous and transformation of lives and destinies. As sons and daughters of God made in His image, we too can and should exercise this transformative ability. Besides engaging in the many other needful activities, it would be to our gain to actively seek and apply this transformative power of the spoken Word in our lives and over the

nation as we pursue being God's agents of transformation on earth. I believe it is more needed and powerful than we realize.

Finally, we note that the act of transforming the earth occurred over the span of six days with six different acts. If God had stopped at Day 1, the earth would still be formless and void. Likewise, the pursuit of national transformation should not stop at one amazing general election. We have only just begun the process and journey of transformation. It would require many more divine interventions before this nation is transformed. So, the work is far from over. What the Bible has recorded in the very first chapter of Genesis is an example and sample of God's transforming ability and work. As in creation, God is still in the work of transforming lives, people, families, workplaces and even the nation.

The call for 'Transforming the Nation through the Local Church' is not merely a human aspiration but a vision from above. Therefore, I would like to encourage all of us to continue in this divine work of transformation particularly through your participation in the 40-Day Fast and Prayer 2019.



ORANG ASLI AND BAHASA MALAYSIA MINISTRIES IN THE RURAL AREAS

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The Orang Asli (OA) ministry, as a whole, is carried out in the rural areas. The OA villages are situated deep in the interior, in oil palm and rubber plantation areas and along the roads leading to nearby towns. However, the Bahasa Malaysia (BM) ministry is carried out in big cities, outskirts of towns and in the rural areas.

The BM speaking churches are usually set up in places where there are community colleges, colleges/universities and factories, government departments, army and police camps. For example, in the East Coast states of Pahang and Terengganu several BM ministries are being carried out on a small scale in areas far from big cities. They are established there because the people whom they minister to are studying or working in such facilities as well as in the private sector.

Since the 90s, the OA and BM ministries respectively have their own challenges. For the OA ministry, the needs and challenges are closely related. Firstly, the great need is education. Due to the problem of minimal education, it has thus affected the management of the socio-economic, political, spiritual and physical development in the villages. Just as the saying "knowledge is power", it is evident that due to the weaknesses in the formal academic education, access to obtaining

facilities, good job opportunities and effective ways of development management will become increasingly difficult. Hence, bringing awareness on the importance of education is still a matter that should be given priority in the OA ministry.

Secondly, the issue of poverty. The main problem related to poverty is not merely the issue of lands that are not gazetted. Even though the land issue still exists, it all boils down to the lack of knowledge on how to manage the available assets to generate income. For example, durians are cultivated in the villages and if there is knowledge or innovations that can process the durians to forms that can last longer, the villagers can be taught to venture in the processing of durians. Thus, their incomes can be increased. Similarly, for other crops such as banana, lemongrass and so forth, they need to gain access to knowledge that is more modern so as to upgrade the economic level of their families and the village communities.

Thirdly, the issue of basic amenities such as clean water, electricity and roads which are still far from satisfactory. This matter is also closely related to the problem of children who are lazy to attend schools that are far away; crops from their orchards or any produce from the villages that are difficult to be marketed and the high transportation

cost due to the long distance. Family health care will also be affected because water for drinking and bathing purposes is unclean, cleanliness is not well maintained and they live too far from clinics and hospitals.

The above-mentioned challenges from the spiritual point of view will directly and indirectly affect the growth of the villagers' faith. The ability to deepen the teachings of the Bible, the true way of living, management of village churches and matters pertaining to the development of God-fearing families requires not just the diligence to study, but also determination and patience. If we have the knowledge or at least the training and delivery of "knowledge" related to spirituality, things will be made easier. The general public will understand why the church is weak in leadership, finances, evangelism, prayers, character and faith. This is because they are all closely related to education, poverty and weakness in the availability of basic amenities.

For the BM ministry at the outskirts of towns and in the rural areas, the main challenge is weak leadership, narrow vision and ineffective strategies, weak finances, churches that can't afford to pay their pastors and churches with a majority of members that are aged. Most of the church members comprise the B40 category. The challenge is not simply having no education but more of the lack of commitment of

the church members, including church leaders. Spiritual growth is a life-long journey and commitment to walking daily with Jesus. Ministry constitutes just one duty that is extended to fellow church members to grow.

One suggestion that we can consider together to mutually help each other among the English, BM and OA churches is that the strong need to help the weak and the weak need to learn and be ready to be helped by the strong. Specifically, we can focus on spiritual and physical training. This includes helping in education, leadership, land development ventures to generate incomes, healthcare and welfare of children from the OA and BM speaking churches who cannot afford to further their studies at colleges and universities. Besides this, in the spiritual aspect, we can introduce the "proclaimers" (audio Bible) and training on prayer altars.

To sum up, the OA and BM ministries in general still greatly need support from all quarters as mentioned above. For now at least, this means that churches that are strong, especially in cities, need to look at churches that are weak and small with a view to help them. The way to help them is to be done in love and not follow the context of urban churches but to teach important principles in order to guide them to grow. Both the spiritual and physical aspects need to be dealt with together so

that they will be able to apply true values in their daily lives according to the teachings of the Word of God.

Our charity collection for 2019 is designated for initiatives relating to the Orang Asli (OA) work, Prayer Altar training and the supply of Audio Bibles in Bahasa Malaysia (BM) to facilitate the growth of the OA & BM ministries. You can bank in any amount

saved through your 40-Day Fast & Prayer for the nation, either individually or corporately as a church to NECF's (National Evangelical Christian Fellowship) bank account in Public Bank (no: 3078972807). Please send us your bank-in slips by email (prayer@necf.org.my) or fax (03 77291139), indicating that it is for 40-Day Fast & Prayer charity collection.



SETTING APART FOR A LIFESTYLE OF HOLINESS

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The days ahead are going to be challenging and opposition to godliness is going to increase. We will not be able to handle it if we remained where we are today, unless we move to a level of setting apart by living a lifestyle of godliness, which God is calling us to pursue today.

God's mercy and grace evoke hope for us to move forward. However we ignore the warnings for us to move from one point to another and we claim His grace to hold us. This, in fact, has caused us to miss the grace of God. God's grace is available only for those who yield to Him. We will not be able to stand against the coming pressures and difficulties unless we make changes that God is asking us to make right now.

What are the essential changes we may want to make for the 40-Day Fast and Prayer season?

1. Set Apart Lifestyle to Replace Comfort Lifestyle

Comfort is a state of complacency. It expresses a deep sense of holding your own rights, security, and entitlements. To set apart is to consecrate yourself to God and to take up our crosses to follow Jesus. If we want to see breakthroughs, we have to offer our lives as living sacrifices, to set ourselves apart for God in the reading of His Word objectively. Hence, do set a goal of reading ten chapters of the Bible daily.

2. God-Focused Driven to Replace Distractions

When you are not willing to deal with your lifestyle of busyness or when you have planned to seek Him but something came up and changed your plans, you changed your focus. Such interruptions are distractions. On the other hand, being driven by a God-focused perspective portrays a firm and clear decision of commitment to grow in godliness. It places God as your first priority and fulfills that commitment daily. It is a Spiritual submission of dying to self daily

(Joshua 1:8-9). Prepare yourself to be set apart and ask God for grace through the 40-Day of Fast and Prayer anchoring on a total God-Focused passion.

3. Being with God to Replace Doing in an Age of Stress

How do you live for Him daily? We keep ourselves busy to accomplish our daily tasks, not discounting our fasting journey. A constant sense of rush is a sign of a life that is too busy. It breeds a lifestyle of quick fixes and shallow thinking. To have a rested (and refreshed) spirit, we have to elude the rushed-soul syndrome. Over-involvement has to be replaced with intimacy with God. The goal of godliness is to focus on knowing God (Daniel 11:32). Taking time to wait upon the Lord is refreshing to your soul.

4. The Word of God to Replace Idols in our Hearts

We are fast becoming a Bible illiterate community. This is worrisome! The Word, not the world, should set the agenda for our pilgrimage. If the Word does not feed our soul daily, we allow idols or sins to reign in our lives. We have to identify idols hidden or sins embedded in our system. The sins that beset us dwell in our lives for a long time and have become part of our personalities or nature. By abiding or saturating ourselves daily in God's Word, our hearts will honor and love God more.

What changes would you like to experience as you devote yourselves to journey the 40-Day Fast and Prayer sessions? The emphasis is to pursue a lifestyle of holiness. The format of this booklet is arranged intentionally to encourage local churches

to plough into our spiritual foundation - unveiling sins that have been besetting over the years, and then cleaning and rebuilding it.

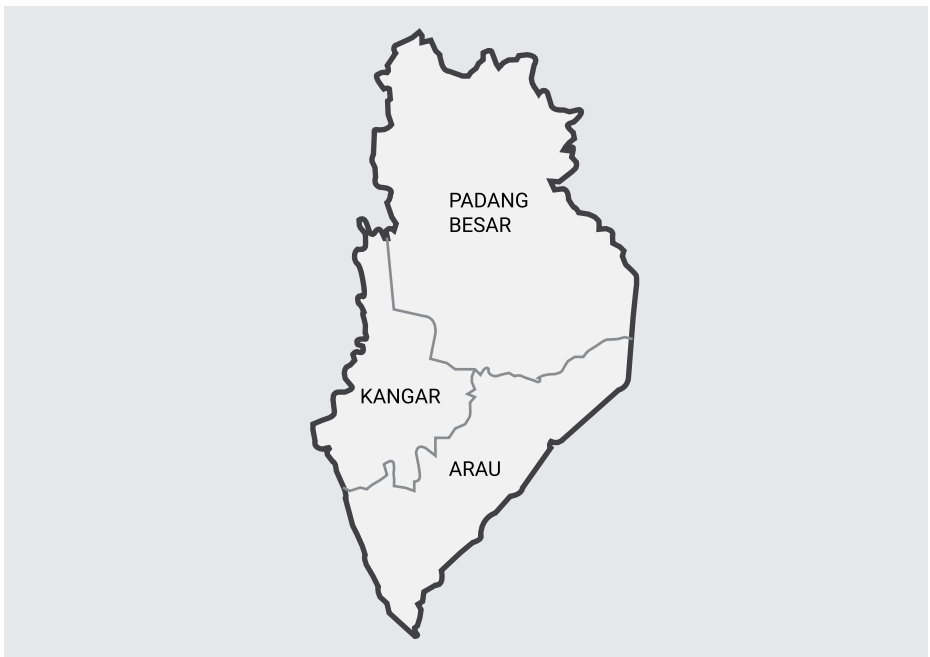
How can you benefit most from this booklet?

- Determine the form of fasting.
 - ☐ Full Fast
 - ☐ Daniel Fast
 - ☐ Partial Fast (Skip 1 meal or more daily)
 - ☐ Abstain from _____
- Determine to set up your Personal Prayer Altar or Family Prayer Altar. Read & Saturate in God's Word daily
 - ☐ 10 chapters/day;
 - ☐ _____ chapters/day. Set a consistent time
 - ☐ _____
- Keep a personal journal. What is the Lord saying to you?
- Share the testimonies of your encounter with God
 - ☐ Cell
 - ☐ Church
 - ☐ Family Members
 - ☐ Marketplace
 - ☐ School/College/University
 - ☐ _____
- There will be a sermon outline on Sundays for pastors to preach in your church.

