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From the Directors

TO ALL THE GRADUATING STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL OF MINISTRY, SPRING TERM 2017,
OUR HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS TO YOU.

“ MEN AND WOMEN MUST BIND THEMSELVES IN COVENANT
TO PRAY FOR A BREAKTHROUGH. STUDENTS MUST PUT
THEMSELVES AT THE ALTAR AND SAY,
“HERE AM I, SEND ME!” ”

My wife and I have had the privilege to travel to 37 different nations. When you travel extensively, you tend to develop a knack for something a friend of mine termed “Cultural Forensics”, simply an ability to discern or notice the redemptive calling of the different people groups! We are told in Revelation 21:24 that the reconstituted nations in the Millennium, which I believe to be the sheep nations, will bring their glory and honour to the New Jerusalem. Every nation has a redemptive calling that God seeks to release to bless other nations.

The South Koreans, for instance, have taught the global church the blessings of having home cell groups and everyone started taking notice when the Korean churches became the largest churches in the globe. They could manage the huge congregations through their cell system. They have also taught us the power of corporate prayer. When the South Koreans gather together to pray, it is a sight to behold. They release tremendous power in their corporate prayer and are very formidable. The South Americans, especially the Argentinians, have taught the global church powerful principles of spiritual warfare. I have met many men of great calibre who have arisen from the continent, impacting the church with their passion and exercising Christ-like authority

in their community. The Africans seem to be the most exuberant and joyful people on the planet. Their presence in any congregation is quite contagious! We have about 30 Africans in our church and they sing louder than all the Singaporeans.

My nation, Singapore, has been called to be an Antioch for Asia. It was in 1978 when Dr. Billy Graham visited our city, prophesied and this word that resonated with our spiritual leaders. We are seeing this prophecy coming to pass in a very dramatic way. Just think about it - Singapore is only 770 square kilometres and just 50 years ago, we were just a tiny little sleepy outpost of the British Empire. But today, it is one of the wealthiest nations in the world, per capita GDP and a dynamic city that has become a model for other nations. How did this happen? Did we have smarter leaders? Or was it because of God's Word and purposes for our nation?

But Wales undoubtedly is the nation of revivals. No other nation on the planet has seen more revivals than Wales, maybe with the exception of Israel. That God is now stirring the Welsh to cry out for revival is a beautiful thing, and I have no doubt that we are at the cusp of another great wave of the Spirit.

When the Lord told us to purchase and redeem the Bible College of Wales, we knew that it was going to be a sign, but more than that, we all sense that the time for Wales is coming. God is again going to move over this nation in great power and holiness, and the Bible College of Wales will have a significant role to play. So what we do with and in this college is going to have a significant effect on the nations. Prayer and deep intercession must again rise up from the college. Men and women must bind themselves in covenant to pray for a breakthrough. Students must put themselves at the altar and say, "Here am I, send me!" The fire of God must visit the college again, like it did in the days of Mr. Rees Howells.

Missionaries must be sent out to the nations. It is interesting that the spark for the great Welsh Revival of 1904 was a young coal miner named Evan Roberts. God could have searched the hallowed halls of Oxford or Cambridge to find a man. He did not. He looked to the coal mines of Wales and there He found a man who was so hungry for Him. When God apprehended Evan Roberts, we read in his memoirs that he would pray fervently all night long for revival and this was how he prayed. He cried out to God that He would close the gates of hell over Wales for one year and God heard his cry. Within three months into the revival, it is recorded that 100,000 souls were swept into the Kingdom of God in a powerful demonstration of His presence and conviction. My prayer is that God will once again raise up men with the calibre of Evan Roberts, George and Stephen Jeffreys, Daniel Rowlands, Seth Joshua, Rees Howells etc.

May revival sweep across the spiritual landscape of Wales once again, and may the Bible College of Wales rise to our inheritance and calling.

REV. YANG TUCK YOONG & PST. DAPHNE YANG
DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE COLLEGE OF WALES





Billy Graham preaching in Lausanne, 1974. Photo via The Gospel Coalition

From the Principal

First of all, congratulations to all the students on your graduation! The past three months at the School of Ministry have been filled with information, revelation, impartation, and most of all transformation, enabling and empowering you to become more like Jesus and do the works that He did.

The theme chosen for this term's graduation magazine is *Restore* and I have been privileged and blessed to see how God has been working this out in each of your lives during your time at the BCW. God promised the people in the prophet Joel's day to *restore the years that the locust have eaten* (Joel 2:25). But He does not stop there because He goes on to say that after their restoration, He will revive them and will *pour out His Spirit on all people* (Joel 2:28). It has been such a joy to be with you on your journey during these weeks and see not only God's healing in your lives but also His empowering and equipping you.

I have mentioned to you several times during the course but let me repeat it once more; the whole twelve weeks of your study can be summed up simply by saying 'love God and love people'. You will never be effective in ministry and finish the race well if you do not. Sadly, it is possible to

end up loving ministry and using people – do not fall into that trap. Jesus summed up God's commandments by telling us to '*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind*'; and, '*Love your neighbour as yourself*' (Luke 10:27).

One of my favourite stories about God restoring people and His church comes from the life and ministry of Billy Graham. In the late 1940s as a young Youth for Christ evangelist, Billy Graham was conducting a tent crusade in Los Angeles and thousands of people came to faith in Christ, many of them Hollywood film stars. Some liberal church leaders and religious opponents complained to the press that Billy Graham's preaching had put the church back 100 years. When Graham was asked to comment on that, he smiled and said, "Oh dear, I was hoping to put it back 2000 years."

Whereas some of our methods may change, the message of the need for repentance and a personal faith in Jesus Christ never changes. He is the only One who is able to truly restore and revive us.

REV. DAVID HOLDAWAY
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SPRING TERM CLASS OF 2017

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RESTORATION OF VESSELS

by ELIJAH BENNY TAN

I fondly remember our orientation day, when I met students from different nations gathered here by God. One of the privileges of being a student in the BCW is to meet fellow Christians who have the same heart and vision for the things of God, and I have gleaned so much even as they have spoken into my life. One of my classmates shared a verse that gave me a deeper insight into the heart of God from 2 Tim 2:20-21:

“Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honourable use, some for dishonourable. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honourable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.”

SET APART FOR HONOURABLE USE

The Greek word for vessels here is “skeuē”, and it describes various tools, utensils and furniture found in the home. In this analogy, Paul made a distinction between the vessels for honourable use and for dishonourable use. The ones made of precious “gold and silver” were used for honourable purposes such as serving food to family members and distinguished guests. But vessels made of “wood and clay” were used for disposing of garbage and filthy household waste. The sentence that follows describes that anyone who is cleansed can be used by the master for an honourable purpose. Even a common wood bucket or clay pot becomes useful when sanctified, as exemplified by the Greek word “ekkatharē”, which means to thoroughly clean out, or to completely purge.

For any wastebucket in the house to be used for a noble purpose, it would have to be vigorously scoured and cleansed of all vestiges of its former filth. Yet the transition from being a dishonourable vessel to an honourable one requires much breaking down and plucking out. As outlined by the apostle John, the sins we commit often find its roots from our fleshly desires and pride as seen in 1 John 2:15-17:

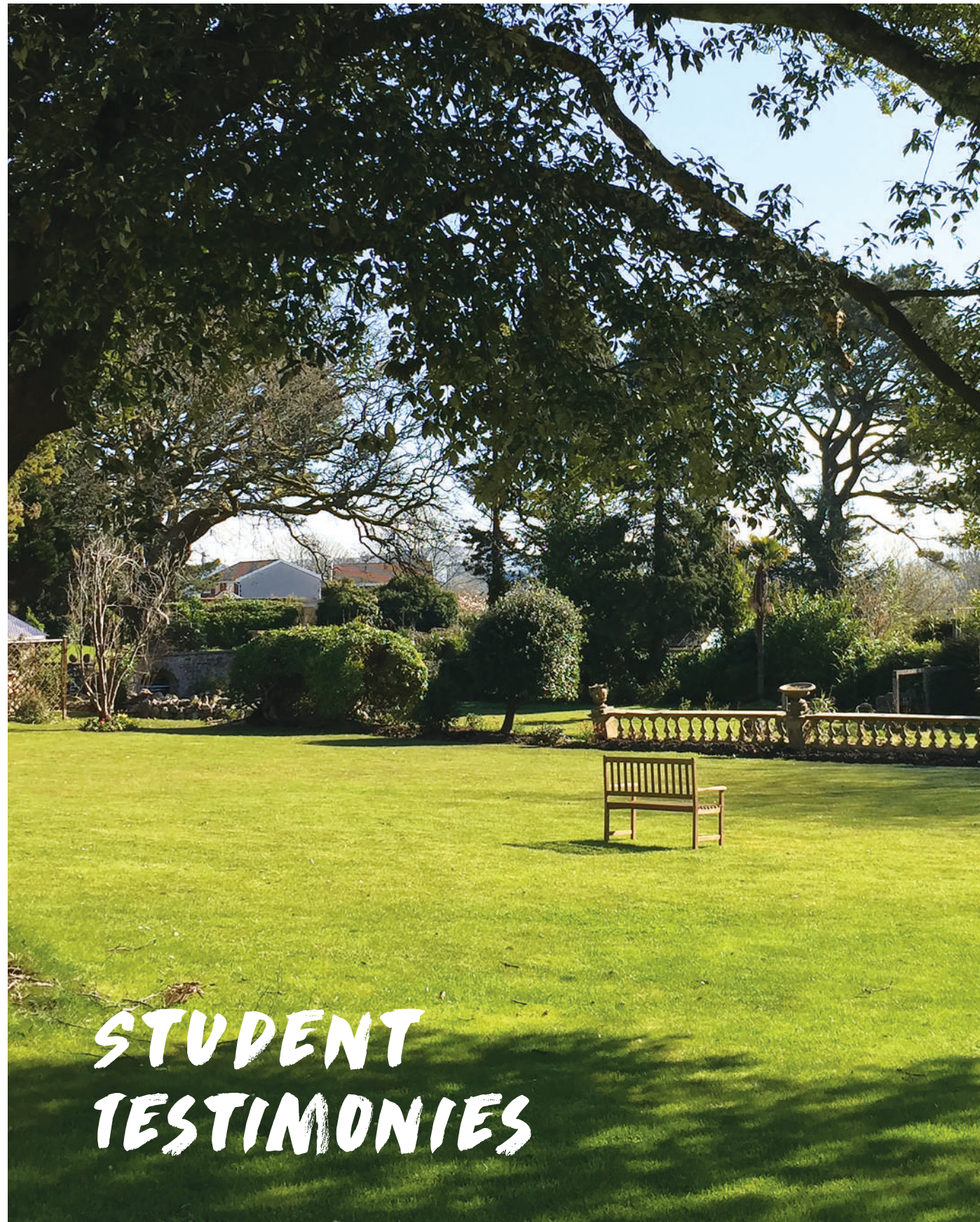
Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

