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PSALM 89:11

11. The heavens are thine, the earth also
is thine as for the world and the fullness
thereof, thou hast founded them.
12. The north and the south thou hast cre-
ated them: Tubor and Herson shall rejoice
in thy name.
13. Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy
hand, and high is thy right hand.
14. The north and judgment are the habitation
of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go be-
fore thy face.
15. Blessed is the people that know the joy-
ful sound: they shall walk, O LORD, in the
light of thy countenance.
16. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day:
and in thy righteousness shall they be ex-
alting.

17. For thou art the glory of their strength:
and in favour our horn shall be exalted.
18. For the LORD is our defence; and the
Holy One of Israel is our King.

GOD EXALTS HIS CHOSEN ONE

19. Then thou appearest in vision to thy holy
one, and saydest, I have had help upon one
that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen
out of the people.
20. I have found David my servant; with my
help shall I sanctify him.
21. With whom my hand shall be estab-
lished: mine arm also shall strengthen him.
22. The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor
the count of wickedness afflict him.
23. And I will beat down his foes before his
face, and plague them that hate him.
24. But all thy faithfulness and my mercy shall
be with him; and in my name shall his horn
be exalted.
25. I will set his hand also in the sea, and
his right hand in the rivers.
26. He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation.

GOD'S COVENANT STANDS FAST

27. Ah! I will make him my fastness, higher
than the kings of the earth.
28. My mercy will I keep for him for ever-
more; and my covenant shall stand fast
with him.
29. His seed also will I make to endure for
ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.
30. If his children forsake my law, and walk
not in my judgments;
31. If they break my statutes, and keep not
my commandments;
32. Then will I visit their transgression with
the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.
33. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will
I not utterly take from him; nor suffer my
faithfulness to fail.
34. My covenant will I not break, nor alter
the thing that is gone out of my lips.
35. Forsooth I swear by my holiness that I
will not be unto David.
36. His seed shall endure for ever; and his
throne as the sun before me.

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37. It shall be established for ever as the
years, and as a faithful witness in heaven.
38. But thou hast cast all and rejected,
thou hast been violent with their anointed.
39. Thou hast made void the covenant of
thy servants: thou hast perjured thee
by causing it to be empty.
40. Thou hast broken down all his bulwark,
thou hast brought his strong hold to naught.
41. All that pass by the way shall hiss at
thee; they shall shake their heads.
42. Thou hast set up the right hand of his
enemies; thou hast made all his strength to
recede.
43. Thou hast also turned the side of his
word; and hast not made him to stand in
the battle.
44. Thou hast made his glory to wax, and
cast his throne down to the ground.
45. The days of his youth hast thou aban-
doned; thou hast covered him with shame.
46. Thou hast despised his throne and his
habitation.

PLEA FOR FULFILLMENT OF GOD'S PROMISES

47. How long, O LORD, how long shall we
be overthrown? how long shall we be
rent? wherefore hast thou made all our
enemies to be stronger than we?
48. How long shall we be despised? how
long shall we be despised? how long shall
we be despised?
49. How long shall we be despised? how
long shall we be despised?
50. Remember, LORD, thy covenant with
thy servants; how I have wept before thee,
and how thou hast broken down my
stronghold.
51. Remember, O LORD, how many thy
servants are; how many thy servants are;
how many thy servants are.
52. Remember, O LORD, how many thy
servants are; how many thy servants are;
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53. Remember, O LORD, how many thy
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BOOD OF THE LORD

54. Remember, O LORD, how many thy
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servants are; how many thy servants are;
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THE ETERNAL GOD

57. A Prayer of David, when he fled from
1. LORD, thou hast been and dwellest
plain in all generations.
2. Before the mountains were brought
forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth
and the world, even from everlasting, pre-
ferring thine own God.
3. Thou hast met man to destruction and
sorrow, Return, ye children of men.
4. For a thousand years in thy sight as
as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch
in the night.

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PSALM 92:15

1. Thou hast tried them every one with sleep;
they are as a sleep; in the morning they
are as grass which groweth up.
2. In the morning it flourisheth, and
groweth up: in the evening it is cut down,
and by thy breath it withereth.
3. They are consumed by thine anger,
and by thy wrath are we troubled.
4. They are as a dream when thou awakest:
as a vision when thou awakest.
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A PLEA FOR MERCY


10. How long, O LORD, how long shall we
be overthrown? how long shall we be
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THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH

21. A Psalm of David.
22. Thou shalt hide them in the secret place
of the most high, until thou shalt be
punished.
23. Thou shalt be afraid for the terror
of wrath: for thou shalt be afraid for the
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MATTHEW 25:21

FAITHFUL LIFE

The image features a sunset over a rocky landscape. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and light blue, with some clouds. In the foreground, there are dark, jagged rock formations. On the right side, a silhouette of a cross is visible against the sunset. The entire image is framed by a green border that forms a large 'X' shape, dividing the image into four quadrants. The text is written in a cursive font on a white, torn-paper-like background in the bottom-left quadrant.

for my house
will be called
a house of
prayer for all
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Bangkitlah Generasi Yeremia!

Shalom Saudara yang dikasihi Tuhan,

Apakah Saudara merasakan hadirat Tuhan ketika kita berdoa, memuji dan menyembah Tuhan? Tuhan Yesus itu baik, Dia sungguh baik dan sangat baik kepada kita semua. Nah, mari kita akan mendengarkan apa yang hendak Tuhan katakan kepada kita.

Tahun Ayin Tet (5779)

Dari tanggal 10 September 2018 – 29 September 2019 kalender Ibrani memasuki tahun 5779 yang disebutkan dengan Ayin Tet. ‘Ayin Tet’ adalah 79, ‘Ayin’ itu 70 dan ‘Tet’ itu 9. ‘Ayin’ itu berbicara tentang sebuah mata, dan saya percaya itu adalah mata Tuhan. Kalau Saudara membaca Mazmur 33:18 dan Mazmur 32:8, di situ dikatakan, “..mata TUHAN tertuju kepada mereka yang takut akan Dia, kepada mereka yang berharap akan kasih setia-Nya.” Ada berapa banyak di antara Saudara yang takut akan Tuhan? Yang berharap kepada kasih setia-Nya? Tuhan akan mengajar, menasehati dan menuntun Saudara. Apakah Saudara mau diajar, dinasehati dan dituntun? Ini hanya bisa kita tangkap kalau mata kita tertuju kepada Dia. Kalau mata kita tidak tertuju kepada Dia, saya kuatir Saudara akan salah.

