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FROM THE DESK OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT



Para Mitra di Marketplace yang Terkasih,

Salam sumpah pemuda (28 Oktober2018) dan juga Selamat memperingati Hari Pahlawan (10 November2018) bagi kita penduduk Indonesia. Setiap hari kita bangun dengan tantangan dunia, dari saat kita buka mata oleh alarm, bergegas mandi, sarapan dan satu yang tidak mungkin kita lupakan adalah smartphone kita untuk dibawa. Mengarungi gelombang di marketplace

yang terjadi memang adalah sebuah tantangan, tetapi Tuhan menjanjikan kita untuk menjadi pemenang melalui iman kita. Ingatkah anda betapa pentingnya pengalaman Iman yang benar bagi kita di marketplace lebih dari norma bisnis atau anjuran dunia.

Belajar dari masa lampau di Alkitab, saat Mesir (Firaun) menjajah bangsa Israel, ketika setiap hari mereka dibebani target yang terus bertambah untuk pembangunan piramid, kita lihat bahwa hidup dan bekerja di marketplace yang penuh dengan tekanan ternyata bukanlah gaya hidup masyarakat modern namun sudah menjadi gaya hidup manusia sedari awalnya jika tidak dalam covenant dengan Tuhan.

Setiap hari Tuhan menyediakan yang baru bagi setiap kita, tetapi kita bisa mengalami itu jika hidup kita juga dibaharui setiap hari. Untuk mengalami pembaharuan, kita harus merelakan hidup, kesombongan, keakuan hari ini dibuang dan diganti yang baru ketika hari yang baru itu datang.

Melakukan hal tersebut diatas bukanlah hal yang mudah, namun Kekristenan menuntut kita mengalami nya setiap hari, setidaknya harus selalu ada pembaharuan budi.

Hanya dengan cara tersebut kita bisa melihat hal yang baru yang disediakan Tuhan dalam kehidupan kita, bahkan dalam bisnis atau karir kita.

Mobil yang baru tidak mungkin menggunakan interior atau kursi yang dari mobil yang lama, tetapi pastinya interior dan kursinya juga baru! Anggur yang baru hanya bisa ditampung dengan kirbat yang baru juga.

Pendekatan Tuhan adalah mendorong sahabat-sahabat Kristus untuk membiasakan kita mengalami pengalaman iman yang luar biasa berguna pada saat-saat yang tidak mudah dan menjalankan bisnis dan karir nya secara professional dan unggul.

Bekerja Bersama DIA membuat kita masuk ke marketplace setiap hari dengan penuh ketenangan, bukan hidup dalam tekanan yang meningkat yang tiada habisnya, sehingga kita kehilangan persekutuan kita dengan Tuhan,dengan keluarga dengan orang-orang yang kita cintai.

ljinkan Tuhan meberi dan memimpin kita ke pengalaman Iman yang baru, seberapa lama pun kita telah mengenal DIA.

Mitra Tuhan di marketplace, mewakili seluruh National Board, kami menyampaikan terimakasih untuk seluruh doa, donasi dan partisipasi anda untuk ICCC-Indonesia (International Christian Chambers of Commerce).

Selamat Membaca dan Tuhan Yesus memberkati.

Umbu Pekuwali National President ICCC Indonesia www.iccc-indonesia.com



NATIONAL BOARD ACTIVITIES

National Board ICCC Indonesia kembali mengadakan pendalaman Transformed Working Life versi baru sebagai bagian dari kegiatan Rutin Pertemuan bulanan. Sesi TWL ini dibimbing oleh Benjamin B. Juwono selaku Regional Director for Asia Pacific dan sekaligus V.P. Teaching dari ICCC Indonesia. Hadir 9 orang (ki-ka): Mohan U. Vasandani, Simon Aditan, Benjamin B. Juwono, Maria Sitorus, Johanis S. Najoan, Umbu Pekuwali – National President, Manimbul L. Sitorus, Tonny Soetjoadi, tidak Nampak dalam gambar: Eliezer H. Hardjo