The three things in the world that are highlighted are: the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, and the pride of life. Removing these roots can be a painful and long drawn process that does not happen overnight. The longer we allow ourselves to live in sin, the deeper God’s hand has to dig in to extract these roots. In that season of plucking out, the Lord will graciously draw us to a place in His heart and perfect will, unveiling the secret place we are meant to dwell in. Yet in that place of tenderness, we feel the pain and deep sorrow of our reprobate heart that had once caused Him much grief. Yet He promises restoration to those who love Him and yearn to walk in His will, away from the fleshly desires of this world.

TESTED AND PROVEN: RESTORED VESSELS

This cycle of restoration is not new, and it has happened umpteen times in the Bible, and to our renowned heroes – no less. We see how in the fullness of God’s presence, the prophet Isaiah was reminded of his own unworthiness that deserved judgment (Isa. 5:5). Job (Job 42:6) and Peter (Lk. 5:8) came to the same realization about themselves when confronted with the presence of the Lord. These great men of the Bible were once dishonourable vessels but they were set apart by God from the beginning. Through trials and tests, the Master restored them to vessels that were of honourable use in His kitchen, notably Peter, where he eventually became the leader of the apostles.

After three enriching months in the BCW, each one of us will discover a new season that God will reveal in time. It is the prayer of my heart that we will continue to be renewed by the Holy Spirit, presenting ourselves as honourable vessels in the hands of our Master and Lord Jesus Christ.



ALISON ASGHARI, ENGLAND

Liberty Church, Swansea, Wales

God initially led me to the BCW in April 2016 and I am now studying here, and these have truly been converging and significant events in my destiny and calling. It is also a confirmation of what the Lord has been accomplishing in and through my life, taking me to deeper depths and higher heights in and with Him. I have experienced His presence in tangible ways and there have been strategic moments when the Holy Spirit has set me apart in intercessory prayer. The BCW - a place both of physical and spiritual restoration!



ANTOINETTE MUSHIMIYIMANA, RWANDA

Youth with a Mission, United Kingdom

Yes, it is springtime and a new beginning! I diligently desire to know the Father's heart and to hold on to His character and covenant here in the BCW. One morning, I felt emptiness in my gut and groaned to be filled by the Spirit, and later on, during the lecture, I encountered God in an unusually powerful way. The Holy Spirit set fire to my innermost being! I had my hand to my belly; someone laid her hand on me and I felt a flame of fire burn right through my core! At that moment, I knew God was restoring my life into His fullness.



BETTINA SHAUN TAN, SINGAPORE

Bethel Assembly of God, Singapore

God brought me to the BCW for such a time as this! It has been a time of deep healing and restoration. I came extremely broken, wounded with baggage from my past, and felt a sense of unworthiness as I built my identity around people. Here, I have received a revelation of the Father's heart and His love has captivated my soul. He healed me, assured me of who I am in Him, and breathed life into forgotten dreams. Now, I am filled with His joy and am incredibly excited for His purposes and plans ahead! Praise God!



CELESTE DEBORAH CHONG, SINGAPORE

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

In these three months, God has been bringing me into a deeper revelation of who He is and knowing His heart. I have definitely been more sensitive to the still small voice of God, resting in Him like a sheep trusting the voice of the Shepherd without any strife. Psalms 23:3 goes, "He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake," and this has been a prominent verse in my season here. He has led me into an amazing time of rest and I know He is my good Shepherd.



CHERINA FAITH LEK, SINGAPORE

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

I thought I really loved God until He revealed how far my heart was from Him, despite being actively involved in ministry. A recurring theme for my time here was the cross, where I understood again that salvation and the journey following it was not a matter of works and capabilities, but God's grace and enablement. In the BCW, He broke through my legalism and religiosity, and brought me back to a simple pursuit of Him. I have realized that the depth of my walk with Him lies not in my works, but of surrender - how liberating that has been!



CHERYL PRAISE TAN, SINGAPORE

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

When I first arrived, God painted me a beautiful picture of how His Kingdom runs. We are living stones, not bricks, placed together to become His palace. It does not matter if we come from different backgrounds or cultures - there is beauty in diversity when God puts everything together. Previously, I felt like I had to fit into a mould, but in the BCW, God has rebuilt my identity in Him and I am free to be what He has created me to be. I have been greatly impacted by the humility and teachings of world-class lecturers who have spoken into my life.



CHRISTINE TAN, SINGAPORE

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

It has never crossed my mind to study in a Bible college as I was just not interested. Furthermore, I was fearful of not being able to meet God's expectations, and it hindered me from approaching Him and knowing His love. But God has a sense of humour, and I eventually ended up at the BCW. In the past three months, He has set me free from false beliefs and perceptions, restored my first love, and taught me to press in for more of His presence. I am glad I came - I want to constantly focus on Him and not on myself!



ELIJAH BENNY TAN, SINGAPORE

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

One notable prophecy given to the BCW was taken from Isaiah 58:12, detailing the rebuilding of ancient ruins and raising foundations of generations. Comparatively, I have witnessed the Almighty God restoring my backslidden years here in the past three months. One of my highlights was discovering a book in the library, where I gained understanding on the deep truths of God in Christian theology. In His sovereign grace, He has given me a deep love for the exegesis of scripture, and I have matured quickly through studying and meditating on His Word. This is a gift I will treasure for life.



EMILY RENAE COLLIER, USA

Forerunner Christian Fellowship, IHOPKC, USA

Being here at the BCW, the Lord has been restoring the joy of His salvation as written in Psalm 51. When I first arrived, I came carrying the heavy weight of condemnation, but the Holy Spirit has since opened my eyes to the finished work of the cross. Now, I am experiencing freedom and peace like I have never known before. The Lord has taught me to simply be still and to wait in His presence like Mary of Bethany in Luke 10:42 - to choose the good portion, and it will not be taken away from me.



GANI MONDOEV, KRYGYZSTAN

Tetelestai World Outreach, Kyrgyzstan

God spoke to me and said, "Do not harden your heart, but take up my Word and rest in My mercy and grace." My time in the BCW has made me open and expectant to His transforming power, and I have learnt how to stir up the fire He has placed in me through constant prayer and intercession. Like in 2 Tim 1:5-9, I will not be ashamed of the gospel as I walk according to His plans and purposes for my life. I thank God for His mercy as I continue on the road to eternity!



ISRAEL CHAI YOW CHING, SINGAPORE

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

Whenever I watch the BCW publicity video, it never fails to move me to tears. There was such a tenderness tugging at my heartstrings so I asked the Lord for a clear confirmation whether He wanted me to quit my job at age 60 to be at the BCW. One day, I picked up the book *Rees Howells: Intercessor* again because I remembered skipping some chapters. It flipped open to the chapter titled 'Called Out From Wage Earning'. God had used the book on Rees Howells to confirm that I should come to the same college he founded 100 years ago.



JANET BINDRA, ENGLAND

Net Church, Dartford, England

Coming to the BCW is a privilege and dream come true for me. I arrived in March with a heart full of sorrow, but as the days and weeks passed, the ministering of the Word and the atmosphere of prayer surrounding the college had a profound effect on me. The teachings from the lecturers, learning about the spiritual legacy, and catching the vision of the BCW has allowed me to see the bigger picture for my life. I am going home not as a grieving widow, but restored with a new sense of purpose and direction.


JEBASINGH DHANARAJ, INDIA

Arise and Shine, Karur, India

When I came to the BCW, I knew that this was the place that God had prepared for me. I made new friends and felt God's love through each and every one of them. My vision is to see revival in all nations, and learning about the spiritual history of Wales and listening to countless stories has greatly inspired and elevated my faith. When I visited some of the revival sites like Pisgah and Moriah Chapel, I felt the strong presence of God, and I am challenged to continue interceding for worldwide revival that will prepare the way for the coming of our Lord!


