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*Measuring as he went, he took me along the stream for 1,750 feet and then led me across. The water was up to my ankles. He measured off another 1,750 feet and led me across again. This time the water was up to my knees. After another 1,750 feet, it was up to my waist. Then he measured another 1,750 feet, and the river was too deep to walk across. It was deep enough to swim in, but too deep to walk through.*

**Ezekiel 47:3-5**

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# The Director's Message



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What an appropriate theme you have chosen for your graduation, **“GOING INTO THE DEEP”**. I have been informed by your instructors that as a cohort, you have exemplified a great hunger for God and a desire to go deeper. I salute you.

In Ezekiel 47, we see the vision that Ezekiel had of the River of God. The river flowed from the Temple and began at ankle deep. Then the river deepens to knee deep, then waist deep, and finally, the river was so deep that one had to swim in it. The challenge, of course, is to leave the comforts of where we are now and come into deeper waters.

I took up swimming at a very young age. My parents wanted me not just to learn to swim but to swim competitively. I remember my first swimming lesson. It was in the children's pool. And what is the one thing that defines the children's pool? It is shallow. But that's where you start. We all begin at the safety of ankle-deep water, but that is only the beginning of the journey. It is God's minimum because you really cannot swim in ankle-deep water, can you? You cannot even tread in ankle-deep water. All you can do is waddle.

But this is where we begin in our swimming lessons, ankle-deep water. The tragedy of this comparative to Christianity is that many Christians seem content to park themselves in this position. They prefer the shallow waters.

Charles Spurgeon once wrote, “Some Christians sail their boats in such low spiritual waters that the keel scrapes on the gravel bottom all the way to heaven, instead of being carried on a flood tide.”

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Why settle for the minimum? Why get stuck at elementary truth all of your life? Why park here? It is sound advice never to follow a parked car because you will get nowhere. Keep moving on in God. Don't follow parked churches, parked pastors, parked traditions. Keep moving on and obey what the Lord told His disciples in Luke 5:4, “To launch out into the deep.”

Don't stay at ankle-deep waters. If you want to learn how to swim, you have got to be willing to enter into deeper waters.

I have been a pastor now for 29 years, and I have discovered that faithfulness is often demonstrated by staying put and digging deep. There are many Christians who are “spring” Christians who disappear in the winter. They are like the migratory birds that fly south during the cold spell in search for warmer climates. But an authentic Christian is characterised by faithfulness. They stay put even when the going gets tough.

I read in a book that logging companies do not just hire lumberjacks to cut down trees. They also hire specialised and trained people to repopulate the forest. These experts know exactly where to plant a tree to ensure quality production of growth. When they go out to reforest a mountain, they scan the slopes until they find what they call “stress” factors. Stress factors are the areas on mountains that are most exposed to winds and storms. Where the stress factors are located is where the saplings are planted.

It is there, on the rugged slopes of the mountains, that these trees produce the most sought after wood. From day one, these little trees will face the cruelty of winter and the harshness of summer. When the strong winds of winter come along, these trees know that if they want to survive, their only option is to sink their roots deeper



into the ground. To survive intense summers and extreme drought, and to survive they sink their roots even further down to find subterranean springs.

However, it is during these periods of stress that their trunks harden. Now, of course, not all the trees survive. But those that do will go on to produce the best, the most-desired, and the most sought-after wood. It is these trials- the suffering, the contradictions, the storms of life- that strengthen us to produce the best fruit if we can endure.

Perseverance is fundamental in the Christian life. Sometimes things can get tough in a church. I understand this. I have been a pastor for a long time, and I have seen a lot.

G. Campbell Morgan said, *"If you have no opposition in the place you serve, you're serving in the wrong place."*

The one thing I can tell you for sure: There is no such thing as a perfect church. It only exists in heaven. If there is a perfect church, do not join it because if you do, it will not be perfect any longer. There are going to be misunderstandings, but I plead with you, do not give in to the temptation to leave. Do not allow yourself to leave the very place where God planted you in the first place. You are the planting of the Lord.

The prayer of David in Psalm 144:12, that "our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth..." How are you ever going to be a tree that is solid and fruit-bearing unless you stay put in one place and go deep? We all start as saplings. But stay on in the place of God's choosing, and in that place, you will grow. No matter how difficult it gets, hang in there. Dig in. Even if sometimes you might feel overlooked by the leaders, stay. Even if you feel opposition, stay. If you stay, things will change. Where God has planted you, do not let circumstances circumvent you from the will of God. Do not allow little offences to become big issues. If you stay, you will grow deep.

In a recent trip, I took with my family to South Africa, we visited the famed Cullinan mines in Johannesburg. We had to descend 736 metres into the ground, via an elevator, but it is there, deep in the ground, where you find the precious stones. You hardly find any on the surface, but if you dig deep, you will get the gold. And that's my exhortation to you. Go deep. Do not settle for the shallow waters. If you go deep, you will find the hidden treasures of the kingdom.

Once again, congratulations on your commencement and we pray God's highest blessings on every one of you.

Pastors Tuck Yoong and Daphne Yang  
Directors of The Bible College of Wales

# Message from the Vice-Dean



# Batallion Deep

It has been an honour and privilege to be with you at the Bible college of Wales, as Vice Dean of Students for the School of Ministry. Seeing your journeys unfold has been a great pleasure for me, as I have observed your increase in hunger for more of God through a desire to be history makers for the Kingdom, despite the cost. I have seen you as an army of worshipping warriors arising with faith which replaces fear and taking a posture like that of the Israelites in 2 Chronicles 20:17 '... take up your positions, stand firm and see the deliverance of the Lord.' To you I believe the Father would say, 'Well done good and faithful servants.'



- >>> Together as a cohort we have grown in all our spiritual senses:
- Having our eyes opened to the wide open spaces of His grace and mercy
  - Our ears becoming attentive to the voice and sounds of heaven and its rich repertoire
  - Our hands learning the power in the duality of surrender and obedience
  - The aromas of the bread of heaven being the only smell that captivates and sustains our hunger
  - And the beautiful act of recognising that when we taste and see that He is good, we see the reality that ‘just one touch of the king changes everything.’

A rich blend of spiritual multi-sensory perspectives, woven by the very breath of heaven Himself. What a journey of abundance!

The myriad of lectures you have inhaled by well respected international Christian leaders has inspired you to leave behind the shallow waters for the brave deep! Go forth ‘battalion deep’ and never underestimate the vast depths of the love, knowledge, and riches of God in Christ (Romans 11:33). He alone is enough.

You have also learnt the truth that the strongest place to be is in the place of complete surrender. Nothing is more powerful than a surrendered heart in the hands of a mighty God.

This ‘salt factory,’ otherwise known as the BCW, has indeed made you ‘ready and salted’ to carry torches of revival, passion, and love to the nations. Go with gusto, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May it be that the ‘Every Creature’ mandate of Mr. Rees Howells be carried with you in your hearts and permeate the walking out of His unique call on each of your lives.

May the Lord bless you, keep you, and make His face shine radiantly and abundantly upon you – May the beauty of His countenance transform you from Glory to Glory in His beautiful ‘upward’ call and give you peace in every season!

I am so proud of each one of you and know that the Lord has a mighty plan to prosper you, give you hope and a future in Him. Cling to joy, audacious and unbridled JOY that looks for His light in everything. Congratulations class of Autumn 2018 on your graduation! I will always carry you in my heart.

To the Directors and staff of the BCW – thank you for being ‘team awesome.’ Your dedication towards the call here has inspired me richly. You have demonstrated faith and love to the utmost and it has been a beautiful adventure to serve with you all.

To all who may be considering committing 12 weeks of your life to come be with us at the Bible College of Wales – come join us for a life transformative time. The intercession, teaching, family, and discipleship experienced here at this well of revival will shake you awake to another level of beautiful intimacy with God.

# Student Testimonies



**April Celeste Chavarria**  
Iglesia Puerta delcielo, New York, USA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I had no idea that I would be going to the BCW in the beginning of this year. I had already decided what I would do after I graduated from High School, but God had different plans- greater plans. He spoke confirmation through others which guided my decision to come. I love all that is happening here! From the teachings to spending time alone in the gardens, God has something special for everyone who comes and will do more than you can imagine. I am excited to see what He has in store for me after I graduate.