Berikut beberapa liputan gambar pada saat sesi TWL berlangsung pada hari Sabtu, 13 Oktober 2018 yang lalu:







INSPIRATION, WISDOM, TESTIMONY

Businessman's near-death experience in

hell transformed his life

By Mark Ellis —



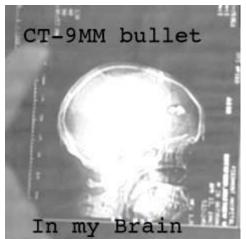
Matthew & Nancy Botsford

He was attending a business convention with his brother and another family member when random shots sprayed a crowd outside an Atlanta restaurant.

Three intoxicated young men were denied entrance to the eatery and retaliated with a burst of nine-millimeter bullets from an Uzi submachine gun. One of the shots entered the back of Matthew Botsford's head, lodging itself in the frontal lobe of his brain.

"They were angry, so they took a shot straight up the

sidewalk," says Matthew. "If you took a hypodermic needle, heated it up, and stuck it in your head, that's what I felt," he says. "It was a searing hot pain, then things went black." His body slammed to the pavement and the last thing he remembers is the cold, hard cement amid "inky" darkness.



Bullet lodged in Matthew's brain

He was at the edge of death – if not clinically dead — three times after his heart stopped once on the sidewalk, once in the ambulance, and once in the emergency room of Piedmont Hospital. But weak vital signs returned and doctors induced a coma that lasted 27 days to reduce brain swelling.

Matthew's wife, Nancy, described the horrifying

ordeal in her book, "<u>A Day in Hell; Death to Life to Hope</u>" (Tate Publishing).



Prior to this incident, Matthew had a minimal belief in God. "I knew there was a God and that Jesus is His son," he recalls. "But never had I made a commitment to say Jesus is the Way or made any effort to get to know Him."

"It was all about me. I had my own plans. At 28-years-old, I felt young, vibrant, and strong."

When the lights went out, Matthew entered a different conscious reality. "Immediately, I shifted from the temporal realm I lived in, to the eternal realm of hell," he recalls. In the book, Matthew describes a horrifying scene in what he believes was hell, with his body suspended in midair, arms outstretched, shackled with ancient black chains clasped around his wrists and ankles, suspended over a deep glowing red abyss. He saw four-legged creatures roaming about in apparent agony, as they attempted to stay clear of flowing lava. Smoke billowing up from the magma seemed to carry the souls of the lost. He heard awful screams emanating from the depths of hell. None of the screams were intelligible — just cries of pain, loss, and anguish.

"It was obvious by the countless screams I heard, I was not down there alone, yet isolated. I was in my own torment."

The lava flow got closer to Matthew, and globules of magma splashed on his shins and feet, which burned his flesh to the bone. "I smelled my own flesh searing and burning away. I saw and felt my flesh re-form only to be burned off again and again." Demons with dark oval eyes looked at him, judging and mocking him. "I could see some of the faces of these demons, and bodies...short and stout covered with scales and horns of varying numbers, sizes and lengths upon their heads, denoting their levels of authority in Satan's realm."

"Demons with sharp teeth peeled the skin off his back side, which resulted in tremendous pain. I heard the sound of my skin being ripped off in ribbon-like fashion. I smelled their stench like rotten carcasses or rotten flesh. Over and over and over this repeated itself. There was to be no end to the torment. I understood this was to be an eternal existence for me."

On the night of the shooting, Nancy was at their home in Michigan waiting for a phone call from Matthew. When he didn't call, she went to bed at 11:00 thinking something wasn't right.

She woke up at 2:00 a.m. with a sick feeling in the pit of her stomach. Matthew's father called moments later and Nancy's first words were, "Is he alive?"



When she flew to Atlanta that morning with Matthew's parents, she didn't know the severity of his condition.

Like Matthew, Nancy had only a nominal faith in God, and did not even think about praying on the journey to the hospital.