JOSEFINA COLING SANTIAGO, PHILIPPINES

Jesus Christ the Crown of Glory in Mt. Zion, Philippines

My coming to the BCW is the mercy, grace and favour of God. Losing loved ones and finding out that I had made erroneous mistakes brought me to my knees, and I was gasping for God and His promises over my situation. Here, the daily dosage of His Word and tangible presence brought healing to my soul and spirit. I have received restoration, rest, and my spirit is renewed within. I am thankful to God for the people He has used to lead me here, and forever grateful that He has made all things beautiful in His time. His love amazes me.


KAREN TAN HONG KWAN, SINGAPORE

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

I would never have imagined studying at the BCW, yet in 2016, God spoke to me so clearly that He wanted me to attend the spring term in 2017. I did not know what to expect, but during my first week here, God gave me a picture of the BCW being an incubator to restore His children back to health. This restoration takes place so that we will be ready for His plans when we complete our studies here. Since then, God has begun His restoration in my life and it has been an awesome journey!


LIGIA FORGACIU, ROMANIA

Bethesda Romanian Pentecostal, Michigan, USA

I am glad to have obeyed when God told me to come, and so thankful for the BCW and staff who have spoken into my life. The semester has been transformational with many sessions of anointed teaching that have challenged and stretched me in many ways. Some days were full of joy and deeper revelations, and on other days, God dealt with walls that were built over the years that limited the Holy Spirit's access to my heart and life. I have been changed and blessed, and may God continue to use the BCW to reach all nations.


LINDSEY HORST, USA

Life Center Ministries International, North Carolina, USA

My time here at the BCW has been so rich! After walking through some major life disappointments, my heart's desire was to intentionally set aside three months to hear God's voice and grow closer to Him while seeking His purposes for the next stage of my life. The BCW has laid a foundation in my relationship with God which I can continue building upon long after this time is over. He has been so good and so faithful in restoring my joy, teaching me how to live in a place of rest rather than striving for His attention and affection.


MICAH BLAKEY, SOLOMON ISLANDS

Trinity Baptist Church, Adelaide, Australia

Some time back, I asked God how much He loved me, and He told me the answer was in the tree ahead - a tree He was growing with all its bifurcations and twining branches. While I was purposeless and meandering through a vainglorious life, He was still cultivating this tree in an absolute pursuit of me. Being at the BCW has allowed me to cast off all hindrances and fix my eyes solely on Him, and I am passionately in love with Him. I pray that as He refines me in the furnace, I will be ignited by His holy fire.


MONIKA COERS, GERMANY

Offene Tuer, Freikirche Luenen, Germany

During my time in the BCW, God confirmed and revealed to me the purpose of the journey He has called me to with the Holy Spirit. I discovered that it is to live fully surrendered to Him so that I can be fully possessed by Him. It is my desire to be a clean vessel fit for the Holy Spirit so He can have a body to intercede and live through. I am in great expectancy to see the Church come together as one body of Christ - He can do exceedingly abundantly beyond what we can think of or imagine.


NICOLA DAVIES, WALES

Liberty Church, Swansea, Wales

Being here at the BCW is a momentous gift from the Father to me, His precious girl. It is something that He has strategically planned and presented to me because He knows and loves me completely! I am eager to unwrap and fully embrace everything that He has and everything that He is in absolute abundance! In Matt 10:8, it says "Freely you have received, now freely give." All that I received in the BCW was freely given by God, and may this verse underpin my next adventure with Him as He uses me for His glory.


RACHEL CHUA, SINGAPORE

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

It has been a time of refreshing for me at the BCW. Prior to coming here, the Lord impressed upon me that I was to forget the old as He wanted to do a new thing in my life, like in Isaiah 43:18-19. Back then, I did not really understand what that meant, but He has since done a work of restoration in my heart. My experiences with Him here have given me the assurance and confirmation that the former things have already passed away and He is indeed bringing me into a new season. Amen.


REBECCA KARAN JONES, WALES

Dunvant Christian Fellowship, Dunvant, Wales

Although I am a new Christian, I have a burning passion to know God, be filled with His wisdom and to dwell in His Word and presence. My time at the BCW has allowed me to do just that and I have experienced a total transformation. I have been blessed to meet beautiful souls in this spirit-filled place, and my favourite module was on Jewish Roots as I gained a deeper understanding of the Jewish culture, history and background. Just like how God gave Rees Howells the same burden, I have a call in my heart to reach the Jews.


SIMON MORRIS, WALES

Brackla Tabernacle Church, Bridgend, Wales

I lost my job and my home in December last year. Deciding to trust God, I did not seek work or a place to live, but prayed patiently for direction. I enrolled into the BCW and shortly after, received confirmation that this was the right place for me. During a worship session, somebody released a word of knowledge to me, “God has seen your past frustrations and you are entering into a season of fulfilment.” Here in the BCW, I have experienced God’s daily restoration and I know He is preparing me for what is to come.


TAN SIEW KHOON, SINGAPORE

Living Sanctuary Brethren Church, Singapore

Before I came to the BCW, I dreamt that I was in the midst of Thai people, and I have since received numerous confirmations here! During a lecture on how Jonathan went into the Philistine camp with an uncommon valour, it resonated in my spirit - I knew I had to carry out God’s purposes for my life with courage. Another speaker shared that everywhere we go with Jesus will be a holy place. This is a great encouragement to me, knowing that though I may go into dark and unclean places, His light and love will shine forth!


TRICIA HUGHES, WALES

Vine Christian Centre, Bridgend, Wales

During a personal time of worship, I felt the Lord prompt me to enrol into the BCW. I trusted and in faith, He made a way for me with tremendous support from my family. The manifest presence of God is strong here, and I am being prepared for the coming revival through the life-changing teaching of the Word and life-giving relationships. Just as it is in Isaiah 49:2, “In the shadow of His hand He has hidden me, and made me a polished shaft”, I yearn to be a straight arrow to fulfil the call He has placed upon my life.


TYLER ANTHONY GARY, USA

Hill Country Fellowship, Texas, USA

I feel so privileged that God has led me here through ‘Rees Howells: Intercessor’ by Norman Grubb. In these 12 weeks, He has been answering questions that I have had for a while, and I received a revelation of being saved by grace through faith. This has made me even more grateful to Jesus for what He has done. I came to the BCW knowing that I am approaching a new season in my life, and while here, the Holy Spirit has given me greater clarity and direction. I am excited to be a part of God’s wonderful plan of redemption!


WENDY TAN, SINGAPORE

Cornerstone Community Church, Singapore

I knew I was embarking on an exciting adventure with God when I signed up for the BCW. During my time here, God has revealed His deep and tender love for me. I have been encouraged to arise, shine, and reposition myself as He gave me breakthroughs in areas of my life that I was initially afraid to face. Though I am still a work in progress, God has assured me that He will be with me wherever I go and in whatever I face as He transforms and renews me daily. He is good all the time.

GARMENT OF ROYALTY

by ANTOINETTE MUSHIMIYIMANA

Rwanda, the land of a thousand hills, is the size of Wales though it has no coastline! Rwanda, my country of origin, is a landlocked country in East Africa. From April to July 1994, one of the most brutal genocides in human history occurred in Rwanda because of turbulent ethnic tensions. More than one million people were murdered, including my grandparents, mother and two brothers, and over 80 extended family members. It is a miracle that Rwanda will once again arise and shine with God's glory, but it is a miracle I am waiting and hoping for.

I have been a missionary with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) for the past three years, stationed in the United Kingdom. It was in springtime last year when I visited my friend in Singapore. While waiting to board the plane at Heathrow Airport in London, I wrote in my journal, "To my past, thank you for teaching me life lessons; to the future, I am ready for you! Singapore, bring it on!" Out of the blue, I heard this voice saying, "I am bringing an end to the orphan spirit. You are not alone." It did not make sense to me then, but I had a fantastic time with my friend. We visited several churches including Cornerstone Community Church Singapore. It was there where Pastor Yang handed me *'Rees Howells: Intercessor'*, and after reading it, I was especially moved by chapter 14, "A Father to Orphans", where Rees Howells, compelled by the supernatural love of Christ, became a father to the fatherless. I was determined to visit the BCW.

On my first day here, I received these words, "God is establishing His covenant by restoring your childhood!" To be honest, I did not want to face those times in my life - they were excruciatingly painful. My childhood was robbed from me and I was forced to grow up. I had to learn how to live again after surviving the Rwandan Genocide, and without most of my family around, I felt so abandoned and orphaned. The unspeakable horrors I witnessed

as people I knew were slaughtered mercilessly were scenes and images that I found hard to erase from my memory. Growing up, I was used and abused, and faced such intense humiliation that I never could verbalise it - the violation of my life and rights from events and circumstances I could not control. My past was dark and lonely, and I so desperately needed God the Father to intervene.

Some weeks passed, and a lecturer brought up the same subject and said, "Strongholds can be activated by painful traumatic experiences. Avoid trauma and you will die!" I could not stop thinking about these words as I have been avoiding these tormenting memories. The more I thought of my past, the more I tried to run away from it, and this has become such a stronghold in my life. After the lesson that day, I took a walk by the Mumbles Bay, and it was all I needed to focus and gaze on the beauty of His creation. It was then when He spoke to me and said, "You have a strong personality so do not shy away from challenges. Your name perfectly reflects your royal and pure soul!" This was a strong affirmation to me - I am Papa God's beloved daughter. My name, Antoinette, means *'beyond praise'* or *'highly praiseworthy'*.