When you set yourself apart with discipline, you will experience delight. The quest for godliness will set the pace for our lives to impact transformation of local churches and communities. Therefore, let us get into the Word and master it. 1 Timothy 6.6 says that, *"But godliness with contentment is great gain."*

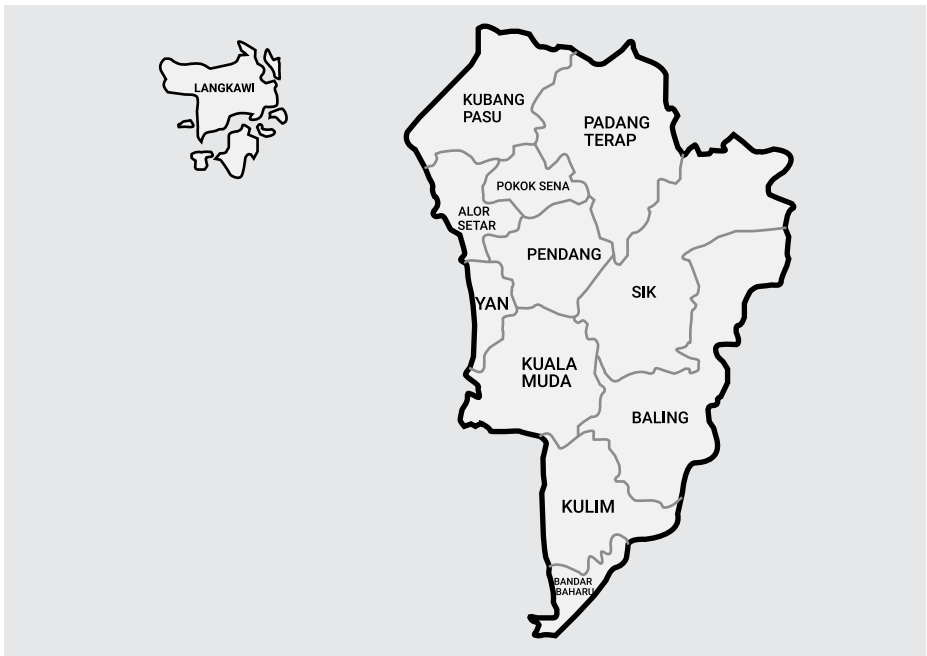
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Capital:	Kangar
Royal Capital:	Arau
Raja:	Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin ibni Almarhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail
Ruling Party:	Barisan National (UMNO)
Menteri Besar:	YAB Datuk Seri Azlan Man
Population:	250,000 (Estimation in 2018)
Race:	86% Bumiputera, 7.8% Chinese, 1.3% Indians, 1.9% others and 3% non-Malaysian (Y2015, based on population of 246,000)
Religion:	87.9% Islam, 10.0% Buddhism, 0.8% Hinduism, 0.6% Christianity, 0.7% others (Y2010)
Economy:	Agriculture, fishing and forest industry



KEDAH

Honorific:	Darul Aman (means "Abode of Peace")
Capital:	Alor Setar
Royal Capital:	Anak Bukit
Sultan:	Tuanku Sallehuddin Ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah
Ruling Party:	Pakatan Harapan (PPBM)
Menteri Besar:	YAB Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir
Population:	2,160,000 (estimation in 2018)
Race:	76.0% Bumiputera, 12.7% Chinese, 6.9% Indian, 0.9% others and 3.4% non-Malaysian (Y2015, based on population of 2,071,900)
Religion:	77.2% Islam, 14.2% Buddhism, 6.7% Hinduism, 0.8% Christianity, 1.1% others (Y2010)
Economy:	Rice, tourism, automotive & aerospace industries



Bible Reading: ☐ Ephesians 1-6 ☐ Malachi 1-4

Day 1 (7 Aug 2019, Wed)

WHO IS IN CONTROL?

James 4: 13-16 warns us of the danger of presuming we will be alive today or the next to carry on our businesses and plans.

Our lives are in God's hands. We can make plans but we need God's gift of life and the means to carry them out. Unless the Lord builds our house, we labour in vain. "God-willing" must not be merely an utterance of our lips but a humble attitude of our hearts, acknowledging Him to be in control of our lives. We need to surrender our plans into His divine hands.

If God is not in control, guess who will be?

Yet letting go and letting God is not easy. It involves trusting in an invisible God. We need the gift of faith as stated in Hebrews 11:1 to trust in an unseen God over and against the visible threats we encounter.

Is there really a God? Can He help us in dire straits? Will He? Satan sows doubts in our minds and makes us believe that all the answers are in the negative. The default answer for us then will be: don't hope for divine help, but rather turn to man for a way out.

Psalms 20:7-8 tells us not to trust in man but God. Will we declare like Daniel's three friends in Daniel 3:17-18:

"If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

Pray for the State of Perlis

- Pray for the Raja (Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin ibni Almarhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail) and the Menteri Besar (YAB Datuk Seri Azlan Man) of Perlis, that all may go well with them and that they may be in good health, as it goes well with their soul. [3 John 2].
- Perlis has the vision to become a city state by year 2030, yet there is little development in Perlis right now. Pray that there will be more mega development projects to provide jobs and business opportunities for the locals, so as to lower the unemployment rate of 3.5%.

Bible Reading: ☐ *Colossians 1-4* ☐ *Zechariah 1-6*

Day 2 (8 Aug 2019, Thu)

God Is Able

Sometimes, we who face severe trials are tempted to doubt God's ability or availability to help us. We question God's love and power because we have experienced helpless situations where we could not help ourselves or even our loved ones due to our own limitations as mere mortals. But God is not limited like us as He is infinite (Psalm 146:5-7). With God, nothing is impossible (Matthew 19:26). The problem comes when we insist that God should solve our problems our way instead of His way.

Unless we learn to trust in Him and seek His will, we will certainly set ourselves up for disappointment when we pray and God seems not to answer us the way we want Him to answer. Romans 8:28 is the key promise for us to overcome this problem of lack of faith. It says that in everything God works for the good of those who love Him and those who are called according to His purpose. His answer to our prayers can be either a yes or no or wait. He might use ways like closed doors or delays or he might lead and guide those who are willing to put their trust in Him as signals of His solution to solve the problems in life.

Can we then trust Him to be the better Person at helping us to live our lives than we do ourselves?

Pray for the State of Perlis

- Agriculture is the main economy activity in terms of land use, manpower and Growth Domestic Product of the state of Perlis. Pray that agriculture will yield good harvest, that the grain shall abound throughout the land and the crops shall flourish and thrive like the grass of the field. (Psalm 72:16)
- An average of 200 government school students in Perlis play truant daily and only 5% of students completed their tertiary studies whereas 95% of students quit studies after secondary school. Pray that parents will play a proactive role with the school authorities in addressing the high school truancy rate and that the mindset of students towards education will change.

Bible Reading: ☐ *Philemon* ☐ *Jude* ☐ *Zechariah 7-14***Day 3 (9 Aug 2019, Fri)**

God Knows Me, Personally

Psalm 139 describes how intimate is God's knowledge of me. He knows me inside out, when I am awake or asleep. He knows my thoughts, words and actions. He is with me everywhere. He knows me even before I was formed and knitted together in my mother's womb. He knows every moment of my life. The Psalmist exclaims that such knowledge is too wonderful for him to grasp. This intimate knowledge of us is reiterated by Jesus in Matthew 10:30 where He says even the very hairs of our head are all numbered.

The difficulty we sometimes face in letting go and letting God is because we do not feel this closeness to Him. He seems so far away and unreal because we rely on our feelings as dictated by our circumstances. Does He know? Does He care? Psalm 139 and Matthew 10:29 answer with a resounding YES even when our world seems to be falling apart. That is when we need to cling on to His promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us and say with confidence, that, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" (Hebrews 13:5 -6)

Pray for the State of Kedah

- Pray for the Sultan (Tuanku Sallehuddin Ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah) and the Menteri Besar (YAB Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir) of Kedah, that through their administration, righteousness shall increase and the people shall rejoice (Proverbs 29:2), and with justice, they shall build up the land (Proverbs 29:4).
- Kedah is the largest supplier of a drug known as "ketum" (Kratom), with huge hectares of farms in the state, and the issue of drug addiction is a growing concern there. Statistics show that Kedah has the nation's highest number of drug addicts among school students. The state government has indicated their intention to wipe out the farms. Pray that there will be a good co-ordination work among different authorities in Kedah, and some restoration plans will be in place to help the existing drug addicts.

Bible Reading: ☐ 1 Thessalonians 1-5 ☐ Ezekiel 1-5

Day 4 (10 Aug 2019, Sat)

God Calls Us to Go Deeper

Ezekiel 47:1-12 gives us a beautiful picture of the river that flows from the temple of God. It went from ankle deep to knee deep to waist deep and too deep to touch the bottom. This can represent our deepening faith in God after we have heard His call.

As the Holy Spirit leads us progressively deeper in the Lord, we gradually learn to trust Him more and more until we are swept off our feet to be carried along by the river of God to wherever He wants to bring us to.

God has called each of us who believes in Him to a new abundant life in Jesus. We do not know where that calling will lead us in life. It takes us out of our comfort zone as we follow and obey our new Master, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Following Jesus will be full of challenges as it brings needful changes to our lives in order to help us grow in faith. How fast we grow towards spiritual maturity will be determined by how willing we are to let go and let God. We must remain or abide in Him to grow and bear much fruit (John 15:4-5).

Stay connected with Jesus.

Pray for the State of Kedah

- Kedah has the most number of Thai Theravada temples and the Chinese communities there are active adherents of Thai Theravada Buddhism. Pray that their spiritual blindness shall be removed, and that light shall shine out of darkness into their hearts to give the Light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.(2 Corinthians 4:6)
- The Kedah government is striving to diversify its economy, turning particularly to manufacturing and tourism in order to avoid overdependence on the agricultural sector. Pray that the problem of poverty of many rural households can be eradicated through all the economic initiatives.

Day 5 (11 Aug 2019, Sun)

Let Go & Let God

Sermon Outline: *Matthew 6:25-34*

Do we want to be freed from worries? Jesus gives us the key in Matthew 6:25-34.

Deception: Many think they would lose out in life if they put God first. The devil's lie is that to give to God is to lose what we could have gained.

Truth: Giving to God first sets us free from the slavery of whatever we should have given to Him, be it our possessions, talents or time. We can never out-give God. Learn to let go and let God because clinging on tightly with clenched fist to what we have stops us from opening our hands to receive what He wants to put into our hands.

What does it mean to let go and let God?

a) **Enthroned God:** Hand the control of our lives to God by dethroning ourselves or the gods of our lives. The obstacle in taking this step of faith is our difficulty in believing in an unseen God.

b) **Believe in God:** Believe that He cares for us and is able to help us. This faith comes from knowing God intimately. We can never let go and let God unless we are close to Him. It is difficult to trust a stranger but easy to trust a loved one.

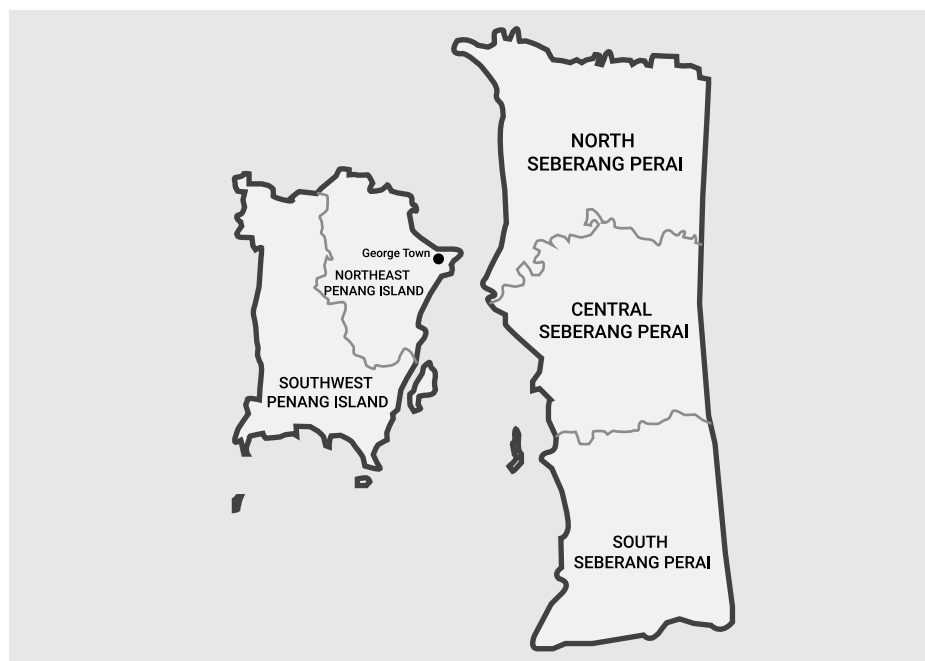
c) **Deny yourself:** Take up the cross and follow Jesus daily regardless of where He leads us. Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness over and above our desires and wants. Pray that His will be done. We shall discover what it means to live and experience the abundant life in Christ. All things that dominate us shall be given to us minus their ungodly hold over us when we surrender to Him. Put Him first in everything. You shall receive from Him all the blessings He wants to bestow on you.

Pray for the Churches in the States of Perlis and Kedah

- Pray for churches in Perlis and Kedah that they will learn to let go and let God, and to acknowledge and enthrone God in every circumstance, so that in all things, God may be glorified. For He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. (Colossians 1:17)
- Pray that churches will be willing to deny themselves to follow Christ as His disciples, that they will hold on to the teaching of Jesus, and as they know the truth, the truth will set them free (John 8:31-32).

PENANG

Nickname:	Pearl of the Orient
Capital:	George Town
Governor:	Tun Dato' Seri Utama (Dr.) Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas
Ruling Party:	Pakatan Harapan (DAP)
Chief Minister:	YAB Chow Kon Yeow
Population:	1,766,800 (estimation in 2018)
Race:	42% Bumiputera, 41.5% Chinese, 10% Indian, 0.3% others and 6.2% non-Malaysian) (Y2015, based on population of 1,663,000)
Religion:	44.6% Islam, 35.6% Buddhism, 8.7% Hinduism, 5.1% Christianity, 4.6% Chinese folk religion, 14% others (Y2010)
Economy:	Manufacturing, services, commerce and tourism



PERAK

Honorific:	Darul Ridzuan (means "Abode of Grace")
Capital:	Ipoh
Royal Capital:	Kuala Kangsar
Sultan:	Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah Al-Maghfurlah
Ruling Party:	Pakatan Harapan (PPBM)
Menteri Besar:	YAB Dato' Seri Ahmad Faizal Dato' Haji Azumu
Population:	2,500,000 (estimation in 2018)
Race:	56% Bumiputera, 28.8% Chinese, 11.8% Indian, 0.4% others and 3% non-Malaysian (Y2015, based on population of 2,477,700)
Religion:	55.3% Islam, 25.4% Buddhism, 10.9% Hinduism, 4.3% Christianity, 1.7% Chinese folk religion, 2.4% others (Y2010)
Economy:	Manufacturing, Agriculture and tourism



Bible Reading: ☐ 1 Timothy 1-6 ☐ Ezekiel 13-16

Day 6 (12 Aug 2019, Mon)

Messing Up with Lust

“ John 1:12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

I was a child of God at the age of 13 but I blew it.

