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Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors
through Him who loved us.

ROMANS 8:37

SEEDS

Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

JOHN 12:24

KEYS

The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder; so he shall open, and no one shall shut; and he shall shut, and no one shall open.

ISAIAH 22:22

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Message from the Directors



We would like to first of all congratulate you *Batch 13, School of Ministry, Spring Term 2022* on your commencement.

I am certain that the past 3 months have had many defining moments for many of you and as you graduate, I encourage you to keep pressing upwards, onwards, and towards the goal of the high call of God in Christ Jesus.

In spite of the Covid-19 pandemic, with some of the restrictions upending some of the schedule, we did have a full expression of all the Holy Spirit intended for us in this cohort and for that, we give God thanks.

You have chosen for your graduation the theme, “OVERCOMERS” and it is a wonderful prophetic proposition.

An Overcomer is called to essentially overcome 3 things in scripture - the world, the flesh and the devil. So allow me to address each of these issues individually.

01

We are called to overcome the world.

The Apostle John says, “For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

1 JOHN 5:4-5

If you are born again, then you are born of God and if you are born of God, then you have what it takes to overcome this world. Imbedded within you is the DNA of the Kingdom and that DNA is an overcoming DNA.

Cats don't have to graduate in meowing school to meow. Dogs don't have to attend barking school to bark. And you don't have to attend overcoming school to overcome. It's in your nature. He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it.

John is very specific in identifying the thing that overcomes the world - it is our FAITH.

We are called to overcome the flesh.

02

In 1 CORINTHIANS 2: 1-2, Paul said, “*And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.*” Here, Paul is speaking to the Corinthians and he told them the only thing he was determined to know was - to what degree were they crucified with Christ?

This is the yardstick of measurement, not by how many people we have on Sunday morning; but by how many of us who are truly dead to this world.

What is the evidence that we are crucified with Christ? We have put to death the works of the flesh. Sin no longer has any dominion over us. The devil no longer has any power over us.

There are some things in life that we must choose and desire after. You have to make up your mind on what you want. Do I park here or do I want to go further in God?

Then in ROMANS 8:12-14, Paul explained to us that one of the ministries of the Holy Spirit is to lead us to our own experience of crucifixion. This cross experience is essential for us to come into maturity because as long as we have the flesh dominating us, we will never be overcomers. In verse 13 *“For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”*

How do we die to the flesh? Willpower is not enough. Human strength is insufficient. The only way for us to death is to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us into it, one painful step at a time, to put to death the deeds of the body.

Did Paul struggle with this? Yes, he did. Read ROMANS 7 and you will see his struggle. But the victory is not in ROMANS 7; it is in ROMANS 8.

In ROMANS 8:14, Paul says, *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”* The word for sons is the word meaning “mature” son. So, in essence, a mature son is someone who has put to death the deeds of the flesh.

The bible speaks about 3 different kinds of people and each of them is measured by how they measure up in the Spirit. Scripture talks about the natural man, the carnal man, and the spiritual man.

A) THE NATURAL MAN

He is the man who has yet to be enlightened. He is still governed by his senses and his emotions and he is still living in darkness. The god of this world has blinded his eyes and he cannot see. That’s the natural man. He is spiritually discerned and cannot understand spiritual things.

Make much about the Blood of Jesus. There is power in the Blood of Jesus. Plead His blood every morning.

B) THE CARNAL MAN.

He is a man who has been saved but he is still ruled by the 5 senses. He is fleshly and is still bound in sin. He has not grown up yet; he is still a babe. And this is where the majority of the church still lives. There are many Christians in the church today who remain bound in sin and need deliverance.

C) THE SPIRITUAL MAN.

He is a man who is ruled by the Spirit and by the Word. He lives by the Word of God and he is growing into maturity. The spiritual man discerns all things. He investigates; he examines. This does not mean he is perfect, but he is certainly heading towards that direction.

Finally, we must overcome the devil and we do that by the Blood of the Lamb. REVELATIONS 12:11 *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”*

Make much about the Blood of Jesus. There is power in the Blood of Jesus. Plead His blood every morning.

The Blood was shed for our redemption. The Blood brings salvation, healing, and deliverance. So let us never shy away from declaring and making much of the Blood of Jesus in our praise, worship, and preaching.

May we all grow to become OVERCOMERS in this hour.

Once again, heartiest congratulations on your graduation and I pray God’s richest blessings on you all.

Rev Tuck Yoong & Pastor Daphne Yang
Directors, The Bible College of Wales

Message from the Dean



Batch 13,

You came on this pilgrimage to Wales, and through Him you have conquered!

You are an army of 'Overcomers'.

The word 'overcome' translates to the word 'conquer' and is the verb 'nikao' in the Greek, which means 'to win in the face of obstacles, and to prevail.

This term, I have witnessed you 'conquer' time after time. Yet with this, comes many moments of 'surrender.' There have been many times of undoing, wrestling and persevering.

You might ask, "What good is victory if you have to die in the process?"

Let me respond by saying that our Lord Jesus Christ has won a victory and conquered completely, yet He died in the process.

One of the differences between a casual believer and a disciple is a passion for true surrender, standing against the pull and undertow of our past, our fears, our disappointments, and the culture around us. I have seen this modeled in many ways through each one of you. You are radical reflectors of both the life and death of our Saviour.

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up my cross daily, following me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it." (LUKE 9:23-24)

At the start of the term I gave each of you a seed and a key as a prophetic gift to orientate you into the Batch:

Seeds are planted into the darkness of the soil, and lay hidden, as they are cultivated in the rich fertility of the unknown, until it is time to bud and bloom.