**Chermaine Ruth Lek**  
Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

SINGAPORE

The BCW has been a great opportunity for me to go deeper in my walk with God. There is a unique anointing over the college that showcases God’s heart. My most vivid encounter here was during a historical tour in the Blue room with a former student of the college, Mr Brian Halliwell. As he was sharing about Mr Rees Howell’s life and the things he had laid down on the altar for God, I sensed God inviting me to enter into a deeper consecration unto Him. apprehend my heart. It is these moments that I will carry along for life.



**Christopher James Hart**  
Lionheart Restoration Ministries, Tennessee, USA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

I came to the BCW so hungry for the Lord! During this time God has been meeting me and stripping away the veils over my heart that have kept Him and others out. He has been drawing me to a place of stillness, rest, and trust before Him. In that place, He has done a deep work of cleansing and healing, bringing me into the liberty of being His son! He has also been cultivating His heart in me and has opened my eyes to see, in a greater way, the necessity, and privilege of relationship with others in Christ.



## STUDENT TESTIMONIES



### Clara Wei-Key Chan

Chinese Church of London (New Soho English), UK

UNITED  
KINGDOM

Before I came to the BCW, God had been speaking to me about “fallow soil” – a crucial season of rest for the soil that will enable it to replenish its nutrients and become even more fruitful in the seasons to come. Here at the BCW, God has gently been beckoning me into His Presence, but it has taken a sprained knee to finally get me to be still (literally!) and simply imbibe of His goodness and grace to me. As Psalm 34:8 says, *“Taste and see that the LORD is good, blessed are those who take refuge in Him!”*



### Emma Louise Jackson

University Christian Fellowship, Michigan, USA

UNITED  
STATES OF  
AMERICA

Three times. The prompt that came from God was quietly persistent, and after the third nudge, I accepted that the BCW was the next step in my spiritual journey. I knew the program included various speakers, but I was not prepared for the vibrancy and depth of teaching. The other unexpected benefit was meeting people from around the world that are now etched on my heart. My prayer life has been energized with powerful times of intercession and praise, shared with this dynamic group of believers. Whatever ministry door opens, I will be better equipped to answer the call.



### Esther Tan Sue Yuan

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

SINGAPORE

Like an enclosed garden, each week I have felt the Lord unfolding very specific, personal areas in my life that He has wanted to restore and awaken within me. It has been a journey of getting to know the ways of God instead of just His acts. As I have been unpacking my previous understanding of grace by getting to know the true Person of grace has been life transforming. I also am beginning to more clearly understand the sacrifices of Jesus, pertaining to His work as an intercessor. Our saviour is truly amazing!



### Faith Chen Mei Hua

Covenant Evangelical Free Church, Singapore

SINGAPORE

In November 2017, God told me very specifically to resign from my job and come to the BCW. By faith, I chose to obey God and He faithfully provided for all my needs so that I could attend the college. I came broken before the Lord, seeking a fresh touch of His presence. By His grace He has healed me by pouring His love into me through His word from the different teaching by the lecturers. He has restored both my heart and my identity and has led me into a renewed intimacy with Him.



### Jocelyn Koh Yu Ching

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

SINGAPORE

Since my time at the BCW, God has been replacing my pursuit for answers (including His calling upon my life) with a pursuit for a deeper relationship with Him. *“Are you seeking Me for Me or for your answers?”*, was His question to me during my first week here. He has exchanged my fears with faith, my striving for surrender, my ‘self’ nature with more of His nature, and my head knowledge of Him with a heart fully yielded to Him. I have gained a deeper revelation of His love for me and affirmation of my identity in Him.



### Joshua Anthony Hajok

Cornerstone Community Church, Miri, Malaysia

MALAYSIA

I would liken the BCW to an army training camp where God trains His army to carry their own cross - being fully ‘possessed’ by Him. I came here seeking clarity of God’s will for me but the very first prayer meeting in the Blue Room, He impressed upon me this phrase: “the end of men, is the beginning of God.” It has been a faith-expanding process and He has given me clarity of truth through the lectures which has sharpened my sword and strengthened my spiritual armour. I have had a great journey here in the BCW and I am moving onward for His glory!



### Juan Pablo Carbajal

Iglesia LaMision Cornerstone, New York, USA

UNITED  
STATES OF  
AMERICA

God spoke to me that coming to the Bible College of Wales would be a time of deep transformation and preparation. He has been stirring within me a desire to seek Him more than I have before. Through these weeks, God has been gradually transforming me through the lectures and personal experiences. He gave me a deeper revelation of who He is and His purpose for my life – to reach the nations and prepare a people ready for the Lord and Revival (Luke 1:17). He has taken my fear and unworthiness, and replaced it with His promises and acceptance. Truly, all glory belongs to Jesus!



### Julia Ann Norris

North Palm Church, South Carolina, USA

UNITED  
STATES OF  
AMERICA

There is such a peace that accompanies being where you are supposed to be. The weeks leading up to my arriving at the BCW were an arduous time as a series of circumstances left me broken, confused and in need of breakthrough. He saw the seed of desire for Him in my heart. Upon arrival, I felt the Lord tell me, “You will receive all that you came for.” The time here has been nothing short of that promise coming to pass. The multi-faceted face of God has been revealed in ways I did not expect.



# Student Testimonies ASIA



## Kezia Carlisle Young

Lighthouse Military Missionary Church,  
California, USA

UNITED  
STATES OF  
AMERICA

I was serving in the United States Armed Forces when God called me to be in His army. I believe God is preparing to launch me in His fleet one day as a missionary. This is what led me to come to the BCW so that I will be prepared, equipped, and armed for all necessary elements as a recruit. These 12 weeks have been like a boot camp because God has been dealing with my heart and ministering to me physically, mentally, and emotionally. *"For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness to all generations"* (Psalm 100:5).



## Ka Wai Ng

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

I was desperate for a move of God in my life and so I decided to attend the BCW. God began to reveal what my time here would be like if I obeyed Him: I would rest, pray, receive; He would reveal Himself; I would build relationships; this time would form the foundation for the future. As the days have unfolded, the work of God is evident and effective. This experience has been so revolutionary, it is beyond all I could ask or think. Every word He has spoken over me has and is still being fulfilled. To God be all the glory and praise!



## Lai Liling Cheryl

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

SINGAPORE

The BCW is like a military base where God's children come to be refreshed, realigned, trained, and forge covenantal friendships. Seizing the opportunity to attend the BCW before my new job posting has been the best decision. God has renewed my strength, restored hope, and reminded me that as darkness increases, light always overcomes. *"Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you."* (Isaiah 60:1-2).



## Patricia Badal

Christ to the Nations, Australia

AUSTRALIA

My pastor went to Kingdom Invasion in Singapore and brought back information about the BCW to share with our church. After hearing him speak about the BCW, I had a sense from the Holy Spirit that I should attend. I began making inquiries, praying, and seeking guidance as I submitted my application. I initially did not know how to finance this journey but I did not struggle or stress over the matter. God had His hand in everything and the provision came. Jesus made a way for me to be here - exactly where He wants me.



## Lim Kwee Lee

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

SINGAPORE

I came to the BCW to find rest and restoration from past wounds. I felt vulnerable and in need of God's healing in my life. During my time here, God's pursuit of me helped me to confront my hurts and extend forgiveness and blessing to others. The journey has gotten better as I see a bigger expression of God's love and eternal purpose, particularly through the lectures on our Jewish roots, identity, and significance of Israel. I am so blessed by this journey with God and the kingdom community here - a chance of a lifetime!



## Patrick Pan Chau Nyeap

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

SINGAPORE

God spoke to me on May 30, 2018 saying that I needed to be transformed in the renewing of my mind and to attend the BCW. I came here to seek a new heart and a new beginning in ministry. Through the lectures, He has reminded me, "the old has passed, the new has come". We need to be like new wineskins if we want to be effective in His Kingdom works. My most memorable moments here are my morning walks with Abba Father in the Italian Gardens - His presence is so strong as He pours His love over me.



## Melissa Cheng Hsien Lim

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

SINGAPORE

Since 2015, I have had the desire to come to the BCW. God spoke to me 2 years ago and I received a confirmation and a dream where "my spiritual eyes became opened in the BCW." God is indeed opening my eyes and it is like I am undergoing a deep operation within my spirit, mind, and soul. An encounter with God here gave me a breakthrough in prayer that I was seeking. I believe I am still a work in progress but I am looking forward to all that God has in store for me.