Saudara, kita selalu mengharapkan kalau Tuhan mengajar dan menasehati itu dengan suara lembut. “*Hai anak-Ku...*”, mungkin begitu pertama kali memang lembut, tetapi begitu kita tidak menurut menjadi agak keras sedikit, “*Hai anak-Ku!!...*”. Tetapi kalau masih tidak menurut akan lebih keras lagi, “*HAI ANAK-KU!!!...*”, lama-kelamaan, “*PLAKK...PLAAKK...!!*”. Mungkin itu yang dilakukan Tuhan kepada kita dan yang melakukannya adalah manusia. Mungkin itu sahabat kita, guru kita, orang tua, Pendeta dan kalau kita tidak tahu maka kita akan sakit hati, “*Apaan ini? Kenapa kamu bisa berbuat begini kepada saya?*” Tetapi kalau mata kita tertuju kepada Dia kita akan tahu, “*Ini Tuhan..Ini Tuhan yang mengajar kita, ini Tuhan yang menasehati kita, ini Tuhan yang menuntun kita.*” Saudara yang dikasihi Tuhan, saya tahu ini pesan Tuhan buat kita semua. Ke depan ini yang Tuhan rindukan agar kita lakukan adalah mata kita tertuju kepada Dia.

Tuhan akan mengajar, menasehati dan menuntun kita melalui arti daripada ‘Tet’ atau angka 9 tadi. Menurut tradisi Yahudi huruf ‘Tet’ itu berbentuk sebuah rahim (). Tet juga berarti angka 9, bayi yang berada dalam rahim baru akan dilahirkan setelah terpelihara dengan baik selama 9 bulan. Berdasarkan ini, ‘Tet’ bisa diartikan Sebuah Kelahiran.

Ke depan ini kita akan lihat ada beberapa proses atau beberapa macam kelahiran, yaitu:

1. KELAHIRAN PENTAKOSTA YANG BARU (Pentakosta Yang Ketiga)

Saya ingat pesan Pentakosta yang ketiga itu dimulai tahun 2009. Pada waktu itu Tuhan berkata kepada saya melalui **Wahyu 3:11**, *“Aku datang segera!...Aku datang segera!”* Saudara, kita sering mendengar kata-kata itu, tetapi pada waktu itu merupakan sesuatu yang lain yang saya terima. Saya gemetar, *“Tuhan, ada apa? Apa yang akan Tuhan kerjakan dan apa yang harus saya kerjakan?”* Tuhan tidak berbicara, setelah selama 6 bulan barulah Tuhan jawab, *“Aku akan mencurahkan Roh-Ku! Aku akan mencurahkan Roh-Ku! Ketika Aku mencurahkan Roh-Ku, maka akan terjadi seperti Yoel 2:28-32. Yang pertama, anak-anak, pemuda, orang tua akan dipakai Tuhan secara luar biasa. Yang kedua, mujizat-mujizat akan terjadi luar biasa. Tetapi yang ketiga, goncangan-goncangan juga terjadi luar biasa!”*. Semuanya itu akan menyebabkan ayat 32-nya terjadi, *“Akan banyak orang yang berseru kepada Nama Tuhan dan mereka yang berseru kepada Nama Tuhan, mereka akan diselamatkan!”*

Saudara, selama beberapa tahun ini Tuhan terus berbicara tentang pencurahan Roh Kudus. Lalu saya ingat pada tahun 2013, jadi 4 tahun setelah itu, di SICC akan ada acara Empowered 21 Asia, 2 hari sebelum itu tiba-tiba Tuhan berbicara kepada saya, *“Yang Aku maksudkan selama ini dengan pencurahan Roh Kudus itu adalah Pentakosta yang Ketiga!”* Saya kaget! Lalu saya mulai share kepada beberapa orang dan pada waktu Empowered 21, saya ucapkan ini. Memang ada sebagian yang bereaksi, *“Apaan ini?”* ada sebagian yang menerima dan bermacam-macam tanggapan orang. Tetapi saya tidak peduli, apa yang Tuhan ngomong, saya ngomong! *“Pentakosta Ketiga! Masa penuaian jiwa yang terbesar dan yang terakhir sebelum Tuhan Yesus datang untuk kali yang kedua! Pentakosta Ketiga!”* Saya terus bicara dimana-mana dan bermacam-macam reaksi orang-orang, tetapi saya tidak peduli. Saya ingat tahun 2015, ketika Empowered 21 Global di Yerusalem dimana para pemimpin sinode Pantekosta dunia kebanyakan hadir di tempat itu. Saya ngomong tentang hal itu, mereka diam dan menimbang. Mereka memang tidak menolak, tetapi mempertanyakan, *“Apa ini?...Apa ini?”*.

Dan saya selama beberapa tahun terus bertanya kepada Tuhan, *“Tuhan, Pentakosta Ketiga itu bagaimana, Tuhan? Contohnya di Indonesia itu bagaimana, Tuhan?”* Lama Tuhan tidak menjawab, tetapi akhirnya tahun yang lalu (2017) Tuhan berbicara bukan kepada orang Indonesia tetapi kepada orang Australia yang bernama Ps. Russell Evans. Dia adalah teman saya juga dan gembala dari Planetshakers yang lagu-lagunya mungkin Saudara tahu. Gereja dari Ps. Russell Evans di Melbourne bertetangga dengan gereja kita dimana jaraknya tidak sampai 50 meter. Dia dipakai Tuhan kemana-mana sekarang dan dia adalah teman saya juga yang bersama-sama di Empowered 21. Pada waktu conference dari Planetshakers, dia menyampaikan pesan Tuhan; melalui apa yang dia lihat tentang Indonesia. Apa yang dia lihat? Ternyata dia melihat api Roh Kudus sedang turun di Indonesia, kemudian ada awan-awan seperti ditiup oleh angin keluar dari Indonesia ke bangsa-bangsa lain. Dan dia lihat jutaan anak-anak muda yang berkobar dalam api Roh Kudus dan mereka cinta mati-matian akan Tuhan Yesus dan yang melayani bangsa ini seperti yang belum pernah terjadi sebelumnya. Haleluya!

Berdasarkan itu Tuhan menyuruh saya tahun ini yaitu tanggal 17-20 Juli 2018 membuat Empowered 21 Asia di SICC. Tuhan berkata, *“Ajak bangsa-bangsa, terutama Asia. Suruh mereka datang! Aku akan mencurahkan api Roh Kudus, Pentakosta Ketiga!”* Saudara, karena saya sebagai Co-Chair bagian Asia saya menyuruh mereka datang. Dan luar biasa responnya bukan main! 2 bulan sebelum Juli 2018, pendaftaran sudah ditutup karena orang yang mendaftar itu luar biasa diluar kapasitas. Dari China ada 900 orang yang datang, dari Vietnam ada 1.250 orang belum lagi dari bangsa-bangsa lain, ada sekitar 45 bangsa-bangsa yang berkumpul. Dan pada saat itu kita semua tahu, ini adalah Pentakosta yang baru sedang turun! Pentakosta Ketiga! Orang-orang yang sudah biasa mengikuti konferensi-konferensi tingkat dunia, semuanya kaget, *“Yang seperti ini belum pernah kita rasakan!”* Benar! sebab ini adalah Pentakosta baru, ini adalah Pentakosta Ketiga! Ini sekarang menyebar kemana-mana.

