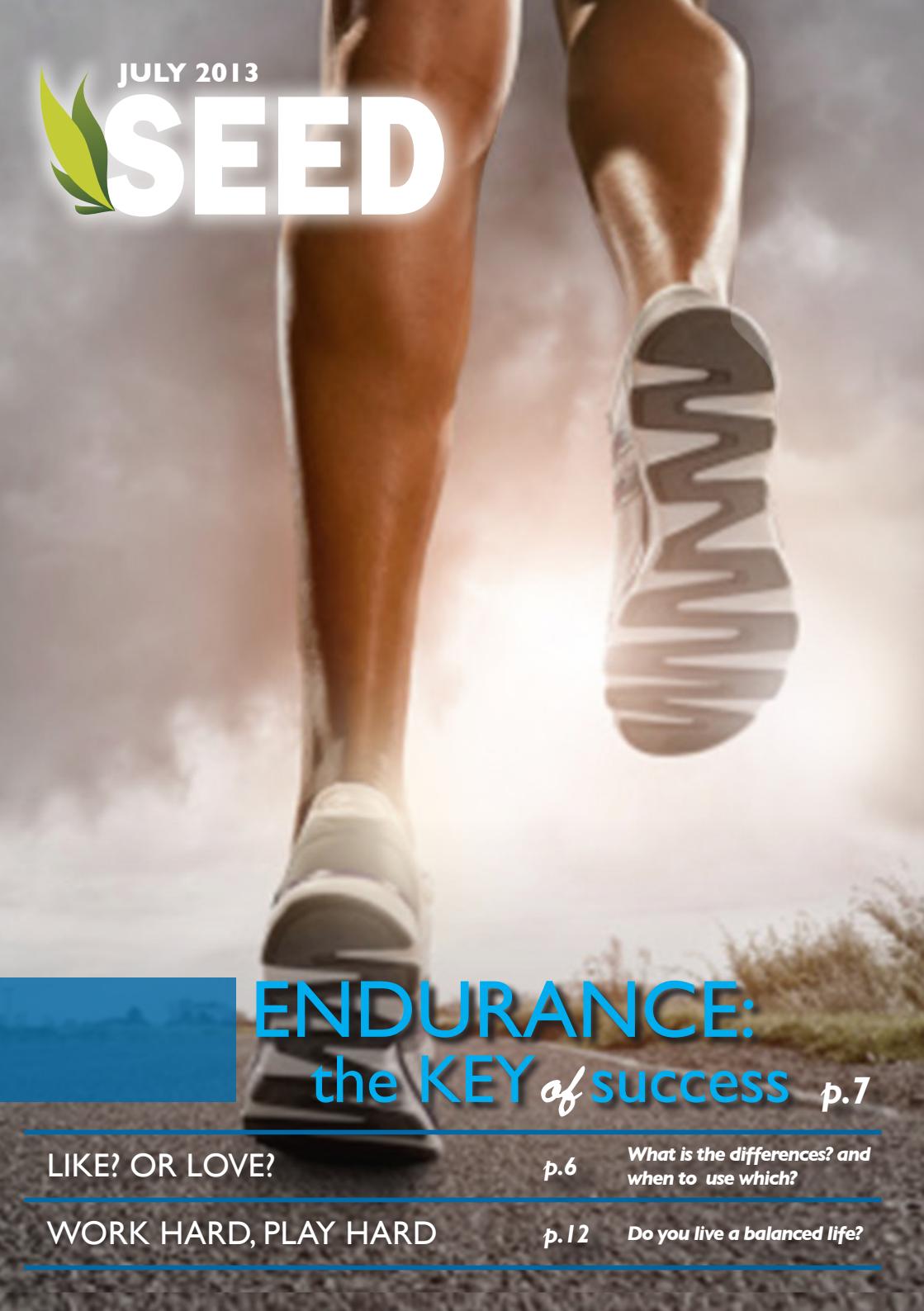




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Shalom Seed-ers!

Kita sudah menginjak dipertengahan tahun 2013, dimana misi dan visi yang ada sudah saatnya dievaluasi dan kalau perlu juga diperbaharui. Kesuksesan tidak diraih hanya dengan IQ yang tinggi, melainkan juga dengan *Endurance*. Selain itu, *work-life balance* dan *social life* sangat penting supaya kita tidak merasa bosan dengan kehidupan kita sekarang.