## Raylene Button

Christ to the Nations, Australia

AUSTRALIA

I have been so blessed since being at the BCW. Coming from an Aboriginal Australian background, I had prepared that I may not blend in with the rest of my classmates. However, I soon came to realise that despite coming from different ethnic backgrounds, we are one in the body of Christ with a common desire to worship and experience more of Him. The Holy Spirit opened my eyes to the reality of who God is: loving, caring, and kind. I have enjoyed my time here and the people I have met. Being here has been my heaven on earth.



# Student Testimonies



## Ruth Liu

Oasis Church, Asia

ASIA

Before I came to the BCW, my pastor prayed and told me that God had so much in store for me. Not only have I encountered Jesus, but my horizon has been enlarged. Hearing stories of past revivals and praying for the nations in the Blue Room has given me understanding of the Great Commission and my role in it. The BCW is like an airport, where Jesus sends us from here to the nations. *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him”* (1 Corinthians 2:9).



## Sun Mei Lim Jace

EN Community Church, Singapore

SINGAPORE

Being at the BCW is an answer to my prayers years before the re-opening of the college. God’s timing is perfect and by faith He provided all I needed to come. It has been a refreshing and meaningful time of equipping through dynamic teachings. The fellowship with the staff and classmates has been life giving. It is amazing to see how God is working in each of our lives. My perspective of God’s kingdom has also been widened as we pray over nations regularly. I look forward to applying what I have learned here when I return to Singapore.



## Samuel Miracle Uche

Legacy Church, United Kingdom

NIGERIA

I prayed for new fire and was seeking a fresh anointing from the Lord. My year did not start well and all of my plans did not work out as I had hoped. Every door began to shut except my interview to attend the BCW. God heard my prayer, and I am grateful to be here. All year, I have struggled with a lot of doubt until Pastor Yang gave us our first lecture. It seemed like the heavens tore open right before my eyes and ever since, it was like the fog has lifted and I have the clarity I have been seeking.



## Susanna Min

Cornerstone Community Church, Yangon, Myanmar

MYANMAR

I have dreamt of having the privilege to be at the BCW since I heard about its re-opening in 2015. As a mother of three young children and working full time in ministry, I never imagined I would have the opportunity to go. With the support of my amazing husband, I am at the college experiencing God’s tangible presence. The lectures have been of a high caliber and have stretched my understanding of the Word of God. I know that I will leave here a more productive individual who will contribute to bringing revival to my people and country.



## Sheena Chong Zi Xiang

Riverlife Church, Singapore

SINGAPORE

“There is more!” is a word I received from the Lord this season. Trusting that He alone is able to do immeasurably more than I can ever dream of (Ephesians 3:20), I never imagined that I would come to the BCW. It has been a good time of refreshing and pruning as I learn to abide in Him. As I allow Him to refine me, all I seek is to be in deeper intimacy with the lover of my soul. My life has been an adventure and I look forward to embarking on many more with the Lord!



## Vivien Mery Sim Qin Ying

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

SINGAPORE

At the start of the year, I felt God inviting me to come aside with Him to the BCW – to a place of refreshing, reforming, and repurposing. As the weeks went by, I began to see how this special season of drawing away from the busyness and noise of the world has brought greater clarity and affirmation to the dreams and assignments for my life. God has also done a deep work in me as He gently led me to surrender fears and inhibitions -- breaking up fallow areas of my heart so that I could press into Him and behold Him with a renewed heart!



## Sophia Tan Kah Lay

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

SINGAPORE

After 3 years of vacillation, I finally took a step of faith to come to the BCW. My first morning here the Lord began speaking to me about stepping out of what is comfortable and in faith, move toward things that may seem difficult and impossible. When I walked into the Italian Garden for the first time, He touched me with His love and I knew He was right there with me. The teachings are deep, my perspective has changed, friendships have been made, and I am confidently moving forward in anticipation of what God has in store for me.



# The Art of Mountain Climbing

by Vivien Mery Sim Qin Ying

*"I love how small it makes me feel. And this is what I climb for," I said to my friend as we stood at the summit of Pen y Fan, surveying the vast Welsh moorland beneath us.*

Before the term started, a small group of us decided to walk up the open, rugged ridges of Brecon Beacons. I love being immersed in nature, firstly because it reflects an aspect of God, and secondly because God tends to use His creation as a teacher to us. In this context, the grandness of the wild ridges and valleys humbled and reminded me of how God is far beyond all human imagination and comprehension. As I observed other groups of people trawling their way up a difficult route to get to the summit, I sensed Holy Spirit saying to me, "If you could only climb one mountain, pick the one you know is worth the climb."

Here are three brief lessons I have learned from the art of mountain climbing that we can draw parallels from for our spiritual walk:

## LESSON

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We need to have the right gear.

Too often we dream about climbing a high mountain but then do not because we find ourselves lacking the right shoes or gear for it. Others times, we go ahead anyway in our casual shoes and coats, only to feel the flush of embarrassment as we pass other trekkers along the way realising how inappropriately dressed we are. When it comes to packing, there are bound to be days when we forget to bring sufficient supplies for the climb. Or perhaps we are prone to overstuff our bags with all sorts of unnecessary 'in case of emergency' items. Whatever it is, we are unequipped for the journey or fall victim to under or over packing because we are uncertain of what the road ahead entails.

Yet in our life journey, Jesus exhorts us to travel light. During our time here in the BCW, He has led us to strip off unnecessary loads or cover-ups in many of our lives. We do not need to shoulder the weight of our past, pains, regrets, and fears around; they are neither useful for the present nor future. He is also equipping us with the right gear – the Truth of His Word, the power of prayer and intercession, discernment, humility, and unity amongst the brethren, etc. Through these seasons of preparation, He teaches us how to be adept in using them.

Similarly, we need the right people to help keep us going on our journey through life. We need the right counsel from those who have gone before us and know the way ahead; people to warn us of treacherous roads but also to push us to overcome as they did. We need people who are encouraging and faithful to stay on the journey. Not only that, but we need to travel with people who have the same destination in mind – like-minded, like-hearted friends. Along the way, we have a duty to help encourage others along. Maybe you are with someone who is not as fit as you, but keep speaking life into them and holding them up. When you both finally reach the top, you will look at each other and rejoice – and the joy is doubled! The reward is definitely sweeter when shared.

## LESSON

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Pick a mountain that is worth the climb.

Back to what the Holy Spirit spoke to me at the top of Pen y Fan – that if we only have the time and resources to climb one mountain, consider carefully which mountain to climb. I knew instantly what He meant. You do not choose the mountain based on how nice the base looks, or because you know there is a nice halfway house along the way. You do not want to reach the top just to realise that the view is mediocre and disappointing. You also do not want to be thinking that you are climbing a certain mountain, only to reach the top and see the peak you are supposed to be on in the distance! That would simply be effort wasted.

But that is what happens when we get our priorities wrong. It happens when we get too busy in life, and God needs to come to redirect our ways because we have been striving up the wrong route, or travelling up a fruitless path or 'pointless' mountain. In these times He says, 'Come, let Me show you a better way.' On the contrary, if you have considered and chosen your path well and know with certainty the prize that awaits you at the top, you will find the strength to endure the climb. Purpose always gives pain a reason!

## A Vision for Mount Zion

As Creator, God loves His mountains too, and He especially loves Mount Zion. Mount Zion, as referred to countless times throughout scripture, is both a real and spiritual place. The physical place is speculated to be on a hill outside of Jerusalem's walls. The land of Israel has also been referred to as Mount Zion. But more significant would be its spiritual and eternal meaning: Mount Zion symbolises the place of both God's presence (1 Chronicles 16) and His throne, or full authority (Isaiah 24:23). It is a place of worship where God and His glory dwells amongst His people (Psalm 9:11).

What does it mean then, for us to possess the vision for Mount Zion in our personal lives?

It means striving to reach the highest call God has for each of us – being faithful to the assignments He has for us and to keep the lamp of our first love burning.

It means having a vision for eternity – that having done all, they are not 'empty' works but we have found an abiding place before His throne.