The hidden, darker moments are all a part of the beautiful, masterful journey of growth and coming into fullness. The seed overcomes unto victory.

Keys both open and close doors. Both are as important as each other in kingdom economy as God guides and leads us into HIS overcoming plan through the locking and unlocking of His divine purpose. The keys that open and shut by His hand lead us to the overcoming ocean of His love.

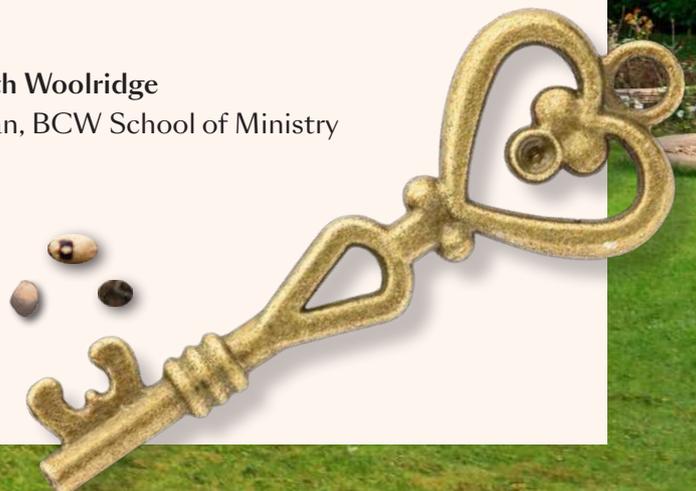
Both the seed and the key symbolize death **unto life**. Burial to **brilliance** and **exit** signs to **entryways**.

I am SO proud of every single one of you for your willing spirits, for leaning in, for your passionate pursuit, your individual hearts that each bring HIM so much joy, and your overcoming perseverance for HIS victories in yourselves and each other.

As you head home with seeds to plant and keys to unlock His kingdom on earth, never forget His blood that marks you and never fails you, and HIS story in you which will be the victory of your ongoing 'overcoming' and will usher in the 'overcoming' of many souls into the arms of Jesus.

To the harvest, with all my love and cheerleading from Wales.

Cath Woolridge
Dean, BCW School of Ministry



Student Testimonies



Belle, Chai Mei Yun

SINGAPORE

I came to the BCW with much uncertainty in my heart. Having left my job, I was unsure of what to expect in these three months and what's next. Little did I know, this was God's way of calling out to me, to show me His relentless love in my return to Him. It was a time of unlearning who I thought I knew God to be and relearning who I am in Him. It marks a new beginning, as I walk the days ahead in greater confidence, to uncover all that He has for my life.



Elaiyarani Subramaniam

SINGAPORE

Truly, it was God's divine call for me to attend the BCW this Spring term. God has been very faithful to provide the finances in amazing ways and I still marvel at His great favour and goodness. I wept in gratitude and humility when my name tag was labelled "Jehovah Jireh". Indeed, the good God is mighty to equip me in every way when He calls. I entered this new land by breaking my precious alabaster jar with complete devotion of love and surrender. I am sure God will reveal His glorious plans for me here and beyond!



Gan Chong Min

SINGAPORE

I have no agenda coming to the BCW, only to pursue Abba Father's agenda. Having been in the marketplace for 28 years, I am facing the moment of awakening. I needed to run away like Elijah to that cave at mount Horeb: ASKING what He wants to say in His still small voice; SEEKING to tabernacle with Him; KNOCKING to know His heart for me and all for HIS GLORY. While it has been an all-you-can-eat spiritual buffet here, Abba Father reminded me: there is sweet dessert after the meal and He will reveal the best that is yet to come!



Genevieve Gan Yuxing

ENGLAND

I was extremely unwilling to come to the BCW even though I felt God had wanted me here, because I was struggling badly with my physical and mental health. The first two weeks were so difficult; by the middle of the second week, I broke down and made up my mind to go home that weekend. The next day, I was supposed to lead worship, yet I was not prepared at all. But that morning, I woke up, washed up, turned up, and led worship. That day, something broke through for me. Words cannot explain but God was fighting for me, and still is – so here I am.



Ng Min Ee Anna

SINGAPORE

Attending the BCW had been at the back of my mind for the longest time but I never had the courage to leave behind my corporate job for this. When I had the peace to make the decision to quit, God spoke to me through different occasions before and throughout the application process for the BCW. Though I came here to find my purpose and direction, I have experienced Him in ways beyond my imagination, seeing Him restore relationships, transforming lives as well as seeing and learning how faith is truly the substance of things hoped for.



Isabella Rhodes Vivour-Nwaogu

NIGERIA

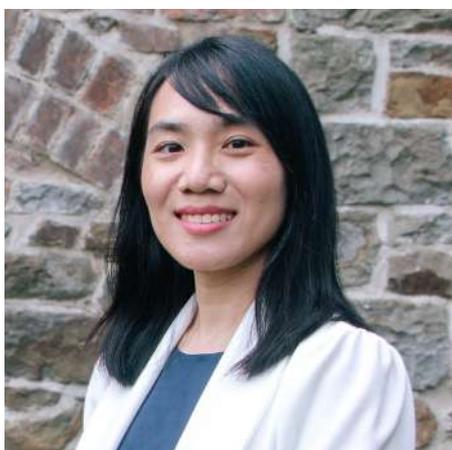
My coming to the BCW was ordained by the Lord. I held the International Conference of the African Woman in two African Nations in 2010 and 2011 respectively. Successful as they were, I knew I needed something more. At the Lord's time, He sent me to the BCW for a divine encounter. This will equip me to go light the nations with the glory of His flames.



