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JOIN THE TEAM

We are inviting more writers to our ministry. If you enjoy reading, writing, listening to other people's stories, or simply want to know more about our ministry, you are more than welcome to contact us.

A heart to serve the church and the people through writing has been our main purpose of doing this ministry.

All of the testimonies, stories, or articles are written that we may see the goodness of God, the power of God, which leads to seeing more of His glory.

We always seek for improvement in our ministry. If you have any suggestions, feedbacks, critics, or if you have stories or testimonies you want to share with us, please do let us know.

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HELLO *new comers!*

Welcome to Bethany International Church Melbourne.
So glad that you are here with us. We want to help make your
first experience at BIC Melbourne a great one!



GET CONNECTED

Christian journey shouldn't be alone because it is a community project. Join our Community of Love (COOL) every Friday 7PM!

LET US CONTACT YOU



Lastly, please enjoy a cup of coffee on us! 



COOL LIST



MAIN

Canaan
Ephratah
Berea - Bethesda
Bethlehem
Jordan
Horeb
Bethany
Bethel
Cana
Philadelphia - Pniel
Moriah
Ephraim
Ekklesia
Emmaus
Galilee
Gennesaret
Gilgal - Carmel
Hebron - Philippi
Zion
Eden

Kezia, Freddie
Steven, Henry
Romy
Felix, Fransisca
Sony, Wilfred
Ferry, Febria
Paulus, Erina
Christy, Elvina
Bobby
Dwi, Vero
Elve, Calista
Kevin L, Sonia
Edo, Ica
Fabian, Priska
Kevin Y, Corine
Reinetta, Albert
Erika, Mike
Yoseph, Rian
Monica, Raymond
Jennifer

FAMILY

Antioch
Tiberias
Doncaster
Jerusalem
Mt Hermon
Phillipi
Shekinah
Tabernacle
Westal

Andy, Iwan
Andre, Albert
Michael, Rudy
Edwin, Gerda
Lily, Unggul
Hariyanto, Ivan
Alice
Sandi
Michael

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Macedonia
Shiloh

Eric, Alicia
Daniel, Clarissa

NEXT GEN

Judea
Judah
Israel
Jeremiah
Heaven

Valentina, Sylvio
Aldo, Kezia M.
Catherine, Jerry
Sinta, Kevin W.
Pauline





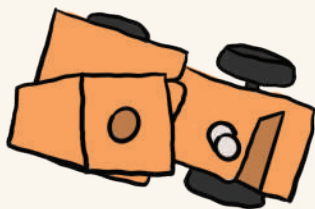
DEAR JUDAH

BY PAULUS TOMAS

DEAR JUDAH,

THE DAY YOU WERE BORN IS STILL FRESHLY ETCHED ON MOMMY AND DADDY'S MEMORIES. AND WE CAN STILL RECALL THE SOUND OF YOUR CRYING WHICH BROKE THROUGH THE QUIET HOSPITAL WARD ALONG WITH A RUSH OF EMOTIONS LIKE A TORRENT WHEN WE FIRST HELD YOU IN OUR ARMS. JOY, EXHILARATION, TREPIDATION AND THE BIGGEST OF THEM ALL IS LOVE.

JUDAH, WE PROMISE TO ALWAYS SHOWER YOU WITH AS MUCH LOVE AS TWO FLAWED HUMAN BEINGS CAN POSSIBLY GIVE. AND THE ONLY REASON WE CAN HOPE TO LOVE YOU IS DRIVEN FROM OUR SAVIOUR'S LOVE TOWARDS US (ROMANS 5:8). BECAUSE OF SIN AND SINNERS LIKE US, THIS WORLD IS IMPERFECT, HUMANITY DEEPLY BROKEN AND YOU PROBABLY DON'T REALISE THIS, BUT THE WORLD IS LITERALLY SICK RIGHT NOW.



MOMMY AND DADDY'S HIGHEST HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS ARE NOT TO SEE YOU BECOME A NEUROSURGEON AND A WORLD CLASS CONCERT PIANIST/VIOLINIST/CELLIST (THOUGH THAT WOULDN'T BE SUCH A BAD THING). BUT, WE PRAY AND SINCERELY HOPE YOUR EYES WILL BE OPENED TO SAVOUR, TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF OUR LORD (PSALM 34:8). WE PICK YOUR NAME SPECIFICALLY TO REMIND YOU THAT YOU MUST ALWAYS LIVE FULLY DEPENDENT AND LEAN ON GOD'S GRACE, STRENGTH AND MERCY. ALL OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND EVEN FAILURES ARE NOT ABOUT YOU JUDAH, IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS.

JUDAH, MAY YOU SEE IN MOMMY AND DADDY HUNGER, DESIRE AND THIRST FOR GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR LIFE. MAY WE PUSH YOU TO SEEK AND PURSUE HIM ABOVE EVERYTHING THAT THIS WORLD CAN OFFER YOU. MAY WE ENCOURAGE AND DRIVE YOU TO KNEEL BEFORE HIS THRONE AND NOT BEFORE THE ALTARS OF THIS EPHEMERAL EXISTENCE WE ARE IN. VERY SOON YOU WILL LEARN YOUR PARENTS ARE NOT SUPERHEROES. WE ARE NOWHERE NEAR OUR BEST EVERY DAY. BUT, WHAT WE CAN PROMISE YOU IS WE WILL DEDICATE OURSELVES SO WE CAN SAY TOGETHER WITH APOSTLE PAUL, "FOLLOW MY EXAMPLE, AS I FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF CHRIST" (1 CORINTHIANS 11:1).

LOVE,
MOMMY AND DADDY



WEEKLY DEVOTION

26 JULY

1 Raja 4-6

Ayat Renungan:
Mazmur 31:24

“Kasihilah Tuhan,
hai semua orang
yang dikasihi-
Nya!