It means to have the vision to *win* Christ – to know Him intimately and to gain Him (Philippians 3:8, 14).

Our faith journey is always an upward call. It is a costly one. but it is a mountain worth the climb! Therefore we need to keep travelling light, having the absolute essentials and the right gear, and with the right people who can encourage and challenge us along the journey.

In a mountain range, we have to overcome a series of peaks and valleys before finally reaching the summit. Likewise, in our faith journey, we cannot camp around one peak of blessings and stay satisfied with yesterday's revelations and victories when there are more peaks to ascend! The moment we do, we hit a plateau and may never progress in our knowledge and intimacy with the Lord, losing the vision of striving toward Mount Zion.

It says in Psalm 84:5-7,

<sup>5</sup> *Blessed is the man whose strength is in You,  
Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.*

<sup>6</sup> *As they pass through the Valley of Baca,  
They make it a spring;  
The rain also covers it with pools.*

<sup>7</sup> *They go from strength to strength;  
Each one appears before God in Zion.*

The word "pilgrimage" in verse 5 properly translates into "highways," "ways cast up," or "ascensions in his heart". May our hearts always be set on a pilgrimage – an earnest resolution to keep journeying upward with and into God! We will face trials in the valley times, and temptation to settle on the lesser peaks, but He is faithful to strengthen and refresh us, enabling us to overcome the fatigue and busyness of life to keep pressing in for His upward call.





# *Sheep Sightings*

by Emma Louise Jackson

Polka dot white on the landscape,  
grazing sheep wrapped in natural wool coats,  
peacefully languish on unblemished meadows.  
A shepherd unseen has each one carefully marked.

Sheep on the street,  
eyes averted, steps hollow on uneven sidewalks,  
headed to dead-end destinations.  
They too have an unseen shepherd  
Waiting to gather, love, lead, protect  
Longing for each to bear His eternal mark.

## **Psalm 100:3**

*“Know that the Lord is God. It is He  
who made us, and we are His; we are  
His people, the sheep of his pasture.”*

# Out of Hiding

BY CLARA WEI-KAY CHAN

This is a poem of how God is gently calling me out of hiding (Song of Songs 2:14).  
In the past, I was afraid to shine and be myself as I was fearful of the attack of the  
enemy. But God is my Refuge and Safe Dwelling Place and is greater than the one  
who is in the world.

*A little girl clad in warrior suit  
On the run from the enemy, in hot pursuit.  
Frantically she looks for somewhere to hide;  
She sees a narrow closet and squeezes inside. Trembling.*

*Suddenly, a voice in the darkness  
Bringing peace instead of fright.  
Eyes open. Light.*

*Out of hiding He beckons me  
Into a meadow, spacious and bright.*

*Doubt churns inside of me, ugly and cold.  
What if the enemy catches me out in the open,  
exposed?*

*But then I recall these Words of Truth:  
The Lord is my Rock, my eternal Refuge.*

*I am the sheep of His pasture;  
In Him I am ever secure.  
Under the Shadow of His Wings*

*I sing.  
No more hiding.  
I run into His freedom.*



# The Undoing of the Lord

## Christopher James Hart

It was in November of 2017, with a fervent desire I asked the Lord to bring me to a place of total surrender to Him. Being bound by shame and fear, it was very difficult for me to walk in obedience to the Lord and His word. As I cried out, the Lord said, *"I have been waiting a long time for this moment. You have offered your will to Me and I have accepted it."* Though nothing visible happened immediately, I knew God had already commenced the process of change. At the start of 2018, God began to deal with issues of abandonment and lack of trust that were hindering greater surrender to Him. As I drew closer to Him, He began to deal with the fruit of those beliefs, namely, a rebellious attitude toward those in authority over me. The work of character development took a new depth and shaping by the Lord's hands and He was anchoring my identity in Him.

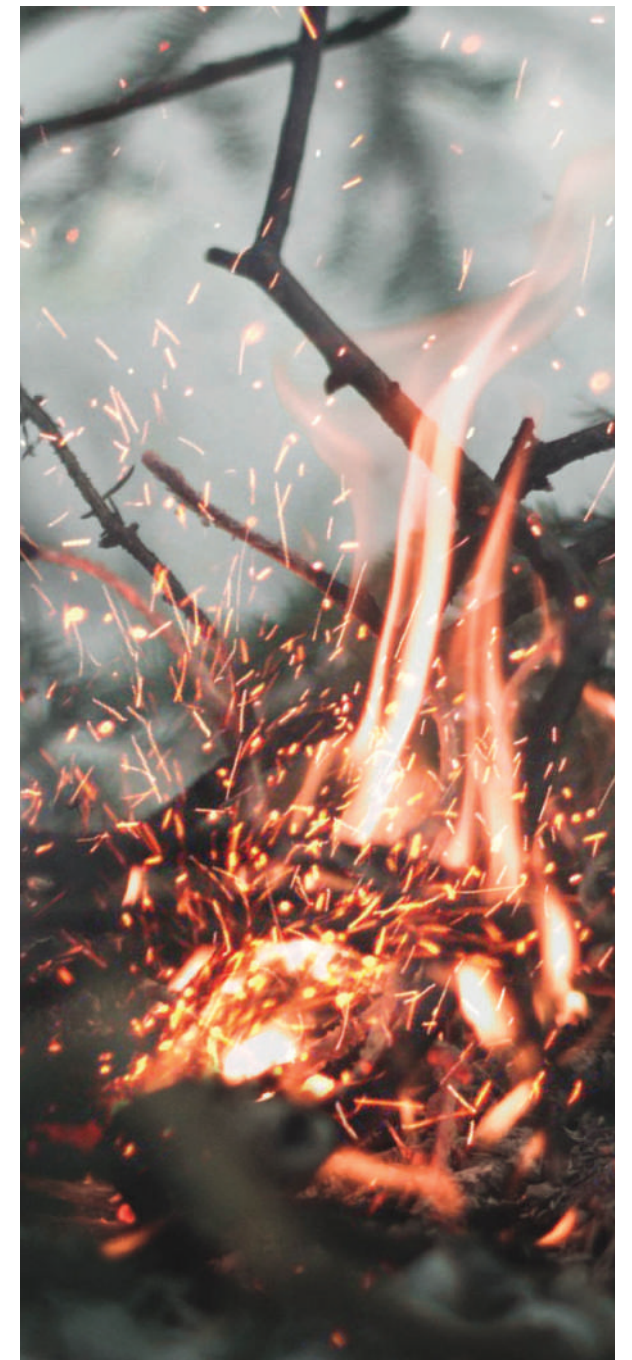
In March of 2018, I took a trip with my church to visit the BCW. On the last day, the man who helped plan our trip gave me a prophetic word. He said, *"The undoing has begun."* Immediately I knew what he was referring to and upon returning to the States, the Lord began a deeper healing of past wounds and open doors where the enemy had wrought devastation in me and my family. As God brought to light these issues that were unconsciously suppressed, I began to allow Him to bring closure and healing to my heart. Obedience to the Lord and taking up my cross became easier and as my heart continued to heal and be strengthened. As the time drew closer for me to attend the BCW, I had two separate dreams from the Lord detailing what would happen to me at the college. In both dreams, it was clear that a time of deep cleansing and healing is coming and that it would be a very transparent process to everyone around!

*"I've been waiting for this moment for a long time. You've offered your will to Me and I accept it."*

The first few weeks in the BCW was not easy. It felt like the furnace of purification increased in great measure. The vulnerable places of my heart – feelings of rejection, loneliness, and sadness – began to surface. In the past, I dealt with these feelings by denying and suppressing them in an effort to not be hurt. It was a natural self-protective mechanism which I was not aware was a wrong way to deal with hurts. Instead, I need to release my hurts to the Lord and walk in forgiveness. It was during the fourth week, the Lord gave me a revelation on how I have shut my heart from everyone else in an effort to protect myself. In doing so, I have also kept the Lord out from healing me. He showed me how I was going to be hurt, rejected, and despised if I were to set my heart to pursue Him while loving people in a fallen world – just as He did. From that moment everything began to change. My heart has opened up in a greater way to the people around me and the person within me began to emerge in an ever-increasing freedom from shame and fear of all kinds.