A nurse informed her for the first time Matthew was shot in the head, and tried to prepare her for her first visit to his bedside. In ICU, she saw Matthew's head wrapped up, with numerous wires and tubes protruding from his body. Believing his passing to be imminent, five organ harvesters stood nearby with red and white containers and began to pressure her to sign agreements for his vital organs.

Later in the afternoon she met with the doctor, who provided little reason for hope. "I took out a grapefruit-sized portion of brain matter, skin, skull, and bullet fragments," he began. "But I had to leave the bullet in place in the frontal lobe because it was so impacted."

"He has a 30% chance of making it through the night," the doctor said. "Even if he lives, he may have paralysis or, due to the brain injury, need to be institutionalized."

The bleak assessment was too much for Nancy to bear and she stood up abruptly and left the room, apparently in shock. "I was losing it," she recalls. "I couldn't comprehend his words. This was more than I could handle."

She started to walk down the hallway, but then something unusual happened. She felt a hand grab her right shoulder. She whirled around, thinking it might be her mother, but no one was there.

"Instantly I knew it was Jesus!" she says. "It was a touch from Jesus. Every cell of my body knew it was Him."

She ran back to ICU, knelt down by Matthew's bed, and began to pray fervently. "Lord, bring back my husband. Bring back his personality, his heart. Even if he's in a wheelchair, I promise to stay with him."

It is impossible to know the time that elapsed between Nancy's prayer and Matthew's rescue from hell. But in response to her prayer, help appeared in the most dramatic way, as Matt recounts:

"In my realm in hell, I saw a massive finger begin to protrude in from the outside which led into the entirety of a man's hand." He says the hand was cracked and creviced like any man's hand, yet of "great age" and massive size.



"This hand of God methodically descended towards me and grasped me about my waist, instantaneously causing the shackles to drop off, demons to flee, blackness, fear and hopelessness to be vanquished."

Matthew recalls hearing heavenly music and saw a brilliant white light. Then he heard a voice that sounded like thunder, a bolt of lightning and mighty rushing waters say, "IT'S NOT YOUR TIME!"

When Matthew awakened from his coma, he was paralyzed on his left side, weighed 95 pounds, and had the functional capabilities of an infant. For the next two years, he endured intensive rehab to re-learn "everything."



Emerging from coma

After his rehab, he asked one of his neighbors about finding a church. The neighbor invited him to The Rock Church in Gainesville. At first, Matthew and Nancy cried throughout the worship. There was a "gradual unveiling" for them as they both grew in faith.

"The moment I believed there wasn't a question," Matthew says. "Yes, Lord! I get it now. I finally understand."

Matthew still has some paralysis on his left side and wears a brace on his right leg. But he would not trade the gunshot and the day in hell for anything. "I still have deficits," he says. "But I was spiritually dead and that bullet brought me to such a great life. I would never have known Jesus. I can say I was in the right place when I was shot."

Matthew and Nancy started <u>Seeds of Love Ministries</u> and frequently share their testimonies with churches and other groups.

They want everyone to understand what is at stake between heaven and hell. "I don't want anyone else to experience what I experienced," Matthew says. "People need to have an answer to a huge question: 'Where will you spend eternity?'"



VISI DAN TUJUAN ICCC



International Christian Chamber of Commerce (ICCC) lahir dari kepatuhan terhadap visi yang diberikan selama kurun waktu enam tahun kepada seorang usahawan Swedia J. Gunnar Olson, yang diteguhkan dengan nubuatan dan terbukanya pintu kesempatan disekitarnya yang sebelumnya tertutup.

ICCC merupakan panggilan yang serius dan menantang bagi pengusaha Kristen untuk mengenali jaman yang sedang kita masuki dan dengan terang dari pengenalan

itu memasuki dimensi iman yang baru yang disediakan bagi mereka yang *…" takut akan TUHAN … berbicara satu sama lain … dan menghormati namaNya."* (Maleakhi 3: 16)

Visi ini memanggil para pengusaha dan kaum profesi di seluruh dunia yang terbeban untuk saling berhubungan, bertukar pendapat, memperdagang-kan barang dan menyediakan jasa, saling mendukung dan menguatkan secara rohani dan materi.