For many years, I never could come to terms with my childhood and was ashamed of the ugly scars of my past, yet He has covered everything with His blood. His blood has been shed for not just my past, but my present, and my future as well, and this truth is crucial to my destiny. His blood is my garment of royalty. Being here in the BCW allows me to rest fully on God's character and His covenant. Just as an automobile requires regular maintenance to last, I believe this is the reason why God brought me here. It is a restoration of my spirit and a renewal of my mind so that I can go many extra miles in Him, and I would like to encourage all readers - put on your garment of royalty!

*Shame is the shop
That sells you sorrow
The regretful recognition that
You are lacking and missing something*

*Adam and Eve
First fashioned this garment
In folly. Fig leaves from
the Garden of Eden*

*Dated, dreary dressing,
Frumpy frock. Supposedly
Conceals and covers
Humiliation and hurt*

*But. Shame is located at
A dead end. It blindfolds you
to think God clothes you in rags –
WHAT? WHAT A LIE!*

*He crowns you
In riches and regality, so
Put on the truth, strip off the shame
Let the season of joy begin*

*Remember: you are chosen
A royal priesthood
God's special possession
Called out of darkness*

*Into His wonderful light
To declare His praises:
The powerful blood of Jesus –
The power of resurrection has the final say!*

*You are clothed in strength
And dignity, glory and honour
Now. Walk into your sovereign destiny in
This royal garment.*



GOD'S PURPOSE FOR HIS PEOPLE

by ISRAEL CHAI YOW CHING

In August 2016, I asked the Lord, “Father, if you love your begotten Son so much, how could you bear to let Him suffer that way for your adopted children who are just clay vessels that you can create anytime?” His reply was precisely this – because He is so pleased with His begotten Son who is so perfect, He wants to multiply Jesus. He allowed Jesus to suffer that way because through that suffering, He is multiplied.

Little did I know that God would be revealing more about this in the BCW. On the coach to Swansea, He told me that this journey is about character building and the fruits of the Spirit. Through the book review of *“Rees Howells: Intercessor”* by Norman Grubbs, I received further revelation from the story where Mr. Howells was puzzled by the notions of ‘justification’ and ‘glorification’ from the passage in Romans 8:29-30:

“For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.”

This is exactly what the Lord revealed to me last year, but this time, He showed me that His Son is multiplied when we are conformed to His image. This is done through the same process of sanctification in which Mr. Howells surrendered himself and allowed Him to take possession of him and his life.

One day, the Holy Spirit said to me thrice to “go to the Blue Room”. In the room, I wept and asked the Holy Spirit why He brought me to the BCW. When I looked up, these words on the wall stood out: “You must understand, the Lord’s servant was possessed by God.” I understood He was calling me to surrender the self, and for God to take possession of me. The idea frightened me. I struggled with the self who refused to die, and with the fear that I am too weak for such a daunting journey. But how could I refuse the call to be conformed to the image of Christ? How could I reject God’s purpose and destiny for me? In desperation, I turned to Holy Spirit for help.

Help came the following week, when the Holy Spirit exposed my motive behind an incident. He showed me a serpent, and told me that my motive came out of the corrupt fallen nature at the core of the self, which I was unaware of. The *“Rees Howells: Intercessor”* book describes a similar experience where Mr. Howells said, “I saw my own corrupt nature. It wasn’t sin that I saw but nature touched by the fall...Sin was cancelled. It wasn’t sin He was dealing with, it was self – that thing which came from the Fall.”

Now that I know what the self is like at the core, I realised that until it is crucified, that person whom God made in His image will not be truly liberated! I told the Holy Spirit that if that is the self, I hated it and asked Him to crucify it and for God to take possession of me! The Holy Spirit told me to humble myself and right the wrong.

During a devotion session, a classmate testified of her struggle to put God above her family. God gave me two words for her: “Self is your biggest stronghold” and “These are giants.” God’s purpose is for us to surrender our life to Him. Once we surrender, we cross the Jordan River into our Promised Land where we immediately encounter giants and strongholds which are inhabitants of the land. For the land to come under God’s dominion, we need to get rid of these inhabitants. The toughest stronghold to overcome is the self.

When we put things like ambition, reputation and money beside or above God, they are powerful giants that dominate our life. When we surrender these things to the Holy Spirit, we allow Him to slay the giants. Jesus is enthroned as King when all the idols are destroyed. It is the Holy Spirit who helps us surrender our giants and strongholds; it is He who engages in spiritual warfare on our behalf to gain victory over them. We need to walk in intimate partnership with Him, in submission, absolute trust and obedience. We need to abide in God’s Word as the Spirit instructs us to close all doors on the enemy. This is how we become victorious sons of God who are conformed to the image of Christ, and multiply Him. This way, the Holy Spirit leads us in reclaiming our Promised Land.

I believe every student here has been challenged by the power of the surrendered life of Rees Howells. Now that God has revealed His purpose to multiply His Son and sanctify His adopted children to conform to the image of Christ, His invitation is also extended to you: **“Beloved, would you be willing to be conformed to the image of My Son?”**

All prisoners and captives,
 Be free, be free
 Feast on Me
 Be free, be free
 Bread and blood
 Body and wine
 My purity pours out
 Upon your face, down your feet
 Your body as My body
 Crucified to self
 Broken for your transgressions
 Beloved be free, be free
 You wonderful martyrs,
 Partake of the broken bread
 Share and take it to the others outside
 Fill their mouths with my cleansing blood
 Crimson red to alabaster snow
 It purifies
 Be free, be free
 My chains have become like purple linen
 I'll wrap it around you,
 Forever My royal bride
 Shake the chains off
 Cast them in the tomb
 Be free, be free
 Come to My dwelling
 Be restored in Papa's image
 Bring the bread, bring the blood
 Freedom has come
 Be free

BY TYLER ANTHONY GARY

The message and reality of the cross is best represented through the elements of bread and wine. His body and blood are for you and me, and He wants us to live off it. Becoming a part of Him means we are cleansed like pure snow, freed from the chains of bondage, and able to enter His dwelling through an intimate relationship that He has always wanted with us. This friendship with the God of all creation that brings more freedom than we will ever know (Rom 8:1-2, 1 John 1:9, John 3:16).

BREAD, BLOOD,
 BODY, WINE

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Glorious Easter sunrise service with various churches in Swansea



Visiting Moriah Chapel, the birthplace of the 1904 Welsh Revival



VISION OF THE CLOTH

by NICOLA DAVIES

One Saturday morning, I thought of my classmate and began to ask the Lord, “What exactly does he have; what is it about this man that you are speaking to me about?” As I prayed, I became aware of an incredible sense of the Holy Spirit and I knew this to be much more than a ‘pray-a-blessing-on-your-classmate’ moment. The Lord responded and said, “He is cut from a special cloth... and so are you.”

As I began to ponder the implications of these wonderfully affirming words, I saw a picture of myself entering a beautiful haberdashery store. Behind the counter, taking a roll of fabric and ushering me to come and see was Jesus Himself. As He proceeded to unroll the cloth across a large table, it became immediately obvious that this was no ordinary fabric – here was something beautifully intricate and elaborate in design and, laced with real gold, was the most expensive and most exceptional in the shop. As I looked closely at its details, I envisaged how this imperial material would rightfully deck the main table of a palace, such was its grandeur! It was unmistakable, undeniable; it was the sort that would elicit admiration and attention from all who passed by it.

Almost instantly, the scene changed before my eyes. Now Jesus sat on a stool, sitting astride a bucket of water, in which His arms were deeply immersed. Jesus turned to look at me and smiled and He beckoned me to come. I was reminded of the Lord’s words, “special cloth”. Stepping next to Jesus, I watched as His hands emerged from within the murky waters of the bucket, holding an ordinary, unimpressive piece of towelling cloth, a cleaning rag that was very plain. I watched intently at the way Jesus twisted and wrung the towel with His strong hands. “Oh! To be this

piece of cloth,” I thought, “to have Jesus holding, gripping, and using me just like this!” Then Jesus, holding the towel before me with such heed and caution, and with a joyous and almost exuberant intonation, said again: “This is the special cloth from which you have been cut!”

I am ordinary? I am unembellished? Yes Lord!

I thank God for giving me this picture and for affirming His Word, His heart and His will for my life. I am reminded of what Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 2:20-21, where he described articles of gold, silver, wood and clay being used for noble and ignoble purposes. What an unspeakable honour and privilege it is to be just wood and clay, or a mere washcloth, so long as we are still used as instruments for noble purposes, made holy, made usable, made useful, and this has become the cry of my heart!

I pray that the Holy Spirit will have His way in us all and begin a new work of exposing our hearts’ true motivations and desires. There is a new move of the Holy Spirit coming that will shake and cleanse His Church. We must humble ourselves quickly, and ask God to reveal areas in our lives where we are prideful, believing we are exquisite and superior, someone to be commended, applauded and admired. Psalm 115:1 says, “Not to us, Oh Lord, not to us, but to Your name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness.” May the Lord move us from the mentality and desire of wanting recognition back to the place we truly belong – the bucket! May we humbly embrace the rightful and most privileged place of being just a cloth in His hands – used to remove dirt, used to do His work. Amen.