The vision of the Prophet Ezekiel found in chapter 47 is a beautiful picture of the Lord drawing us into deeper rivers of His presence and this was for me entering into greater breakthroughs as He draws me deeper into Him. I have become more sensitive to His voice and what was head knowledge is becoming alive in my heart. He has worked in us both to will and to do for His good pleasure (Philippians 2:2-13) that we might work out our salvation with fear and trembling (1 Peter 1:22). Through the fiery trials of

this life, He brings us to that point of surrender where He will be able to bring forth His image in us like gold purified through fire (1 Peter 1:6-7). In this time, I am learning that His revealed love for me compels me forward to find my courage in His strength and His joy in my trials. Indeed, He who calls us is truly faithful, who also will do it (1 Thessalonians 5:24)!







## Reflections in the BLUE ROOM

During the eighth week in one of our regular corporate prayer meetings in the Blue Room, the Holy Spirit brought such a Spirit of rejoicing, joy, and praise into the place. His presence filled the whole room and everyone was caught up in a posture of pure praise. Then the Holy Spirit reminded me how the intercessions of Mr. Rees Howells and his praying saints changed the course of history. The Holy Spirit continued to say that this same intercession has now been reinstated in the BCW and the college is to be a house of prayer for all nations and a house of joy and victory.

The Holy Spirit confirmed the word with a scripture, and He led me to Isaiah 56:7, "These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." Then the Holy Spirit reminded me in many instances throughout scripture where the joy of the Lord brought strength to His people when they met to pray and gave praise to Him, breakthroughs and miracles happened in their midst as a result! I felt that the Lord was calling our cohort and future cohorts to a higher level of extravagant joy and declarations of victory in prayer.

**JUAN PABLO CARBAJAL**

One of the main calls and inheritance of the BCW is to be a house of prayer for the nations. The aspect of prayer has undeniably been a huge part of our college life. We have two corporate times of prayer in the Blue Room every week, and I look forward to every meeting as I always leave them with a deeper revelation of God's heart for the nations and His Church. The meetings flowed in a different way each time as we tune in to God's agenda and learned to pray as the Spirit leads – some evenings, we will stand on the offensive in our praying, other times we are drawn to be still and behold Him, fully refreshed in His perfect love (Songs 2:4-5). Regardless of the flow of the meetings, they seldom end without the room first erupting into loud, exuberant singing and unashamed dancing! We are making war with darkness even through the lifting of His name in joyful songs of praise! Over the weeks, it is also amazing to witness the increasing boldness and confidence of the class to pray and release prophetic words, melodies, and even dances.

This aspect of praying for the nations has played an indispensable role in my personal journey here. At the start of the term, I remember feeling that I lacked compassion, hence believing I was unqualified to pray for the nations. I realised very quickly that human emotions and goodwill are not enough, it is only God who is able to deposit a true compassion that compels us to pray. As cliché as it sounds, the Holy Spirit began teaching me, step-by-step, how to intercede for the nations, beginning with learning to receive and to release. Fear and wrong expectations in praying were removed when I acknowledged that my prayers do not need to be 'big' prayers, as long as they are His prayers. As I kept to this process of faithfully releasing the pictures, songs, and words I received, He was slowly

developing in me a sense of burden which enlarged my heart for the different nations.

It was during one of these meetings that my gaze kept averting towards China on the world map that was sprawled across the floor before me. I was drawn to it, distracted from praying, yet I did not know why nor was I receiving any clear impressions. But I felt the Holy Spirit illuminating China to me, so I simply knelt and placed my hand over where it was on the map. In a matter of seconds, an intense, heart-wrenching pain began arising from within me and overcame my entire being. I was weeping and groaning uncontrollably, yet I was aware that it was not of me. God was showing me a glimpse of His heart breaking for the persecuted Church in China.

While the BCW calls this the School of Ministry, it can also be aptly called the School of Intercessors – for it also trains God's people to identify with His heart for the nations. As the Bible says, His desire is for the nations and they are Jesus' inheritance. I have had a taste of what it is to stand in the gap for the nations, and it is indeed a sweet, sweet privilege! To the BCW class number 7, let us never stop carrying this fervour in prayer and intercession, always remembering the work He is doing in the nations and in our cities.

**VIVIEN MERY SIM QIN YING**



REFLECTIONS IN THE  
PISGAH CHAPEL

BY JULIA ANN NORRIS

Entering through the red door of Pisgah Chapel for the first time, I could feel the remnants of age-old prayers clinging to the walls. It was as if the angels that dwelt there during the 20th century were still present, anticipating the prayers we would be lifting. What an honor and a privilege to make requests known to the same God, in the same place as those that previously ushered in the revival. Mr. Paul Bangs, the leader of the meetings, gave us a paper with a prayer for revival along with the four points Mr. Evan Roberts would use to start each prayer meeting:

1. We must put away any unconfessed sin.
2. We must put away any doubtful habits.
3. We must obey the Holy Spirit promptly, and without questioning.
4. We must confess Christ publicly.

I closed my eyes and used these questions to silently expose the content of my heart to the Father. There was such a deep knowing in the environment of the place, an intimacy that connected all those present with the Holy Spirit. It felt as though each individual had the same desire: the lifting of prayers from a pure heart.

No two meetings were ever the same. The Holy Spirit always showed up differently; but He was always there, in every meeting. As the guitar played, we lifted our voices to heaven, magnifying the name of the King. There was one particular meeting that the weight of glory brought me to my knees as

spontaneous songs were sung by various people. From the back rose a low, deep, strong, and sure voice singing in reverence as we joined in:

“You are beautiful beyond description  
Too marvelous for words  
Too wonderful for comprehension  
Like nothing ever seen or heard  
Who can grasp your infinite wisdom?  
Who can fathom the depth of your love?  
You are beautiful beyond description  
Majesty enthroned above  
I stand, I stand in awe of you”

When the Holy Spirit descended into the place with holy weight like that, our eyes were washed by tears of humility as we recognized the intensity of this God we serve. We were sure of His presence and His nearness, His ears, tuned in to our prayers. We began to lift our voices for the nations, crying out for supernatural intervention in pressing matters of government and natural disasters. Together we united in prayer to usher in a fresh, worldwide revival. Though we know the Lord always with us, it is during times like these where we feel as though we are lifted into another dimension; a dimension where there are no boundaries or parameters to our prayers and our declarations of faith. We were confident that the King of the Universe tuned into our prayer meeting at Pisgah Chapel. The communion cups were passed out and we focused on His sacrifice at the cross as we lifted up one voice in the Lord’s Prayer, “Our Father who art in heaven...”

For the past two hours, we met with the Father with the assurance that He heard every word.

# The Princess & the Leapfrog

by Clara Wei-Kay Chan

**Disclaimer:**  
The following  
fairy tale is based  
on a true story.

*Towards the beginning of the term at the BCW, I went running with two classmates. On the way back, I saw a bollard on the pavement and had a childish impulse to leapfrog over it. This I did, but landed awkwardly and sprained my knee as a result. Praise God for my friends who were there with me! Through this incident, God gave me a deeper revelation of His love and grace, showing me that He has given me “a double portion for my shame” (Isaiah 61:7); not to mention a free upgrade to an en-suite room while I recovered. He has also used this incident to “train my fingers for battle” (Psalm 144:1), particularly in the area of discerning the lies of the enemy and overcoming fear.*

Once upon a time, in a land far away, there lived a little girl whose name was Jackie Chan. Jackie was a ninja warrior and often went into battle with her warrior friends; fighting against the King’s enemies, who hated the people of the land.

Jackie’s secret desire was to catch a glimpse of the King’s face - which was said to be like the warmth of the sunrise on a frosty morning. Because of this, she always tried to excel in the battlefield, deploying her very best ninja moves - in hopes that she would one day be summoned into the presence of the King.

One day after a long battle, Jackie was feeling particularly exhausted and almost fell asleep on the field! When she looked up - lo and behold - there stood her number one nemesis - the ugly giant Frog! She took a flying leap to slay the foul beast, but missed the mark and instead flew over his head and landed crookedly, injuring her knee in the process. The Frog lunged at Jackie with his poisonous spear, but only managed to graze her slightly, as her two valiant friends had come to her rescue, pulling Jackie away from the Frog’s clutches.