Ingat, kita diciptakan untuk sebuah misi, yaitu melanjutkan misi Yesus. Kebaikan dan pertolongan Tuhan adalah sumber kekuatan kita, khususnya pada masa-masa sulit. Marilah kita lebih intim lagi untuk memahami *the secret love of God*, yaitu merasakan kasih Allah secara berkesinambungan, meskipun pemahaman kita terbatas akan kasihNya.

Keep calm and carry on!

Invincible Strength will change us from Glory to Glory to Glory.

Editor

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1:10

By Debora Sherlly Yusuf



Cerita ini diadaptasi dari kitab Lukas 17:11-19. Suatu ketika ada 10 orang kusta. Mereka mendengar ada seseorang bernama Yesus yang berkuasa untuk menyembuhkan penyakit. Ketika Yesus berjalan melewati desa mereka, mereka berdiri agak jauh karena mereka dianggap najis, dan berteriak “Yesus, kasihanilah kami. Sembuhkan kami.” Dengan penuh belas kasihan Yesus memandang mereka dan berkata “Tunjukkanlah dirimu kepada imam-imam”. Di tengah perjalanan ke tempat imam, sakit kusta mereka sembuh.

“*Hei, aku sembuh. Kita semua sembuh*” kata si A dengan terheran-heran sambil melihat kepada 8 orang lainnya.

“*Aku harus segera menemui keluargaku. Sudah 5 tahun aku tidak bisa memeluk anakku*” dengan segera si B segera berlari pulang.

“*Wah, tepat sekali aku sembuh. Ladangku sudah menguning. Sekarang waktunya aku menuai*” kata si C dan berlari menuju ladangnya.

“*Horeee aku sembuh. Akhirnya aku bisa menikah*” sorak si D.

“*Hei kawan, aku akan kembali menemui Yesus untuk berterimakasih. Kalian ikut tidak?*” teriak si K, tapi tidak seorangpun yang menghiraukannya.

Ketika K melihat Yesus dari jauh, ia berlari dan berteriak “*Yesus, aku sembuh!*”. Berulang-ulang dia meneriakkan kata-kata ini. Ketika sampai di kaki Yesus, ia tersungkur, menyembah, dan berkata “*Yesus, terima kasih.*” Lalu Yesus bertanya, “*Dimana 9 orang lainnya? Bukankah ada 10 orang yang sembuh dari kusta? Hanya kamu sendirikah yang kembali untuk mengucap syukur dan memuliakan Allah?*”

“Slalu kuingat sgala kebaikanMu, di waktu lalu
hingga kini. Betapa sayang Tuhan padaku,
tak pernah Kau tinggalkanku”

Ketika membaca cerita ini, pertanyaan Yesus menyentak hati saya. Apakah saya termasuk salah satu dari 9 orang yang lupa untuk berterimakasih? Apakah saya terlalu fokus kepada keluarga, pekerjaan atau bahkan masalah sehingga saya lupa untuk mengucap syukur? Biarlah setiap kita selalu mengingat kebaikan dan pertolongan Tuhan. Itulah yang akan menjadi sumber kekuatan kita di masa yang sulit.



Anda diciptakan untuk sebuah misi!

by Ps Lydia Yusuf

“Seandainya anda meninggal malam ini, apakah anda siap?” Ketika pertanyaan ini muncul, saya menangis **“Tuhan, tugasku belum selesai...”** saya belum sepenuhnya melayani tujuan Tuhan. Kapan terakhir anda membawa orang menerima keselamatan? “keselamatan tidak ada didalam siapapun juga selain didalam Dia sebab dibawah kolong langit ini tidak ada nama lain yang diberikan kepada manusia yang olehnya kita dapat diselamatkan.”

Anda diciptakan untuk sebuah misi, anda diutus ke dunia sebagai wakil Tuhan. Yesus mengerti misi kehidupanNya didunia. Di usia 12 tahun, Dia berkata **“Aku harus mengerjakan pekerjaan BapaKu”** dan 21 tahun kemudian diatas kayu salib, Dia berkata **“sudah selesai”**. Yesus telah menyelesaikan misiNya.