GOD'S EVERLASTING LOVE

All the days of my life
You pursue me
Like a relentless lover for my soul

Yet I turn my heart over and over again
For some random hold of man
Thinking they will make me whole

For all the pain I have caused
and empty promises I have made
I cannot help but wonder
If I have blown my chance
to dance in all eternity with You

Yet You are a good Father
Who does not falter
Forever so loving and faithful
Longsuffering and kind
You seek me out in low places to pull me
out from my broken, dilapidated hole
And whisper gently into my ears saying:
“You are My child,
and I forever love you so!”

BY WENDY TAN

STUDENT LIFE

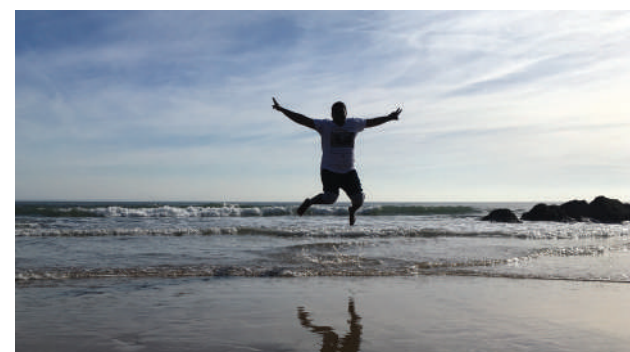
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Invigorated after a prayer meeting at Pisgah Chapel



Enjoying the scenery at Caldey Island



Street evangelism and outreach at Swansea city centre



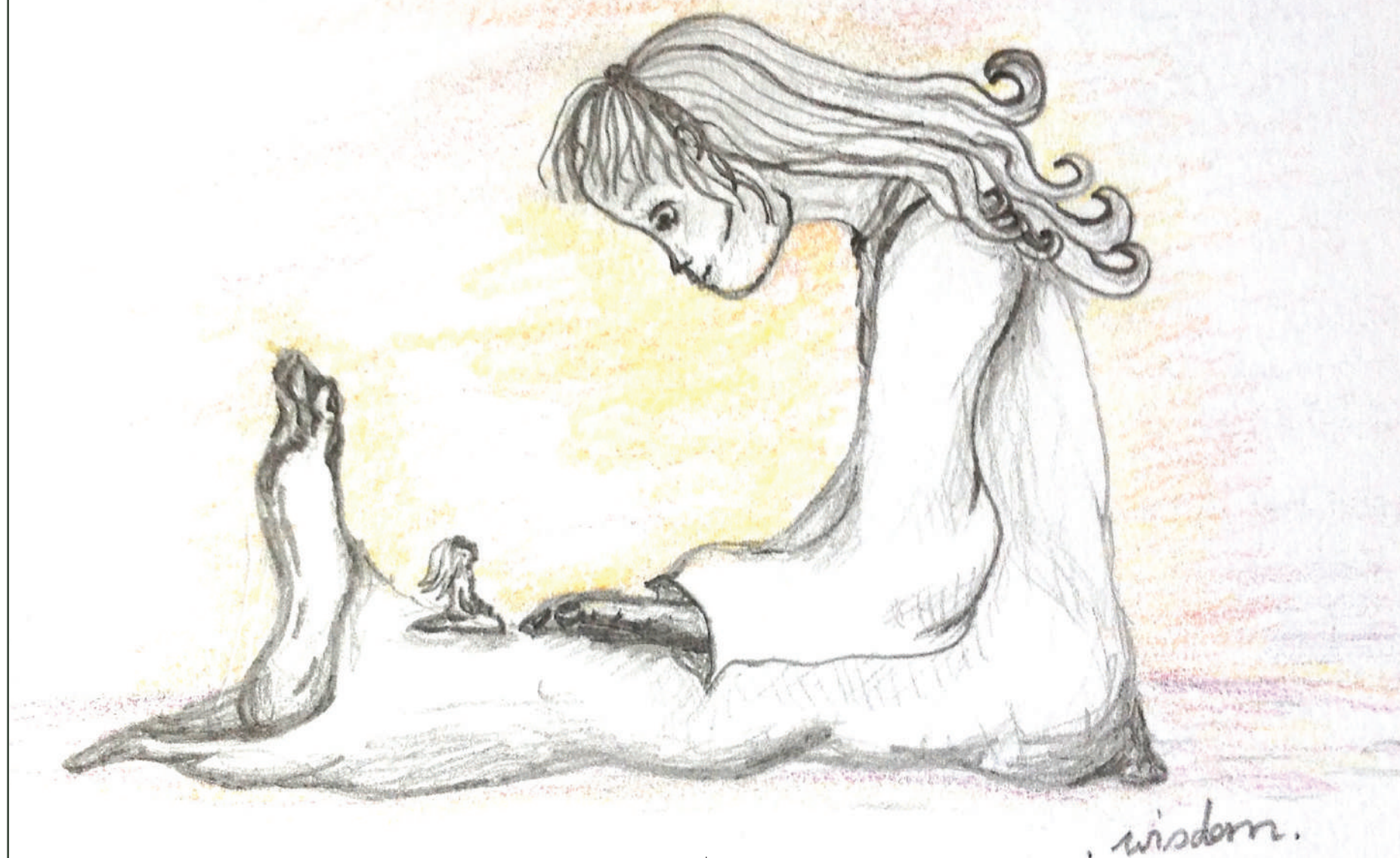
This image came to mind during a time of prayer. It illustrates the position given to us through a constant fellowship with the Holy Spirit, who teaches us all things, protects and watches over us. Indeed, “the Lord gives wisdom and from Him comes knowledge and understanding” (Prov 2:6). Likewise, Paul wrote that it is through God’s revelation by the Holy Spirit that we are “in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom of God - that is our righteousness, holiness and redemption” (1 Cor. 1:30). Lastly, we are also told to repent and respond to godly counsel that we may fear God and gain wisdom (Prov 1:20-32).

We must leave the places where we sought to dwell in the past and reject the wisdom of the world, which contradicts the wisdom of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Truly, God made foolish the wisdom of the world and restores us to Himself through faith in Jesus Christ. There is no other way to salvation and restoration than by identifying ourselves with Christ in death and resurrection. We are called to believe that Jesus is the Son of God who died for our sins and rose from the dead, and we are to live in Him.

Through Christ, we receive the Holy Spirit and enter into His counsel. In Him, we find true wisdom and stay in wisdom’s shelter as we walk in the fear of the Lord. Daily, we have to remain receptive, listening to His Word and aligning our mind with His will and ways. We are then restored back to the place of intimacy with God, where we sit on His lap, giving Him our whole focus and attention.

The sketch of the little girl that sits on the lady’s lap illustrates this point. The little girl symbolizes us, while the lady is an image of wisdom - the Holy Spirit, or God Himself. He gives us all His attention and He desires and deserves to have all our attention. We are not just surrounded by Him but filled with Him. As our heart comes into alignment with God’s truth, we become increasingly Christ-like in all our ways and being - just like the two figures in the sketch who look identical, we will grow in His likeness.

BY MONIKA COERS



CALL TO WISDOM

“Do not forsake wisdom and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding.”

Proverbs 4:6

COMING OUT OF THE WILDERNESS

by SIMON MORRIS

**He has brought me a full circle just so I understand
'character before calling, deep roots before visible fruit'**

There has never been anyone who can come close to matching the uniqueness of Jesus. He came to earth as God and put on human flesh; is always eternal and divine, the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity and a glorious revealed mystery. One of the greatest acts of Jesus was when He went through an intense 40 days in the wilderness, bombarded and tested of all His human and divine senses. Hungry and weak, He was in dire need of rest and strengthening, but this test was to prepare Him for the three years of ministry that changed the world.

I feel this is where I am in life. The three months in the BCW is a time of restoration after a long period in the wilderness. I was saved and baptised in the year 2000, and went to a Bible school afterwards. I attained a degree in Applied Theology and went to Norway as a missionary to the youth. Though I thought I had accomplished much in the natural realm, I was merely making baby steps in my spiritual journey. Since then, I have moved 17 times and had 7 different jobs, jobs I really enjoyed and never wanted to leave. Because everything was temporary and impermanent, I felt frustrated at times, as if I was stuck in the wilderness. But being here has helped me to understand that God was engineering my circumstances, and how He revealed that I was serving Him with my own strength and pride.

Trials are God's way of proving our character. He keeps us in His refiner's fire until His nature is established in us. In the wilderness, it may seem God is distant and does not care, or that you are failing and crushed by Satan's temptations, until God Almighty brings you out and gives you divine revelation and strength.

Joseph had a God-given destiny given to him in a dream. Yet, wilderness testings in the form of a pit, slavery, and prison shaped his character, and he was then able to rise up and manage a nationwide drought. Eventually, he was even able to prove God's faithfulness to his skeptical family members (Gen 37 - 50)! As a young boy, David was anointed by God to be King over Israel and he spent many years running away from Saul. David lived and slept in caves as his life was continually

in danger. Rejected by Saul, the Philistines and His own people, David strengthened himself in God (1 Sam 30:6). After 20 years of tests in the wilderness, David finally became King, and exalted God through the numerous victories and battles won.