Josephine Ruth Sim Shi Li

SINGAPORE

In 2018, I came to the BCW for a retreat, and it was then that the Lord spoke to me about attending the college. Fast forward to 2022, here I am, spiritually fed by so many great lecturers and many friendships formed. Here, I am learning to walk in tandem with God, and focus on the now. I have learnt, and continually learning to be still and patient taking a step at a time, a day at a time, with Papa God.



Lim Sze Hui Jean

SINGAPORE

I wanted to be away from Singapore to work on my prayer life and get my heart right with God before moving on to the next phase in life. Though I wanted to run away from everything, God gently beckoned, "*What are you doing here, Jean?*" (1 Kings 19:9). I answered "*I am here to get restoration before I start on my next assignment in alignment with Your will.*" The past few weeks of studying the Word, spending time in the garden, and living in community has helped me gain a deeper revelation of who God is. I also found myself growing stronger and more confident in my identity in Christ.



Melanie Sarah Hutt

WALES

God used a previous batch's magazine left behind in a church to prompt me to apply! I visited and prayed in the grounds one weekend and He shone a light into my fears that this goodness couldn't be for me. So I took a step of faith and He has been faithful to provide the strength I need. To fellowship daily with such a fantastic batch of students and staff has just been so sweet and I won't leave the same person who came in! He is renewing my mind (Romans 12:2) and giving me a new heart (Ezekiel 26:36).



Michelle Anne Francis

WALES

I have only been a Christian since 2020. I found the Lord through Hope centre Ministries during the darkest year of my life in which I was battling with addiction, severe mental health issues, and suicidal thoughts. In my time at Hope Centre, my relationship with Him had increased to such a level that it left me with an even greater desire to want to know more of Him. Hence, my journey here at the BCW has been both rewarding and challenging. I have encountered God's presence on several occasions, His presence here is tangible. As I draw closer to the end of this season, I will be more equipped to serve my Lord and Savior in whatever He has planned for me echoing my favorite scripture, Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*



Ooi, Zi Qi Vignette

SINGAPORE

God reminded me that I was still an infant who needed to grow in righteousness and knowledge. With that, I chose to attend the BCW and held onto the word "Renewed" which I shared during orientation. Having been a Christian for many years, it is a season of falling in love with Jesus and His Word once again, to thirst for more of Him and rediscovering my gifts. It is a privilege to worship and intercede and with words spoken over me – I am getting some clarity in my calling. May my old man die more as I march ahead in confidence of who God is to me.



Poon Yan Tong, Eva

SINGAPORE

Coming to the BCW has been pivotal for me. I came here not knowing my purpose but the Lord has been so gracious in that He reveals to me a day at a time *i.e. His heart and love for the Welsh people and His desire for labourers to work in the ready and coming harvest from the revival that is to come!* Batch 13 has been incredibly special to my heart as I believe the Lord has handpicked us to be in this place at this time, for unique placements and seasons ahead!



Rebecka Swenberg

SWEDEN

When applying for the BCW, I was really unsure of whether this was God's will but since stepping into the grounds of BCW I couldn't be more sure that this is it. I know God has been and still is working in me during my time here, even though I can't see it or feel it all the time. I know He has so much more in store for all of us, and I am forever grateful for my time here and for the transformation it has started in me.



Shane Gorry

IRELAND

Since arriving in the BCW, I have been challenged in ways that allowed me to give God the control and to take over. There have been times it felt like I was taking steps backwards while I was actually growing. The knowledge and wisdom I am learning has been helping me grow. Not only have I made friends here but I have also found brothers and sisters in Christ too. I have figured how to remove bad days and replace them with growth days, believing that the scripture in John 8:36 says, "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."



Steves Spurgeon

SINGAPORE

I came to the BCW in search for a new beginning, to seek God and to be led where He wants me to go. Though I had second thoughts about applying for BCW, I felt strongly that God has planned something for me here. I literally felt that I have been living in the darkness, but God has slowly guided me to the brightside through my time at the college. I am so thankful and blessed to be part of Batch 13 and it has transformed me to where I need to be. I am ready to where God wants to lead me to the next phase of Life.



Swee Lin Tay

SINGAPORE

When Pastor Yang announced the Spring 2022 intake at the BCW, in my heart, I told the Lord that if He made a way for me to be able to leave Singapore for the 3 months to attend the course, then it would be a sign for me to go. I came to the BCW knowing that God made it possible for me to be here and I was grateful for a time of rest as I seek to encounter Him intimately. I trust God for opening this door and that I will be greatly blessed as He works in my heart and mind to transform me for His purpose.



Thomas McGrath

SCOTLAND

I came here as the Lord had spoken and nudged me in the direction of the BCW. He opened the doors and made arrangements for the fees to be paid. Since being here, I set out to integrate and grow deeper into Father God, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit through frequent interaction with all of the staff and my classmates.

I am always active in encouraging and praying for and with my classmates. I enjoyed my time at the college reading, studying, and speaking scriptures, believing that it will direct my path and that of others.



Making a (New) Marriage Covenant

by Ooi Zi Qi Vignette



“ When we enter an earthly marriage covenant, we make our marriage vow to our husband to choose to love him for better, for worser, in richer, in poorer, in sickness, in health and till death do we part. This is similar to our spiritual marriage with our God.