Kalau Saudara beberapa waktu yang lalu melihat Cindy Jacobs ketika dia bernubuat untuk saya, dia berkata, *“Dulu, pada waktu Pentakosta Kedua adalah from the West to East, tetapi sekarang pada Pentakosta Ketiga terbalik, yaitu from the East to West and back to Jerusalem!”* Saudara yang dikasihi Tuhan, itu luar biasa!

Nah, tanggal 25-27 September yang lalu, saya ada di Amerika Serikat untuk meeting dalam Executive Council yang terdiri dari Penasehat 18 (Council of Eighteen) ditambah dengan BPH yang berjumlah 5 orang, jadi semuanya adalah 23 orang yang memegang keputusan tertinggi dari Church of God; dimana saya termasuk dalam Council of Eighteen (Penasehat 18). Church of God ini umurnya 130 tahun lebih dan itu ada di 185 negara dan

teritori, jadi sudah kemana-mana. Gereja kita diberikan 'favor' oleh Tuhan untuk bisa ada di sana dan saya ini mewakili Saudara.

Saudara, pada waktu saya di sana, saya diminta bersaksi tentang Pentakosta Ketiga. Ketika saya bersaksi hadirat Tuhan turun! Kemudian tanggal 28 September-nya saya ikut meeting yang lain lagi, yaitu di Pentecostal Theological Seminary dimana pada tahun 2000 saya diberi gelar Doktor dari sana. Chair kita tentang Restorasi Pondok Daud juga diberikan oleh mereka. Chair itu sampai sekarang hanya ada 5 orang dimana saya termasuk salah-satunya mewakili Saudara. Yang 3 sudah meninggal dan hanya tinggal 2 orang yang masih hidup. Ini tidak gampang, melainkan satu 'favor' yang Tuhan berikan. Dan Saudara, saya juga bisa diangkat sebagai Board of Trustees dari institusi ini. Pada waktu kami berkumpul, saya disuruh kembali bercerita tentang Pentakosta Ketiga. Waktu saya mulai bercerita, tiba-tiba Roh Kudus turun luar biasa. Dan saya baru pertama kali berbahasa roh dan diterjemahkan. Jadi ketika saya berbahasa roh di sana tiba-tiba ada yang menterjemahkan. Saya awalnya berpikir apa saya yang diterjemahkan, tetapi tiba-tiba Tuhan memberi bahasa roh lagi dan kembali diterjemahkan. Di situ saya mengerti bahwa benar ada terjemahannya.

Saudara, ada sesuatu yang luar biasa, pada waktu saya sebagai Council of Eighteen ditambah 5 orang menjadi 23 orang yang memegang keputusan tertinggi dari Church of God tadi, ketika saya bersaksi tiba-tiba ada salah satu teman saya dari Council of Eighteen yang bernama Bryan Cutshall, ketika saya berbicara tentang Pentakosta Ketiga tiba-tiba Tuhan memberikan kepadanya pengertian dan saya pikir ini luar biasa. Kadang-kadang saya tidak habis pikir caranya Tuhan memberikan pengertian dan peneguhan tentang Pentakosta Ketiga itu dengan bermacam-macam cara. Inilah yang dia dapatkan, pada waktu itu dia datang kepada saya dan dia berbicara tentang 2 hal:

1. Bahtera Nuh

Bahtera Nuh ini berbicara tentang pengangkatan dari gereja (rapture). Bahtera Nuh terdiri dari 3 tingkat. Tingkat pertama berbicara tentang Allah Bapa, tingkat kedua berbicara tentang Allah Putera dan tingkat ketiga berbicara tentang Allah Roh Kudus. Bahtera Nuh ini mempunyai 1 pintu dan itu berbicara tentang Tuhan Yesus.

Pada waktu itu dikatakan bahwa Nuh melepaskan 3 ekor merpati yang berbicara tentang 3 Pentakosta. Jadi pada waktu Nuh melepaskan merpati yang pertama, tidak lama kemudian setelah berputar-putar, merpati ini kembali, kemudian ditangkap oleh Nuh dan dibawa kembali. Seminggu kemudian dilepaskan lagi, Merpati itu berputar-putar tetapi masih kembali lagi dan kali ini membawa ranting pohon zaitun. Kalau Saudara lihat ini memang lambang perdamaian. Merpati pertama itu melambangkan Pentakosta yang terjadi di Yerusalem di kamar loteng. Merpati kedua berbicara tentang Pentakosta yang Kedua yang terjadi di Azusa

Street - Los Angeles, Amerika Serikat. Ini masih kembali, dan kemudian setelah itu Nuh melepaskan merpati lagi yang ketiga, kali ini tidak kembali lagi! Itu sudah final! Dia katakan bahwa ini berbicara tentang Pentakosta yang Ketiga! Ini sudah final dan tidak akan ada lagi!

Karena itu saya selalu berkata secara nubuatan, *“Ini adalah masa penuaian jiwa yang terbesar dan yang terakhir sebelum Tuhan Yesus datang untuk kali yang kedua.”*

Tahun 1909, William Seymour seorang berkulit hitam yang dipakai oleh Tuhan dalam Pentakosta Kedua di Azusa Street, dia bernubuat, *“Akan terjadi pencurahan Roh Kudus yang luar biasa dan jauh lebih dahsyat daripada zaman Azusa yang akan membuat satu revival yang luar biasa yang bukan hanya melanda beberapa daerah, tetapi akan melanda seluruh dunia. Dan revival ini tidak akan berhenti sampai Tuhan Yesus datang untuk kali yang kedua!”* WOW!

Saya baru tahu dan saya yakin bahwa Tuhan pasti akan memberitahukan mengapa Pentakosta hanya sampai ketiga? Banyak orang yang bertanya mengapa tidak ada yang keempat? Tetapi ini secara profetiknya demikian, namun saya percaya nanti Tuhan akan singkapkan lagi.

2. Tiga Nubuatan Dalam Kitab Yoel 2

Setelah Bryan Cutshall tadi berbicara tentang Bahtera Nuh, dia kemudian berbicara tentang **Yoel 2**. Dikatakan bahwa dalam Yoel 2 itu ada 3 nubuatan.