I discovered porn while exploring my dad's drawer and soon I was indulging in it. It changed my idea of what sex is.

My porn addiction lasted more than 10 years. When I was 6, a moment of childhood play time changed everything I knew about sex. I thought sex was equal to being touched.

Growing up in a typical Chinese family, hugs were so unfamiliar and that was what I longed for. I wished mom would hug me and tell me how special I was to her. Yet all I was to her was a “surrogate husband”. My father's failure in playing his role as her husband had caused her to look to me as that substitute.

When I started working, I began to look for sex partners to fulfill my lust and got into same-sex relationships too. I was so ashamed of the mess that I had gotten myself into that I started to hide from God. Shame, rejection and brokenness left me devastated.

That day when I was about to end my life, He came for me. He remembered me as His child even though I gave up that identity. Do you know who you are?

Pray for the State of Penang

- Pray for the Head of State (Yang di-Pertua Negeri) of Penang (Tun Dato' Seri Utama Dr. Haji Abdul Rahman bin Haji Abbas) and the Chief Minister (YAB Chow Kon Yeow) of Penang, that they will continue to be open to public opinions, and that there will always be some wise and godly people who will surround them and give them constructive advice, for in an abundance of counsellors there is safety. (Proverbs 11:14)
- Penang has among the nation's highest population densities and is one of the country's most urbanised states. Yet rapid development of the island has resulted in environmental problems, i.e. floods, landslides, evictions of villagers, etc. Pray that there will be proper solutions to tackle the issue so that the rights and welfare of the local communities can be upheld.

Bible Reading: ☐ 2 Timothy 1-4 ☐ Ezekiel 17-22

Day 7 (13 Aug 2019, Tue)

Melted by His Amazing Love



John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

"I know He rescued my soul, His blood has covered my sins, I believe..." We sing this song in church but what does that mean when you have walked through the valley of the shadow of death; and He did rescue you? If we believe, then why are we not following His holiness?

I was like a sheep that had gone astray. Not only had I hurt the Lord by living as a homosexual, I became a sex addict for more than 10 years. I allowed my selfish and lustful desires to be my lord. Therefore I found it hard to believe that God would love a wretched person like me.

By God's miraculous grace, He intercepted my suicidal plan and I returned to Him like a prodigal son. I remembered that day as I sat before this missionary couple confessing and revealing my darkness to them. Not only did they not despise me, they looked into my eyes just as Jesus would and told me this, "Jesus loves you." I cried like a baby and my heart was melted by His amazing non-judgmental love.

His love can overwhelm us to return to Him because He truly loves us and that love is UNCONDITIONAL! That love embraces our past and leads us to holiness.

Pray for the State of Penang

- Penang has a scarce amount of natural resources, the greatest asset being its people and their talents. Pray that the children and youth will be well-equipped with the best skills with which to avail themselves as workforce ready for Industry 4.0, that their sons will be reproductive like plants full grown, and their daughters will be of noble use like corner pillars cut for the structure of a palace. (Psalm 144:12)
- Property prices in Penang tripled compared to prices 20 years ago and public housing as well as affordable housing are major issues to be tackled by the state government. Pray that the housing plan of the state government will be effective to meet the needs of the people.

Bible Reading: ☐ Titus 1-3☐ Ezekiel 23-29**Day 8 (14 Aug 2019, Wed)**

Mind Being Renewed

“*Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*”

“It’s not about stopping the behavior. It’s about renewing of the mind.” This is important in a person’s journey till they see Jesus face to face. The sexual struggles that I journeyed with always caused me to cry out frantically to the Lord, “Why do I fall again? I thought I had surrendered all to You! I failed You again, Lord.” My focus was just to stop all the sinful behavior but never about renewing of my mind. The only way to have our mind renewed is just so simple: READ, MEDITATE AND APPLY THE WORD OF GOD.

When our mind is filled with His truth, it would be ironic if we were still in captivity. His truth does set us free. Each time when I listen to strugglers, I discover they are so far away from His truth and that their minds are so full of themselves. However, when they started bringing all their thoughts into the captivity of Christ and were renewed by Him, their paths began to change. They began walking towards holiness in Christ. What was so significant for each of them was the change in their behavior. Their changed lives began to impact others because they discovered their own identities in Christ.

Your life can impact others too, do you believe it?

Pray for the State of Perak

- Pray for the Sultan (Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah ibni Almarhum Sultan Azlan Muhibuddin Shah Al-Maghfurlah) and the Menteri Besar (YAB Dato’ Seri Ahmad Faizal Dato’ Haji Azumu) of Perak, that their hearts will be like streams of water in the hand of the Lord (Proverbs 21:1) and that every decision they make for the state will be to seek the peace and welfare of their people.
- Lumut Port was established as a state port and a catalyst for economic growth, development and industrialization of the state. The country’s main naval base is located in Lumut too. Pray for improvement work to be continually done on Lumut Port in order to enhance its viability and for God’s presence to be upon the naval forces that are stationed in Lumut.

Bible Reading: ☐ 1 John 1-5 ☐ Ezekiel 30-34**Day 9 (15 Aug 2019, Thu)****Move towards Change is POSSIBLE**

“ 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

I am sure many of you have experienced moving house or relocation before. I just moved to another house. This move caused me to be physically and emotionally tired. Why is that so? I had to go through stuff and make decisions what to keep, what to give away and what to throw. There are things that have so many sweet as well as bitter memories.

I looked at those things that reminded me of the sweet memories and I smiled to myself. On the other hand, as I looked at things that reminded me of bitter memories, I realized there was a definite need for a change. I had to choose to die to self and allow Christ to live and be in control of my life. It means to no longer dwell in the past but to make a decision to move out or even relocate. I was willing to go through all the hassles in order to see this change in my life.

That day I told the Lord, I really wanted to follow Him. I made the decision to relocate and move. I deliberately had to move from “Bitter-lane” to “Joyful-lane”, from “Resentful-lane” to “Forgiving-lane” and from “Rebellious-lane” to “Obedient-lane”.

Was it easy? No. However, I was reminded that Christ died for me and He made me a new creation and indeed this change is possible!

Pray for the State of Perak

- Pray for the people of Perak, that their spiritual eyes and hearts will be opened, and that they will come to realize that salvation is in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12) and humbly they will come to encounter Jesus who promises them abundant life.
- Pray that the current government will create more job opportunities for the people by maximising the resources in the state and by providing loans to those who want to start businesses.

Bible Reading: ☐ 2 John ☐ 3 John ☐ Ezekiel 35-42

Day 10 (16 Aug 2019, Fri)

Made in Christ

“ *Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

The recent Miss Universe Pageant 2018 drew 94 contestants competing to be crowned Miss Universe 2018. It was an historical event because for the very first time in this competition, a transgender woman contested together with other women. This contestant from Spain named, Angela Ponce said, “If they give me the crown, it would show trans women are just as much women as cis women.” Truly as a woman myself, I choose to differ as I know that many women do not need a crown to prove that they are women. They are women because God made them one.

The world changed after the fall in Genesis 3. All mankind desires to be “God” themselves and are no longer “made in Christ.” The original creation of mankind in His image has been distorted. As a church, we have no right to discriminate against those who choose to walk their own ways like Angela Ponce, the Miss Spain contestant. Instead, we should look at how we can attract them so that the “Made in Christ” brand is eternal and worth everything.

My past as a female homosexual has gone against God's original creation design. Nevertheless, when I discovered that I am “made in Christ”, I had such a freedom in being the woman that brings delight to Him. What an honor to inherit God's image!

Pray for the Churches in the States of Penang & Perak

- Pray that churches in Penang and Perak will remain strong in the midst of all the pagan worship and that they will know who they are in Christ, not conforming themselves to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of their minds, that by testing they may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)
- Pray that churches in Penang and Perak will love God passionately and keep His commands and that they will keep holding on to the principles of God's Word and live a holy life testifying to the power of God.

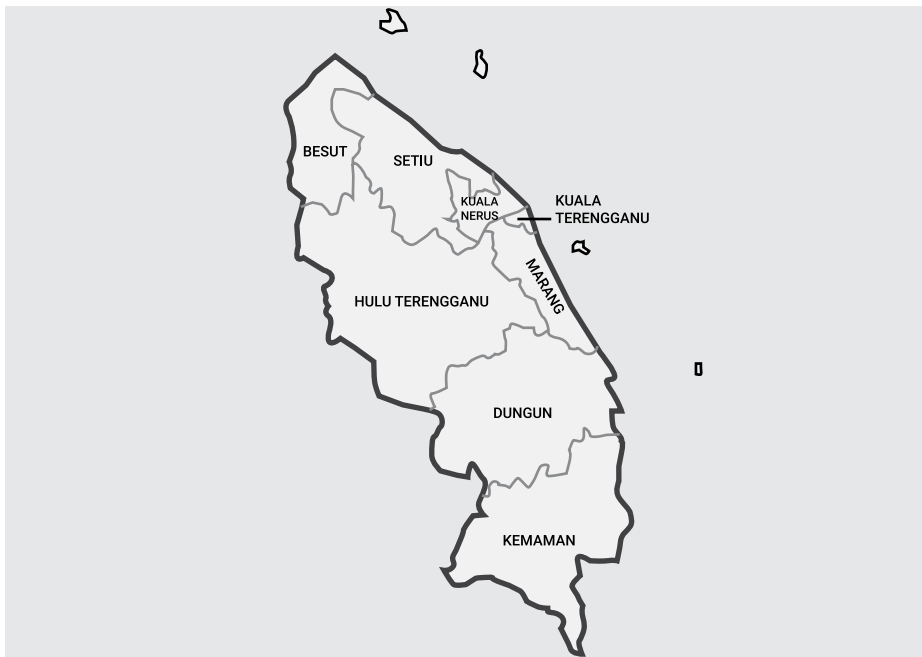
KELANTAN

Honorific:	Darul Naim (means "The Blissful Abode")
Capital:	Kota Bharu
Royal Capital:	Kota Bharu
Sultan:	Sultan Muhammad V
Ruling Party:	PAS
Menteri Besar:	YAB Dato' Ahmad bin Yakob
Population:	1,860,000 (estimation in 2018)
Race:	93.6% Bumiputera, 3.2% Chinese, 0.3% Indian, 0.7% others and 2.2% non-Malaysian (Y2015, based on population of 1,718,200)
Religion:	95.2% Islam, 3.8% Buddhism, 0.3% Christianity; 0.2% Hinduism, 0.5% others (Y2010)
Economy:	Agriculture, fishery, logging and tourism



TERENGGANU

Honorific:	Darul Iman (means "Abode of Faith")
Capital:	Kuala Terengganu
Royal Capital:	Kuala Terengganu
Sultan:	Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin ibni Almarhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah
Ruling Party:	PAS
Menteri Besar:	YAB Prof Dr Ahmad Samsuri bin Mokhtar
Population:	1,230,000 (estimation in 2018)
Race:	95%Bumiputera, 2.4%Chinese, 0.25%Indian, 0.22% others and 2.13% non-Malaysian (Y2015, based on population of 1,153,500)
Religion:	96.9% Islam, 2.5% Buddhism, 0.2 % Christianity; 0.2% Hinduism, 0.2% others (Y2010)
Economy:	Petroleum and gas, tourism, fishery and agriculture



Bible Reading: ☐ Revelation 1-4 ☐ Ezekiel 43-48

Day 11 (17 Aug 2019, Sat)

Rules Keep Us Right All the Way!

“ *Psalm 119:1-3 Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!* ”

Many see rules as rigidity, restriction, control...etc., and we equate them to “loss of freedom.” God gives us Rules of Life. His rules are meant to protect us. They give us freedom to move within a given or known boundary, guiding and helping us to align ourselves constantly to the holy standards that are set forth for our own safety and blessings.

Imagine there were no rules in our traffic system. Everyone could drive in whatever directions they prefer. There would definitely be accidents and confusion everywhere. The traffic system just would not work! It would be a total chaos! Either people dare not travel, or they would simply squeeze through the crowd at their own pace and direction!

When the Israelites had no kings, and they denied God as their King, they basically had no rules. Hence, everyone did what seemed right in their own eyes, and the whole community was heading towards grave spiritual decline, as well as physical defeat!

The psalmist said that the law (the Word, the Rules) of God made him wiser than all his enemies and gave more understanding than his teachers and the aged. Rules laid down in the Word of God are indeed a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

The rules of life shine forth the wisdom of God and keep us blameless all the way!