“And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people joined in the covenant.”

2 KINGS 23:3

As I asked the Lord for a specific bible passage and verse, the Lord gave me 2 KINGS 23:3. After meditating and being prayerful about this verse for 2 weeks, I feel convicted that this verse is for Batch 13 upon graduation.

King Josiah was eight years old when he reigned in Judah and he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and walked in the ways of David, unlike many of his predecessors. Therefore, he started the process of repairing the House of God. In the midst of it, Hilkiah the High Priest found the Book of Law and all the people great and small went up to the house of God to listen to the reading of God's word. 2 KINGS 23:3 happened immediately after the reading of God's word.

The King was intentional in standing by the pillar, which is an important infrastructure of the temple as it allows the temple to be lifted and stand tall. Without it, the temple roof will fall, just like how Samson brought down the house of God by grasping the two middle pillars. Similarly, Jesus is the centrality of our life who lifts and helps us stand right and upright before God.

At this symbolic location of the temple, King Josiah decided to make a covenant before the Lord to walk after Him with all his heart and all his soul. Before this event, the people of God had been pursuing a false God, Baal. King Josiah did not only repent for himself and his people where they subsequently burnt all things related to Baal, but also made a vow of commitment to the Lord.

When I meditated upon this covenant, the vision that the Lord gave was that of a marriage covenant. The groom gently caresses the face of his bride and with their fingers interlocked, the bride follows the lead of the groom, where two becomes one in a dance harmony. When we enter an earthly marriage covenant, we make our marriage vow to our husband to choose to love him for better, for worse, in richer, in poorer, in sickness, in health and till death do we part. This is similar to our spiritual marriage with our God. We leave our singlehood, past life (sins, wickedness, idols and addictions) to allow Christ to enter into our lives, take possession of us and build us up through life's ups and downs, into the fullness of His image by the power of the Holy Spirit and two becomes one. Except in our spiritual marriage, the intimacy and God's lovingkindness is for eternity! The question God is asking us today is, "Do you love me?" Just like how Jesus asked Peter this question three times to restore Him after he had denied Jesus three times, the Lord wants to restore us into a loving relationship with Him. Like salsa dancing, if the bride chooses to dance on her own terms while dancing with the bridegroom, she will stumble and fall, but if she trusts the bridegroom to let go and let Him lead her, she will be used to create a beautiful life dance. Our faith can be anchored on His everlasting love and His continued faithfulness to us (JEREMIAH 31:3).

Let our lives demonstrated through our obedience as a fragrance of worship unto the Lord and the presence of God we carry within us, be God's catalyst to bring many to Him just like how King Josiah led ALL people into the covenant with God. Hallelujah!



ROOTED IN HIM

PSALMS 1: 1-3 (NKJV)

Blessed is the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
² But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he [meditates day and night].
³ He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper.

ISAIAH 7:8 (NIV)

“If you do not stand firm in your faith,
you will not stand at all”

So many of us applied to the BCW against the odds, when maybe it didn't look like it made sense, and whether we felt full of faith when we arrived, by stepping out with enough faith to at least show up, God has worked wonders. My dearest Batch 13, you have inspired me repeatedly with each step of faith you took:

You shared difficult testimonies of freedom finally found,
Showed up to lead worship for the first time,
Stepped forward and read creative words of truth,
When you could have let fear and doubt silence you.

Danced and sang in spontaneous worship for the first time in forever,
Opened up and prayed heartfelt prayers of repentance,
Played instruments with claims you're just a beginner (*#notgreat*),
When you could have stayed where it was comfortable.

Broke the ice when we were a new batch,
Said yes to 'extra' tasks,
Quietly stepped up to take leadership,
When you could have sat back.

Came to class, when you wanted to hide, when storms were raging, when you'd been ill, when there was pain, when you were just tired (*#notyoung, even the young ones!*)

Each time it's been hard, I've seen God shine through you all the more. You have STOOD - we have stood - and God has made us firm even when we felt wobbly.

Some of you have faced, are facing, big battles. I see you standing like trees leaning into the wind, sometimes swaying and bending but never falling down.





Through the Lens of Batch 13

BY MELANIE SARAH HUTT

Some of you came with hurts or disappointments, seeking an encounter with God. I see you pressing in to the daily acts of walking with Him and through it putting down ever stronger roots.

Trees that face challenging conditions have to put down deep roots to find water. In different ways we have all dug deep and found Living Water in our beautiful Saviour.

Trees that are growing draw nutrients up from the soil and pass them on. In small, everyday ways this is what we have done for each other.

Trees that grow strong can become a shelter or a climbing frame! Any victories I've had have been because you have come around me with comfort and acceptance (sheltering me) or inspired and challenged me (lifting me up!)

He has been planting us, and may all see what He has done! (ISAIAH 41)

I've so appreciated the fantastic teaching here and leave with tools and encouragement to stay rooted in Christ but my biggest gratitude is that for this window of time, I've got to grow alongside each of you. Through you, I have truly experienced being "*rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.*" COLOSSIANS 2:7 (NKJV)

*“In different ways
we have all dug
deep and found
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in our beautiful
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Spring Term



**FIRST ROW SEATED
FROM LEFT**

Steves Spurgeon, Ng Min Ee Anna, Lim Sze Hui Jean, Thomas McGrath, Isabella Rhodes Vivour-Nwaogu, Belle, Chai Mei Yun, Genevieve Gan Yuxing, Michelle Anne Francis

Class of 2022



**SECOND ROW STANDING
FROM LEFT**

Melanie Sarah Hutt, Josephine Ruth Sim Shi Li, Gan Chong Min, Rebecka Swenberg, Cath Woolridge (Dean of Students), Shane Gorry, Elaiyarani Subramaniam, Swee Lin Tay, Poon Yan Tong, Eva, Ooi, Zi Qi Vignette





Revelation of Jesus

REVELATION 1: 12-17

I closed my eyes to picture this.
If I were John, what would I see?
Your voice familiar yet quite different,
Are You the Christ that walked with me?