- **Yoel 2:1-11** berbicara tentang nubuatan Yerusalem yang akan dihancurkan.
- **Yoel 2:12-27** adalah nubuatan yang kedua dimana bangsa Israel akan diceraiberaikan dan setelah itu akan kembali lagi ke Yerusalem. Dan kedua hal ini benar terjadi.
- **Yoel 2:28-32** yang sering kita baca itu berbicara tentang pencurahan Roh Kudus. *“Kemudian daripada itu akan terjadi...”* ; dia terjemahkan ini demikian, *“Kemudian setelah nubuatan 1 dan 2, maka ini akan terjadi...”* Jadi yang terakhir atau nubuatan yang kedua adalah setelah orang Israel kembali ke Yerusalem. Dan yang terakhir, kapan kembali? Tahun 1948! Dia terjemahkan bahwa pencurahan Roh Kudus yang disebutkan ini terjadi setelah tahun itu, artinya tahun yang sekarang ini.

Mari kita baca **Yoel 2:28-29**,

“Kemudian dari pada itu akan terjadi, bahwa Aku akan mencurahkan Roh-Ku ke atas semua manusia, maka anak-anakmu laki-laki dan perempuan akan bernubuat; orang-orangmu yang tua akan mendapat mimpi, teruna-terunamu akan mendapat penglihatan-penglihatan. Juga ke atas hamba-hambamu laki-laki dan perempuan akan Kucurahkan Roh-Ku pada hari-hari itu.”

Jadi pencurahan Roh Kudus yang disebut dengan Pentakosta Ketiga itu akan diterima oleh:

1. Anak laki-laki
2. Anak perempuan
3. Orang tua
4. Teruna (pemuda)
5. Hamba laki-laki
6. Hamba perempuan

Dari 6 golongan atau kelompok ini, orang tuanya hanya 1 kelompok (nomor 3) sedangkan yang 5 lainnya berbicara tentang anak muda. 5 berbicara tentang angka kasih karunia. Jadi di Pentakosta Ketiga ini yang akan mengalami kebanyakan adalah anak-anak muda.

Kemudian 4 kelompok tadi (Anak-anak, orang tua, pemuda dan hamba) berbicara tentang 4 mata angin yang berbicara tentang seluruh dunia. Hamba laki-laki berbicara tentang Orang Yahudi. Istilah "*hamba perempuan*" pertama kalinya ditulis dalam Alkitab adalah Hagar, ibu dari Ismael, yang secara rohani berarti saudara-saudara kita yang Muslim.

Jadi sekarang pencurahan Roh Kudus atau Pentakosta Ketiga, berbicara tentang:

- Anak muda
- 4 mata angin (seluruh dunia)
- Orang Yahudi
- Saudara-saudara kita yang Muslim

Berdasarkan ini dia mendapatkan satu nubuatan:

"Pentakosta Ketiga akan melanda seluruh dunia dan ini akan dimulai dengan kebangunan rohani di antara anak-anak muda dari sebuah negara Muslim dan itu akan melanda seluruh dunia dan akan kembali kepada Yerusalem!"

Yang dimaksudkan dengan negara Muslim itu dimana? INDONESIA! Indonesia adalah negara dengan jumlah penduduk Muslim yang terbesar di dunia. Nubuatan ini bagi saya sungguh luar biasa! Jadi Pentakosta Ketiga itu akan melanda seluruh dunia, dimulai dengan pergerakan atau revival anak-anak muda, dimana? Di Indonesia! Dikatakan "*East to West and back to Jerusalem!*".

Kalau boleh anak-anak muda yang dibawah 37 - 38 tahun boleh berdiri sebab ada berita gembira buat Saudara. Wah, ternyata banyak sekali yang datang! Dengar, Tuhan mau beracara dengan kalian semua. Di era Pentakosta Ketiga ini, engkaulah yang akan dipakai oleh Tuhan untuk menjungkirbalikan dunia seperti yang dilihat oleh Ps. Russell Evans. Itulah Anda!

2. KELAHIRAN GENERASI YEREMIA (Jeremiah Generation)

Mungkin Saudara sering mendengar Generasi Yosua (Joshua Generation), itu memang benar. Jadi Yosua menggantikan Musa yang juga adalah anak-anak muda, tetapi siapa yang dimaksudkan dengan Generasi Yeremia?

Yeremia adalah seorang nabi yang dipakai oleh Tuhan pada usia muda, diperkirakan antara umur 20 - 30 tahun. Tuhan memakai Yeremia secara unik karena Yeremia harus menyampaikan sesuatu yang tidak populer di zaman itu. Pada zaman itu yang populer adalah Nabi-nabi yang sekarang adalah pendeta-pendeta dimana kalau ada yang jatuh dalam dosa akan berkata begini, *"Tidak apa-apa, Tuhan pasti mengampuni. Tidak ada penghukuman, semua damai...damai!"* Itulah yang nabi-nabi bicarakan pada waktu itu atau katakanlah pendeta-pendeta yang bicara seperti itu.

Tetapi Yeremia disuruh oleh Tuhan berbicara tentang hal yang lain, *"Kamu kalau tidak bertobat, ada penghukuman! Kalau terus tidak bertobat, Yerusalem akan dihancurkan!"* Gara-gara ini Yeremia dianiaya. Saudara yang dikasihi Tuhan, bukankah berita yang seperti itu yang sedang ramai sekarang ini? Sekarang ramai seperti ini, *"Kamu Kristen? Sudah kenal Tuhan Yesus? Sudah pasti selamat! Kamu mau berbuat apa saja, tetap selamat! LGBT? Oh tidak apa-apa."*

Kita mengasihi orangnya, tetapi dosanya kita tolak dalam Nama Tuhan Yesus. Narkoba dan free-sex itu sekarang sedang ramai, *"Yang penting kita orang Kristen, kita pasti diberkati!"* Jadi fokus hidup itu terus hanya tertuju pada sukses yang dihubungkan dengan materi. Itu yang sekarang sedang terjadi. Dan saya percaya yang dinamakan Generasi Yeremia ini justru yang akan berani mendobrak yang sedang populer hari-hari ini. Dia akan tolak LGBT, tolak free-sex, tolak narkoba, tolak kalau orang hanya memfokuskan diri pada sukses secara materi. Tolak itu semua, sebab rumah kita bukan di dunia melainkan di Sorga. Itulah Generasi Yeremia! Inilah yang sudah muncul dan akan bertambah banyak! Kalau saya boleh tanya terutama anak-anak muda yang tadi berdiri, siapa yang akan berkata, *"Tuhan, saya mau jadi Generasi Yeremia!"* Tuhan melihat setiap tangan yang terangkat. Dan sekali lagi, kegerakan itu dimulai dari Indonesia dan yang akan mendobrak adalah Generasi Yeremia itu.