Misi Yesus menjadi misi kita
“Sama seperti Engkau telah mengutus Aku
ke dalam dunia, demikian pula Aku telah
mengutus mereka ke dalam dunia”





Dia memanggil anda bukan hanya untuk datang kepada Dia tetapi untuk pergi bagi Dia. “Karena itu pergilah, jadikanlah semua bangsa muridKu dan baptislah mereka dalam nama Bapa dan Anak dan Roh Kudus dan ajarlah mereka melakukan segala sesuatu yang telah Kuperintahkan kepadamu. Dan ketahuilah, Aku menyertai kamu senantiasa sampai kepada akhir zaman.”

Misi anda merupakan hak istimewa dan kehormatan luar biasa. Anda bekerja bersama Allah dan mewakiliNya. Walaupun orang tersebut sukses tetapi tanpa Yesus, mereka terhilang tanpa harapan. **Hanya melalui Yesus mereka diselamatkan dan semua orang membutuhkan Yesus.**

Misi anda memiliki makna kekal yang mempengaruhi masa depan orang lain. Menolong orang memiliki hubungan kekal dengan Allah ialah sesuatu yang paling bernilai yang bisa kita lakukan. **Allah ingin anda membagikan Kabar Baik dimanapun anda berada.**

Misi anda memberi makna bagi kehidupan anda. Pemanfaatan terbaik kehidupan ialah menggunakannya untuk sesuatu yang berlangsung lebih lama daripada kehidupan itu sendiri yakni **untuk Kerajaan Allah.**

“Tetapi aku tidak menghiraukan nyawaku sedikitpun, asal saja aku dapat mencapai garis akhir dan menyelesaikan pelayanan yang ditugaskan oleh Tuhan Yesus kepadaku untuk memberi kesaksian tentang Injil kasih karunia Allah.”

Bila anda melakukan misi, berapapun harganya, anda akan mengalami berkat . “Allah akan memberi segala sesuatu yang anda perlukan hari lepas hari jika anda hidup untukNya dan **menjadikan Kerajaan Allah urusan utama anda.**” Allah sangat peduli dan ingin anak-anakNya yang terhilang ditemukan!

Mulailah melihat ladang misi anda dan berdoalah “Tuhan siapakah yang Engkau tempatkan dalam hidupku agar aku bercerita tentang Yesus dan **buat aku selalu siap sedia menjangkau satu orang lagi buat Yesus supaya ketika aku berdiri di hadapan tahta Allah, aku bisa berkata “Misi telah selesai!”**

Terinspirasi dari Buku “Kehidupan Yang Digerakkan Oleh Tujuan” Oleh Ps Rick Warren.



Like? Or Love?

by Firman Rianto



like **love**

find agreeable, enjoyable, or satisfactory.
bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

When to use which?

It does not take you long to hear or see people expressing their love towards things that they have endure hardship for to obtain, e.g. "I love my Lamborghini, I have endured years of hardship to get it." It seems as a fitting usage of the word 'love.' It does. It **shows where the heart of** that person is.

When that person goes to meet his maker, his "love" vaporises. All his bearing, believing, hoping, enduring for his Lamborghini appeared for a little time, and then vanished away.

Money and possessions are good; we should use them to make friendship that will usher us into eternal dwellings; those that will never vanish away. Although, it seems impossible to do so, if we love them.

With increasing texting, our words are taking its place as sole medium to express our minds and hearts. The old tune becoming more current: "It's only words; and words is all I have to take your hearts away." Let us choose apt words to convey ourselves.

What is the difference?

These two words in the title are often seen as **interchangeable**. Yes, the two are a verb with object. Closer look shows they are a life apart. Here are definition of each,

Where does my heart lay?

The words you utter toward things is one indicator of where your heart is placed. More than that, your choices in life would speak louder.

You can like things and you should! All things were created by God and for him. More vital is for you to love yourself and use them to take you into eternal dwellings. Love your neighbours as yourself. Love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Love God, love people, like this article.



H ave you ever wondered why some people are more successful than others? Do people achieve success because they are talented or have high IQs? We know that human beings are not created equal, however, successful people do not have higher IQs or more talent than the rest.

Dr. Angela Duckworth, an assistant professor of Psychology at the University of Pennsylvania, did her research to discover what actually makes certain people more successful, she finds that surprisingly it is not a higher IQ or family income, but grit.