Your garments like robes of royalty,
You are indeed one with the Almighty.
Looking down at myself I ask,
Are my clothes fit for the King?

Your head and hair white with wisdom
And You glow with absolute purity.
Have I loved wisdom and embraced her?
When You see me, am I pure and holy?

Your eyes like a flame of fire.
In front of You there's no pretence.
You see it all, right into my being.
Is it a contrite heart in me You are finding?

You stand with feet like fine brass.
Refined by fire, when You laid on the altar.
If I offer myself as a living sacrifice,
Will You take me? Will it suffice?

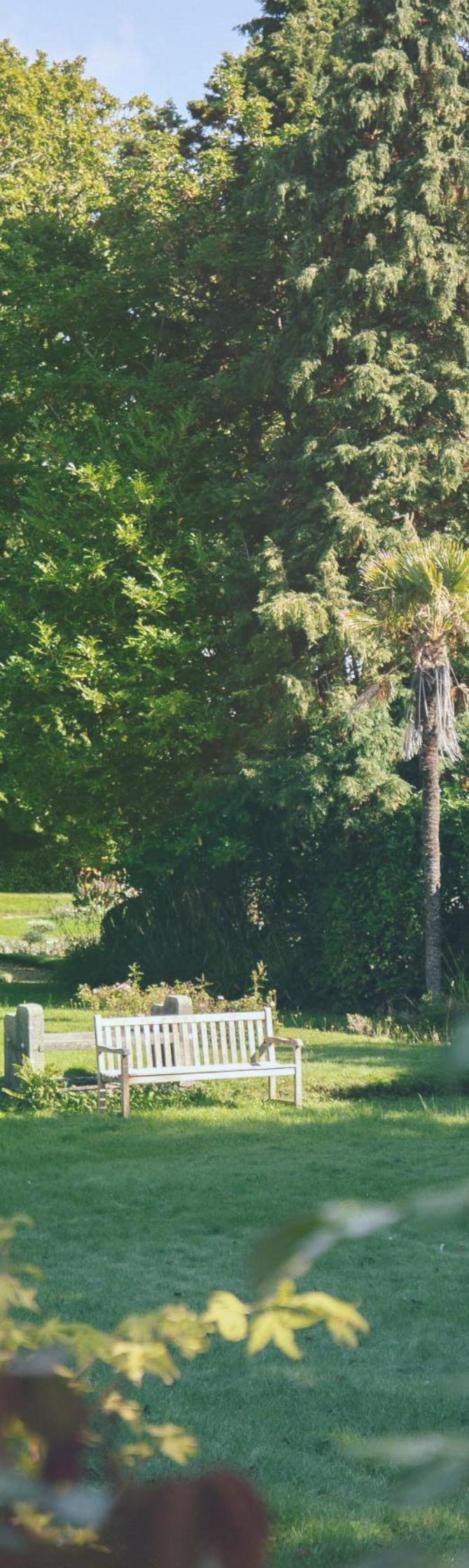
Your voice like the sound of many waters.
There's much power and authority.
Then why Lord Jesus do I not hear it?
If I don't hear it, how do I heed it?

Out of Your mouth a double edged sword.
The word of God, truth that comes forth.
It is said to have power to transform.
What will You say to me, my Lord my God?

Your countenance like the sun.
Such radiance! Oh glorious One!
A light so bright, that darkness must flee.
Will I hide, or stand with You in victory?

You are the Christ that has always been with me.
You clothe me in white robes, that I may join You in eternity.
You shed Your blood, I'm declared pure and holy.
Through sanctification, my heart will be ready!
I was eviscerated, and I have been filled.
Praise and thanksgiving, my lips will reveal.
Speak Lord, I'm listening.
Your finest whispers, let me hear clearly.
Truth has spoken, I'm Your beloved bride.

I stand with You in victory.
I can't wait to be with You in glory!



Abiding

1 KINGS 17-19

On mountain tops I am reminded
That I am there because of Your victory
In the valley lows I try to believe it
That I will rise up by Your grace and mercy

Through Your Word and Spirit You restore me
With food and rest I thought I'd be ready
On my knees in tears You comfort me
So I can stand up and walk again in Your glory

Still I run into the wilderness (And You always know it)
Hide in a cave where no one can find me
You ask "What are you doing here?"
Oh Lord don't You see I want to draw near?

You ask again the same question
I repeat my answer in exasperation
But You revealed my next assignment
Assured me the resources and I'm to take my position

Teach me to yield in every decision
Until Your Spirit takes full possession
Give me wisdom, understanding, discernment
Guide me in all my intercessions

The years You walked with me I won't despise
I've learnt You never leave and You are inside
Each time I overcome I become stronger
In You oh Lord, let me abide deeper



Redeemed, Restored, Renewed.

by Josephine Ruth Sim

“ But the Lord has been bringing us individually into a deeper understanding and knowing, not just head knowledge, but from the depths of our hearts that we are redeemed, restored and renewed.