Pray for the State of Kelantan

- Pray for the Sultan (Sultan Muhammad V) and the Menteri Besar (YAB Dato' Ahmad bin Yakob) of Kelantan to be a blessing and covering to the Kelantanese, that they will be like a hiding place from the wind, a shelter from the storm, streams of water in a dry place, the shade of a great rock in a weary land. (Isaiah 32:2)
- Pray for the Muslim families as their divorce rates grow at an average of 6.2% annually. Pray that proper family values will be instilled in the hearts and minds of the younger generation in order to prevent the problem of family breakdowns from further deteriorating in the future.

Bible Reading: ☐ Revelation 5-10 ☐ Haggai 1-2 ☐ Micah 1-2

Day 12 (18 Aug 2019, Sun)

Be HOLY

Sermon Outline: *1 Peter 1:15-16 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*

1. Our Call: Be The Holy Priests of God

Holiness is a word we rarely emphasize today, if we were to compare it to many "spiritual" words we use. Yet we are first and foremost called to be a holy nation unto the Lord. When the Israelites went through their exodus experience, they were first called to be the royal priesthood of God. If we were to use a word to describe the primary characteristic of a priest, we would find no other word which better fit the description than the word "holiness".

2. Our Responsibility: Be Holy In All Our Doings

God demands us to be holy in all we do. Holiness is not limited to "spiritual activities" in Church; it involves our whole living. Holiness is a lifestyle we live out daily and people should be able to see "holiness" in every part of our speech, attitudes, transactions, work, etc. Like wisdom who calls out in the city square, holiness is something everybody can hear, see or feel.

3. Our Goal: Be Holy Like God

Our life goal on earth is to be holy like God, the Maker. We bear the image of Christ, and if we truly obey Him, we will be able to live a holy life. The imperative verb tells us that it is a command from God for us to be holy like Him.

And if God commands so, He will enable us to do so.

Pray for the State of Kelantan

- Pray against all the social ills that plague the youth in Kelantan, e.g. listless economy, pleasure-seeking, jobless and loitering youths in motorcycle racing, prostitution, baby dumping, etc. and that the youth will be taught to number their days so that they may gain hearts of wisdom. (Psalm 90:12)
- The Kelantan Government has agreed that under age marriages are consistent with the Syariah Law and is a necessity in the state. Pray that the rights of children as well as women will be upheld in the state with a renewal of minds among the government and the general public.

Bible Reading: ☐ Revelation 11-16 ☐ Micah 3-7

Day 13 (19 Aug 2019, Mon)

The Way to Prosperity & Success

“Joshua 1:8 *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

The Old Testament is full of rules and regulations. Laws, commandments, decrees, precepts, and so on were given by God and served as covenanted sub clauses to turn His people to His ways, so that as the people of God obeyed, they could enjoy to the fullness of the liberty and blessings which were to be bestowed upon them.

Joshua was told to read and meditate on the Book of the Law and to do according to what was written in it. God promised that he would be prosperous and successful if he ever did so.

Prosperity and success means more than the wealth and status that the world recognises and offers. It is also about fruitfulness, strength and the health of our spirituality which are brought forth from our intimate relationship with God. It is about the holistic growth both in the physical and spiritual realms of our beings when we take heed of His instructions.

God created us to be dependent on Him. If we were to function holistically, we must follow the rules set forth by our Maker. Any deviation from His rules will definitely lead us to dysfunctional problems.

Thus, read and meditate upon the Word like Joshua, and conquer all the obstacles caused by sin in our lives that hinders us from fulfilling God's purpose for our individual lives – our promised land in life!

Pray for the State of Terengganu

- Pray for the Sultan (Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin ibni Almarhum Sultan Mahmud Al-Muktafi Billah Shah) and the Menteri Besar (YAB Prof Dr Ahmad Samsuri bin Mokhtar) of Terengganu to have good discernment and common sense so that they can be effective and productive leaders and they will be leaders who look not only to their own interests but also the interests of others. (Philippians 2:4)
- Pray for God to do away with the “bantuan” mindset which is deeply entrenched in the minds and the hearts of the people who seek to rely on the government's subsidies and assistance.

Bible Reading: ☐ Revelation 17-22 ☐ Deuteronomy 1-4

Day 14 (20 Aug 2019, Tue)

The Way to Holiness

“ *Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

The Bible, the Word of God, is the only Operation Manual that is all-inclusive with regards to the issue of life and holiness. Only a holy God can reveal to us what true holiness means. And unless we are holy, we cannot see God.

When the Lord revealed His law to the Israelites, He wanted them to pass it on to their children. Parents were responsible to teach their children diligently not just at home, but in every sphere of their lives. Family members were expected to talk about the Word of God wherever they were, whether they were sitting or walking or lying or rising.

The code of holiness, in a sense, is not an individual's choice or practice, but a family lifestyle. Christian parents are God's agents to impart the truth of God to their children. The main spiritual mentor in children's lives is not some Sunday school/youth group teachers or pastors, but their own parents!

It is because family, with an atmosphere of love and trust, is the very place where the truth of God could be made known and practised holistically on a daily basis. Thus, families who build prayer altars will somehow help instil a sense of awesomeness and holiness in the hearts of their members!

Pray for the State of Terengganu

- There is a sharp disparity between the wealthier south and the poorer north. It is the Lord who makes poor and rich and it is He who brings low and exalts (1 Samuel 2:7). Hence, pray for God's grace and mercy to be upon rural communities, especially some in the northern areas around Setiu who are the poorest among Malaysians.
- There has been a rise in the reported HIV cases in Terengganu. The State's Health Department has created programmes to promote awareness about the virus and disease and it aims to work with different agencies to counsel those who practise same-sex relations. Pray for wisdom and strength of God as they tackle the problem.

Bible Reading: ☐ *Matthew 1-5* ☐ *Deuteronomy 5-9*

Day 15 (21 Aug 2019, Wed)

We Make the Choice

“ *Deuteronomy 30:15 See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction.*

The Lord gave two clear-cut choices after declaring all His instructions to the people of Israel in Deuteronomy 28-29.

The Israelites had two ways to choose from: the way of life and prosperity, or the way of death and destruction.

To most Bible readers today, it is such an easy game to play. Nobody in his right mind would ever choose the latter. Yet to our sad discovery, the Israelites made the decision that would eventually lead to death and destruction in the land they could have possessed with life and prosperity.

Life is full of incidences where foolish, tough, wrong, perverted and crooked paths were chosen instead of wise, easy, right, straight and righteous ways. As sinful men and women, we often end up making wrong choices and, hence, miss out on God's wonderful provision of blessings.

Becoming a Christian does not guarantee that we will obtain His blessings, just as the Israelites were not assured of their triumph over their enemies. Biblical history informs us that blessings and victories came when people chose God's way as that is the only path that leads to life and victory.

It is indeed the very choice that we make which will determine our real end. God will not choose for us. He just laid down the pros and cons for our awareness. Since we are the determinants based on the choices we make, it is important that we come to know all the rules of life and make a wise choice in our own Valley of Decision!

Pray for the Churches in the States of Kelantan & Terengganu

- The number of churches in both the states of Kelantan and Terengganu are small but the challenges are big. Pray that they will be strong and courageous and will not be ashamed of the gospel, knowing that it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes [Romans 1:16].
- The Lord promises to set us high above all nations of the earth if we carefully obey all His commandments. Pray that churches in Kelantan and Terengganu will faithfully obey the voice of the Lord their God so that they will receive abundant blessings in their cities and fields. [Deuteronomy 28:1-3]

PAHANG

Honorific:	Darul Makmur (means “the Abode of Tranquillity”)
Capital:	Kuantan
Royal Capital:	Pekan
Ruler:	Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah
Regent:	Tengku Hassanah Ibrahim Alam Shah
Ruling Party:	Barisan Nasional (UMNO)
Menteri Besar:	YAB Dato' Sri Wan Rosdy bin Wan Ismail
Population:	1,670,000 (estimation in 2018)
Race:	75.8% Bumiputera, 14.9% Chinese, 4.1% Indian, 0.5% others and 4.7 % non-Malaysian (Y2015, based on population of 1,623,200)
Religion:	74.9 %Islam, 14.4% Buddhism, 4% Hinduism, 1.9% Christianity, and 4.8% others (Y2010)
Economy:	Service industry, agriculture and manufacturing industry



JOHOR

Honorific:	Darul Ta'zim (means "Abode of Dignity")
Capital:	Johor Bahru
Royal Capital:	Muar
Ruler:	Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj
Ruling Party:	Pakatan Harapan (PPBM)
Menteri Besar:	Dato' Dr. Sahrudin bin Jamal
Population:	3,740,000 (Estimation in Y2018)
Race:	55% Bumiputera, 30.2% Chinese, 6.5% Indian, 0.5% others and 7.8% non-Malaysian (Y2015, based on population of 3,553,600)
Religion:	58.2% Islam, 29.6% Buddhism, 6.6% Hinduism, 3.3% Christianity, 2.3% others (Y2010)
Economy:	Services, manufacturing, agriculture and construction



Bible Reading: ☐ *Matthew 6-10* ☐ *Deuteronomy 10-14*

Day 16 (22 Aug 2019, Thu)

God's Kingdom Call for a Nation

“ *1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.*

God created the world with His wisdom, plan and purpose that is beyond our human comprehension. It is the Lord's will to see His Kingdom come and His Will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We are called to be a nation which is ruled based upon God's truth and righteousness. Under His Kingdom's jurisdiction, we are thereby under His love and righteousness. Everything will be ruled according to His Kingdom values. A nation has a king. In the Kingdom of God, God is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

God's Kingdom is about a special people who call upon His name, acknowledge His sovereignty, His leadership and His divine provision. Wisdom, understanding, anointing, love, grace and righteousness will be upon those who trust and depend totally on Him.

The nation is to be void of darkness, corruption, injustice and vice of all forms. The nation is to be in God's marvellous light, a light that shines and causes the darkness to flee, so that people will no longer dwell in their sinful acts and come under demonic oppression.

We are to proclaim God's sovereignty over the nation. Human efforts will not endure forever but God's sovereign move is always in control of His will for the nation.

Pray for the State of Pahang

- Pray for the Sultan (Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah), the Regent (Tengku Hassanal Ibrahim Alam Shah) and the Menteri Besar (YAB Dato' Sri Wan Rosdy bin Wan Ismail) of Pahang. Pahang is one of the 3 states left under Barisan Nasional's control now. Pray that the state will work harmoniously with the Federal Government, forge a mutual understanding, and that they will not be wise in their own sight. (Romans 12:16)
- Pahang has the highest debt of RM3.2 billion among Malaysian states at the end of 2018. Pray that the state government will devise plans to increase state revenues so that it can clear the huge debt.

Bible Reading: ☐ Matthew 11-15 ☐ Deuteronomy 15-19

DAY 17 (23 Aug 2019, Fri)

God's Church as the Salt and Light in the Nation

“ *Matthew 5:13, 14 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.*

Salt signifies that we are the channel of blessings to all people. We need salt to build a warm and harmonious society.

Light signifies the Holiness of God. Those who are in darkness live in sin. When God's righteousness arises, darkness cannot stand.

A nation needs God's Light. It is His truth that brings forth transformation. The truth sets people free as transformation begins in their minds. People need to have the right perception and the truth that fills their minds. The mind that thinks according to the truth of God shall produce right actions.

Salt must always remain salty for it to function properly. We must maintain our characteristics as God's people who walk accordingly to His instruction of love and righteousness or else, we cannot bring any edification to others. In order to remain salty, we need to seek the presence of God, call upon Him, and connect with Him and obey His Word.

Light and salt represent the life of Christ that flows through our lives and makes us become a blessing to the nation, as it impacts in the spheres of politics, economy, education, media, family, marriage and culture, etc. The nation has many needs that cover many aspects of life. It takes a life to transform another life. When many become light and salt, there is hope for the nation.

Pray for the State of Pahang

- Lake Chini is in danger of becoming a "dead lake" due to rampant logging, iron ore mining and agricultural activities. The Jakun aboriginal people (about 800) and other villagers who depend on the lake for their livelihood and water supply are greatly affected. Pray for necessary measures to be taken to alleviate the damage done.
- The mining activities (both legal and illegal) has caused catastrophic problems to the environment, especially river pollution. Pray that the issue of radioactive wastes that poses a threat to the safety of the Kuantan people will be resolved as soon as possible.

Bible Reading: ☐ Matthew 16-20 ☐ Deuteronomy 20-24

Day 18 (24 Aug 2019, Sat)

Fulfilling God's Destiny for a Nation through Prayer

“ 2 Chronicles 7:14 *if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

God has a destiny for the nation. However, corrupted worldly systems try to prevent the fulfillment of God's will. Spiritual darkness and hindrances can be removed when we pray so that God's purpose for the nation can be achieved. There are six criteria to fulfil God's plan through prayer as follows:

- 1) **Be Humble:** God has called His people to humble themselves. Without humility, we cannot establish fellowship with God. God hates the sin of pride and arrogance.
- 2) **Pray:** Prayer is communicating with God. Those who are self-dependant will not pray. Prayer means our reliance and trust is in God.
- 3) **Seek God's Face:** When a person sets his heart to seek God, he will not want his own will but rather God's will to be done.
- 4) **Turn from Their Wicked Ways:** God is Holy. It is hypocrisy to try to worship God without leaving one's wicked ways. Those who praise God with their lips and yet have hearts that are far away from Him are abominable to Him.
- 5) **Receive Forgiveness from God:** It is only when the nation has been forgiven of her sins that the purpose of God can be fulfilled. Sin becomes a hindrance to the fulfillment of God's destiny. When people humble themselves and call upon the name of God, He (being a just God) will forgive all their unrighteousness.
- 6) **Heal the Land:** A nation that is healed will experience the blessings of God; and whatever was lost will be restored to its glory and abundance.