Saudara, sekarang secara nubuatan sudah jelas bahwa anak-anak muda yang di Indonesia ini akan dipakai dalam Pentakosta Ketiga untuk menjungkirbalikan dunia. Ini adalah nubuatan! Tadi juga ada nubuatan dari Ps. Russell Evans dan dari Bryan Cutshall, sekarang saya mau perlihatkan kepada Saudara tentang data. Kalau tadi tentang nubuatan, tetapi sekarang saya akan melihat tentang data.

HASIL SURVEY GENERASI MUDA KRISTEN INDONESIA DAN AMERIKA SERIKAT

Di situ dituliskan hasil survey generasi muda Kristen Indonesia dan Amerika Serikat usia 4 - 25 tahun. Saudara, hasil survey generasi muda Kristen Indonesia berasal dari Bilangan Research Center pada tahun 2017 - 2018, jadi ini data yang masih baru. Sedangkan yang Amerika Serikat sumbernya adalah dari Barna Research. Margin errornya data ini hanya 1 - 2% untuk Indonesia dan yang Amerika mungkin 3%, jadi benar-benar data-data ini perlu kita perhatikan.

1. Apakah sudah pernah mengambil keputusan untuk sungguh-sungguh menjadi pengikut Kristus (Lahir baru)?

Pada waktu anak usia 4 - 25 tahun ditanya di Indonesia, ternyata yang lahir baru 86,60% sedangkan di Amerika hanya 28%. Perhatikan angka-angka ini!

2. Pada usia berapa mengambil keputusan untuk sungguh mengikuti Kristus? (4 -18 tahun)

Di sini antara Indonesia dengan Amerika tidak terlalu berbeda, yaitu 67,90% (Indonesia) dan 64% (Amerika). Kalau Saudara pernah mendengar *4/14 Window*, itu artinya anak umur 4 - 14 tahun mempunyai respon yang paling tinggi terhadap pemberitaan Injil. Saya ingat saya sendiri lahir baru pada umur 14 tahun.

3. Siapa yang paling berjasa menuntun untuk menerima Yesus sebagai Tuhan dan juruselamat?

A. Orang tua: di Indonesia 73,10% di Amerika 59%.

Saudara, saya mau mengajak kita untuk bertepuk-tangan bagi orang tua. Orang tua di Indonesia ini luar biasa.

B. Pendeta/ Gereja: di Indonesia "*cukup tinggi*", cuma 10,6% sedangkan yang di Amerika lebih tinggi, yaitu 36%. Saya kemarin waktu doa pengerja, di hadapan para pendeta saya tanya, "*Para pendeta, apa yang Saudara lakukan selama ini? Mengapa cuma 10% yang gereja lakukan?*"

Rupanya pada waktu survey ini, gereja-gereja hanya menerima yang sudah matang saja dan tidak mencari yang memang benar-benar terhilang. Jadi justru kadang-kadang 'maaf' terjadi rebutan antar gereja, bagaimana yang dari gereja sana masuk ke gereja ini, dan sebagainya. Yang dikejar yang seperti ini semua dan untuk itu yang di Indonesia kalah dengan Amerika.

4. Rajin beribadah 4x atau lebih dalam 1 bulan.

Di Indonesia 63,80%, di Amerika 28%. Persis seperti yang lahir baru tadi.

5. Pernah menuntun orang lain menjadi pengikut Yesus (atau membagikan iman) Di Indonesia 61,60%, di Amerika 45%. Saudara, ini adalah anak-anak yang 'share' kepada orang lain.

6. Masih rutin beribadah di gereja (tidak meninggalkan gereja)

Di Indonesia 92%, di Amerika 30%. Dan di Korea Selatan yang tidak meninggalkan gereja 'hanya' 3%. Jadi di Indonesia yang meninggalkan ibadah itu cuma 8%, tetapi ini pun harus diperkecil sampai 0. Di Amerika yang meninggalkan ibadah adalah 70%, sedangkan di Korea Selatan yang meninggalkan gereja pada usia itu adalah 97%!

Saudara yang dikasihi Tuhan, kalau Saudara lihat ini bukankah benar dikatakan bahwa East to West? Kalau saya lihat dari angka-angka ini, mengapa mereka tidak ke gereja? Masalahnya adalah soal lahir baru. Mereka belum lahir baru dan ini susah dimana orang hanya keluar masuk gereja, sehingga saya lihat mereka mungkin kesulitan yang di Amerika, jadi mereka membuat ibadah ini dengan cara macam-macam.

Ada yang berpikir, *"Wah, ini harus seperti 'dunia' untuk menarik mereka"*, sehingga terpaksa dibuat 'remang-remang', kadang-kadang bukan hanya 'remang-remang' tetapi gelap benaran sehingga pada waktu puji-pujian sampai tidak bisa melihat jalan, *"Yang mana ini?"* saking gelapnya! Itu bermacam-macam seperti itu. Dan yang luar biasa, banyak gereja-gereja di sini yang mengambil cara-cara yang di Amerika yang notabene Saudara tahu 70% meninggalkan ibadah. Kalau itu dipakai di sini apakah tidak salah? Cindy Jacobs pernah berkata kepada saya, *"Kami perlukan Indonesia yang seperti ini. Ini perlu di ekspor ke Amerika!"*.

Saudara yang dikasihi Tuhan, pada kesempatan ini saya harus minta maaf kepada anak-anak muda kalau selama ini saya salah menilai Anda sebelum saya melihat ini. Karena sebelumnya data yang saya terima itu ternyata data dari Ameika Serikat, tetapi begitu saya melihat data yang dari Indonesia, tidak salah kalau Pentakosta Ketiga akan menyebar ke seluruh dunia, dimulai dengan gerakan anak-anak muda di Indonesia!

Hanya pesan saya kepada anak-anak muda, engkau sudah lahir baru, tetapi lahir baru belum tentu jadi Generasi Yeremia. Tetapi saya mau tanya kepada anak-anak

muda di sini yang pasti sudah banyak yang lahir baru, ada berapa banyak yang mau berkata begini, *“Tuhan, saya mau jadi Generasi Yeremia!”* Angkat tangan Saudara, Tuhan lihat dan Tuhan tidak akan diam meskipun Saudara akan mengalami bermacam-macam pergumulan. Saya akan tunjukkan pergumulan Yeremia pada waktu itu dan Saudara harus siap seperti ini.

“Engkau telah membujuk aku, ya TUHAN, dan aku telah membiarkan diriku dibujuk; Engkau terlalu kuat bagiku dan Engkau menundukkan aku. Aku telah menjadi tertawaan sepanjang hari, semuanya mereka mengolok-olokkan aku. Sebab setiap kali aku berbicara, terpaksa aku berteriak, terpaksa berseru: “Kelaliman! Aniaya!”