17 individuals from 7 different nations with 17 unique life stories to tell. I am honoured to be part of the BCW Spring Term 2022, Batch 13.

During the first week of school, we received seed and keys as a symbolic act of what God is about to bestow to us during our time here in the college and for our next season. As we seek to grow in the Lord, the life stories that I heard and still hearing are encapsulated in this phrase, 'Redeemed, Restored, Renewed'.

We may come from a Christian family, a first generation Christian, or a young believer. Perhaps, we have a certain level of understanding about redemption, restoration, and renewal in our own lives. But the Lord has been bringing us individually into a deeper understanding and knowing, not just head knowledge, but from the depths of our hearts that we are redeemed, restored and renewed. It is a revelatory progression but we know that we have definitely grown since our time here in the BCW.

More than that, God yearns for us to *"be like a (flourishing) tree planted (deeply rooted) by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither (never dry); And whatever he does shall prosper"* (NKJV/TPT). To be able to become a flourishing tree, it needs to be pruned consistently and continuously (JOHN 15:2). The Holy Spirit has been working in each of us. As we choose to yield to the process of pruning, and abiding in Him (JOHN 15:4), He continues to solidify our identity as sons and daughters.

It is definitely not a comfortable process but a needed one so that we will be able to live a victorious life. When we are clear of our identity in God, we will be able to hold onto, to know what and how to use the keys that are given to us (ISAIAH 22:22). These keys are not given for ourselves but for those whom God sent to us, to walk alongside them, to bring the love of Christ into their lives that we may be *"the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets"* (ISAIAH 58:12).

May the 17 of us, sons and daughters of the Most High God walk worthy of our calling now and beyond.



WHAT DO YOU SEE— Weeds or Flowers?

by Swee Lin Tay



“I started to notice the wild flowers of yellow and white around the lawn in front of my dormitory when I had to make a card for a classmate, without any art supplies I plucked the flowers and pressed them.”

“But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

1 SAMUEL 16:7 (NKJV)

Spring has supposedly arrived here in the BCW! Actually, I have no concept what spring is like here in this part of UK, it was zero degrees not so long ago and I am often huddled in the warmth of my cosy room. The sudden appearance of daffodils announced the arrival of spring and then other flowers of myriad colours burst in quick succession throughout the flower beds around the campus. The colourful display of nature's brushstrokes unsurpassed in intricacies and beauty all point to the hand of our creative God. In MATTHEW 6:28-29, *"the flowers of the field grow...that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these."*

I started to notice the wild flowers of yellow and white around the lawn in front of my dormitory when I had to make a card for a classmate. Without any art supplies, I plucked the flowers and pressed them. The natural beauty of these wild flowers stood out without the need for any added pigments or designs. Dandelions and daisies as well as primroses, a plant with delicate yellow flowers speckled in abundance on the grounds. All around hedges, in grass patches, woods even in cracks on the side of the road, wild flowers bloomed, proudly displaying their corollae of petals. Bees and insects feeding on the nectar of these flowers do not seem to discriminate between the ones growing in the wild and the ones carefully cultivated in flowers beds.

God created all of these flowers both wild and cultivated, imbued each species with its own unique and purposeful qualities. To my surprise, I found out that dandelions, daisies, and primroses are all edible and highly nutritious. The dandelion plant is rich in antioxidants, vitamins, potassium, and iron in fact most parts of the plant are edible from its bloom, stem and the dried roots are sold as a kind of coffee substitute. Leaves, flowers, and roots of the common daisy are edible and used in salads, soups and sandwiches; studies have shown that daisies are rich in vitamin C have been used in herbal teas for medicinal purposes. The primrose similarly is mostly edible, its leaves, flowers can be eaten raw and including its roots are rich in vitamin C and minerals.

“ It is at the cross where the flower of perfect joy will grow.

I never ever considered these plants as edible and containing such rich nutrients. These flowers were only given a second look when I desperately needed a way to resolve a design issue. Prior to that, I had trampled on them countless times when I rushed across the lawn each day. To most people, these plants are seen as weeds, detestable to any serious gardener, they are often removed with herbicide or forcefully dug out from manicured lawns. Many are oblivious of their inherent beneficial properties.

When I consider this analogy on the human level, isn't this often the case how some people who are living surviving on the fringes of society are viewed? Many are left alone, abandoned, trampled upon, forgotten and invisible. Do we see how God sees them, imbued with His unique and creative touch? Do we see people beyond the level of superficiality of looks and circumstances? Are we prepared to see the inner potential of each person beyond the surface in spite of the 'packaging'?

Are we the ones who will bring the Kingdom of God to these left at the wayside and to help unlock their hidden potential and fulfil their God-given destiny through the love and the finished work of Jesus Christ?

“It is at the cross where the flower of perfect joy will grow.”

Sermons in Solitary Confinement by Richard Wurmbrand



Remove not the Ancient Landmarks

By Isabella Rhodes Vivour-Nwaogu

'On earth. The Lord God rules in the affairs of man, and His command, none can question – what dost thou? Records and books are kept in the Throne Room as history is continuously rehearsed in the ears of God's people here on earth.'

In our generation, we see and hear the voice of these landmarks that have been preserved by The Bible College of Wales (BCW). In the purview of the BCW is the Heritage Centre, House of Prayer, and the School of Ministry. It is rich in association with sites like the Blaenannerch Chapel built in 1794 (famous for its revivals of 1904-1905) and Moriah Chapel where one of God's Generals; Evan Roberts sat by September of 1904 on the No.47 pew (still preserved with the seat number till date) and cried out whilst under the influence of the holy spirit 'Bend Me!'