Like Jesus, the examples of Joseph and David reveal a similar pattern of being called, entering into a season of preparation and testing, before being launched into ministry. It seems all three stages are set by God's initiative and timing. His gracious initiative to call us from our sins, followed by the wilderness trials that break our own efforts, bringing us to the end of ourselves, and finally, ministry along with the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit. After these men faced their tests, they were ready.

I now stand as a 47 year old man who has no wife, job or home, just a car, a suitcase and a Bible. Like in Matthew 4:11, my time at the Bible College of Wales is where the devil fled and the angels strengthened me. Through a loving community and great spiritual teaching, God is restoring me in readiness for a lifelong service, and I know He has brought me a full circle just so I understand 'character before calling, deep roots before visible fruit'. I may be a failure in the world's eyes, but in God's eyes, I am a person who by His grace and strength alone has passed the wilderness tests, ready to fulfil God's call to ministry. His hand is present in each and every detail of my life, in every job and house move. Knowing that He was equipping me for ministry has helped me overcome the sadness and confusion of many shattered hopes. It has been a wonderful journey as He has indeed restored the joy of my salvation, and given me power for service.

For those who follow Him, we should expect to see some of the principles that shaped His life, shape our life. Jesus himself said to his disciples, "as the Father is sending me, so I am sending you" (John 20:21). It is key to know the season you are in with God, so what season are you in? Remember: God goes before you and promises to never leave you nor forsake you (Heb 13:5). Follow Him.

FROM DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

by JOSEFINA COLING SANTIAGO

Genesis 32:26

“And he said, “Let me go,
for the day breaks,”

But Jacob said, “I will not let
You go unless You bless Me!”

This was the word deposited in my heart after two weeks in the BCW. For the most part of my life, things were smooth sailing. I grew up in a sheltered Christian environment, I had a very happy marriage and we were blessed with two children. Eventually, my husband was called to plant a church in Manila, and I was excited for it was his desire to serve the Lord. Everything was so beautiful and we enjoyed conjugal bliss until March 23, 2007. It was the day that changed my life forever.

I received a call informing me that my husband had a sudden heart attack and collapsed. When I arrived at the hospital, I saw his lifeless body covered with a white sheet while the doctor pronounced him dead. To my amazement, faith rose in my heart and I heard God say to me, “Go cast out the spirit of death... I will fight this

battle.” Though I felt like crying, I followed His instructions. Miraculously, his heartbeat returned and his vital organs began to come alive, but he remained in a coma for two weeks.

The reality of my husband dying shook my entire being, and I pressed into prayer and fasting like never before in hopes of a miracle. I held on to the promises of God while rejecting every negative declaration by the medical staff. One day, He said to me, “I am in control. Be still and know that I am God. Remember how I told you before that I would visit your household?” Immediately, I was brought back to six months before the incident where the Lord told me about His visitation. It never once occurred to me that a tragedy was His way of teaching me how to fight on my knees.

As I pleaded for my husband’s life, I also wrestled with God, and told Him that I would not pastor a church anymore. The Lord remained silent, and the agony was so real as I travailed and moaned in prayer for three months. The next blow struck me hard when I had to pay the hospital bills that amounted to 2.3 million Philippine pesos (₱36,000)! Again, I went back to God and said, “You are my Jehovah Jireh! That is Your nature! When we heeded your call to go into full-time ministry, we gave You all that we had.

You said when we serve the least of your people, we are lending to you, so here I am withdrawing from heaven. I want my husband to get out of this hospital alive and the bill fully paid!”

He proved Himself to be my Jehovah Jireh. Amazingly, money poured in from different people and my bank account was so full that all my financial needs were met. Not only that, the best doctors came to treat my husband, and he was transferred to the best hospital in the Philippines. The situation was toxic but the Lord made it an opportunity to show His miracle-working power - eventually, my husband was discharged. My heart was settled and I was so happy that he was alive.

Little did I know that this battle was not over - the incident permanently damaged his cognitive skills, and for the next ten years, I had to look after him personally. I did not want to put him into a nursing home and this became increasingly challenging. In the natural, it appeared to be all about my husband but in actual fact, God was moulding me on the inside. He revealed my selfish, impatient nature and the dross within me. What seemed like God’s deliberate delay of my husband’s healing was in reality, the development of eternal treasures birthed out of darkness. Simultaneously, I had to take care of the running and operation of the church since my husband

was no longer able to, but God was so faithful and seeing the church grow in various aspects lifted my faith and brought me great joy.

Yet seeing my husband deteriorating in his condition was continuous torment, and in His great mercy, God took my husband home on 6 January 2017. When that happened, I felt such a heavy spirit of abandonment, like I had been orphaned. I lost all will to live and wanted to step down from ministry. Grieving, I sought the Lord for comfort and He impressed upon me to contact Pastor Yang, who told me to pack my bags and come to the BCW. Everything was provided for and happened smoothly; it was no doubt God had prepared in advance that I was to come here.

Over the last several weeks, He has brought me to a different level of intimacy with Him. I have come to a place of rest and experienced, once again, His love for me, stronger and more enduring than any human love. He also reminded me of two visions I had with His arms stretched out towards me, and I know He wants me to come into His embrace. He has assured me over and over again that He is a covenant-keeping God. During my trial, I was averse to preaching on the life of Job as it reminded me so much of the pain that I was going through. In many ways, I felt like I could identify with Job - he was greatly blessed and everything went really well. So why did the Lord allow Satan to touch what he had, and only his life was Satan instructed not to take? It was as if God had made that word flesh in me, and I am now able to rejoice in my suffering. All praise to God who has restored and removed the orphan spirit in me. I now feel His love and joy that gives me strength, which comes only from waiting upon Him. I know that I will leave the BCW mounting up and soaring as an eagle (Isa 40:31)!



A NATIONAL TREASURE REBORN

by TRICIA HUGHES

I would like to give thanks to God for all the prayer warriors who have had a heart to see the restoration of the Bible College of Wales, and for those who have made sacrifices to ensure that the Gospel is preached to every creature. My story is just a small part of God's saving grace and redemption of the college. Since becoming a Christian in 1995, God has planted in my heart a special burden for the nation of Israel, and I have been praying for them ever since. In 2001, I was part of Lydia Fellowship International, a prayer network, and also a weekly prayer meeting in my church. Whilst visiting my mother-in-law one day, she casually mentioned that her uncle was Rees Howells, the intercessor. I was none the wiser but told my intercessory friend, Pam, about my distant relation to Mr. Howells. She got excited and presented me with a copy of *Rees Howells: Intercessor* by Norman Grubb the following week. The book was life-changing and I could not put it down, and God placed upon my heart to intercede for the Bible College of Wales.

A few years later in 2005, whilst I was at an Aglow conference, an organization with a mandate to stand in the gap for the Jews, a lady named Elaine Price, said to me in passing, "Intercessor". It was out of the blue but that got us talking as we both recognized it to be something prophetic. That very word reminded me of my intercessory gifting, as well as Rees Howells, and as it happened, Elaine knew the Bible College of Wales well. "You will have to come and visit," she said.

Some months went by, and Elaine rang and invited me to the last prayer meeting for Israel at Glynderwen House, the first estate purchased for the Bible College of Wales. Prior to the meeting, we visited the Derwen Fawr House, located at the second estate, prayed, blew the shofar and declared restoration over the mandate that God had given to Rees Howells for the Bible College. During that time, I received a vision of the college as it is now, with students praying for Israel, manicured gardens and restored buildings, a far cry from what it was in reality! Because no one had

been there for a long time, the student quarters were in bad shape, the garden overgrown and buildings had broken windows, but I believed that God would one day redeem this property.

Afterwards, we headed to the prayer meeting. It was run by an elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Brent, who had served Rees Howells in the college. They had prayed for Israel for over 40 years, a prayer burden and responsibility that Rees Howells had too. Sadly, this couple was asked to leave Glynderwen House as the estate was about to be put up for sale. I was moved to tears as it was humbling to see men and women come to pray, struggling up the drive with walking sticks in hand, or arm in arm. They showed such commitment and a strong love for the Lord and Israel despite their age and seniority. An unusual anointing came over me and my hands began to shake - I began to repent of the fact that prayer for Israel would no longer be made here at Glynderwen. Yet I also had a strong sensing that God was not finished with this school, and also that Israel would be lifted up once again in the college and declared this over those who were present in the meeting. Mrs. Brunt then had a vision of Rees Howells waving his handkerchief, something he would do when he had attained victory in prayer, and I knew in my Spirit, with great excitement, that a breakthrough would come eventually.

Shortly after, Elaine contacted me and told me urgently, "You need to come to Glynderwen, the land is going to be sold to a supermarket chain!" I made my way to the BCW after receiving the call, and met Mr. and Mrs. Brent who had moved

out of the estate. Though it was too late to save Glynderwen, we went down on our knees and asked God to save the Derwen Fawr estate and restore the college, as I had seen in faith, to send someone and to provide the finances required so that the land would not be sold to housing developers.

Fast forward to 2015 – another friend informed me about a meeting at the Derwen Fawr estate, which had recently been purchased by Cornerstone Community Church Singapore. Pastor Mark Ritchie was sharing about the redevelopment and plans for the Bible College of Wales on some Powerpoint slides, and it was the same as the vision that the Lord had given me years before. I wept and asked the Lord, "Why me?". The answer I received was, "Inheritance – there is authority in prayer". I was never the same after this and decided to enroll into the college.

