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EDITORIAL

Hi Seed-ers,

Memasuki bulan Oktober, artinya tahun 2013 akan segera berakhir. Ini juga berarti kita masih memiliki kesempatan untuk merefleksi apa saja hal-hal yang perlu lebih ditekuni, diperbaiki atau dihindari untuk mencapai *goal* kita di tahun 2013.

Mungkin ini saatnya untuk belajar lebih baik (**Campus/Career**), menemukan komunitas yang positif (**My Story**) atau berpikir lebih positif (**Easy Digest**). Bagi wanita single, *maybe it's time to be 'A Different Kind of Woman'* (**Relationship**). Jika ada dari anda yang kehilangan arah, mungkin ini saat yang tepat untuk mendapatkan arahan dari Sang Pencipta, simak ceritanya di **Main Seed**.

Kami percaya di edisi spring kedua ini, SEED dapat memberikan pencerahan bagi pembaca yang memerlukan.

Salam manis,

Editor.

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Hello Easy Digest column reader. Would you go to your kitchen, find yourself a drinking glass and fill with water halfway. Now sit and observe the glass in front of you. Is the glass half empty or half full? Now take the glass and ask your friend the same question. Does the answer the same as yours?

Once you try asking more people this question, the more differences you will find. Seeing the glass half-full means that you tend to see positively over a situation. On the other hand, seeing the glass half-empty means that you tend to see the negative side of a situation. Positive people would likely try to make the most out of a situation while negative people would likely throw hurdles or even ignore the situation.

DYING *Light*

by Robert Tanurahardja

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Life is full of choices and it would be less challenging if decisions we have to make are always easy. However, in most cases they are not simple ones. Walking with God is not always an easy journey too. He disciplines His disciples. To obey or to break away is proven to be a difficult decision to make, especially when others are involved. You can start to imagine how difficult it would be when you face a 'half-full situation' while you are surrounded by friends, families or colleagues who throw negative views towards your situation.

How would you maintain your positive attitudes among the negativities? You just stay strong! You are like a light shining in the darkness. Regardless of how you or people surrounds you perceive the situation, your glass is still half filled. It was presented to you not by coincidence. Other person may throw negative pessimistic views towards your glass. But it is not his or her glass to drink. Stay faithful in God's discipline.



LIVING *an* obedience-Based *life* by Ps. Lydia Yusuf

Berkatalah Nebukadnezar: “Terpujilah Allahnya Sadrakh, Mesakh dan Abednego! Ia telah mengutus malaikatNya dan melepaskan hamba-hambaNya, **yang telah menaruh percaya kepadaNya** dan melanggar titah raja dan yang menyerahkan tubuh mereka karena mereka tidak mau memuja dan menyembah allah manapun kecuali Allah mereka”.

Apakah anda pernah mengenal seseorang yang hidup berdasarkan atas hasil dari pengalaman kekristenannya? Sehingga keputusan yang dibuat berdasarkan pada hasil positif atau negatif, bukan berdasarkan pada ketaatan mutlak.

Sadrakh, Mesakh dan Abednego adalah orang-orang muda yang hidup berdasarkan ketaatan total. Ketika Raja Nebukadnezar mengeluarkan undang-undang bahwa semua orang dalam kerajaannya harus menyembah patung yang dibuat oleh raja, **mereka berketetapan untuk tidak menyembah allah siapapun juga selain Tuhan Allahnya.**

Saya percaya bahwa mereka membuat keputusan yang tepat, bukan saja pada saat kritis seperti itu. Mereka sudah membuat keputusan beberapa tahun sebelumnya, sehingga keyakinan tersebut sudah ada di dalam hati mereka!

Kita harus mengetahui “batasan-batasan apa saja ketika anda berada dalam keadaan sukar atau terdesak” dan “apa saja yang akan ditoleransi”. Batasan-batasan ini perlu dipertanyakan karena akan berguna untuk kehidupan anda selanjutnya. Jika tidak, anda akan menjalani kehidupan dan membuat keputusan berdasarkan apa yang bermanfaat bagi diri anda saja.

Sadrakh, Mesakh dan Abednego rela mati untuk apa yang mereka percaya. Namun Tuhan membebaskan mereka dari perapian yang dipanaskan tujuh kali lipat. **Ketaatan mereka kepada Allahnya membuat Raja mempromosi mereka kepada posisi yang lebih tinggi, mereka menerima kebaikan yang luar biasa dari Raja.**

Apakah anda seorang Kristen yang taat? Apakah keadaan sukar mengubah anda sehingga hidup anda berdasarkan pada hasil? Allah ingin agar anda berdiri teguh pada setiap keadaan dan menjalani proses kehidupan. Hal ini sangat penting bagi Tuhan, tidak peduli apapun hasilnya. **“Berjaga-jagalah! Berdirilah dengan teguh dalam iman! Bersikaplah sebagai laki-laki! Dan tetap kuat! Lakukanlah segala pekerjaanmu dalam Kasih!”**

Tuhan mencari orang-orang yang radikal dalam ketaatan mereka.