At the Heritage Centre, many have had divine encounters from the Italian Gardens at Mr. Rees Howell's home to the Plinth, being a spiritual landmark and speaking of Jehovah Jireh provisions and the life of faith in him.

The House of Prayer has within its administration the BLUE ROOM. Being a testament to influencing history and the affairs of nations, it recalls the intervention and abrupt stop of WWII. It reiterates faith that shifted realms and moved political stalwarts to bow in events that looked impossible to man; the 1948 Mandate concerning the formation of the state of Israel, demise of communism, the Congo war, the intervention of the

Cuban Missile crisis, the fall of the Berlin Wall and Korean War (to name a few). These were times when Mr. Rees Howells and later Mr. Samuel Howells with dedicated intercessors would pray many hours, several times a day for the Lord's intervention in world affairs. Many were dedicated full time and never turned back: giving up pleasures for a life dedicated to the heartbeat of God.

This Bible College over the decades since 1924, has sent out missionaries who gave their lives to preach and run with the ..."Every Creature Vision"... of which great men like Reinhard Bonnke of CfaN (Christ for All Nations) are products. Today it runs as the School of Ministry. It has produced 13 batches of varied numbers of students from different continents across the world. The Pisgah Chapel, now under the administration of the BCW, was home to Sunday school in 1895 and later in 1900 under Evans Roberts, held the Prayer circle. This Prayer circle would later shake society and community life. The nation of Wales would never remain the same.

These remain Portals of Open Heavens that give an outpouring of that glorious manna to the yearning souls that search for more and more of the Lord. For the times and seasons of God move with His children and the cruse of oil is still pouring as it beckons onto you to draw nearer and drink to overflow as you rise higher. They speak to faith, courage, endurance, perseverance, provisions, visitations, and to the faithfulness of God in His dealings with His own.

Just as Cornerstone Community Church Singapore has graciously and painstakingly preserved the ancient landmarks for generations yet unborn. These ancient landmarks still hold His precious secrets and glory for you and I. Drink! For the Master's grace abounds to all who desire. Come! There is room enough. The Ancient of Days who is the Most High over all the earth bids you to come. Come dear one and observe the ancient landmarks.

May the blessings of the Lord be upon us all. Hallelujah!



Do it Again, Lord!

by Gan Chong Min



With great anticipation of what the Holy Spirit would do through us today, there was a silent excitement that engulfed us throughout the car ride. Very few words were exchanged: only occasional comments about the expanse of the grazing ground of the farms along the way.

In the comfort of our car, it was quite inconceivable that Evan Roberts would travel the many miles on foot across the undulating terrain to get to Blaenannerch.

A parade of tombstones greeted us as we got out of the car and walked into the doorway of Blaenannerch Chapel. Crossing the threshold, the view opened into a bright, high-ceilinged sanctuary lined with orderly wooden pews, a tall pulpit at the front and a mezzanine floor with more pews. The musty smell could not hide the age of the place. There were neither elaborate ornamentations nor wooden carvings – it was a reverent, yet modest and functional building that God had used mightily to touch more than 100,000 lives. A plaque read “In this pew sat Evan Roberts on Thursday 29th September 1904 when he exclaimed “Bend me, O Lord”, while the Reverend Seth Joshua was praying. And thereby became a central figure in the Revival of 1904-05. I am filled with gratitude with the privilege to retrace the powerful work that God has done when heaven opened to a yielded vessel sitting at that exact same spot more than a century ago!

As the worship started, what felt like a gentle breeze caressed my face in the enclosed sanctuary. It was the unmistakable Ruach of God who whispered, “I am here:” it was awe, it was joy, it was peace... and it felt familiar!

Although Evan Roberts gave his life at Blaenannerch Chapel that led to the Welsh revival, the vision of the revival was birthed in Pisgah Chapel in his hometown Loughor while he was leading Sunday School as a young man. In contrast, Pisgah is a much smaller chapel where Evan used to preach throughout the revival after his powerful encounter at Blaenannerch. Students at the BCW would gather at Pisgah for a session of worship and intercession each week, asking God to “do it again”! There is no doubt in my mind that the faithful One will bring it to pass in His good time as history would prove: The Holy Spirit brought about revival because someone stood in the gap and interceded!

After the worship at Blaenannerch ended, the students were each asked to pray for prophetic words of knowledge and Scriptures for fellow students. Not long after, a small “commotion” started – students began to congregate in twos and threes and words began to flow, with hugs, smiles, soft laughter, and no dearth of tears. The session ended with utterances of declaration and decree on families, the Church, the nations, as well as proclamation of God’s righteous intervention on social issues burning in the hearts of many of us. Although there were no burning bushes or fallen bodies, the tangible yet gentle touch of the Holy Spirit was undeniable during those few hours when we were there. I am convinced that all of us left Blaenannerch Chapel with a fresh encounter in our own way, with conviction that we have a part to play in the advancement of the kingdom as disciples of the Almighty. Amen!

Reflections on the Life of Intercession

Excerpts of Book Review
“Intercession – Rees Howells”

ABIDING

Mr. Rees Howells spoke of the need to guard his ‘place of abiding,’ which reveals to us the intimate relationship he had with the Holy Spirit. To abide means to die daily - in the allowing of the Holy Spirit to take over every aspect of our lives - to live life (MATTHEW 19:29) as our Lord Jesus Christ would. *“The promise is unlimited but the fulfilment depends on the abiding.”*

The Holy Spirit would only abide in a temple that is consecrated. The Holy Spirit would shine revelations in Mr. Rees Howells’ daily life in the areas that he needed confession and the cleansing in the Blood. *“He began to deal with my nature... Is it possible to retreat?”*

In Mr. Rees Howells’ obedience, he saw how the Holy Spirit began to bind the devil.