Pray for the State of Johor

- Pray for the Sultan (Sultan Ibrahim Ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj) and the Menteri Besar (Dato' Dr. Sahrudin bin Jamal) of Johor, that God will give them hearts of integrity and hands of skill (Psalm 78:72) as they lead Johoreans into greater growth.
- The strained relationship between Singapore and Malaysia caused by recent issues (e.g. maritime and airspace territorial disputes, Johor Bahru-Singapore Rapid Transit System, KL-Singapore High-Speed Rail project, etc.) has caused damage to the economy of Johor to a certain extent. Pray that mutual agreement will be reached with a win-win situation for both parties.

DAY 19 (25 Aug 2019, Sun)

God's Destiny for a Nation

Sermon Outline: *Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

God has His purposes and destinies for the nations.

- 1) He always has good plans for a nation
- 2) Plans not to harm a nation
- 3) Plans to give a nation hope
- 4) Plans to give a nation a future

His plans are to see His Kingdom come, His Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. The heavenly kingdom is so wonderful, beautiful and bountiful. It is God's desire to see His Kingdom and Will to come on earth.

The Kingdom values of God are shown in His Word. By obeying and fulfilling God's Word in our lives and our nation, we will live according to His standard, which is always pleasing to Him and brings glory to His Name. This is holy and acceptable in God's sight.

When God's Church practises the Kingdom principles, values and Word in our daily living, it will bring forth transformation to the nation. The nation will be a God-fearing one that honours the Name of God and upholds the Truth of God. There is love and justice, and the glory of God will shine on earth. God is known as the King of kings, the Lord of lords, Creator of the whole universe, the Sovereign Lord. All knees will bow; and all tongues will confess that 'HE IS LORD!'

Pray for the State of Johor

- The state government welcomes the airing of public and professional opinions in order to assist in their efforts to bring about growth in the state. Pray for the mouths of the righteous that they may utter wisdom and that their tongues will speak justice (Psalm 37:30).
- The crime rate in Johor Bahru has been increasing for the past three years and most of the crime cases occur in the housing estates. Pray that the police enforcement team will tackle the problem well so that Johoreans will be able to enjoy peace in their coming in and going out.

Bible Reading: ☐ *Matthew 26-28* ☐ *Deuteronomy 30-34* ☐ *Daniel 1-2*

Day 20 (26 Aug 2019, Mon)

Fulfilling God's Destiny for a Nation through the Power of God's Word



Hebrew 11:3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

A. The Power of God's Word:

- 1) Brings About Creation: There is creative power in the Word of God. The creative power of God's Word can transform a nation from a hopeless, desperate and disordered state into one of hope, faith and order.
- 2) Brings About Fulfilment: God's Word has the power of fulfilment. Any word that comes from the mouth of God will be fulfilled in due time. A nation who has the promises of God will see the proclaimed words come to pass.
- 3) Brings About Execution: God's Word, once declared, will carry an executive power. Like in a court, the person remains unconvicted for his sin before a judge passes a sentence on him. After the judge has announced his verdict, the execution of judgment will then be carried out.

B. A nation needs to be filled with God's Word to bring about transformation. The church needs to:

- 1) Proclaim God's Word over the nation, so that the power of God's Word can operate in the creation, fulfilment and execution of God's destiny for a nation.
- 2) Live out God's Word
The Church needs to fully depend on God's power to live out God's Word. Only through the work of the Holy Spirit, can we live out such a life of holiness.
- 3) The Church needs to pray according to God's Word for the nation which is in line with His will. Only then shall we see God's will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Pray for the Churches in the States of Pahang & Johor

- Pray that, like Jeremiah who was known by God before he was formed in the womb and who was set apart by God and appointed as a prophet to the nations (Jeremiah1:5), churches in Pahang and Johor will realise that they are known personally by God, been set apart as holy people of God and have been called to be prophetic voices to their states and even the nation.
- Pray that churches in Pahang and Johor will be agents of love, who respond to the call of God to not just love in word or talk but in deed and in truth (1 John 3:18), that their love towards one another will be so obvious to the extent that non-believing communities will be attracted to the love of God.

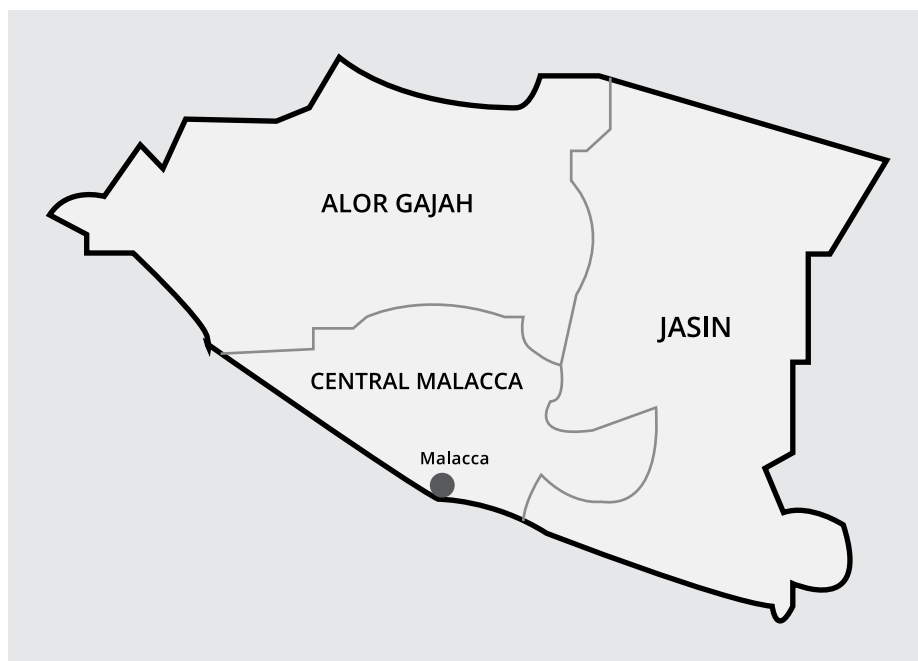
NEGERI SEMBILAN

Honorific:	Darul Khusus (means "The Special Abode")
Capital:	Seremban
Royal Capital:	Seri Menanti
Yang di-Pertuan Besar:	Tuanku Muhriz ibni Almarhum Tuanku Munawir
Ruling Party:	Pakatan Harapan (PKR)
Menteri Besar:	YAB Dato' Sri Aminuddin bin Harun
Population:	1,130,000 (estimation in 2018)
Race:	58.5% Bumiputera, 21.3% Chinese, 14% Indian, 0.4 % others and 5.8% non-Malaysian (Y2015, based on population of 1,098,400)
Religion:	60.3%Islam, 21.2 % Buddhism, 13.4 % Hinduism, 2.4% Christianity and 2.7% others (Y2010)
Economy:	Manufacturing, services & tourism and agriculture



MELAKA

Nickname:	The Venice of the East
Capital:	Melaka City
Yang di-Pertua Negeri:	Tun Datuk Seri Utama Dr. Mohd Khalil bin Yaakob
Ruling Party:	Pakatan Harapan (Amanah)
Chief Minister:	YAB Adly bin Zahari
Population:	920,000 (estimation in 2018)
Race:	64.6% Bumiputera, 24.6% Chinese, 6% Indian, 0.5 % others and 4.3% non-Malaysian (Y2015, based on population of 872,900)
Religion:	66.1%Islam, 24.2% Buddhism, 5.7Hinduism, 3% Christianity and 1% others (Y2010)
Economy:	Service, manufacturing, agriculture and construction



Bible Reading: ☐ Mark 1-5 ☐ Daniel 3-7**Day 21 (27 Aug 2019, Tue)**

Point of Struggle

Read *Genesis 32*

ONE of the great struggles in the life of a believer is undoubtedly responding to the call to "come out of them and be separate". Just how and when this happens is a mystery, but one tell-tale sign on the part of the person being called is an increasing burden to be singled out for a certain purpose, and it, almost always, does not come without struggles.

When Jacob needed to cross over the river Jabbok (Hebrew means "emptying out") to meet his brother Esau, he was already a man who had reached the end of his own devices. Human strength and wisdom could no longer help him navigate this precarious situation. All that was dear to him - the safety of his entire family and everything that he owned - hung on the delicate balance of Esau's whim, the brother whom he had cheated. As if that was not stressful enough, an angel met him and started a wrestling match that lasted all night. God was weaving a critical lesson into Jacob's life. Before attempting to set things right, Jacob first had to confront a very deadly yet intimate enemy in his life, i.e. his flesh. And it is the same with us.

When God initiates a holy struggle, rest assured it is to bring us to a better place. This may not be welcomed with glee, but God is more concerned about holiness in His children than accommodating our quirks. What areas of our lives need this treatment today?

Ponder: Am I willing to go through this?

Pray for the State of Negeri Sembilan

- May the Lord bless and keep the Yang di-Pertuan Besar (Tuanku Muhriz Ibni Almarhum Tunku Munawir) and the Menteri Besar (YAB Dato' Sri Aminuddin bin Harun) of Negeri Sembilan and may the Lord make His face shine on them and be gracious to them; may the Lord turn His face toward them and give them peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)
- Pray for the Malaysian Vision Valley project (MVV2.0) that it would create more job opportunities for the youths in the state and that youths will be involved extensively in contributing ideas and views towards the development project.

Bible Reading: ☐ Mark 6-10 ☐ Daniel 8-12

Day 22 (28 Aug 2019, Wed)

Point of Surrender

Read *Philippians 2*

MOST believers do not have an issue in serving others, but problems would arise if they felt that they were being treated like servants. Ever so often, we find ourselves happily serving those whose responses leave us with a sense of dignity and, in some cases, respect. We argue that this is a natural outflow of our service to them. Honestly, if the people we served had responded otherwise, a majority of us would likely be offended and drop out from serving, with the reason that it is just not worth it.

Have you ever wondered what would have happened if Judas Iscariot had kicked away the bucket and towel that Jesus used to wash his (Judas') feet? It probably would have created an uproar since one simply does not go against one's teacher in this manner. It would have been unthinkable - the utmost expression of disrespect. Even if that had happened, it is my firm belief that Jesus would have still gone to the cross for Judas' redemption, had the latter repented. Jesus looked beyond His own dignity and counted it less valuable than the worth of the eternal destiny of the human soul.

It is common to think of surrendering as giving up dignity. Our culture shapes us to believe that it is the option for the weak and useless, a situation to be avoided and abhorred at all costs. But let's not overlook the important part we gain - the peace, love, joy and humility that mark the surrendered soul.

Ponder: Can we serve God from a position of strength?

Pray for the State of Negeri Sembilan

- Pray for the state government and the 2019-2045 Negeri Sembilan Economic Development Plan, that projects undertaken to develop Jempol as a food valley and Gemas as a capitalist and agropolis centre will be favoured by God and serve to generate greater revenue as well as bring about development in the state.
- Pray that the people of Negeri Sembilan will come to experience the perfect love of God, that they will realize the truth that they are indeed wonderfully and fearfully made by the Creator, and that they are indeed created to have fellowship with Him.

Bible Reading: ☐ Mark 11-16 ☐ Jonah 1-4**Day 23 (29 Aug 2019, Thu)**

Point of Waiting

Reading: Psalm 130

The Bible is a rich tapestry of "characters", some of whom waited and some of whom didn't with varying results. Anna waited in the temple until she was in her 80s and saw the baby Messiah with her own eyes. King Saul, who could not wait for Samuel to offer the sacrifice, lost his kingship. Sarah could not wait for the promised heir, and hence got Abraham to produce a son, Ishmael, with her Egyptian maid Hagar. The repercussions of her decision reverberate throughout history in a profound manner, long after it had been made.

In our lifelong journey of sanctification, there will be overlapping cycles of struggles, surrender, submission and the joy of surfing the waves of the Holy Spirit as we grow in greater understanding and holiness required by God. Should all these have been the ingredients in making an excellent batch of Korean kimchi, then the waiting factor is the hidden and unnoticed part. And also it is the most critical. At this point, everything humanly possible has been done, and the result would be at the mercy of forces beyond our control. Waiting has its way of humbling us, and teaching us to trust.

In our world with its high premium on speed, there are unceasing attempts to reduce waiting time to its minimum. Under the rallying cry of 'technology' and 'efficiency', we hurtle towards a future of less and less waiting. May we never trade the priceless experience of waiting on God for seductive 'quick-fixes' that knock on our doors.