Jackie hobbled home in disgrace; her head bowed with shame. But nothing could prepare her for the shock she had the following morning when she looked into the mirror and saw staring back at her the face of an ugly slimy frog! The poison from the Frog’s spear turned whomever it infected into frogs - which was the beast’s wicked scheme to turn the King’s subjects away from Him.

From that day on, Jackie hid away in her home, fearing the taunts of her friends and enemies. Many days passed, such that she forgot who she once was and began to believe she really was no more than an ugly frog.

One day, there was a gentle knock on her door. Jackie limped over and peeked through the letterbox. She gasped. It was the King Himself! He saw her peeking through the letterbox and said “I have come to your house for tea” (for she was British). But she was too ashamed to let him in. The King stood there patiently waiting. Finally, she mustered the courage to open the door.

His face was more beautiful than she imagined. Instead of condemnation, there was tenderness and compassion in His eyes.

He greeted her with a kiss and sang, “Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout aloud, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away your punishment; He has turned back your enemy. The Lord, the King of Israel, is with you; never again will you fear any harm”.

He handed her a beautiful dress, fit for royalty, and as soon as she put it on she was transformed - no longer a frog but a beautiful princess!

From that day on, the King took her into His palace as one of His daughters. They always went to battle together, and she no longer had any fear, because she knew that the King was fighting for her.

The End



# Autumn Term

# Class of 2018



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# A Matter of the Heart

THURSDAY

**23rd August 2018**

As I prepared to leave Singapore to attend the BCW, my cell leader and his wife prayed and prophesied over me saying, "God is going to deal with your heart." I was overwhelmed and thought to myself, "Do I have unforgiveness and unrepented sins?"

Since my arrival at the BCW, every morning has been a refreshing time of walking and talking to God in the gardens, listening to the sound of every footstep breaking over the tiny pebbles that cover the garden paths, just like God walking and talking to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Every morning, I cried before Abba Father asking Him if I have unconfessed sins in my heart, and if so, when will He deal with it?

MONDAY

**24th September 2018**

On the fourth week of the course, our lecturer was teaching on the power of fasting. During his lesson, I began breaking out into cold sweat and experienced pain and tightening in my chest. I thought the enemy was hindering me from receiving my breakthrough that God was about to bring through the lesson. Immediately, I sent a text to my wife: "Pray for me. Under attack," assuming that it was a spiritual attack.

During the 10 a.m. break time, I asked the lecturer to pray for me, after which I felt slightly better. I continued attending the second lecture session and at about 10.30a.m., I started breaking into a cold sweat again and the tightness in my chest returned. I sent another text to my wife asking her to continue praying.

By the next break time at 11 a.m., my fellow students and staff advised me to go to the hospital regardless if it were a spiritual attack. Unbeknownst to me, God began to unfold miracle after miracle in Morriston Hospital.



text message to wife

24 SEPTEMBER 2018

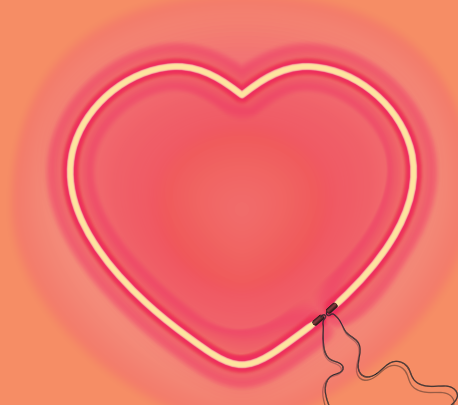
PATRICK: Pray for me. Under attack.

Miracle 01

I was sent to the Accident & Emergency unit where I was still having intense chest pains. There was a long queue, and I was told that the waiting time could take up to two hours. The BCW staff who accompanied me prayed and God intervened. I was attended to within 30 minutes upon arrival! I was diagnosed with one right artery blocked at 95%, and the two left arteries were blocked, one at 90% and the other at 75%.

Miracle 02

I was worried about the cost and asked the doctors for the total expenditures for the procedure. His reply was, "At this moment your life is in danger. It is much more important to get the procedure done. Anyway, the state will take care of the cost." A sigh of relief for me! God is so good. Immediately, an angioplasty procedure was completed on the right artery.



TUESDAY

**25th September 2018**

The doctors further advised me to have the second procedure done. However, it would only be carried out upon payment of the total charge of £22k. While I was relieved that this would be fully covered by my insurance plan, it normally takes about two weeks before the claim is approved.

I had two options. The first was to be warded while waiting for the insurance to be approved, meaning I would miss two weeks of classes. The second was to be discharged and return to the hospital at a later date to undergo the procedure, but risk going unmonitored when my condition had yet to be stabilised.

WEDNESDAY

**26th September 2018**

In the morning, the hospital staff asked for the necessary documents to submit the claim to the insurance company. By afternoon, the insurance representative called the hospital ward to obtain an update on my condition and the recommended procedures for my care.

My wife and daughter arrived in Wales with the finances to pay should the insurance claims not be processed by the time of the procedure.



Miracle 03

THURSDAY

**27th September 2018**

The hospital staff informed me that the insurance approval letter had arrived within a day and that I did not have to pay in advance. The hospital will submit all documents and invoicing directly to the insurance company. I was scheduled to undergo surgery at 4 p.m. the following day but it was subjected to changes depending on any emergency procedure that will take precedence. In any case of an emergency, my operation will be postponed until Monday.

Miracle 04

FRIDAY

**28th September 2018**

In the morning, my class and cell group prayed for my procedure to proceed unhindered. By 10.30 a.m., I received clearance for surgery and tears of gratitude flowed as I was whisked off to the operation theatre. The doctors came to check on me and approved my discharge for the following morning. I was discharged on the 29th, Saturday morning at 11.30 a.m.

God gave me the best and it was nothing short of miracles. If the procedure was done in Singapore, it would have cost much more. Later I learned that Morriston Hospital, together with Swansea University, specialize in heart research and treatment, providing me with some of the best care available in the region.

When I first received the word that God was going to deal with my heart, I did not expect it to be my physical heart. But during my time here, He has strengthened my heart, both spiritually and physically. I am grateful to the Lord for giving me a revived heart, and to my extended family in the BCW for praying and taking care of me!

*God is going to deal with your heart.*





# *A Deep, Internal Operation*

by Melissa Cheng Hsien Lim

*"If you want me to go to the BCW, let me hear from someone other than Pastor Yang or Pastor Daphne as they are always encouraging people to go."* I prayed this prayer to God two years ago during a church service when I had the desire to attend a Bible school course but I knew it was not the right time yet. Fast forward to two years later, I had originally applied to go to a local Bible school but just as I was about to submit the application, a church leader approached me and asked if I would consider going to the BCW. I felt the gentle prompting of God as the prayer I made two years ago came to mind and decided to apply for the BCW.

While in the BCW, I was brought to remembrance of a dream He gave me some time back. In the dream, I saw myself standing inside a house overlooking a patch of luscious grass outside the window and instantly I knew I was in the BCW. I decided to rest and laid on the floor in the house. When it was time to leave, I got up to put on my glasses. When I did, however, my vision was blurry. I took off my glasses and realised that I could actually see clearly without them! Through this dream, I felt God saying that He will open my spiritual eyes during my time at the BCW. Looking back, I knew that this was a promise from God that I will come to the BCW in His timing. It was really amazing to see God unfolding His plans for me!

## I know I am still a work-in-progress and God has more in store for me.

As part of the school curriculum, students attended prayer meetings twice a week. At multiple occasions, I found it hard to participate in prayer as the fear of what others might think of me when I pray was a real challenge in my life. All this changed during one of the lessons when the lecturer encouraged us to come forward to pray for those aged below 35. As I was below the specified age, I went forward to be prayed for. When my classmates prayed for me, I felt the shift in the atmosphere where God's presence invaded the class. I could literally feel God's presence and began crying uncontrollably. At that moment God told me, *"I have anointed you with My fire."* He further encouraged me not to be afraid about how others will see me and urged me to step out to pray with what He has placed in my heart. Something inside of me was unleashed. I started to go forward to pray prayers, scriptures, and sing songs God put in me during prayer meetings.