Tuhan menjaga
orang-orang yang
setiawan,
tetapi orang-
orang yang
berbuat congkak
diganjar-Nya
dengan tidak
tanggung-
tanggung.”

27 JULY

1 Raja 7-9

Ayat Renungan:
Mamur 119:146-148

“Aku berseru
kepada-Mu;
selamatkanlah
aku!

Aku hendak
berpegang pada
peringatan-
peringatan-Mu.
Pagi-pagi buta
aku bangun dan
berteriak minta
tolong;
aku berharap
kepada firman-Mu.
148Aku bangun
mendahului waktu
jaga malam
untuk
merenungkan
janji-Mu.”

28 JULY

1 Raja 10-14

Ayat Renungan:
Mazmur 130:6

“Jiwaku
mengharapkan
Tuhan
lebih dari pada
pengawal
mengharapkan
pagi,
lebih dari pada
pengawal
mengharapkan
pagi.”

29 JULY

1 Raja 15-18

Ayat Renungan:
Roma 12:12

“Bersukacitalah
dalam
pengharapan,
sabarlah dalam
kesesakan, dan
bertekunlah
dalam doa!”





30 JULY

1 Raja 19:22

Ayat Renungan:
Ibrani 10:23

“Marilah kita teguh berpegang pada pengakuan tentang pengharapan kita, sebab Ia, yang menjanjikannya, setia.”

31 JULY

2 Raja 1-3

Ayat Renungan:
Roma 8:38-39

“Sebab aku yakin, bahwa baik maut, maupun hidup, baik malaikat-malaikat, maupun pemerintah-pemerintah, baik yang ada sekarang, maupun yang akan datang, atau kuasa-kuasa, baik yang di atas, maupun yang di bawah, ataupun sesuatu makhluk lain, tidak akan dapat memisahkan kita

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2 Raja 4-7

Ayat Renungan:
Roma 5:5

“Dan pengharapan tidak mengecewakan, karena kasih Allah telah dicurahkan di dalam hati kita oleh Roh Kudus yang telah dikaruniakan kepada kita.”

SERVING GOD IN THE BUSY SEASON

STORY EDWIN BUDIDHARMA

In economics, we learn what scarcity means. It is the gap between limited, scarce resources and theoretically limitless wants. This situation requires people to make decisions about how to allocate resources. And in our life, we are bound by limited time and energy, especially if we are juggling with family, work, ministry and other things in life. Today we would like to learn from Edwin Budidharma on how he can serve God in his busy life. There are three aspects for us to consider.

Priority

Setting priority is crucial to maintain a balanced life. It will ease our decision-making process because we know what should come first. For Edwin, God is the utmost priority, above family and career.

Edwin has worked at The Boeing Company for almost eight years as an engineer. As a core production engineer, it was a challenging schedule for him in the initial years. He needed to leave home around 5.30 am. Usually, the day started with a stand up meeting after shift changes on Boeing

site and finished at 4 pm. On top of that, as a dad with a working wife and two kids, he cannot miss a Thursday weekly routine (leaving the office early to pick up his kids for an extracurricular class). There were times when the workload spiked unpredictably, but still, he needed to manage the timetable. Otherwise Ollie, his wife, would be forced to bring her teaching work home, which is also not an ideal situation.

Edwin understands the importance of knowing priorities and positioning the sub priorities. We need to identify which tasks have the high value added items or give the most effect. Usually, frustration is caused by a long hour of labour with little result. If we can achieve the most impactful task, then we can use the remaining time for the next priorities.

Edwin commits to not working over Sunday. To achieve this, he needs to manage his job tasks so it doesn't compromise his Sunday commitment. In other words, sometimes it requires him doing extra time on weekdays because we ought to be excellent in our

work and should not make any excuses to not perform well in our job.

Motivation

Ever since Edwin was born again, he pledged to serve Him for the rest of his life. He said, "I will serve with all of my capacity, I will always give time for God's work."

The motivation must be deeply rooted in God so that we get the right motivation. With understanding that everything is God's blessing, Edwin joined ministry in BIC. Edwin was part of the Creative Art, Praise & Worship team, Mission and KOM.

Currently, Edwin and his wife join Sunday School Kids Army ministry. Knowing that not all children have the privilege of going to private Christian school, they want to bless other kids and bring Christian influence in the life of young children. On top of that, the kids ministry is also closely related to Bethany Family Fellowship where they can be a blessing to the parents too. Maintaining close relationships with families in church is important. Building close knit in Christian family communities will also improve communication between the congregation.

Combining correct motivation and right priorities will result in a joyous or non-burdened ministry. Our ministry will not last long with wrong motivation. We will not achieve the maximum outcome if we have the wrong priority. To be a blessing for others,

both of them need to be balanced. We need to remember that our first ministry is our Jerusalem, which is our family. One day, Daphne, Edwin's daughter, asked him after church when he would have time for her. This conversation struck and rebuked him. Ministry must not cost communication breakdown with spouse and children. This is emphasizing that right motivation, and it must be followed with the right priority in order to accomplish harmony in our life.

Wisdom

It is easier to say rather than doing it. We need to ask for wisdom from God to be able to live our life, especially in our busy lifestyle. The Word of God is an important source of knowledge to gain wisdom. Let us consider these verses.

Romans 8:28

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

1 Corinthians 10:13

"No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; he'll always be there to help you come through it."

May this article encourage you during your busy season.

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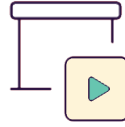
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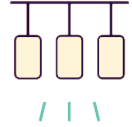
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**We invite you to join our
online service every Sunday**

8.30 am

11.00 am

5.00 pm

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**Let's celebrate the Lord's Day
together!**