Ponder: In what area is God making me wait?

Pray for the State of Melaka

- Pray for the Yang di-Pertua Negeri (Tun Datuk Seri Utama Dr Mohd Khalil bin Yaakob) and the Chief Minister (YAB Adly bin Zahari) of Melaka, that they will possess wisdom which is sweet to their souls and that as they rule and administer with such wisdom, the people will have a future hope that will not be cut off. (Proverbs 24:14)
- Pray against drug addiction and bullying in the secondary schools in Melaka that both the local government, the schools and the parents will take precautionary action to avoid unnecessary harm to youths.

Bible Reading: ☐ Luke 1-5 ☐ Exodus 1-5

Day 24 (30 Aug 2019, Fri)

Point of Submission

Reading: 1 Peter 5

It is one thing to say, "God, let Your will be done," and quite another to allow His ways to supersede ours, and trump our decisions. We can say the former without doing the latter. This happens when we are not familiar with His ways, or confuse our ways with His. It may not mean we do not know who God is, but just that we prefer our ways over His.

The Israelites wandered 40 years in the desert because they did not know God's ways (Hebrews 3:10). That's one generation of wasted years in God's ledger. In His parable, Jesus spoke of ministers who prophesied, cast out demons and did miracles in His name - even though they were lawless ones who were never known by the Master (Matthew 7:21-23) - gasp! On the other hand, Daniel wrote that those who know their God shall be strong and do great exploits (Daniel 11:32b). Knowing God's ways does not depend on our status, pedigree or even position in the ministry. It hinges upon our obedience and submission to Him based on His revealed word. The attitude and posture of a submitted heart is fertile soil in which God's discernment and wisdom can germinate.

Perhaps it is time for God's people to saturate themselves in the Word and get to know the God of the Bible for themselves. The natural by-product would then be a life of obedience, submission and humility before the Lord. That's His way.

Ponder: Am I hungry for God's ways?

Pray for the State of Melaka

- Pray for the Temuan people (the only aboriginal tribe in Melaka) that they, though constantly under economic and social pressures, would encounter God and pursue righteousness and kindness so that they will find life, righteousness and honour. [Proverbs 21:21]
- The branch office of Jehovah's Witnesses is located in Melaka and all their religious groups in Malaysia are directed and supported from there. Pray for the leaders, managers, and missionaries who pass by this office that they will encounter the Triune God and come to realize that Christ is not the created but the Creator.

Day 25 (31 Aug 2019, Sat)

Point of Surfing (the Waves of the Spirit)

Read John 3: 1- 10

ANYONE who has surfed the ocean waves is most likely to recount it as the most exhilarating time of his life. Though the adrenaline rush does not happen unexpectedly, it requires a lot of attentive mental preparation beforehand. The surfer struggles with the fear of drowning, surrendering that fear, waiting for the right moment and submitting all control to the ebb and flow of the ocean. One thing for sure - once you have ridden the wave, you will never forget nor be able to resist the call of the sea.

Such is the strange and yet unpredictable ways of the Spirit. It gives us the exceptional ride of our lives, owes us no explanations, blows our traditions out of the way, and glorifies Jesus in a manner that challenges our manmade conventions - and yet, rings with the familiar voice that witnesses to our spirit, and is founded upon His word. Once we have taken a ride on that wave, we will never turn back. And when the Spirit calls again, there will be the same surge of peace, purpose, expectation and delight all over again.

Have you taken this ride? Do you want to? It is the portion of every child of God who desires to be set apart and used by our Heavenly Father to give new birth to His plan of salvation for our lifetime. May the wind of the Holy Spirit blow upon our weariness, and the water of God refresh our souls, so that we may arise to surf the wave of heaven for our generation.

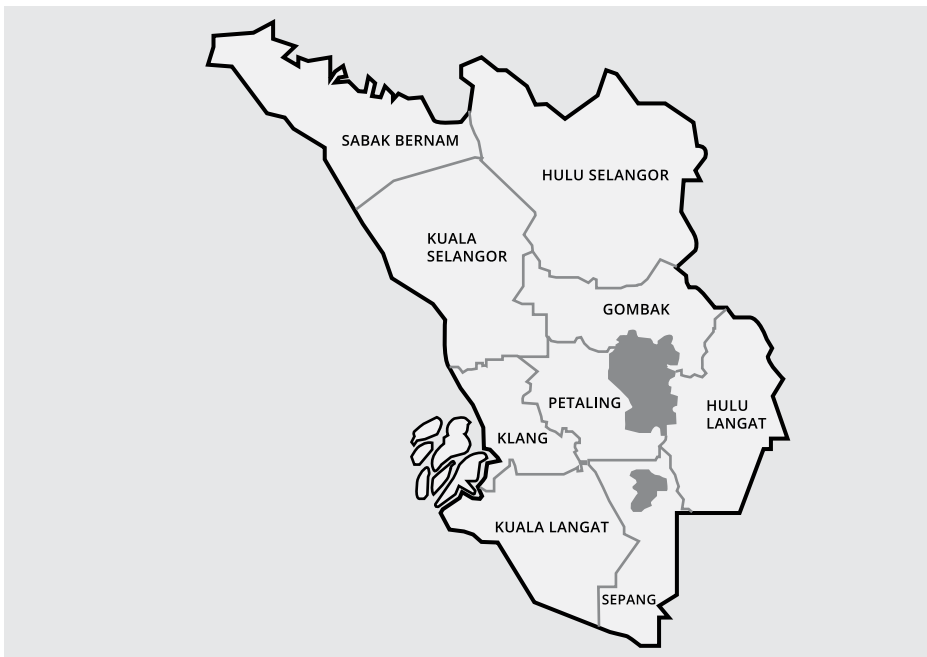
Suggested activity: Go surfing. Or engage a surfer in conversation.

Pray for the Churches in the States of Negeri Sembilan and Melaka

- Pray that as a people holy to the Lord our God and as a people chosen to be His treasured possession (Deuteronomy 14:2), that churches in Negeri Sembilan and Melaka will seek to be set apart to be holy vessels unto the Lord and to be fervent in carrying out His Great Commission.
- Pray for churches in Negeri Sembilan and Melaka that they would overcome the obstacles that prevent them from drawing closer to God, through surrendering themselves and submitting themselves to the will of the Father so that they will soar like eagles.

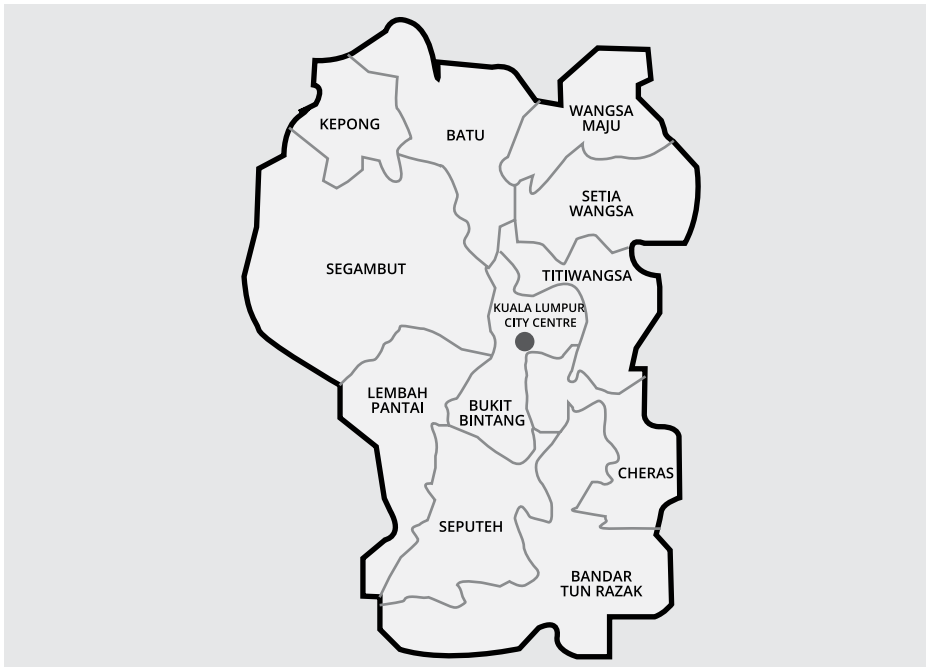
SELANGOR

Honorific:	Darul Ehsan (means "Abode of Sincerity")
Capital:	Shah Alam
Royal Capital:	Klang
Sultan:	Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Al-Haj Ibni Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Al-Haj
Ruling Party:	Pakatan Harapan (PKR)
Menteri Besar:	YAB Amirudin bin Shari
Population:	6,470,000 (Estimation in Y2018)
Race:	53.6% Bumiputera, 25.5% Chinese, 12% Indian, 0.8% others and 8.1% non-Malaysian (Y2015, based on population of 5,874,100)
Religion:	57.9% Islam, 24.4% Buddhism, 11.6% Hinduism, 3.8% Christianity and 2.3% others (Y2010)
Economy:	Commerce, industry, services, agriculture and tourism



FEDERAL TERRITORY OF KUALA LUMPUR

Nickname:	KL, Garden City of Lights
Mayor:	Datuk Nor Hisham Ahmad Dahlan
Population:	1,800,000 (Estimation in Y2018)
Race:	42.5% Bumiputera, 38.7% Chinese, 9.2% Indian, 0.9% others and 8.7% non-Malaysian (Y2015, based on population of 1,768,100)
Religion:	46.4% Islam, 35.7% Buddhism, 8.5% Hinduism, 5.8% Christianity and 3.6% others (Y2010)
Economy:	Services, commerce, education, tourism and retail



FEDERAL TERRITORY OF PUTRAJAYA

Nickname:	Garden City, Intelligent City
Administrator:	Putrajaya Corporation
President:	Datuk Dr. Aminuddin Bin Hassim
Population:	90,000 (Estimation in Y2018)
Race:	95.9% Bumiputera, 1.0% Indian, 0.6% Chinese, 0.1% others and 2.4% non-Malaysian (Y2015, based on population of 1,768,100)
Religion:	97.4% Islam, 1% Hinduism, 0.9% Christianity, 0.4% Buddhism and 0.3% others (Y2010)
Economy:	Services and Commerce



FEDERAL TERRITORY OF LABUAN

Administrator:	Labuan Corporation
Chief Executive Officer:	Datuk Azhar bin Ahmad
Population:	100,000 (Estimation in Y2018)
Race:	77.3% Bumiputera, 11% Chinese, 0.8% Indian, 1.8% others and 9.1% non-Malaysian (Y2015, based on population of 1,768,100)
Religion:	76.0% Islam, 12.4% Christianity, 9.0% Buddhism, 0.4% Hinduism and 2.2% others (Y2010)
Economy:	Oil and gas, international investment & banking services



Bible Reading: ☐ Luke 11-15 ☐ Exodus 11-15

Day 26 (1 Sept 2019, Sun)

Called to be the Nazirite

Sermon Outline: *Number 6:1-21*

Numbers 6:1-21 describes the law of the Nazirite, under which a man must consecrate an offering to take a vow, set himself apart and be holy to the Lord.

A. Worldly Mindset – Selfish Gain

- Judges 13:1-25: Samson, a Nazirite to deliver Israel.
- Worldly mindset for selfish gain set in and the power of God left him.

Contrary to Nazirite vows, he:

1. Was involved in a wine-drinking feast;
2. Ate honey taken out of the carcass of a lion;
3. Was enticed by Delilah and caused his hair to be shaved;
4. Asked his parents to get a Philistine wife for him.

B. Nazirite Mindset – Destiny Achiever

- Genesis 37-39: Joseph had dreams of greatness.
- He was sold as a slave in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh.
- The Lord was with Joseph. He was successful and was made an overseer.
- Joseph achieved the destiny that God had set for him. He said to his brothers, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today." (Genesis 50:19-20)

CONCLUSION

To walk Worthy of His Call (Colossians 3:1-17)

- We are raised with Christ. Seek things which are above, not on earth.
- Put to death our members on earth which are idolatry.
- Put off the old man and put on the new man, which is being renewed in knowledge in God's image.
- Put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering, bear with each other and forgive one another.
- Whatever we do, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Pray for the State of Selangor

- Pray for the Sultan (Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah Al-Haj Ibni Almarhum Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Al-Haj) and the Menteri Besar (YAB Amirudin bin Shari) of Selangor, that they will be leaders of insight who select capable men from all the people, men who fear God, and are trustworthy and hate bribes. (Exodus 18:21)
- Pray for the people of Selangor, that though they have different beliefs and pursuits, they will experience God's grace and mercy in their lifetime.

Bible Reading: ☐ Luke 16-20 ☐ Exodus 16-20

Day 27 (2 Sept 2019, Mon)

Called to be Holy

God called Abraham to a life of faith (Genesis 12), so that, in him, all the families of the earth shall be blessed. God's calling of Israel as a priestly nation will never be revoked, for the gifts and calling of God are irrevocable (Romans 11:28b-29).

I appeal to you therefore, brothers (and sisters), by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship (Romans 12:1).