Berdasarkan eksistensi dari visi itu sendiri memproklamirkan otoritas Kristus yang mutlak diseluruh dunia.

Pada intinya ICCC adalah kehendak TUHAN untuk memperluas tali kasih-Nya, melalui gereja-Nya, didalam dunia usaha. Hal ini menuntut para pelaku bisnis mencari terlebih dahulu Kerajaan-Nya dan segala Kebenaran-Nya.

Urapan tersedia bagi mereka yang dengan mata melihat dan telinga mendengar panggilan jaman.

Sebagaimana halnya Raja Daud yang menerima urapan untuk menjadi raja, jauh sebelum dia menjadi Raja, yang keadaan pada saat urapan diberikan sama sekali tidak mungkin bagi Daud untuk menjadi Raja, demikianlah ICCC memanggil para pengusaha Kristen sebelum peristiwanya terjadi untuk mengalami kebebasan masuk ke dalam dimensi baru, dimana sasaran, strategi dan perencanaan bersama-sma diwujud-nyatakan sesuai dengan iman di dalam Kristus.

ICCC mencanangkan panggilan itu sejalan dengan rencana TUHAN bagi jaman ini sebagai kunci memperoleh berkat dan pertumbuhan dan agar dapat bangkit berkemenangan diatas gelombang ombak yang mengancam.

Panggilan ICCC: "Mereka akan menjadi milik kesayanganKu sendiri, firman TUHAN semesta Alam pada hari yang Kusiapkan. Aku akan mengasihi mereka sama seperti seseorang menyayangi anaknya yang melayani dia. Maka kamu akan melihat kembali perbedaan antara orang benar dan orang fasik, antara orang yang beribadah kepada TUHAN dan orang yang tidak beribadah kepada-Nya." (Maleakhi 3: 17-18)

KEYAKINAN IMAN ICCC:

- Satu-satunya TUHAN pencipta segala sesuatu dalam kesatuan Trinitas: Bapa, Anak, dan Roh Kudus.
- Keilahian TUHAN Yesus Kristus. Kelahiran-Nya dari rahim seorang Perawan. Karya penebusan dosa manusia melalui kematian-Nya diatas kayu salib. Kebangkitan-Nya. Hak otoriatas diri-Nya atas dunia dan Kedatangan-Nya yang kedua kali dalam Kuasa dan Kemuliaan-Nya.
- Alkitab, sepenuhnya sebagai Firman TUHAN yang memberikan inspirasi dan berbagai peraturan bagi kehidupan yang dilandasi iman.
- Keselamatan pribadi orang berdosa dan kebutuhannya untuk mengalami proses regenerasi melalui8 karya Roh Kudus dalam menuju menjadikannya sebagai manusia yang dikehendaki oleh TUHAN, seutuhnya.



TRANSFORMED WORKING LIFE

Transformed Working Life (TWL) adalah Pelatihan resmi dari Kantor Internasional bagi anggota ICCC dalam memperlengkapi anggota dengan pengetahuan dan pemahaman latar belakang, tujuan dan penerapan prinsipprinsip Kerajaan TUHAN bagi dunia bisnis dan profesi.



TWL diperuntukkan bagi anggota dan dapat diikuti secara cuma-cuma, namun terbuka juga bagi siapa saja yang berminat untuk mengikutinya.

TWL diselenggarakan dalam bahasa Indonesia dan dilengkapi dengan buku panduannya, yang telah diterjemahkan kedalam Bahasa Indonesia juga, sehingga para peserta betul-betul akan memperoleh manfa'at yang besar dan mengalami transformasi dalam kehidupan pribadi maupun bisnisnya.