In complete honesty, as I read this chapter, I was stumped as I began to reflect on my own personal walk - yes I too experienced the cleansing BUT I cannot say I truly abided in the Holy Spirit at all times. Such radical obedience can only be found in a man who was determined to guard his place of abiding.

Written by Poon Yan Tong Eva



PERSERVERANCE

We observe that Mr. Rees Howells’ burdens get heavier progressively, from healing of a tubercular woman in town to the revival in Africa, and eventually interceding for nations. He spent days and months traveling, fasting, and pleading with God in tears: “the agony he went through” (Page 215). He said that *“one of the most precious time of his life: not days of intercession or carrying burdens but of living fellowship, lost in the presence of God”* (Page 153). It seems that God gives different weight of burdens for different measures of faith built up through many trials or trainings. It is amazing that he persevered through every single one without faltering. I wonder if there was ever a time when he felt that the burden seemed too great and God in His mercy took it away.

Written by Gan Chong Min

INTIMACY

If I could meet Mr. Rees Howells today, I would like to understand his salvation story from a first hand perspective. The process of surrender and how he really ‘heard’ from God. His surrender seems unconditional and it shifts my faith paradigm and leaves me with a sense of wonder how I can ever do the same. At this stage of my walk with God, I can only look with amazement and envy at the intimate conversations that Mr. Rees Howells had with the Lord and his seemingly unshakable faith in times of testing. I am also curious to know of his intimacy with God now, whether it is any different from the one he had when he was alive.

These questions answered might give me insights in my own quest for intimacy with God. This man’s journey is very radical to me and I am not sure if I will have a fraction of his faith and intimacy with the Holy Spirit, nevertheless, I will not give up!

Written by Swee Lin Tay



TO VOW

Mr. Rees Howells said, “Give me one more chance and I will give my life to you”. When we look at how this vow played out in his life, we see God’s dealing with him in the area of chastity, obedience, and total dependence for his sustenance, which is a consecrated life devoid of all material things. I see it as not the usual type of vow we are use to performing. Ecclesiates 5:4-6 tells us to be careful as to what we say in such desperate hours, times of trials and storms. For the Lord shall hold us accountable. It is common for a person who seeks a vow with God for whatever reason, to do so in quiet contemplation of arranging the details of the steps that person will take trusting in divine guidance as the vow is made.

On examination of this vow, it was a great fear of death, knowledge of eternity and an early departure from life that under scored this vow. I get the impression that God took hold of those words quickly, giving him no time to change his mind. God knows our hearts and mind (Jeremiah 17:10). This is the KEY to Mr. Rees Howells’ life long journey of walking with God.

A deep respect, and empathy is felt as you read that he discussed between him and the Holy Spirit. This is his cross to carry and destiny. It can be argued that not all people have such an extreme call or destiny.

Be careful how you make your vows. It is better to be specific. Pray to the Lord to reveal the type of call and what your destiny holds for you. Mr. Rees Howells’ calling is unique as those called to be a martyr or to take the vow of celibacy. One is not to be afraid to walk with God as dying on the altar of sacrifice is a personal dealing between the person and God.

SURRENDER

While I was reading chapter five, I could relate to some of the challenges Mr. Rees Howells faced while coming to the decision to full surrender, not on the same level as him but on a similar level where we are to make a choice to give up certain things that hinders our walk with God. It is giving up and dying to self that is the main challenge. When he began to realize that the Holy Spirit is set to use his body as a temple and remain there forever, it was a sombre invitation (“I need a body for my temple and I shall not mix myself with yourself”).

As I read these sentences, it brought to life the true meaning of allowing the Holy Spirit to dwell within us and it also shows me that as he went deeper into sacrificing himself and coming to terms with the choice he was making, that a sense of conviction came with it.

The end of the chapter becomes really vivid to me as he explains his thoughts as the minutes were counting down leading up to his decision time, he knew his life would change forever and God will be in control from that moment forward.

Written by Shane Gorry

Written by Isabella Rhodes Vivour Nwaogu



Congratulations to the Daughter saved by the King!

Congratulations on your graduation, Rani! Excited about the start of yet another one of your adventures with God, soon after the launch of your first book! God bless your beautiful heart of surrender as you step boldly into His every call on your life!
- Charis Yeo

Congratulations Rani on your graduation. It is the start of your exciting ministry in the Lord's plan. As you shared in your book "A Daughter Saved by the King", He has revealed Himself to you, protected you and provided for you. It is this same message of hope that you will continue to share as you minister and teach His word.
- Lee Yoke Ling



Every episode of Rani's life encounters presented in the pages of this inspiring read amplifies the wonder of our miracle-working, all-loving and all-knowing God, the King of kings. How the Lord preserved Rani's young life miraculously from an otherwise disastrous fall & revealed to her, years later, that He was the God who rescued her, is but one of several beautiful accounts in her life that reveal the heart of an ever-loving and awesome God.

- Doris Tan



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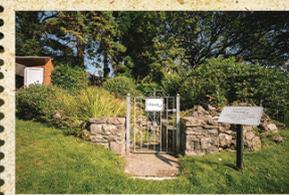
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