On the first week of school, Pastor Daphne shared about the redemption story of the BCW. I am so thankful and moved, and it still brings tears to my eyes today. Israel is lifted high in the college and taught at the lectures in a special way. Amazingly, during the renovations, a blocked well was discovered and has since been unclogged and running again. Also, dry rot was attacking the groundwork of some buildings, and everything had to be removed, with foundations re-dug and put in place. God is, in the same way, restoring the spiritual legacy of the Bible College of Wales on firm foundation. I see a great revival coming from this well – God is faithful, Jesus is the King of Kings and the Lord over Wales. We must believe and see our nation changed in faith, for it is our faith and love that moves the heart of God.



THE PATHWAY OF RESTORATION

by MICAH BLAKEY

During a time of ministry and prayer with Pastor Ken Gott, I witnessed something shocking with the eyes of my heart. This is what I wrote after...

“How can this small lecture room contain Him?” I thought. “How can this world even contain Him?” I continued to myself. My cognizance was telling me there was no one else in the room besides my classmates but my spirit could see the glory that burst through.

Walking down the middle aisle indistinct as mirage, but radiant as eternity. Two figures, paradoxically exuding both power and peace, walking slowly among us. Laying a hand here, a blessing there up to the front. “How can even I, this broken vessel, contain Him?” I wondered.

First: a paradise, where the love, mercy and peace of God floods freely into Adam and Eve as their absolute source of life, it fills them and overflows. But as the first man and woman exchanged their

source for the knowledge of good and evil, it certainly was not life. Everyone craves for life. The answer is always the Cross and Jesus Christ our Messiah. God’s plan of restoration was that we would put our whole selves on the cross with Jesus, dying and being raised with Him. Only then would we be reconnected to the mighty rivers of love and mercy, with streams of living water ushering us back into the presence of God. Yet this only explains the question of how can He live inside me, and not how I can restore my whole being to Him. What can I do to solve this conundrum? Like the famous hymn goes, how do I sing, truthfully, “all to Jesus I surrender”?

In Revelation 21:1-5, it says that He is “making all things new.” But that is hope for the future, so what is there now? Perhaps the apostle Peter gets a little closer in 1 Peter 5:10 when he says, “And after you have suffered a little while...Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen... you”. This confirms the integral nature of suffering and restoration and the poet of Psalm 80 who cannot help but exclaim in verse 3, “Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved!” This is a different flavour from the “green pastures” and “still waters” that restored David’s soul in Psalm 23, which comes from rest. It is all of these: suffering, rest, and surrender that lead me to the sweet words of Joel 2:25, “I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten” because just as with the Israelites then, my lost years and my failures can absolutely be restored.

I became a Christian early on in life but found that I was relying on my parents’ faith instead of believing in a God personally. When I moved out, I did not follow the commitment I made with Christ and wandered through life without purpose, having no plan or direction. It was only when I was 26 years of age when I returned to the Father. I thank God for His mercy and grace - there is still some time left - I have the roadmap with Jesus and the Cross as my foundation, and the very words of God ushering me on to complete restoration. Praise be to God!

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Fun day trips organised by students to Tenby, Ffald-y-Brenin, and Black Mountains



Admiring the beauty of the Italian Gardens



AN OUTING TO ST. DAVID'S

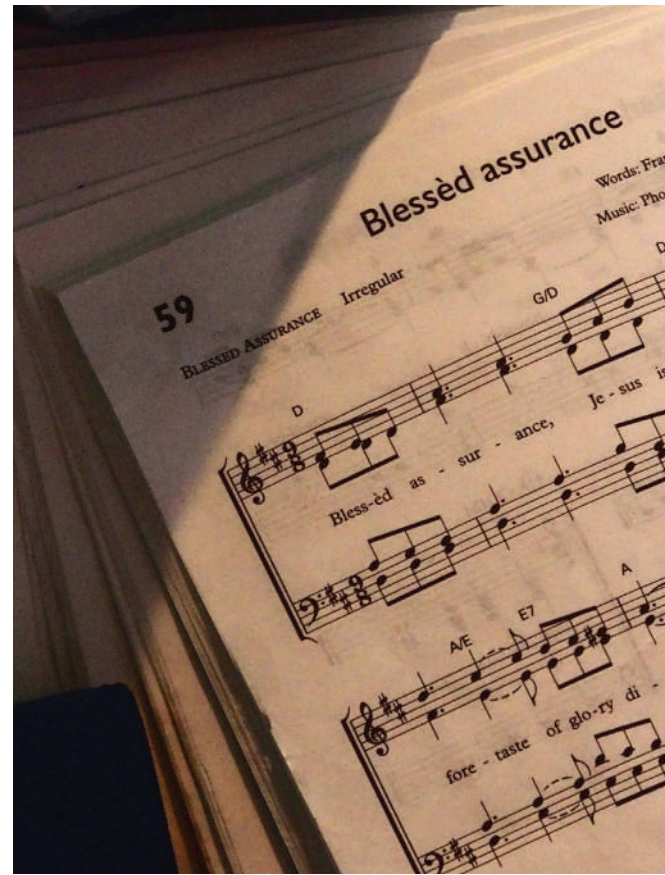


Tricia

Sitting in the cathedral, Nicola said, “I wonder what the acoustics are like.” As we walked around the corner, we saw incredible high vaulted ceilings. It was so spontaneous as we all sang together from a hymn book containing familiar tunes like *“This Is My Story”* and *“Amazing Grace”*. Our voices were bouncing off the walls, creating a sound far better than what we were actually singing. It was almost as if we were joined by a heavenly choir. I felt that God our father was so pleased that we were praising Him. As we sang *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*, God certainly inhabited our praises. It was a very special moment — never to be forgotten.

Tyler

It was such a spontaneous yet natural moment. We were typical tourists in St. David's Cathedral, taking photographs and exploring the place. There was a small chapel in the back and I noticed my classmates had started to sing some hymns, and I decided to join in. Even though some of us may not have great voices, the presence of God was there. As I was leaving the chapel, I noticed there were quite a few people around the chapel who got to hear us singing praises to our King. I could not help but think about how what we did was an encouragement to those around who may or may not know Christ as their Saviour.



Lindsey

I was slowly wandering around the space on my own, taking some pictures and humming to myself. Old cathedrals usually bother me a bit, as they can feel so cold and empty, devoid of His presence and life. However, as I entered the chapel, Micah suddenly shoved a hymnal into my hands and initiated a time of singing, one song after another, as a few more classmates joined in. The sunlight was streaming in through the stained-glass windows, and the acoustics of the chapel caused our voices to soar as we worshipped God with all of our hearts and lifted up His name. His presence permeated the chapel.