TWL difasilitasi oleh anggota National Board yang terlatih dan dikoordinir oleh V.P. Teaching: Benjamin B. Juwono bersama dengan Teaching Team: Johanis S. Najoan dan Eliezer H. Hardjo

Transformed Working Life (TWL) akan ditayangkan dalam salah satu channel di Indonesia agar dapat dimanfaatkan oleh para pebisnis & profesional Kristiani di Indonesia bagaimana menerapkan prinsip-prinsip Kerajaan Tuhan dalam kehidupan berbisnis dan bekerja mereka.

TWL bagi members secara rutin diadakan pada hari Sabtu ke 2 setiap bulan dan terbuka dan dianjurkan bagi semua member untuk mengikutinya sebagai pembekalan wajib.

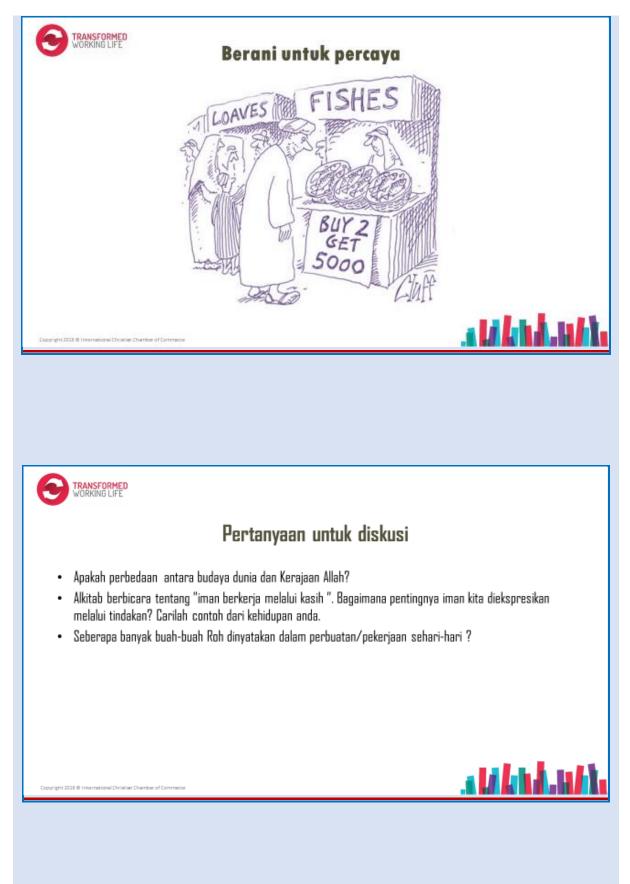
TWL SERIES















Corporate Mediation and Services (CMS) is known as the emergency clinic provided by the ICCC Indonesia to help and assist any company owned by the ICCC Indonesia members, individually and/or a partnership corporation belong to two or more members. In addition, CMS is also providing assistance to any company belong to non-members as long as they are willing to follow the rules and biblical principles offered by and through CMS.

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES:

- 1. To link and bring the companies together.
- 2. To provide consultation to the company in trouble.
- 3. To provide training to the staff using Transformed Working Life (TWL) training materials.
- 4. To act as a mediator between two or more parties that involve in conflict due to many reasons.

II. PROCEDURE:

- 1. The ICCC Member to contact CMS Centre
- 2. The participating consultant to visit the company or companies which require help, to discuss about the problems and possible help and assistance to solve the problems.
- 3. To pray together
- 4. To set-up the follow-up
- 5. The CMS will evaluate and submit a proposal on how to handle the problem.





Matthew 6:33 Get Your Priorities in Order

Matthew 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be given to you.

This text is part of what is known as Jesus "Sermon On the Mount."

The call today is to get our "priorities" in order by "Putting God "First" in our lives.

In this part of His sermon Jesus assures His listeners that there is no need for those who put him first to fret or worry about the lack or need of the basic necessities of life like food, drink and clothing, for He said if God provide for the fowl of the air, man being more than them, won't God provide much more for man? O ye of little faith!

Having said that, Jesus drives home His point which says "seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" and all these things will be added unto you.