Yesus telah memberi teladan dalam keadaan sebagai manusia, **“Ia telah merendahkan diriNya dan taat sampai mati bahkan sampai mati di kayu salib. Itulah sebabnya Allah sangat meninggikan Dia dan mengaruniakan kepadaNya nama diatas segala nama”.**



RANDOM ACT OF *Kindness*

*Where'd all the good people go?
I've been changing channels
I don't see them on the TV shows
Where'd all the good people go?*

by Diana Turnip

- Jack Johnson, American singer of 'Good people'

Many people around the world are looking for good people, one American songwriter penned that longing. King David has penned down, "surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life." How would he get goodness and mercy if there are no good people around?

If you believe there are still good people in this world, they will appear without you even realise. The best part of this 'random acts of kindness' is they will come to you exactly when you need them the most.

Let us hear some people share about how they received the unexpected kindness...

Story 1:

It was when I was moving in to my new place, I needed to unload stuffs from car all by myself. At first, I thought I would not need a help, but God knows the strength of a woman better! After I went up and down the escalator, carrying all the stuffs for about 3 times, I just thought to myself 'It'll be great to have an extra hand'. Somehow, there was a security guard who was sitting down near the entrance offered me help at the perfect timing! Not so long after he helped me, his shift ended. He was an angel-without-wings sent to help me :)

Story 2:

My siblings and I were nursed by babysitters as we were growing up just like typical middle-income Indonesian families at that time. One particular babysitter stood out in my fond memory. She was different from the rest, stern but kind. I liked her. When

she took leave to return to her village for a few weeks, I begged her to get me a little chick or a rose plant upon her return. I still remember the day she did, that sunny afternoon after school. She came to meet me in my little 'garden' with not just one rose plant but FOUR with different colour and two different types of jasmines as well! It was one of the happiest moments in my life, which I'd always treasure in my heart. Her kindness and generosity has nurtured my soul and let me know that I matter and am important.

How about you? May goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your life, and may you start your unexpected kindness to others around you too!



by Ferdinand Haratua

Our FREEDOMS & RIGHTS

In today's modern society freedoms and rights have often been taken for granted. In Australia, for examples, people have freedoms of speech, freedom of expression, rights to vote, and rights to a fair trial. Australian citizens have freedoms and rights. As citizens of God's kingdom, Christians too, have freedoms and rights.

The Bible says that we have been set free in Jesus from the law of sin and death. Jesus says that if we abide in his word, we will know the truth, and the truth will set us free.

Christians have been set free, but the question is, what are we to do with our freedoms? Some people think they could use their freedoms to live carelessly and immorally. The apostle Paul warns us about this, he writes that Christians are called to freedom, but we should not use it as an opportunity for the flesh, rather to serve others in love.

Martin Luther, the great 16th century theologian, writes that Disciples of Christ are perfectly free lord of all, subject to no one, yet at the same time we are also perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all. His statement may seem contradictory, how can a free lord be a servant at the same time, and yet they fit what the Bible teaches perfectly. Paul says that even though he has rights, he made no use any of them. In fact, Paul encourages us to use our freedom to let go of our rights. He writes, "Because I have been set free, I have made myself a servant to everyone." This is very interesting as Paul explains that the very purpose he has been set free is to be a servant to others.

The Bible says, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another." And another verse reads, "in humility, be moved to treat one another as more important than yourself." And another encourages us to be "concerned not only about our own interests, but about the interests of others as well."



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opportunity for the flesh, but
rather to serve others in love."**

William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, dedicated all his adult life to help the poor, and he once writes, "The greatness of a man's power is the measure of his surrender." Servanthood is the mark of true Disciples of Christ. While leaders exercise their rights, servants surrender their rights for the sake of others. The reason for this is so that people might be saved as they see Christ in us.



A DIFFERENT *kind of* WOMAN

By Deborah Sherlly Yusuf

The world of dating or courting can be oh-so-very confusing. For so many times we are faced with the "he likes me, he likes me not" kind of situation. I'm not an expert, but with what I have experienced, let me give you some tips to avoid the unnecessary case of broken heart. Boys, I apologise, this is for the girls, but I suggest you keep on reading for your own good.