Micah

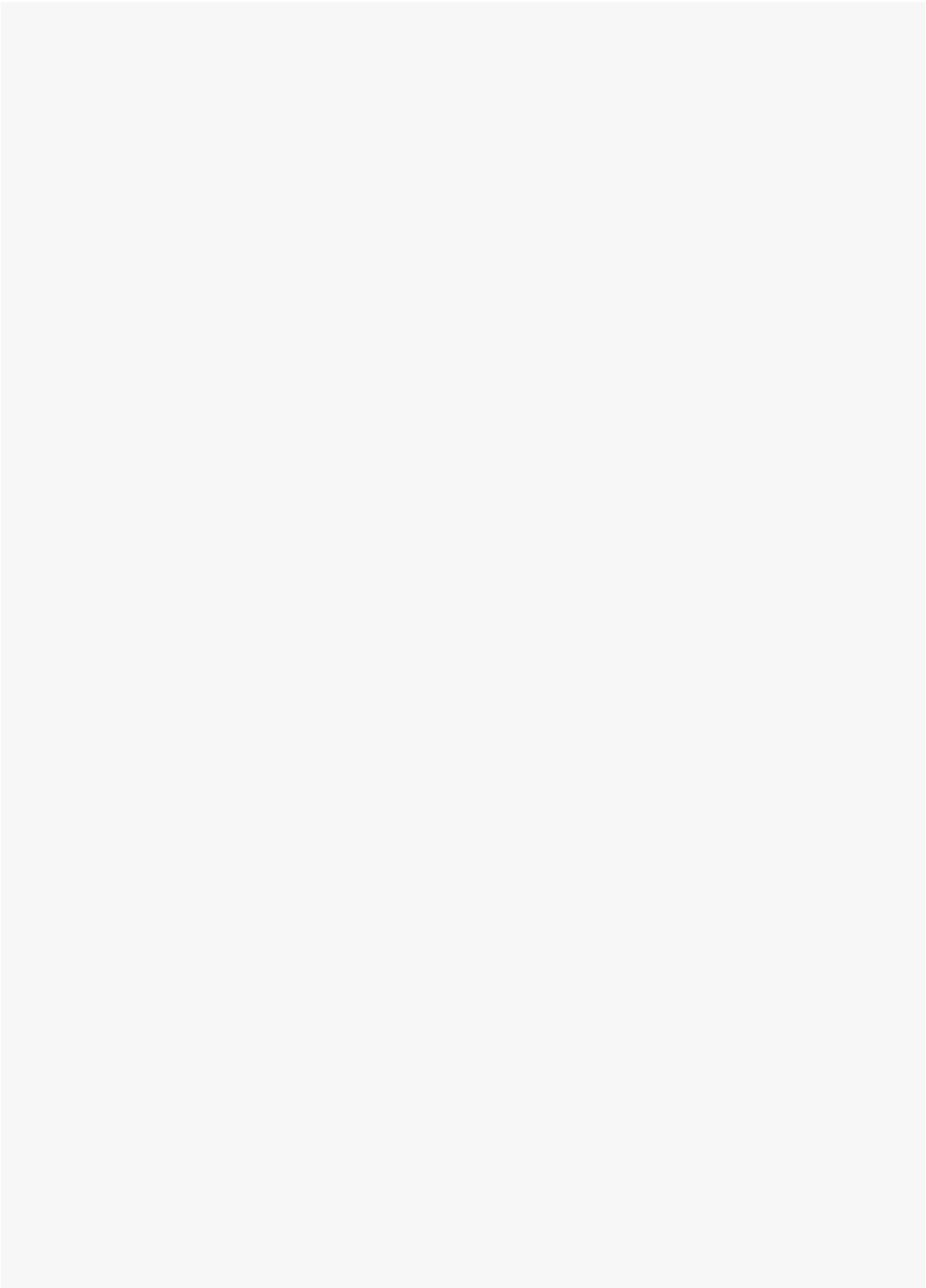
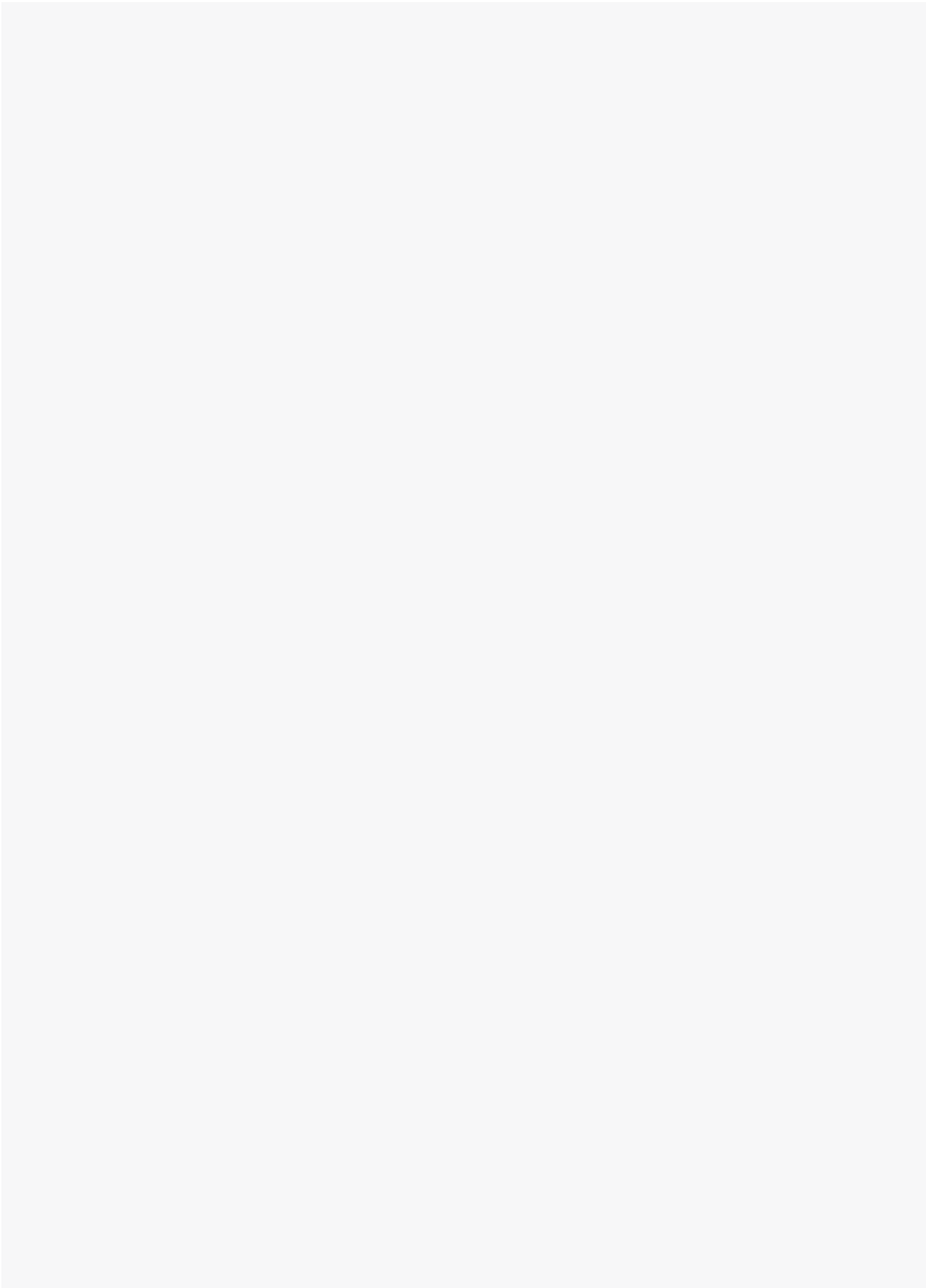
St David's Cathedral — a monument built to honour God, to bring glory to His name. As we meandered through its halls, we came to the chapel. The exposed wooden beams and etched panelling made the acoustics vibrant. It was not a profound moment nor particularly special, but I found hymn books. We found the lyrics of the classic tune "Blessed Assurance", and through these inadequate mouths our hearts sang. Other people in the area also added their praise to ours as we ascribed ultimate value to the name of Jesus.

Jebasingh

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" (Matt 18:20). As we were singing and worshipping, I felt the presence of God. It changed the whole atmosphere and drew in other tourists, who came to join us in praising God. Even though it was only a few of us, we were all from different nations — myself from India, Tyler and Lindsey from America, Micah from Australia, and Nicola and Tricia from Wales. All of us singing praises to God as members of God's family, how glorious it was! I came away from that moment thinking about how wonderful it will be in heaven, worshipping God forever with every nation, tribe and tongue. Hallelujah!

Nicola

It was such a special and spontaneous time! I was just glad my classmates had taken the opportunity to initiate some singing in that place. For me, it felt as though angelic hosts were joining in as we sang to Him. I loved the fact that a dead building, if you like, was made to resound with life-giving praises!





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Cherina Faith Lek – Celeste Deborah Chong



LIGIA FORGACIU

Ligia, my prayer for you is for God to protect you and always guide you in His perfect will. I love you and carry you always in my prayers.

Psalm 119:135, Psalm 20:4

Mami

You are beautiful inside and out, we are blessed to have you as a sister. Congratulations & God bless you.

Dan, Monica, Julia, Joshua and Olivia

Your courage and dedication to God is inspiring. May your walk with our Lord take you ever higher.

Philippians 1:6

Marius, Tabita, Naomi, Nathan, Jonah and Timothy

God bless you, Ligia, and congratulations!"

Alin

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always. Congratulations!

Dorin and Lidia

We are so happy for you! May the Lord guide you, speak to you and watch over you. Congratulations!!

Flaviu, Amy, Allison and Baby

I'm glad that you are at BCW putting God first in your life. I'm proud of you and remember to trust everything to God, He's got it!

Sam

God's faithfulness and goodness has been seen in every stage in your life and we trust that God will continue to reveal Himself in even greater measures. We're excited to see His hand in your life moving forward. You are loved by God and by us as well!

Christian, Nicoleta, Jennifer and Brian

We are so thankful that God has been guiding you in such wonderful ways. May He always watch over you and bless you abundantly. We love you!

Dana, Simida, and Paul



Hi ELIJAH, CONGRATULATIONS! MAY YOU ALWAYS BE THE MAN GOD WANTS YOU TO BE! MAY YOUR TIME AT THE BCW EQUIP YOU POWERFULLY FOR HIS PURPOSE.



ELIJAH BENNY TAN

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-from JCCOGMZ Church and family.

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THE CROWN OF GLORY IN MT. ZION
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*"In that day the Lord of hosts will be for a crown of glory
and a diadem of beauty to the remnant of His people."*
ISAIAH 28:5

*Congratulations on your
Graduation day
Pstra Josefina Santiago*



Jeremiah 29:11

*"For I know the thoughts and plans
that I have for you, says the Lord,
thoughts and plans
for welfare and peace
and not for evil,
give you call in your final outcome."*

*From Coling Family:
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**"AND I AM SURE OF THIS, THAT HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU
WILL BRING IT TO COMPLETION AT THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST" PHIL 1:6**



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO WENDY AND
CHRISTINE!**

Isaiah 43:19 (NKJV)

*Behold, I will do a new thing,
Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know it?
I will even make a road
in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert.*

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work together for good to
those who love God, to those
who are the called according
to His purpose."*

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Justin, Martin, and Reuben



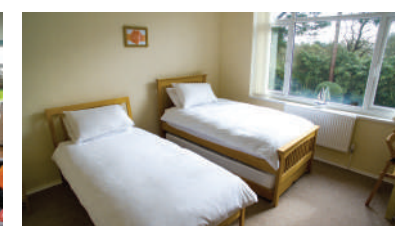
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