Though I have experienced a certain measure of breakthrough, I knew that the Lord was not done with me yet. During our Healing and Deliverance class, I continued to receive several breakthroughs and was set free. In times when the overwhelming fear of man comes flooding over me, I would set my focus on God and declare His Word. The set of scriptures that the BCW staff prepared for the students to meditate on and pray over has also taught me to take every thought that is not of God captive and bring them into the obedience of Jesus Christ, not letting the enemy's lies have any foothold over me. 1 John 4:4 says, "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world," and as a child of God, we have authority over the enemy.

During lectures and in my personal time of studying and reading the scriptures, I would encounter the Father and His love often filled me with tears of joy. I realised that God was working something in my spirit and it will be an ongoing process. Through it all, God kept reassuring and speaking to me of my identity in Him, I do not need to be afraid for He is with me. We were asked by our Vice-Dean to seek God for a new name and what I got was, 'Victory'. This is His promise that I will have victory over dyslexia, lupus, and even over the fear of men.

I have never prayed and wept so much in my life. I know I am still a work-in-progress and God has more in store for me. I am truly excited for what is to come! Other than the day I accepted Christ, coming to the BCW is one of the best decisions I have made in my life!



# A CLASS TRIP TO FFALD-Y-BRENIN

## TESTIMONY OF SPIRITUAL HEALING

My heart was hardened because of wounds from misplaced expectations on God and disappointments from people and circumstances. My mentor told me she sensed that the Lord was going to perform surgery on me while I attended the BCW. Her words became one of my objectives in coming to the BCW as I knew the Lord wanted to bring healing to my heart.

Over the course of several weeks of lectures, and personal encounters with the Lord, my heart gradually began to heal. However, it was when we took a class trip to Ffald-y-Brenin that I experienced the complete heart healing that I had been awaiting.

On the grounds of Ffald-y-Brenin is a wooden cross placed on a high hill. As I approached the cross, I could feel the presence of Christ within and around me. I became aware both of His holiness and my sinfulness while also experiencing His love and forgiveness. The Lord asked me, "Will you give yourself to Me and take up your cross for Me?" I knew then that I had to make a decision to follow Christ no matter the cost. In the midst of my fear to answer, I sensed His assurance that He would be with me and carry me through in His love. My answer to Him was, "Yes, I will follow you with my all." After this encounter, my heart surgery was complete and he replaced my heart of stone with a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26).

BY FAITH CHEN MEI HUA

## TESTIMONY OF PHYSICAL HEALING

While at the BCW, I had injured my arm which required medical attention. I was told by the doctor that there was nothing he could do apart from prescribing some medicine to manage the pain and to perform arm exercises to aid the loosening of the muscles around the injured area.

The next day, our class was scheduled to visit Ffald-y-Brenin and as my arm was still in pain, I had planned to stay behind at the college. However, I felt a compelling nudge from the Holy Spirit encouraging me to push through the pain and to proceed with the class. At last, I decided to join the trip.

While I was walking around the grounds of Ffald-y-Brenin, I felt the peace of the Lord all around me. We took a break for lunch, and my arm was still sore so I decided to take some pain medicine. When I stood up to leave the table, my arm fell to my side and the pain completely subsided! I am still in awe of what happened but the pain has not returned since! I give all glory to Jesus!

BY PATRICIA BADAL



*Inspired artwork at Ffald-Y-Brenin  
by Clara Wei-Kay*



# Student Life





# Breakthrough in Hunger and Surrender



Before arriving at the BCW, I knew without a doubt that the Lord called me to this place and it would be a time of deep transformation and preparation. I came with eager expectation, looking for clarity of the call of God and direction for my life desiring to come out renewed and changed. The goal: to bring back to my local church what I learned and continue to grow and move forward into the call God has for my life and the church.

In the first week, the Lord gave a word through my father saying, *"I want to speak to you personally."* I did not understand at that moment what the Lord was trying to tell me, and so I kept that word in the back of my mind.

As the weeks flew by, during the first part of the term, I was extremely blessed to receive so much rich teaching, revelation, and being taught the nature of God at a greater and deeper level. However, I began to grow frustrated, wondering why the answers and the direction I came here to receive had not happened. The Holy Spirit persistently urged me to seek Him more, to hunger, and thirst after Him, but instead I was looking for prophetic words and public affirmation to feel valued and acceptable to God and others. I was focusing on the answers I was hoping for instead of seeking the One who gives the answers!

I continued to busy myself. I was striving in my own strength, finding my identity in my gifts and abilities, and many times doing good things but not the right things the Lord was directing me to do! The more I tried to strive in my own strength, the more exhausted and frustrated I became, but God came through for me! Little did I know that this frustration would become my greatest blessing.

One Saturday morning during the sixth week, I woke up feeling spiritually worn out. I knelt near the side of my bed and just started to pour out my heart to God in full surrender. I felt His loving and powerful presence fill my room and the Holy Spirit ministered to me for about 20 minutes. The Lord had restored my strength! He helped me to push aside all the opposition and frustration out of my mind and spirit, and I praise God that He was not done with me yet!

During that period of surrender, I told God, *"Lord, I do not need a prophetic word to know that You accept me. I do not need to worry about what other people think of me, I want nothing else but You, Lord."* At that moment, it was like a light bulb lit up inside my spirit. The Lord did not want my talents or my abilities; He wanted me to be in complete surrender and for Him to be my primary source to talk to personally! I felt my

by Juan Pablo Carbajal



We must be willing  
to do anything to get  
God's attention, to  
desire and cultivate

that posture of  
desperation and  
hunger for more of  
Him until we receive  
what God wants to  
give to us.

experience was similar to James 4:10 where it says, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." From that experience, God allowed me to tap into a divine hunger and desperation for Him. He brought change in me, to shape my life into His image. I began to seek God earnestly with a new hunger, desire, and passion every day praying for transformation and seeking His face above all else. The Holy Spirit brought me to this verse in Psalm 63:1 where it describes King David being desperate for more of God, "O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water."

In one of the classes, a lecturer mentioned that many times in our Christian walk, we come to the point of holy dissatisfaction, recognizing that there should be something more. This desire is an invitation from God to take His hand and allow Him to take you deeper into the next level. He mentioned the verse in Matthew 7:7 where it says, "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you." When we are desperate, we will not only ask, seek, or knock but sometimes we spiritually must kick down the doorway of heaven! We must be willing to do anything to get God's attention, to desire, and cultivate that posture of desperation and hunger for more of Him until we receive what God wants to give to us.

I have learned that in seeking God, I cannot do it out of a place of striving! It is essential to develop good discipline, but most importantly, to seek from a place of rest. In seeking God, I have also learned to daily carve out time where it is just me and God, to cultivate that discipline in order to feed that hunger and desperation for more of Him!

One of my breakthroughs came shortly after a teaching on discernment. The visiting intercessory prayer team went into a time of ministering. During a powerful move of the Holy Spirit, I received prayer and many prophetic words of whom God has called me to be, with much clarification for my future as well as new promises from God and commands I must obey during this season! With this great, encouraging and unfolding of His purposes, I knew the Lord had waited for me to arrive at this place of surrender and the desperation for Him, to seek Him to be the primary source for my acceptance, identity, answers, and the One who is the first priority in my life. All glory belongs to Jesus!



# Intimacy before Ministry

by Susanna Min

The Apostle Paul is one of my favourite characters described in the Bible. He was someone who dared to take risks, stepping out of his comfort zone, confronting challenges, and living daily by picking up his cross.

Like him, I love preparing myself to embrace challenges. In Acts 9, when his life was transformed after encountering Christ, he immediately proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues and dedicated his life to the kingdom of God.

As he was intensively pursuing ministry, the Spirit of the Lord did not initially permit him to go to Asia or Bithynia as he desired. Instead, He appeared to Paul in a vision in the night and directed him to travel to Macedonia. Sometimes God holds us back from our good intentions and desires to realign us to His plans. He does so to guide our steps, letting us see a clearer vision of His plans. We need these moments of clarity at times.