What is grit? The Bible has a lot to say about grit, the Bible calls it endurance. The word “endurance” means, “to maintain a belief or course of action in the face of opposition.” The apostle Paul encourages us to, “rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope”. Paul faced many sufferings and oppositions in his life, but he did not give up because he understood that suffering produces endurance. Successful people endure even when life gets tough and when no one seems to believe in them.

One of the main reasons why people fail trying to lose weight is their lack of endurance. They might be successful for a month or two, but quickly gain their weight back and more soon after. To endure is to stick with a course of action with persistence. Life is not a sprint but a marathon.

“**SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE
ARE NOT MORE TALENTED
OR HAVE HIGHER IQS
THAN THE REST ,**”

If you are a disciple of Christ who is facing much opposition in your life, be encouraged that though there will be many tribulations, we must keep going for the one who endures will be saved. For Christians, endurance is not a trivial matter and it is not for any vain achievements. What at stake is our eternal destiny! Therefore, when you endure, endure joyfully, not miserably like one without hope.



By Ferdinand Haratua

endurance: the key of success

Teaching Bible to Your Children

By Maria Tanudjaja



Q: Why do we need to teach bible to our children?

A: The Bible is the true Word of God. Teaching our children God's Word will give both sides truthful values for their living. It is important for the children to have the fear of the Lord and the love of God from young age.

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Q: How do we teach the bible to our children?

A: It is not about knowing bible stories. It's applying how the truth apply to their everyday lives. Methods are as varied as there are children, as each child learns the most effective as his/her personality is.

Here are good starting pointers:

- **Read the bible stories with your child.** Parents can start by teaching from the characters in the bible. Be enthusiastic! Use your imagination. Live the story as you tell it. Let your children participate as much as possible.



- Use your child's language.** There are some stories whose concept might be too hard for a child to grasp and therefore they may not fully understand them. In this case, parents can try to teach the kids in a simpler way; yet stay true to the bible (not diluting the meaning of the story).
- Use visual object / craft.** Give the children the opportunity to do something with what you just taught them. For example, coloring the scene where David uses his slingshot to beat Goliath or creating a simple Noah's ark from a piece of paper.
- Scripture Memory Verse.** Incorporate some creative activities to this scripture memory verse project. We have to constantly make it a fun exercise. Ultimately, the idea is not only to teach the children about God and his Word, but also to enjoy family quality time together. Use child-friendly bible translations like New International Reader's Version (NIRV).

- Be a role model.** Children are excellent in observing and imitating. Parents should not only talk about bible but also to live it. If the children see that their parents find the bible interesting and are eager to read it, there's a good chance they will too. Share with them how the values and guidance in the bible make a difference in your life, show them that the bible is real to you. Be a walking advertisement!

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The Secret Love of God

by Jeremiah Indra Arifin

The width and depth of God's love towards mankind has always been one immeasurable secret to the human mind. As soon as we think that we have fully grasped His love, a new surprising fact of it appears and the mystery of God's love resumes. We simply cannot and will never be able to comprehend the extent of His love for us. It is an ever flowing and never-ending force that comes from God's own being.

The words in the song "Amazed" by Desperation Band not only beautifully describe this endless love. It draws a beautiful picture that portrays this very act of love as something 'visible' and easy to appreciate. The song describes God as a determined lover who tirelessly pursues us, the people whom He dearly loves, with dances and songs. He does all this even during the times when we are unable to see, hear or even make sense of any of His expressions of love.

In fact, a lot of times in our lives our limited capacity has short-changed us as we mistakenly interpret these love gesture of His as some sort of actions that are rather annoying and aggravating. This would then certainly put us into a circumstance of deep and continuous frustration, as we are unable to figure out the real meaning of His actions.

The only way to get out of this untruthful predicament is to believe that it is in God's nature to continuously love us and to appreciate that He will continue do this despite of our limited understanding of this magnificent, grand gesture of His. Actually, He never expects us to understand. When we employ this knowledge of his love into our lives, we will be fully open to absorb all of His love that is coming our way. It would then be only a matter of time before we can say to Him: "Lord, I am amazed by You – how You love me."



**Desperation Band - Update: Live**

Desperation Band are on the same vein as Passion as one of well known worship bands/movements of the modern contemporary Christian music/worship era. Recorded live, this album covers plenty of emotional heart-hitting songs like 'Overcome', 'Here in Your Presence', 'I Am Free' (made popular by Newsboys back in 2006), and of course 'Amazed'.