NEVER EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST FIRST

Call me old-fashioned but I believe a girl should never be the one that's putting her heart on the front line. As frustrating as it can be sometimes, especially when you have been close friends for quite some time, I advise you to hold your tongue. If needed, then pull back slowly and kindly. If a relationship is what he's after then let him be a man, let him initiate it. I think all girls ought to treat themselves with dignity and such high self-respect that men would think a hundred times before they fool around with you, or, courageously offer their love and commitment. But please bear in mind that dignity and self-respect is not the same as arrogance. Arrogance

undermines others, but dignity and self-respect value self and others as highly and equally.

JUST BECAUSE HE IS NICE IT DOESN'T MEAN HE'S INTERESTED

Don't assume that when a guy is treating you nicely that he's interested to develop a relationship with you. There are so many guys who are genuinely kind and are naturally sweet-talkers. When they offer to drive you home or buy you coffee, or send you a happy valentine's message on Valentine's Day, never assume. Even when he initiates online chatting of some sort, please don't jump ahead. He may be in the process of observing, to see if you're the type of wife that he's looking for. But unless he expresses interest, **and** willing to commit in a relationship with you, do not ever assume. There have been a few cases where a guy has

expressed interest, but not ready for a relationship.

If you come across this situation, I'd say ignore him. Expression of interest alone is not enough. He has to back it up with commitment.

LOOK FOR A HUSBAND NOT JUST A BOYFRIEND

I emphasise on commitment on the previous point. A future husband is ready for marriage. He is kind with his words. He is willing to set aside his pride. He honours you. He does not ask for sex before marriage or any physical form of intimacy. He respects your opinions. He gives. He initiates. He is mature. He is responsible. He loves his parents. He loves you.

There isn't anything written on stones on this topic and the above list could go on and on. However, I believe with sound mind and wisdom we can learn to better discern the potential partner that we come across.

"The fact that I am a woman does not make me a different kind of Christian, but the fact that I am a Christian does make me a different kind of woman."

Elisabeth Elliot

OUR SOURCE OF

FAITH

by Jeremiah Arifin

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I totally admire the complete honesty and the sense of simplicity of this song.

Life with its ups and downs can sometimes seem like never-ending challenges, and the last thing we need is to go through hoops and hurdles of unnecessary rules and liturgies in order to just get ourselves arrive at the Lord's throne of grace.

These beautiful words in the song "Give Me Faith" by Elevation Worship undoubtedly take us into the truthful and honest presence of God. It allows us to boldly and directly come to the Lord without any kind of concealment or pretense. It encourages us to shout out the real cries within us and utter our genuine prayers of our hearts: that we are hardened individuals in need of Holy brokenness – that we are often blind towards the things of God and are in need of spiritual sight – that we can sometimes be unfaithful towards His love and are always in constant

need to trust His words and His words only – that we have unworthy portions in our lives in need of heavenly cleansing – that we are weak and in need of real strength that can only come from Him.

The acknowledgement of our limitations alone does not and can never lead us to freedom. Only the truth revelation of the Lord can set us free. And that is exactly what this song proclaims: that the Lord is good – that the Lord is great – that His spirit is strong in us – and that He will never fail.

Whatever state of life we are in, when we are being open and honest to the Lord and proclaim His unfailing mighty power to transform us into what we would become, our hearts and our whole being will be able find rest in Him and we will find it a joy to be able to surrender our lives into His hand and give our lives to the One who have already given it all.





Give Me Faith

Written by Chris Brown, Wade Joye, Mack Brock & London Gatch
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Hailing from Elevation Church in Charlotte, NC, the 12 songs on *Nothing Is Wasted* (2013) were written specifically to correlate to each chapter of Pastor Steven Furtick's (Elevation Church) new book, *Greater*. Key worship songs include 'Nothing Is Wasted', 'Be Lifted High', 'In Your Presence', and 'Open Up Our Eyes'.

Verse 1:

A E F#m
I need You to soften my heart
D
To break me apart
A E
I need You to open my eyes
F#m D
To see that You're shaping my life

Pre-Chorus:

A/C# - D - E
All I am,
A/C# - D - E
I surrender

Chorus:

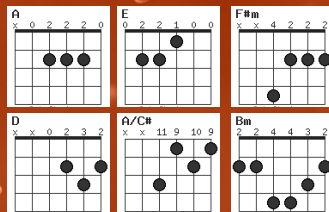
D A E F#m
Give me faith to trust what You say
D A F#m E
That You're good and Your love is great
Bm D A E D - E
I'm broken inside, I give You my life

Verse 2:

I need you to soften my heart
To break me apart
I need you pierce through the dark
And cleanse every part of me

Bridge:

D A
I may be weak
E F#m
But Your Spirit's strong in me
D A
My flesh may fail
F#m E
But my God You never will



I HAVE STUDIED, WHY I STILL

By Grace Susatyo

FAILED?