Seek the kingdom of God! Seek the rule and reign of Christ on the throne of your heart. This is the kingdom that Jesus is calling us to seek on today.

Seek to know Christ, seek to know His will for our lives and obey it, seek Him so that your light may shine in the earth and other will see Jesus through you and God will get the glory.

The call is not only to seek God's kingdom, but to also seek His "righteousness". Seek a personal relationship with God that will bring you into right standing with God. One that will allow you to be justified and not condemned. One that would allow our every thought to be brought into obedience of His Holy Spirit.

Seek to be right with God by accepting His Word as the only truth and authority that you will live by.

In other words, put God first and you will have no need to fret nor worry about anything. Allow God to sit on the throne of your heart and watch God!

We as humans have and continue to seek and put before God everything imaginable and all of them lasted but for a little while.



The call today is to "seek God first". We cannot rule our own lives. We do not have enough wisdom, knowledge, ability, sense enough, nor power to do it. We may think we can, but if we would be honest with ourselves, we even fail ourselves at times. God never fails!

Proverbs 14:12- There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death. Scripture is clear on today. Jesus meant what He said when He said to "forsake all and follow me." He said it to His disciples over 2k years ago and that same bell is ringing louder throughout the world today.

Anything that is not adding to your spiritual growth, but hindering it and affecting your relationship with God and His purpose for your life, you need to let it go.

No, it's not that God does not want us to be successful in life and accomplish our goals and dreams. No, He is just saying that in all we do, seek Him first. Let there be no other gods.

Seeking the kingdom of God means seeking the "King of Kings", Jesus Christ who is also Lord of Lord.

There cannot be a kingdom without a king. The first priority of our life ought to be to seek the King and them then seek to become part of His kingdom through a personal relationship with Him and obedience to his commands.

It is not enough to just seek God, but to see Him "first". First things means first. How do you seek Him? By faith.

Do you want to make the rest of your life the best of your life? Put Christ first in your life and allow Him to be your Lord. Live every moment for Him and He will take care of the rest.

God's Word is true, powerful and sharper than any two edge sword. He said it and He will do it! He went as far as even writing it down in His bible so that you can read it for yourself.

God promise to you and I on today is that if we seek Him with our whole heart, seek His rule and reign in our lives, He will supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

The question becomes, "do you have enough faith to believe that? Scripture declares that without faith it is impossible to please God.

If you do not have the faith to believe God, there is no way I can be convinced that you have the faith to put God first and trust Him to supply all your needs.



In the time in which we live, it is very important that God and spiritual matters takes front row in our lives. The wellbeing of our souls and our eternal destination depends upon this priority of putting God "first."

Life is uncertain, time is short, therefore, we need to attend to the matter of making God first "priority" in our lives an urgent matter in our lives.

Tomorrow is not promised. We have no guarantees of it, only a hope. What happens if we do not see it and we die without ever making the choice to put God "first" in our lives. A question is asked in scripture "who knoweth what a day may bring forth"?

Every day and every opportunity that you make a delay in putting God "first" in your life, the more the opportunity there is for Satan to cause you to harden your heart in the struggle of putting God "first".

If you continue to neglect putting God "first" in your life and if you wait one minute too long, it will be fatal if you die separated from Him because you refuse to put Him "first".

Once this moment is passed and you have transitioned from earth to eternity, the opportunity is no more. Your damnation is certain.

Believe it or not, everybody that's talking about heaven ain't going there. Scripture declares that heaven is a prepared place for prepared people. Those who willfully choose to put God "first" in their lives.

Until we put God "first" in our lives, we will never be satisfied. We can shop and buy all we want, we can take one vacation after another, we can seek one career after another, we can take one vacation after another, we can do this and we can do that, but we will still be empty and find our self still needing more and more "stuff".

Jeremiah 17:7 - "But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence.

We will never know the full reward of obedience until we put God "first." Where does God fit in your life? Is He first? If not, who is?

God bless you all.

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