Amazed

By Desperation Band
Key = D

Verse :

D/F# G A
You dance over me
D/F# G A
While I am unaware
D/F# G A
You sing all around
D/F# G A
But I never hear the sound

Chorus :

G Asus
Lord, I'm amazed by you
D/F# G
Lord, I'm amazed by you
Em7 Asus
Lord, I'm amazed by you
D
How you love me

Bridge :

G Asus
How wide
D/F# G
How deep
Em7 Asus
How great
D
Is your love for me

Chord	Fretboard Diagram	Tablature
D		x x 0 2 3 2
F#		2 4 4 3 2 2
G		x 10 12 x 12 10
A		0 2 2 2 0
Asus		0 2 0 0 0 0
Em7		0 2 0 0 0 0

WORK HARD, PLAY HARD

By Ebnu Wiyono



I know an acquaintance taking a bachelor degree in the same university as I who, instead of studies, does part time jobs daily including weekend. The hours he spent working are, sadly, hours lost to maintain his friendships. In matters of years, he decided to return to his home country on the basis of loneliness. He said life is too monotonous and too lonely. He felt have wasted his life, all because he did not maintain his friendships as he work hard.

First priority for any student is studying as best as one can and achieve the best mark. Working for own financial support might be needed but it should come after. Social life still hold importance and should not be neglected. Everyone need to have a balanced life.

Why is social life still holds importance when 1st priority of a student is studying?

Here are three convincing reasons:

1. Everyone needs at least a friend

We are created as a social being. We cannot live on our own. Human needs interaction with each other. We need friends that we can trust to share our thoughts, problems, and joy to one another.

2. Everyone needs a network

Networking has become one of the most important aspects in our life. A good networking skill might uphold you to establish your future businesses, get a reference for a job or even to meet your future partner.

3. Everyone needs a rest!

There is only good to reward yourself after hard work. Life is meant to be enjoyed responsibly. Serve yourself well, a timely break will do good.

If you can say, "my life is boring"; ask yourself these questions:

Do you live a balanced life?

If you answer no, make some effort to have fellowship with your closest ones!
Enjoy your life!



The love of a family is life's greatest blessing.

By Jenny Pansawira

"Friends come and friends go, but a true friend sticks by you like family"- Proverbs 18:24 (The Message).

Ada banyak hal yang dapat saya syukuri selama saya tinggal di Sydney. Salah satunya adalah menjadi bagian dari sebuah KM, singkatan dari Komunitas Mesianik, yaitu sebuah komunitas dimana kita saling belajar, ditegur dan tumbuh bersama. KM bukan sekedar sarana untuk kumpul di waktu senggang atau ketika kita tidak punya tempat tujuan, tetapi merupakan tempat dimana kita bersama-sama mempelajari Firman Tuhan, saling berbagi tentang kehidupan (pergumulan, masalah dan juga sukacita yang Tuhan berikan) dan belajar untuk mengasihi serta mempedulikan sekitar kita. Karena itu, KM sudah menjadi seperti keluarga sendiri. Buat saya pribadi, KM menjadi satu hal yang sangat saya tunggu-tunggu setiap minggunya. Rasa lelah sehabis bekerja seakan hilang dalam sekejap ketika bertemu dengan teman-teman KM. Kesaksian mereka membuat saya semakin termotivasi untuk hidup hanya bagi Tuhan dan selalu menyenangkan hatiNya.

Selain itu, saya juga banyak belajar tentang adanya dan pentingnya perbedaan karakter, seperti orang yang lucu, yang serius, yang selalu bertanya, yang pendiam, yang bijak, yang ceplas-ceplos, yang galak dan yang lembut. Setiap orang memberi warnanya sendiri dalam KM. Seperti tubuh Kristus dengan berbagai anggota, demikianlah kita. Meskipun berbeda-beda karakter, kita tetap satu tubuh. Tidak ada yang lebih baik dari yang lainnya karena kita semua bekerja dengan sinergis untuk saling membangun. Jadi, kalau anda ingin merasakan apa yang sudah saya rasakan, bergabunglah dengan KM (hubungi kami ke seed@rocksydney.org.au) Trust me it will be awesome. Selamat ber-KM!

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God"- Philippians 1:3 (NLT)





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