Sebab firman TUHAN telah menjadi cela dan cemooh bagiku, sepanjang hari. Tetapi apabila aku berpikir: *“Aku tidak mau mengingat Dia dan tidak mau mengucapkan firman lagi demi nama-Nya”*, maka dalam hatiku ada sesuatu yang seperti api yang menyala-nyala, terkurung dalam tulang-tulangku; aku berlelah-lelah untuk menahannya, tetapi aku tidak sanggup.” **Yeremia 20:7-9**

Dengan Saudara membaca ini apakah masih siap menjadi Generasi Yeremia? Mari yang siap bangkit berdiri dan saya mau berdoa buat Saudara. *“Engkau lihat ya Tuhan, mereka berdiri dan siap untuk menjadi Generasi Yeremia. Inilah ya Tuhan, yang dilihat para nabi. Inilah yang dilihat para nabi! Anak-anak-Mu yang dari Indonesia, mereka akan bergerak akan dipakai Tuhan. Dan sekarang terima pengurapan itu!”* Amin!

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We Love because He First Loved Us

Philadelphia

Dwi Wiseso, Alicia Andiani, Ribka Hillary

Philadelphia is a COOL which was named MCA2 established long before Dwi and Alicia took over the responsibility as shepherds. Previous COOL leaders were asked to pray and rename their cool names which include MCA2. Dwi Wiseso told us that their previous leaders prayed to God to choose a suitable name that reflects their COOL characteristics and in which contain God's calling for their group.

"The name Philadelphia was given to us which comes from the Greek word, meaning brotherly love, a calling from God to love one another (1 John 4:21). Which correlates with MCA2's motto; COOL is a place to belong," said Dwi.

For Dwi, COOL is a place where members can have genuine fellowship with believers, [to] learn the Word of God and to practice it with other members to grow to become like Jesus and be ready to fulfil His great commission wherever He calls us (church, campus, workplace, etc). COOL is also a family for Dwi. He explains, believers have spiritual parents teaching us the Word of God relentlessly (Deuteronomy 6:7) and becoming a living testimony of it that encourages us believers to become doers of the Word (1 Peter 5:2-3).

"To name a few, they [spiritual leaders] help us to see the relevance and practicality of God's word, life of obedience, how build and maintain spiritual discipline, and the joy of serving God," he added. Dwi also added that spiritual brothers and sisters are those who we can relate to as we have similar struggles and issues in life. From there members are to learn from one another and to encourage one another which makes the journey more exciting.



Joining COOL has helped Dwi to learn the Word of God, to practice it and ultimately to build his faith in Jesus based on the truth. Not only that, but through interacting with COOL members, God creates a new heart within His children which includes Dwi to have compassion and care towards other people. Being a shepherd also has changed Dwi's life in many ways, for example it has been a humbling process as he needs to rely on God day by day for strength, wisdom and knowing that the result only comes from God (1 Corinthians 3:7).

“This realisation actually changed the way I see myself in the workplace, knowing that every wisdom that I have is supplied by God, every opportunity that opens up is governed by God. Key takeaway point is that the more we serve God, the more we experience the reality of God's word, and the more we grow in faith and become like Christ,” he added.

However, being a shepherd is not all sweet and smooth journey, he too has experienced challenges. Dwi admitted that the feeling of inadequacy, impatience to see result, time/priority management are a few of the common challenges every shepherd faces.

“In my experience, I need to keep on setting my mind on things above by soaking myself in the word of God, prayer, praise and worship through which I receive correction for my heart motives and desire, direction, and wisdom from God to make the right priorities in my life,” he said. Dwi encourages everyone who has not joined COOL to find one as it is very beneficial to our spiritual growth. COOL is not only a place where we can be pruned to be like Christ but also a place like home since most of us here are international students.

Alicia Andiani who has been attending and shepherding COOL for few years admits that COOL is a family for her. It is a place as a testament that Jesus’ blood binds them more than just a mere mutual interest or friendship. For her COOL is a place where we [believers] learn to love and serve like Jesus.

“Just like you don’t get to choose your family, you also don’t get to choose your COOL members. You just have to love them, despite the lack of common interests, unpleasant characters, cultural differences etc etc. you just have to love unconditionally like Jesus,” said Alicia.

In her journey of faith, she has experienced spiritual and character growth through COOL particularly from her former leaders and COOL members. In her ministry she believes that it is a privilege to bring others to experience the same as she had, and to see hearts and life transformed. “It definitely has humbled me a lot and taught me how to serve, and multiple times it showed me how God is faithful,” she added.

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“At the end of the day i can only do my best, but Philadelphia belongs to the Lord so He is the ultimate care-taker of this COOL,” she added. Alicia also adds that with the love of Christ fueling us, the blood of Christ uniting us, we are sure to experience growth like we will never experience elsewhere outside a community [of love].

Ribka Hillary, arrived in Melbourne a little less than a year ago to attend her exchange Honours Bachelor of Medical Science has brought her here to BIC, not only faithfully attending but also faithfully serving the Lord. Ribka Hillary shared that COOL has become a family for her, where she can be herself, to support one another, to strengthen and to grow in her faith.

“I have been blessed with the sharing sessions [at COOL], I saw God’s guidance and providence in every member’s life. Through all of their testimonies, I can see how magnificent is God’s works in their lives,” said Ribka. The sharing and testimonies session has elevated her faith and through that she has gained further knowledge and rhema about God.

For her, being planted in a COOL is an opportunity and a place to know more of God’s heart and how He works in many miraculous and boundless ways, and to pray to know our purpose in life. Ribka Hillary has left Melbourne for good to further pursue her studies in Indonesia and fulfilling the calling as a doctor that God has called her to do.

“For me sharing session is the best moment in COOL that you cannot get elsewhere. We can be transparent about ourselves, to seek help when we really need help, to pray for one another and to strengthen each other. The second moment is eating of course!” she added.

With such a short time here in BIC Melbourne, Ribka Hillary has learnt so many things, Word of knowledge that has become a rhema, and she is taking back with her the discipline to seek God, the desire to know God even deeper and to place God as the ultimate priority in her life.

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Don't Stop Building!

Read

Ezra 5:1–5

Bible in a Year

Ezekiel 8–10;

Hebrews 13

*The eye of
their God was
watching over
[them] . . .
and they were
not stopped.*

Ezra 5:5

By Leslie Koh

When an opportunity came to take on a new role at work, Simon believed it was a godsend. After praying over the decision and seeking counsel, he felt that God was giving him this opportunity to take on bigger responsibilities. Everything fell into place, and his boss supported his move. Then things began to go wrong. Some colleagues resented his promotion and refused to cooperate. He began to wonder if he should give up.