When Isaiah was called to be a prophet to Israel, he saw the Lord. The seraphim cried to one another and said, *"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"* He knew that he was doomed because he saw the holiness of God and his own sinfulness. However, one of the seraphim flew to him, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched Isaiah's mouth with it, and said: *"Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for".*

Only after his iniquity had been taken away, did he hear the voice of the Lord saying, *"Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then Isaiah said, "Here am I! Send me."*

Before we are called to be a vessel for God, we have to be aware that we are serving a great and mighty God. We have to be set apart wholly for the Lord and not to be too casual about our ministry.

Pray for the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur

- Pray for the Mayor (Datuk Nor Hisham Ahmad Dahlan) and the local government known as the Kuala Lumpur City Hall, that they will manage the city well, and that the city will continue to flourish as the cultural, financial and economic centre of Malaysia.
- Kuala Lumpur is the main entry point for many new religions. Some cult groups use the city as their starting point before they move on to the other parts of Malaysia. Pray that those who are influenced by these cults will come out from their deception and encounter Christ as they seek the truth.

Bible Reading: ☐ Luke 21-24 ☐ Exodus 21-26

Day 28 (3 Sept 2019, Tue)

Called to Belong to Jesus

Romans 1:1-6: Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

We are called to belong to Jesus Christ. *"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).* As Christians, it is important to start to examine the call to follow Jesus. The call to belong to Christ is everything.

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." (1 Peter 2:9-10)

How do we live our lives before the world? Peter goes on to say, *"Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation." (1 Peter 2:11-12)*

Pray for the Federal Territory of Putrajaya

- Pray for Putrajaya Corporation and its President (Datuk Dr. Aminuddin Bin Hassim), that as they administer Putrajaya, peace will be within its walls and security will be within its towers (Psalm 122:7).
- The crime rate in Putrajaya has increased drastically over the years. Substance abuse and sexual immorality among teenagers are common too. Pray for the safety of this garden city with protection from God.

Bible Reading: ☐ John 1-5 ☐ Exodus 27-31

Day 29 (4 Sept 2019, Wed)

Called to a Restored Relationship

John 10:27-28: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

God has called us, we are justified, and if we are justified, we will be glorified. We realize how dependent we are on the call of God in our lives and His unchanging purpose in the lives of His people.

When we are called to follow Jesus, we are also called to a restored relationship with God and with other people and with the world around us. It includes all of a person's being and doing. It is not about how much we can do for God but how we live our lives to serve God. David the Psalmist asked in *Psalms 24:3: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?*

The answer is: *He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. [Psalm 24:4-6]*

God is calling us to change the world for His glory!

Pray for the Federal Territory of Labuan

- Pray for Labuan Corporation and its Chief Executive Officer (Datuk Azhar bin Ahmad), that they will manage Labuan well in areas like public health and sanitation, waste removal and management, town planning, environmental protection and building control, social and economic development, etc., so that it will advance continually as an International Offshore Financial centre.
- Pray for the corporation that it will be able to prevent, detect and curb illegal and vice activities going on the island like smuggling, human and drug trafficking, money-laundering, etc.

Bible Reading: ☐ John 6-10 ☐ Exodus 32-36

Day 30 (5 Sept 2019, Thu)

Called to Life & Hope

God has called us to life and hope that also bring us into eternal life, light, freedom and glory. It begins with repentance knowing that our God is a Holy God and that our sins must be forgiven in order to start an intimate relationship with Him. We will begin to see the sovereignty of God and will be pleased to be used in whatever manner He sees fit for His greatest glory.

When God calls, He will provide. God's call to life comes with the power to do what it demands. Christians are called to participate in His redemptive work in the world. When it comes to calling, what matters most is not one's title or workplace, but obedience to God. Are you ready to answer God's call?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night (Psalm 1:1-2).

We are to delight in the law of the Lord which will deliver us. We will also be made fruitful and prosperous.

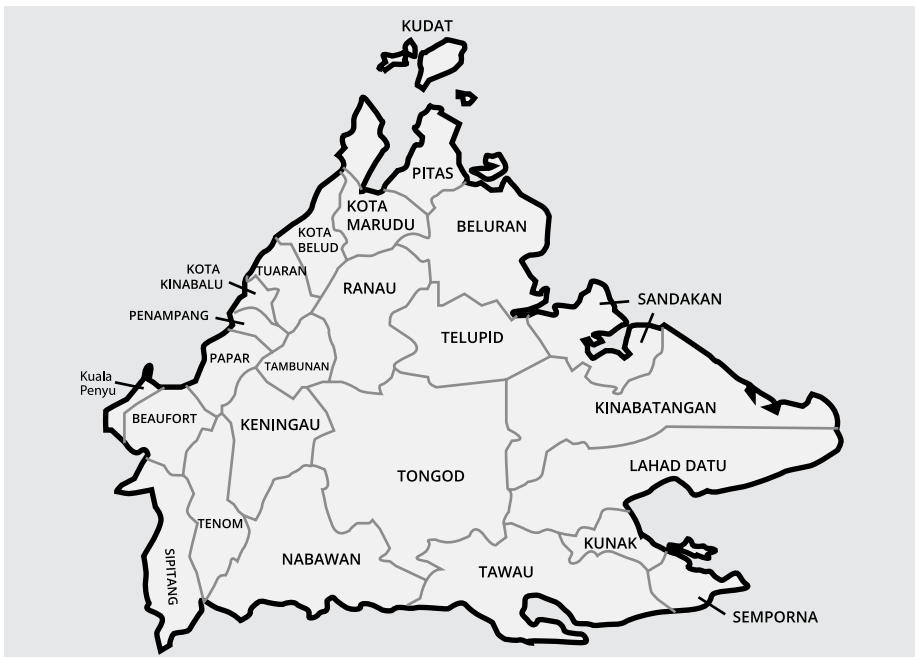
"But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15-16)

Pray for the Churches in the State of Selangor and the Federal Territories

- Pray that churches in Selangor, the Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Labuan, who are holy and beloved, will put on their compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, and that they will bear with and forgive one another. [Colossians 3:12-13]
- Pray for churches in the Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur, Putrajaya and Labuan to take up the call of the Nazirite to separate themselves unto the Lord, to be holy and touch no unclean things and to seek not things of this world but things of heaven.

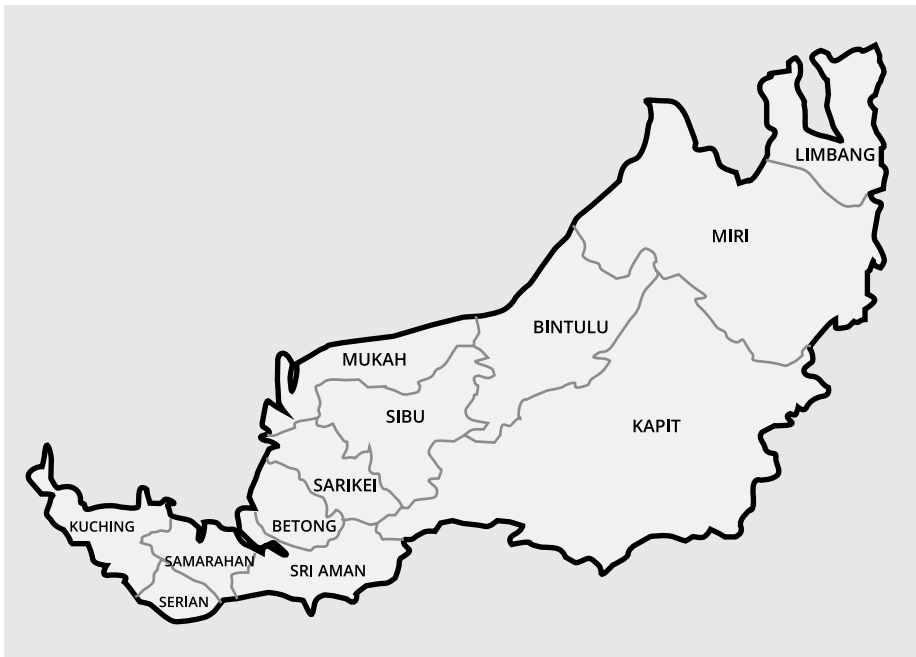
SABAH

Nickname:	Land below the wind
Capital:	Kota Kinabalu
Yang di-Pertua Negeri:	Tun Datuk Seri Panglima Juhar bin Mahiruddin
Ruling Party:	Warisan
Chief Minister:	Datuk Seri Panglima Hj Mohd Shafie bin Hj Apdal
Population:	3,900,000 (Estimation in Y2018)
Race:	63.1% Bumiputera, 8.8% Chinese, 0.3% Indian, 3.2% others and 24.6% non-Malaysian (Y2015, based on population of 3,543,500)
Religion:	65.4% Islam, 26.6% Christianity, 6.1% Buddhism, 0.1% Hinduism and 1.8% others (Y2010)
Economy:	agriculture, forestry and petroleum



SARAWAK

Nickname:	Land of the Hornbills
Capital:	Kuching
Yang di-Pertua Negeri:	Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud
Ruling Party:	Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS)-Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB)
Chief Minister:	YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg
Population:	2,790,000 (Estimation in Y2018)
Race:	71.8% Bumiputera, 22.9% Chinese, 0.3% Indian, 0.3% others and 4.7% non-Malaysian (Y2015, based on population of 2,636,000)
Religion:	42.6% Christianity, 32.2% Islam, 13.5% Buddhism, 0.2% Hinduism and 11.5% others (Y2010)
Economy:	Services, manufacturing, agriculture and mining



Day 31 (6 Sept 2019, Fri)

Be Strong in the Lord

We were never meant to fight alone. Paul makes it very clear where our source of power and strength comes from. In Ephesians 6:10, he commands us to "be strong IN the LORD and in the strength of HIS might." It is GOD HIMSELF who holds the power to fight and win our battles!

To be strong:

WE MUST BE IN THE LORD

This means we no longer live in our own belief systems, but in God's through saving faith in Jesus Christ. Only from that position of being His, can we truly understand what being strong in the Lord means.

WE MUST RECOGNIZE OUR WEAKNESSES

A strong Christian is one who has come to recognize his own weaknesses and inclination towards sin. That awareness drives him to depend all the more on the Lord's strength. To be strong in the Lord, you must know your own weaknesses.

WE MUST KNOW THE LORD'S STRENGTH

The Bible reminds us through countless occasions the manifest presence and power of God. He spoke the heavens and earth into existence out of nothing. He delivered His people from the clutches of their enemies. He parted the sea and sustained them through difficult situations. He fed the masses, healed the sick and set the captives free. He defeated death and resurrected, proving Himself to be the Lord over death and He is the Lord of life. There is none like HIM. We are weak and we need God's strength. God has given us His armour and weapons, but the power comes from Him, alone.

Pray for Sabah

- Pray for the Yang di-Pertua Negeri (Tun Datuk Seri Panglima Johar bin Mahiruddin) and the Chief Minister (Datuk Seri Panglima Hj Mohd Shafie bin Hj Apdal) of Sabah, that under their administration and leadership, justice in Sabah will roll on like a river and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.(Amos 5:24)
- Pray for safety along the maritime borders between Sabah and the Philippines and Indonesia that all attempts by terror groups to infiltrate Sabah will be crippled and the livelihood of the local fishing communities will not be threatened.

Bible Reading: ☐ John 17-21 ☐ Leviticus 1-5

Day 32 (7 Sept 2019, Sat)

Putting on the Full Armour of God - I

Read *Ephesians 6:10-18*

This world is a battlefield. We face a spiritual war and an enemy who is real. However, we are not defenceless! God has provided us the whole armour and He has called us to put it on.

The Greek word is an imperative – “*Put on*”. Believers are responsible for putting on God's full armour. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, the Word of God, prayer – every one of these has a role in defeating our adversary.

The Belt of Truth - Our Integrity

Integrity holds everything together. If you do not have integrity in the big and small things of life, you are going to lose the battle. Be truthful with the Word of God and your life. Christians are to “wear” and practice truth. We need to know the truth, live the truth, contend for the truth and proclaim the truth about Jesus. John 8:32 says, “*And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*” Make a conscious choice to live God's truth and be truthful.

The Breastplate of Righteousness - Our Purity

We are declared righteous by God in the gospel and we are to live out this righteous declaration with righteous actions. Know that it is His righteousness. Putting on this piece of armour guards our heart from pride and other arrows of sin. Satan wants to get into our hearts and minds. He's looking for a crack in our armour. Is your heart pure before God? Are you rightly-related to HIM? If not, you cannot win the battle. When we put on the breastplate of righteousness, we live with our eyes on God and we are obedient to Him.

Pray for Sabah

- Declare God's wonderful blessings to be upon Sabah, and pray that Sabahans will experience God as Savior and realise that He is able to make all grace abound to them, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, they may abound in every good work. [2 Corinthians 9:7-8]
- Sabah has the highest number of illegal immigrants from the Philippines and Indonesia among all the Malaysian states. In Sandakan, Tawau and Lahad Datu, illegal immigrants even outnumber the locals. Children produced by these immigrants who married the locals become stateless people who cannot have access to education and employment. Pray for God's mercy to be upon them, especially that the younger generation will receive equal opportunities with the locals.