As the mother of 3 young children and leading churches in Myanmar, 2018 has been the most intense year of my life in ministry. I was like a car always on the go and needed to apply the brakes. Unexpectedly, God did this while I was running these ministries. He asked me to 'stop' and take time to cultivate intimacy in His throne room. As I waited, God eventually directed me to the BCW. It was a challenge for me to be apart from my children, husband, and church family. With a step of faith, support from my family and my spiritual father, this

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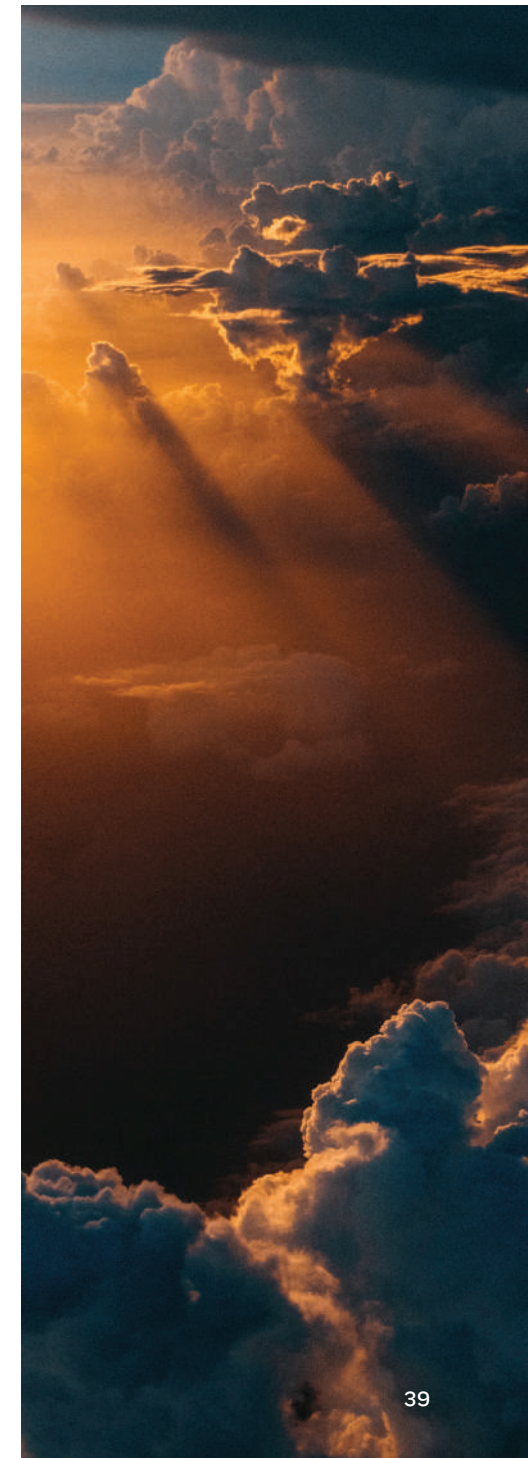
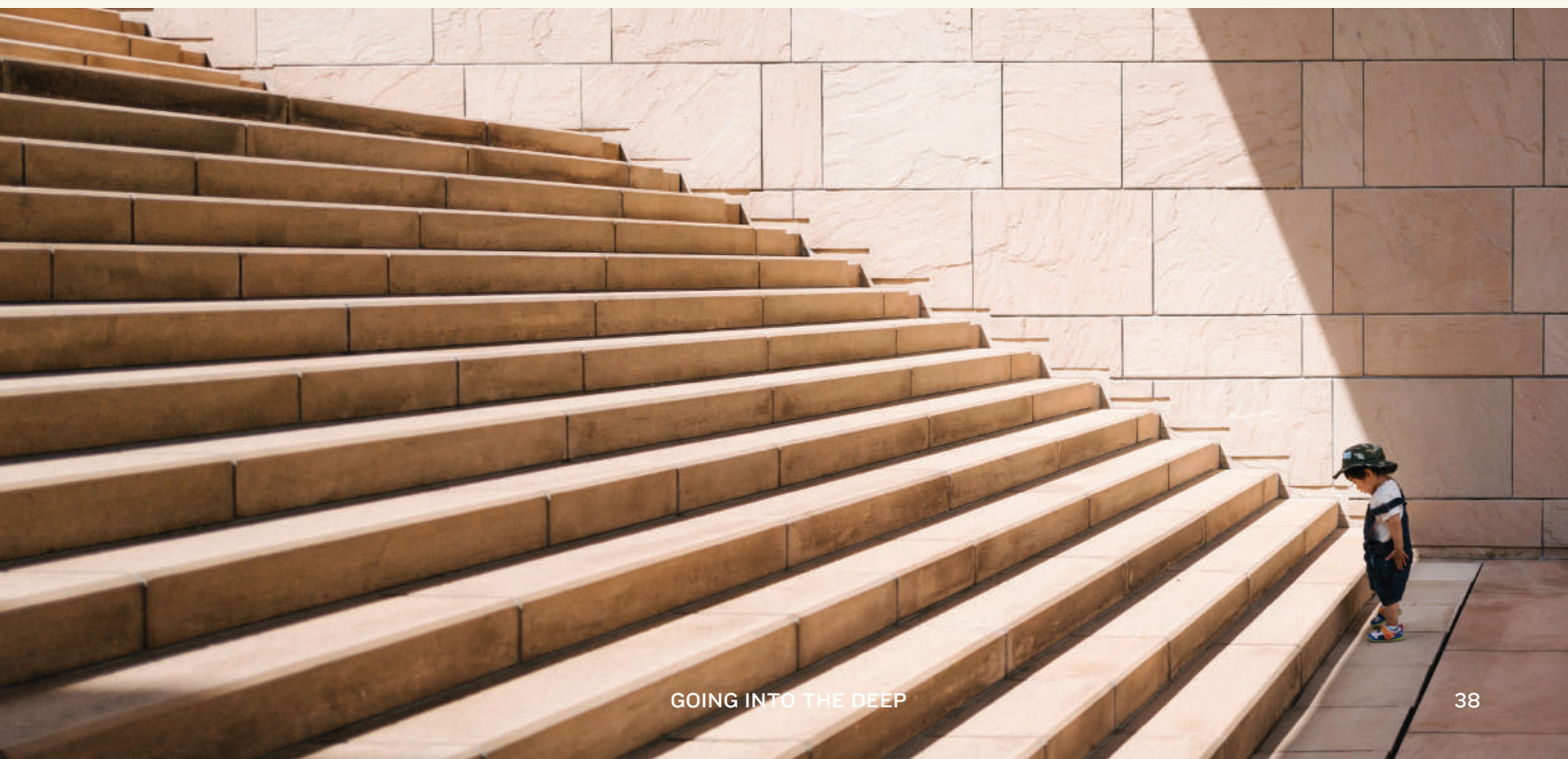
decision has been confirmed by God's grace as I experienced Him; assuring me that I am where He wants me to be. He drew me out from a place of distraction to a place of quietness.

He whispered to me to draw near and to be focused on Him. This occurrence reminded me of Moses when he was with a crowd, and God called him to meet at Mount Sinai to be alone with him. Moses departed from the presence of people into God's presence for 40 days and nights and received a tremendous revelation for the children of Israel. That was the time when he was hidden by the clouds of God's glory - just he and God. This solitary time with God is the principle

He is teaching me; intimacy precedes ministry. In order to have deep spiritual roots, one must take time away from distractions to be alone with Him. When you have deep spiritual roots, you will be able to stand firm in this world. You learn to be resilient and to be established in His love.

Let us be open for Him to sharpen us in the different areas of our lives which may have become dull. When you feel like you have lost your way then remember to tune into Him. Present yourself before Him and let Him replenish you, inspire you, guide you, and equip you once again. He alone (not ministry) is able to help you to finish strong this race of life.

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Blessings as you go...Carrying the FIRE!

*Dad. Mom. Keating*

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May the Lord, let you  
never forget that you  
can do all things in HIM  
and nothing without him.

Now may the Lord of peace himself  
give you peace at all times and in every  
way. The Lord be with all of you

—2 Thessalonians 3:16 (NIV)



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We pray you will have the spirit  
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His glory and know His calling  
and His power.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have  
chosen you, and ordained you, that ye  
should go and bring forth fruit, and that  
your fruit should remain: that whatso-  
ever ye shall ask of the Father in my  
name, he may give it you.

—John 16:15 (KJV)



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Her children will rise up and call her blessed...  
—Proverbs 31:28a (ESV)

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James, Jess, Jalen,  
Brianna, Bryce & Heather.



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