When the Israelites returned to Jerusalem to build the house of God, enemies sought to frighten and discourage them (Ezra 4:4). The Israelites stopped at first, but continued after God encouraged them through the prophets Haggai and Zechariah (4:24–5:2).

Once again, enemies came to hassle them. But this time they persevered, knowing “the eye of their God was watching over [them]” (5:5). They held on firmly to God’s instructions and trusted Him to carry them through whatever opposition they’d face. Sure enough, God moved the Persian king to support the temple’s completion (vv. 13–14).

Similarly, Simon sought God’s wisdom to discern whether he should stay or find a new position. Sensing God calling him to remain, he relied on God’s strength to persevere. Over time, he slowly gained his colleagues’ acceptance.

As we seek to follow God, wherever He places us, we may face opposition along the way. That’s when we need to keep following Him. He will guide us and carry us through.

「*Remain strong, for God's eye is on you*」

Hard Conversations

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I once drove fifty miles to have a hard conversation with a remote staff person. I had received a report from another employee that suggested he was misrepresenting our company, and I was concerned for our reputation. I felt nudged to offer an opinion that might change his choices.

In 1 Samuel 25, an unlikely person took great personal risk to confront a future king of Israel who was about to make a disastrous choice. Abigail was married to Nabal, whose character matched the meaning of his name (“fool”) (vv. 3, 25). Nabal had refused to pay David and his troops the customary wage for protecting his livestock (vv. 10–11). Hearing that David planned a murderous revenge on her household, and knowing her foolish husband wouldn’t listen to reason, Abigail prepared a peace offering, rode to meet David, and persuaded him to reconsider (vv. 18–31).

How did Abigail accomplish this? After sending ahead donkeys loaded with food to satisfy David and his men and settle the debt, she spoke truth to David. She wisely reminded David of God’s call on his life. If he resisted his desire for revenge, when God made him king, he wouldn’t “have on his conscience the staggering burden of needless bloodshed” (v. 31).

You might also know someone dangerously close to a mistake that could harm others and compromise their own future effectiveness for God. Like Abigail, might God be calling you to a hard conversation?

Dear God, please help me know when to lovingly confront others.

Read

1 Samuel
25:21–35

Bible in a Year
Ezekiel 11–13;
James 1

*If it is possible,
as far as it
depends on
you, live at
peace with
everyone.*

Romans 12:18

By Elisa Morgan

“Sometimes following God means difficult conversations.”

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On the Wrong Side?

Read

Philippians
1:12–18

Bible in a Year
Ezekiel 14–15;
James 2

*What has
happened
to me has
actually served
to advance
the gospel.*
Philippians
1:12

By Tim Gustafson

When the bridge to Techiman, Ghana, washed out, residents of New Krobo on the other side of the Tano River were stranded. Attendance at Pastor Samuel Appiah’s church in Techiman suffered too because many of the members lived in New Krobo—on the “wrong” side of the river.

Amid the crisis, Pastor Sam was trying to expand the church’s children’s home to care for more orphans. So he prayed. Then his church sponsored outdoor meetings across the river in New Krobo. Soon they were baptizing new believers in Jesus. A new church took root. Not only that, New Krobo had space to care for the orphans awaiting housing. God was weaving His restorative work into the crisis.

When the apostle Paul found himself on the “wrong” side of freedom, he didn’t lament his situation. In a powerful letter to the church in Philippi, he wrote, “I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel” (Philippians 1:12). Paul noted how his chains had led to “the whole palace guard” learning about Christ (v. 13). And others had gained confidence to share the good news of Jesus (v. 14).

Despite obstacles, Pastor Sam and the apostle Paul found God showing them new ways to work in their crises. What might God be doing in our challenging circumstances today?

Lord, sometimes we feel as though we’re on the wrong side of a particular situation. We know You are everywhere. Help us see You.

“*God is at work in the mess. That’s the message of the Bible (Matt Chandler)*.”

A Hidden Ministry

21 NOV

A big academic project was weighing on me, and I was fretting over whether I could complete it by the deadline. In the midst of my anxious thoughts, I received three notes of encouragement from friends who were cheering me on. Each one said, “God brought you to mind today when I was praying.” I felt humbled and encouraged that these friends would contact me without knowing what I was going through, and I believed God had used them as His messengers of love.

The apostle Paul knew the power of prayer when he wrote to the people in the church of Corinth. He said he trusted that God would continue to deliver them from peril “as you help us by your prayers” (2 Corinthians 1:10–11). And when God answered their prayers, He would be glorified as the people gave Him thanks for the “answer to the prayers of many” (v. 11).

My friends and Paul’s supporters were engaging in the ministry of intercession, which Oswald Chambers calls “a hidden ministry that brings forth fruit through which the Father is glorified.” As we focus our minds and hearts on Jesus, we find Him shaping us, including how we pray. He enables us to give the gift of true intercession to friends, family members, and even strangers.

Has God put someone on your heart and mind for whom you can pray?

Read more from Oswald Chambers at utmost.org.

Read

2 Corinthians
1:8–11

Bible in a Year
Ezekiel 16–17;
James 3

*On him we
have set our
hope that he
will continue to
deliver us, as
you help us by
your prayers.*
2 Corinthians
1:10–11

By Amy Boucher Pye

“God hears the prayers of His people.”

22 NOV

What We Have

Read

2 Corinthians
8:1–12

Bible in a Year
Ezekiel 18–19;
James 4

*For if the
willingness is
there, the gift
is acceptable
according to
what one has,
not according
to what one
does not have.*
2 Corinthians
8:12

By Kirsten Holmberg

My friend was eager to gather her family and friends for a festive holiday celebration at her home. Each of the guests looked forward to gathering around the table together and wanted to help defray the expense of feeding so many by contributing to the meal. Some would bring bread, others salad or a side dish. For one guest, however, money was exceptionally tight. Although she looked forward to spending the evening with those whom she loved, she couldn't afford to purchase any food. So, instead, she offered to clean the host's home as her gift.

She would have been welcome at the table had she come empty-handed. Yet she looked at what she did have to offer—her time and skills—and brought them to the gathering with her whole heart. I think that's precisely the spirit of Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 8. They had been eager to give to help some fellow Christians, and he urged them to follow through on that effort. He commended them for their desire and their willingness, saying their motivation to give is what makes a gift of any size or amount acceptable (v. 12).

We're often quick to compare our giving to that of others, especially when our resources don't afford us the luxury of giving as much as we'd like to. But God views our giving differently: it's our willingness to give what we have that He loves.

Lord, help me see what You've given me, even if it doesn't seem like much by the world's standards. Help me to give generously.

