# Objective: God's grace in every struggle

Our theme for 2017 is Write Your Story. We want you to write a great story by the end of 2017 in every aspect of your life, whether it's your study, your relationship, your parenting, your family, your health, your financial, your ministry, and many more. To help you in writing your best story, we want to equip you with the solid truth from the Bible.

This week we will learn that Our good Father is present in every struggles that we face.

#### WELCOME

Belanja

Game ini akan melatih daya ingat kita dan teman-teman kita yang bermain, terlebih juga konsentrasi kita dilatih disini. Sekali tidak konsentrasi, bisa-bisa langsung kalah dalam permainan ini.

Cara bermainnya sangat mudah, orang pertama akan memulai dengan huruf A, dilanjutkan dengan B, C, dst.. Kalimat awal adalah "Saya pergi ke pasar membeli .. ", orang pertama mengucapkan benda yang berawalan huruf A, contoh: Ayam. Selanjutnya orang kedua melanjutkannya "Saya pergi ke pasar membeli Ayam [Benda berawalan huruf B]", orang ketiga melanjutkannya dengan berkata "Saya pergi ke pasar membeli Ayam [Benda berawalan huruf B] [Benda berawalan huruf C]" dan seterusnya sampai ada orang yang salah dalam mengingat benda-benda yang dibeli. Nah orang-orang yang salah itulah yang kalah dalam permainan ini.

Untuk perkembangan permainannya bisa menyesuaikan sendiri dengan jumlah orang dan durasi waktu terutama untuk menentukan siapa yang menang. Waktu saya bermain permainan ini kondisinya sedang diburu waktu, sehingga orang yang kalah sekali dalam permainan ini langsung gugur dan kita mendapatkan pemenang dari orang yang terakhir bertahan.

### WORSHIP

Mari kita belajar untuk saling mendoakan dengan tuntunan Roh Kudus. Undanglah CC member untuk saling mendoakan, namun tunggulah sampai ada arahan Roh Kudus untuk mengatakan sesuatu.

### **WORD**

By Ps. Indra

#### Genesis 15:1-6

- 1. After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward."
- 2. But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"
- 3. Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"
- 4. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir."
- 5. Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."
- 6. And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

Phrase the word of the Lord muncul pertama kali di ayat ini, and the word it says is do not fear. The word is always about peace.

The answer to your peace is I am your shield. The arrow of the enemy will not hit you but Him first.

The challenges not only remain before the blessing but also after. The challenge of no offspring remains from Genesis 12 before the blessings till now, even though after the blessing has been given.

Your struggle is not a sign that God is not with u. But keep believing that God is always present in every season of your life. Never compare your life.

When you are in doubt, God's response is not judging and condemning you, but reaffirm His promise.

God wants you to hear the same promises over and over again. Your faith will arise from keep hearing the promise of God.

Kata believed in the Lord juga baru pertama kali dicatat di dalam alkitab. The amazing thing is this words appear in the midst of the struggles, not when u r free from struggles and all the situations are well.

Your faith is well pleasing to the Lord, it is a sweet aroma. For that is how the righteous responds.

Sometimes the best thing we can do in the midst of your struggle is by doing nothing and being still in His presence.

### Genesis 17:17-19

- 17. Then Abraham fell on his face and <u>laughed</u>, and said in his heart, "Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?"
- 18. And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!"
- 19. Then God said: "No, <u>Sarah your wife shall bear you a son</u>, and <u>you shall call his name Isaac</u>; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him.

Over such a long period of time, He will keep reaffirming His promises

#### Genesis 18:12-14

- 12. Therefore Sarah <u>laughed within herself</u>, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?"
- 13. And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, 'Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?'
- 14. "Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son."

Is anything too difficult for the Lord?

What are the given grace by God?

- 1. In doubts, mungkin anak budak saya, Eliezer: jawabanNya darah dagingmu
- 2. Laughing in doubt, Ismael saja: jawabanNya Sarah will bear a son
- 3. Sarah laughed, and doubting with time: jawabanNya this time next year, you will bear a son

There will be a fresh clarity and revelation in every doubts that you have in the journey. You will understand His promises more in your journey.

Genesis 21:1-3, 5-6

- 1. And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken.
- 2. For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.
- 3. And Abraham <u>called the name of his son who was born to him—whom Sarah bore to him—Isaac</u>.
- 5. Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.
- 6. And Sarah said, "God has made me laugh, and all who hear will laugh with me."

Tuhan beri 3 janji yang berbeda dan difulfill semuanya dengan tepat:

- 1. Waktunya
- 2. Darah daging sendiri
- 3. Isaac

Nama Isaac diberikan oleh Tuhan yang artinya tertawa. Bukan tertawa pedih yang dialami oleh Abraham dan Sarah, namun tertawa sukacita. Your mourning will turn into dancing, your sorrow will turn into joy.

During your struggle there will a peaceful reaffirmation and after the struggle there will be exceeding joy.

## WARMTH

- 1. Apakah anda bisa ceritakan kisah hidup anda mengenai janji Tuhan dan perjalanan anda bersama dengan Tuhan di dalam menanti janjiNya?
- 2. Keraguan atau keyakinan (negative or positive experience) yang anda alami di dalam penantian anda?
- 3. Apakah yang anda pelajari selama menunggu janji Tuhan? Apakah anda menjadi semakin meragukan Tuhan atau semakin yakin dengan Tuhan?

## WORK

Minggu ini, pilihlah 1-2 orang dari CC anda yang ingin anda kuatkan melalui doa atau kata2 penyemangat untuk perjalanan mereka dengan Tuhan.