Working as a Student Advisor makes me curious to seek the cause of failures, which are mostly faced by Asian international students in an Australian university. Based on numerous interviews with different students from various countries, I found that their failures are mostly triggered by different learning style.

Like many Asian international students, I was brought up with a so-called 'spoon-feeding' system. I was a passive recipient since my learning style was merely accepting and absorbing everything from the teachers. They would give the exact information and knowledge for us to pass the test. And I was also taught not to question or challenge them. Therefore I was unlikely to express my opinion, unless being asked. I brought this learning style when I studied at Australian university.

At first, I thought studying in Australia was very relaxing. I only need to go to the three-hour lecture and one-hour tutorial for each unit. I only studied four units in every semester. I thought "Easy peasy, lemon squeezy"; like what my daughter loves to say. But then, it was like a big slap on my face, when I saw a big letter F on my first essay and I got only a pass in all of my units. I was puzzled and started searching for answers.

I always thought that attending lectures, reading lecture notes and doing my tutorial works were sufficient to make me a perfect student. I assume that lecture notes had all information I need and thus I never read the chapter reference from textbook. Furthermore, reading English textbook was a time-consuming task. I did not realize that I never adjusted my learning style therefore it is not a surprise that I failed. The same mistake did by many other international students.

If you are on the same page like I did, you can overcome this by first having **a willingness to change**. Just like we adapted to the Australian's weather when we first came here, we also need to adapt the Australian way of studying. Secondly, **it is okay to ask questions** to your lecturers and **express your opinions** in tutorial discussions. In fact, you are encouraged to do so. Lastly, **be patient and do not give up!** Old habits die hard. You are probably burdened with the new learning style at the beginning, but if you keep practicing, you find it will get easier.





KETIKA SUARA ITU MUNCUL

By Jeffry Oscar

Beberapa tahun lalu, saya mendengar di telinga saya seperti suara radiasi dari televisi. Hal itu terus terjadi, khususnya ketika keadaan di sekeliling sunyi senyap. Dokter mendiagnosa bahwa pada umumnya kasus ini dialami oleh para manula (manusia lanjut usia) atau para tentara yang sering mendengar letusan senapan atau ledakan di medan perang.

Sangat disayangkan, kemajuan teknologi saat ini belum bisa menemukan obat yang tepat untuk menyembuhkan keadaan seperti ini yang mengganggu saya secara mental. Saya merasa bahwa saya sedang memikul beban yang berat dan berharap Tuhan akan menyembuhkan saya dengan segera.

Bukan kebetulan saya mempunyai grup *Whatsapp* yang dinamakan “*udukers*”; yaitu grup yang terdiri dari anak-anak Tuhan untuk saling *sharing*, mendukung dan mengasihi dengan sesama anggota grup ini di dalam Tuhan. Pada saat kejadian itulah, saya menceritakan beban saya dan mereka sangat *supportive*. Setiap kali saya mengeluh, mereka menguatkan dengan kata-kata ataupun doa untuk kesembuhan dan memberi kekuatan selama menghadapi keadaan seperti ini.

Saya dulu selalu berpikir, bahwa asalkan saya tetap cinta Tuhan, saya bisa berjalan sendiri melalui apapun. Meskipun kelihatannya mengandalkan Tuhan, ternyata prinsip tersebut sebenarnya hanya mengandalkan kekuatan sendiri. Dengan keadaan seperti ini, saya pun juga diingatkan betapa pentingnya sebuah komunitas yang bisa menguatkan iman saya di dalam Tuhan.

Saya sangat bersyukur kepada Tuhan bahwa dengan Komunitas Mesianik (KM) seperti ini, saya tidak harus memikul semua beban sendiri dan selalu dikuatkan, terutama untuk melewati hari-hari ketika saya sedang bergumul dengan keras. Sampai hari ini, saya pun masih mendengar suara radiasi itu, tetapi saya percaya semua yang Tuhan ijinkan akan membawa kebaikanNya dan untuk memuliakan namaNya. Terima kasih “*Udukers!*” :)

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Bergabunglah bersama kami dengan bimbingan Ps. Samuel Yusuf



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Here are some moments captured...



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