「*God loves wholehearted giving of any measure.*」

A Mother's Love

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NOV

When Sue's parents divorced when she was young, the legal tussle over her custody and other matters resulted in her being sent to a children's home for a while. Bullied by bigger kids, she felt lonely and abandoned. Her mother visited only once a month, and she hardly saw her father. It was only years later, however, that her mother told her that while the home's rules prevented her from visiting more often, she had stood at the fence every single day, hoping to catch a glimpse of her daughter. "Sometimes," she said, "I would just watch you playing in the garden, just to check if you were okay."

When Sue shared this story, it gave me a glimpse of God's love. Sometimes we may feel abandoned and alone in our struggles. How comforting it is to know that God is in fact watching over us all the time! (Psalm 33:18). Even though we can't see Him, He is there. Like a loving parent, His eyes and His heart are constantly on us wherever we go. Yet, unlike Sue's mom, He can act on our behalf at any time.

Psalm 91 describes God delivering, protecting, and lifting up His children. He is more than a refuge and a shelter. As we navigate the dark valleys of life, we can take comfort in the knowledge that the all-powerful Lord is watching over us and is active in our lives. "I will answer [you]," He declares. "I will be with [you] in trouble, I will deliver [you]" (v. 15).

Lord, thank You for the assurance that we're always under Your watchful care.

Read

Psalm 91:1-6

Bible in a Year

Ezekiel 20-21;
James 5

*He will call on
me, and I will
answer him;
I will be with
him in trouble,
I will deliver
him and honor
him.*

Psalm 91:15

By Leslie Koh

Our heavenly Father is ever near

24 NOV

A Constant Helper

Read

John 14:15–26

Bible in a Year

Ezekiel 22–23;

1 Peter 1

[The Holy Spirit] will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:26

By Dave Branon

After a spinal injury left Marty paralyzed, he decided to go back to school to earn his MBA. Marty’s mother, Judy, helped make his goal a reality. She sat with him through every lecture and study group, jotting notes and handling technology issues. She even assisted him onto the platform when he received his diploma. What might have been unattainable became possible with the consistent, practical help Marty received.

Jesus knew His followers would need a similar kind of support after He left the earth. When He told them about His upcoming absence, He said they would gain a new kind of connection with God through the Holy Spirit. This Spirit would be a moment-by-moment helper—a teacher and guide who would not only live with them but also be in them (John 14:17, 26).

The Spirit would provide Jesus’s disciples with internal help from God, which would enable them to endure what they couldn’t handle on their own as they fanned out to share the good news. In moments of struggle, the Spirit would remind them of everything Jesus said to them (v. 26): Do not let your hearts be troubled . . . Love one another . . . I am the resurrection and the life.

Are you facing something that exceeds your own strength and ability? You can depend on the Spirit’s constant help. God’s Spirit working in you will bring Him the glory He deserves.

Dear God, thank You for the ongoing support available through the Holy Spirit. Help me to rely on Your Spirit when I need help.

“When it is a question of God’s almighty Spirit, never say, “I can’t.” —Oswald Chambers”

Pray for Nation

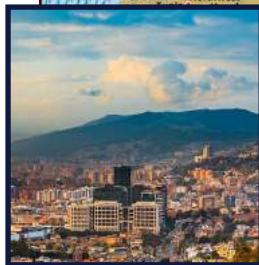
COLOMBIA



Capital: *Bogota*

Population: *49,5 million people*

Religion: *Roman Catholic*



1. Praise the Lord, for the changes that took place in the condition of the Colombian people who were previously shackled with drug cartels and violence. Pray that this condition will be maintained so the people of Colombia will live in peace and prosperous.

2. In the midst of the changes, Christian in Colombia still faces many threats from the government, guerrilla groups, indigenous leaders and also the teachings of secularism. Pray for God's protection upon the Evangelical Churches there, even if they are pressed, the Church will remain strong and become light and salt to its surrounding.

3. Pray that God will raise up the children of God who are born again to sit in the position of the government there, so that through them the kingdom of God is established and God's will is revealed in the government of Colombia.

4. The deliverance from God will remain forever and salvation from God will not end for the people of Colombia (Isa. 51: 6 b).



NOTES

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Community of Love

MAIN

<i>Berea-Bethesda</i>	Ika, Mareta	<i>Ephratah</i>	Steven, Henry
<i>Bethlehem</i>	Felix, Fransisca	<i>Galilee</i>	Kevin, Reinetta
<i>Bethany</i>	Paulus, Erina	<i>Gilgal</i>	Jessica, Mike
<i>Bethel</i>	Christy, Erika	<i>Hebron-Philippi</i>	Yoseph, Rian
<i>Cana</i>	Bobby, Vissy	<i>Horeb</i>	Ferry, Nyssa
<i>Canaan</i>	Kezia, Freddie	<i>Jordan</i>	Sony, Wilfred
<i>Carmel</i>	Rio, Cinthya	<i>Moriah</i>	Andy, Novi
<i>Eden</i>	Jennifer, Jessen	<i>Philadelphia</i>	Dwi, Alicia
<i>Ekklesia</i>	Tabita, Edo	<i>Pniel</i>	Ribka, Vero
<i>Emmaus</i>	Fabian, Priska	<i>Zion</i>	Monica, Raymond

FAMILY

<i>Antioch (West)</i>	Andy, Iwan
<i>Tiberias (West)</i>	Andre, Albert
<i>Doncaster (East)</i>	Michael, Rudy
<i>Jerusalem (East)</i>	Edwin, Gerda
<i>Mt Hermon (East)</i>	Lily, Unggul
<i>Phillipi (East)</i>	Hariyanto, Ivan
<i>Shekinah (East)</i>	Cynthia
<i>Tabernacle (East)</i>	Sandi
<i>Westal (East)</i>	Michael Moeidjiantho

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<i>Ephesians</i>	Ivan, Anjani
<i>Israel</i>	Timothy, Adela
<i>Judah</i>	Friska, Hendy
<i>Judea</i>	Valen, Charles
<i>Macedonia</i>	Priscilla Kezia
<i>Nain</i>	Sylvia, Alicia

MAIN SERVICE

8.30 am & 11 am
(Indonesian with English
translation)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9 am (English)

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(TEENS)

8.45 am (English)

NEXT GENERATION

(YOUTH)

11 am (English)

PRAYER TOWER

Point Cook | Monday | 7:15 PM
BIC Melbourne | Tuesday | 6:30 PM
Mount Waverly | Wednesday | 7:15 PM
BIC Melbourne | Friday | 12:00 PM
BIC Melbourne (Fasting Prayer) | Saturday | 10:00 AM

COOL

Friday, 7:00 PM

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Women of Impact Community
Tuesday 10:30 AM, at BIC

EVENTS

Sunday School Information Session
Sunday, 25 November, 11:00 AM



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