Day 33 (8 Sept 2019, Sun)

Stand Firm in the Lord

Sermon Outline: *2 Samuel 23:11-12*

The apostle Paul emphasizes the word “stand” four times in Ephesians 6:10-18. In the face of Satan’s onslaught, we need to simply hold our ground and stand firm in order to overcome it.

Read the story of Shammah in 2 Samuel 23:11-12. Shammah seemed to overcome the Philistines against all odds when he took his stand in the middle of the field and defended it. Here are my observations:

SATAN IS ACTIVE IN TAKING GROUND

Verse 11a reads, “The Philistines gathered together at Lehi, where there was a plot of ground full of lentils,...”

CHRISTIANS ARE GIVING UP GROUND

Verse 11b reads, “...and the men fled from the Philistines.”

They had decided to flee rather than stand and fight.

THERE ARE FIELDS WORTH DEFENDING

Verse 12a reads, “But he took his stand in the midst of the plot and defended it and struck down the Philistines,...”

THE LORD WANTS CHRISTIANS TO HOLD THEIR GROUND. (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Verse 12b reads, “...and the LORD worked a great victory.”

Conclusion

God wants you to be strong in Him because you are in a spiritual battle against the powerful forces of darkness. The next time you find yourself in a battle with Satan, utilize the arsenal of weapons at your disposal and after having done all, stand firm, submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Pray for Sarawak

- Pray for Yang di-Pertua Negeri (Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud) and the Chief Minister (YAB Datuk Patinggi (Dr) Abang Haji Abdul Rahman Zohari Bin Tun Datuk Abang Haji Openg) of Sarawak, that they will be men who fear God and who choose to walk right with Him, for treasures gained by wickedness do not profit, but righteousness delivers from death. (Proverbs 10:2)
- Pray for the ruling party GPS (Gabungan Parti Sarawak), that they will keep their promise to look after the welfare and rights of Sarawakians and that they will become a righteous voice to the Federal Government.

Bible Reading: ☐ Acts 6-10 ☐ Leviticus 11-15

Day 34 (9 Sept 2019, Mon)

Putting on the Full Armour of God - II

Shoes of Peace

Roman soldiers wore shoes with spikes that helped them stand firm as their shoes gripped the ground. God's peace helps us stand firm in the storms of life. When we accept Jesus as our Saviour through His gospel, we receive peace with God. Hence, we should be prepared to share the gospel with others. As we receive peace with God, we are to be peacemakers too.

Shield of Faith

We put on the belt, the breastplate and the shoes which essentially hold themselves up. But the shield is something we must take up or raise. Just strapping it to our arms won't do any good at all if we don't make the effort to raise and use it. For Christians, faith forms such a shield. The devil attacks us with doubts, fears, insults, etc. With a firm and unwavering faith in God and a continual dependence upon Him, we are safe against those evil arrows.

Helmet of Salvation and Sword of the Spirit

A helmet protects a soldier's head and mind. It helps him to focus ahead and not be distracted. Salvation does the same spiritually by protecting our thoughts and keeping us focused on the eternal. We need to have the mind of Christ.

The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, is our most powerful weapon! We are to read it, meditate on it, memorize it, live it and share it. When we are tempted, the most effective weapon of believers is the sword of the Spirit.

Don't let another day go by without putting on "the full armour of God."

Pray for Sarawak

- Pray for many Sarawakians who have yet to know God personally, that they will encounter Him in wonderful and amazing ways and that they will come to realize that the blessing of the Lord makes rich and He adds no sorrow with it. (Proverbs 10:22)
- The construction of the Pan Borneo Highway which is expected to complete by 2021 has caused many bumiputeras to lose their ancestral lands and longhouses. Many who were forced to relocate out from their villages failed to receive proper compensations because they did not hold legal land titles. Pray for God's mercy for those who have suffered injustice that they will receive what they are entitled to as rightful compensations.

Day 35 (10 Sept 2019, Tue)

Praying in the Spirit

Praying should be a dynamic and active part of the lifestyle of a growing believer.

We pray to access the throne of grace, where we speak to the One who sustains us.

Ephesians 6:18 tell us *“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints”*.

C. S. Lewis wrote in his book *Mere Christianity* that this world is enemy-occupied territory and Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed and calls us all to take part in a great campaign of sabotage. Prayer is how we spiritually fight back against the enemy. “Prayer is fundamentally a warfare activity” (Greg Boyd). It is given by God to help us in the spiritual battles we fight.

There is a strong relationship between putting on the armour of God and praying. It is not enough to just put on the armour of God; we must also pray. Putting on the armour is essentially something that is done in the realm of our thought life. It is realigning our person to the Word of God and appropriating it. Every smart soldier knows they must keep the line of communication open to their Commander. God has orders for us, through His Word and the promptings of His Spirit.

John Wesley boldly stated that God does nothing but in answer to prayer. This verse reminds us to keep at it at all times and to keep praying for others.

Pray for the Churches in Sabah & Sarawak

- Both Sabah and Sarawak have big groups of Christians. Declare that they will continue to be faithful in sharing the gospel of Christ, so as to remove the darkness that covers these two states. Ask God for them to arise and shine as the glory of the Lord has risen upon them. (Isaiah 60:1-2)
- Pray that churches in Sabah and Sarawak will learn to put on the whole armour of God in order to stand against the schemes of the devil (Ephesians 6:11), and that they will be strong in the Word and prayer and to lead a holy lifestyle. May the issues of denominational barrier, syncretism and nominalism be resolved among churches and believers!

Bible Reading: ☐ Acts 16-20 ☐ Leviticus 21-25

Day 36 (11 Sept 2019, Wed)

Holiness is Godliness

"But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.' (1 Peter 1:15-16)

The Bible calls us to be holy. Holiness is not just a series of do's and don'ts. Holiness is conforming to the character of God and being obedient to His will.

We need the power of the Holy Spirit in order to lead a life of holiness. A life of holiness is godliness and it is what makes His church the salt of the earth. We, the children of the Lord, are called to be His disciples to go out to the world to spread the Gospel, and to speak about His faithfulness and goodness. We are the agents of the Good News. No news is good until it is being shared and spread out to the world.

The Gospel carries much weight when our lives conform to holiness, godliness and righteousness. There should be differences in our lives after salvation. Our lives can't stay the same as before. A holy life, totally given over to God, is radical to many. What holiness really means is that we are changed and set apart from the world for God. A holy life pleases a holy God. A lifestyle of holiness reflects Christ to the world.

Are we living a holy life? Are we set apart from the world to God? We are not our own. We belong to Christ. He has chosen us to be His holy nation! Are we that Church?

Pray for the Federal Government

- Declare God's protection and covering over the new government against the fiery darts of the enemies and pray that they will govern with God-given authority with the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might and of knowledge and the fear of God. (Isaiah 11:2-3)
- Pray for all the new ministers, that their knowledge will be widened and that their skills will be sharpened, so that they can play their roles effectively and manage their ministries as proven, faithful and wise public servants.

Day 37 (12 Sept 2019, Thu)

The Fear of the Lord

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Proverbs 1:7)

What does it mean to fear the Lord? It is to have a deep reverence, awe, and great respect for the Lord. We are to be awed and humbled by His presence. When we truly fear the Lord, we will recognize that He is the Creator and we are His creatures. He is the Father and we are His children. The true fear of God is leading a life in obedience to the Word of God and wanting to please Him at all costs.

Evil and crime have been increasing in our nation. We have high rates of crime, depression and suicide among the young people. The younger generation today does not have a single clue about the fear of the Lord and this could impact greatly the future of our nation. Malaysia is full of people who live for the flesh; lust, greed, pride, sorrow, resentment, guilt, hatred, anger and this list goes on and on. Where is our nation heading today? A nation without the fear of God is a nation of moral bankruptcy.

It must be the cry of churches in prayer for God to intervene and for the fear of the Lord to come upon our families, communities and country. This must be the heartbeat of every church today. The fear of God in the hearts of people will raise a holy nation, and will be the beginning of our knowledge.

Pray for the Federal Government

- How good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity. (Psalm 133:1) Pray that there will be unity among all members of the Federal Government, and that they will work with one heart and one mind to serve the interest of the nation.
- Pray that the National Economic Action Council (NEAC) which was set up by the Federal Government will give wise counsel and strategies to the government and function effectively to accelerate decision-making on economic matters.

Bible Reading: ☐ Romans 1-5 ☐ Hosea 1-5

Day 38 (13 Sept 2019, Fri)

Salt Shaker

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. (Matthew 5:13)

Salt is the ultimate seasoning that gives taste to food and is one of the most important elements in the kitchen of any household. Salt is rubbed deep inside the meat to preserve it from decaying. It has the quality of preserving. Jesus did not say, "You should or could be the salt of the earth", instead He said, *"You are the salt of the earth."* He wants His disciples to make a difference in their communities. No wonder most of them became the salt shakers for the Gospel and some of them died as martyrs for the Lord.

We are the salt of the earth and we have the same qualities that can preserve our families, communities and nation from decaying. Just as the salt that has no use if it is not shaken out of the bottle, the same goes to the Church of Christ. We are called to carry out the Great Commission to the world with the love of Christ. What impact would the churches have if we do not go out to share the Gospel? The Holy Bible has four Gospels and we the children of God are the fifth gospel. The world out there must see Christ in us. The fifth gospel is not shared or spoken but is seen by the outpouring a life of holiness!

Pray for the Federal Government

- Pray that government servants will be able to test everything and hold fast to what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21), that none of them will be overcome by the greed of money and become enslaved by corruption.
- Pray for the different branches of the Federal Government to exercise their authority in a discerning manner, that they will adopt the principle of separation of powers under Article 127 of the Federal Constitution and function independently with regards to legislative, executive and judicial matters.

Day 39 (14 Sept 2019, Sat)

The Awesomeness of Holiness

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. (Mark 1:4-5)

Look at that statement! *"And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem...."* How can such a response be explained? It certainly wasn't his charisma or clothing. Nor was it his money or position, for he had neither. What did he have?

Holiness.

John the Baptist set himself apart for one task - to be a voice of Christ. Everything about John centred on this purpose. His dress. His diet. His actions. His demands. There is awesomeness in a holy lifestyle. You don't have to be like the world to have an impact on it. You don't have to be like the crowd to change them. You don't have to lower yourself to their level to lift them up. Nor do you have to be weird. You don't need to wear camel's hair as clothing or eat insects. Holiness doesn't seek to be odd. Holiness seeks to be like God.

You want to make a difference in your world? Live a holy life. Our life is the message to people out there. They don't read the Bible but they are reading and watching us. Note the last sentence of Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4:12. Our daily life may win their respect. Our holy lifestyle will become more and more significant for churches. When the Church of Christ lives a life of holiness, it will be able to do what John the Baptist did.

Pray for the Evangelism & Mission Work of Churches in Malaysia

- Pray that churches will obey the Word of God, to go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation (Mark 16:15) and that there will be good partnership between churches and para-churches to be salt and light in reaching out to lost souls in the nation.
- Pray for churches to be actively involved in missions within or without Malaysia, that new churches will be constantly planted in different towns and villages all over Malaysia and that missionaries will be prepared for cross-cultural work.

Bible Reading: ☐ Romans 11-16 ☐ Hosea 11-14

Day 40 (15 Sept 2019, Sun)

Pursue Holiness

Sermon Outline: *Isaiah 6:3*

Isaiah 6:3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

In the Bible, Isaiah and John shared their visions of the throne in heaven, and they reported hearing the same sound day and night in heaven. *"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts" (Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8).*

Our final goal in our walk with the Lord is eternal life. Our last breath on this earth should be our first breath in the Kingdom of God. The Bible has stated clearly that without holiness we cannot see the holy God. That shows that God demands holiness.

1. Pursue Holiness in Love

When we love someone, we tend to do things they love. The love for God encourages and motivates us to pursue holiness. Pursuing holiness will become our core value when we love God. Everything becomes easy when there is a strong element of love.

2. Pursue Holiness in Faith

Depend on the Holy Spirit as our Helper as He will bless our efforts. We should avoid depending solely on our own strength, but, instead, put our faith in God and let Him guide us in our daily walk. All things are possible with God.

3. Pursue Holiness in Obedience

Not eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil did not make sense to Adam and Eve, but God required their obedience. Offering up Isaac as a sacrifice to God made no sense to Abraham but he obeyed God. In Christianity, obedience is the most important criteria and we must pursue holiness in obedience to God's Word.

Pray for the Partnership and Discipleship of Churches in Malaysia

- Pray that churches will enjoy good partnership with one another with the love of Christ, that they will speak the truth in love, and grow up in every way into Christ who is the Head, from whom the whole Body is joined and held together and each part works properly to make the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. [Ephesians 4:15-16]
- Pray that there will be effective disciple-making programmes in all churches in Malaysia so that all believers will be built strongly in their faith with the Word of God and that they will be equipped to do good works in their respective fields and spheres of influence.

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