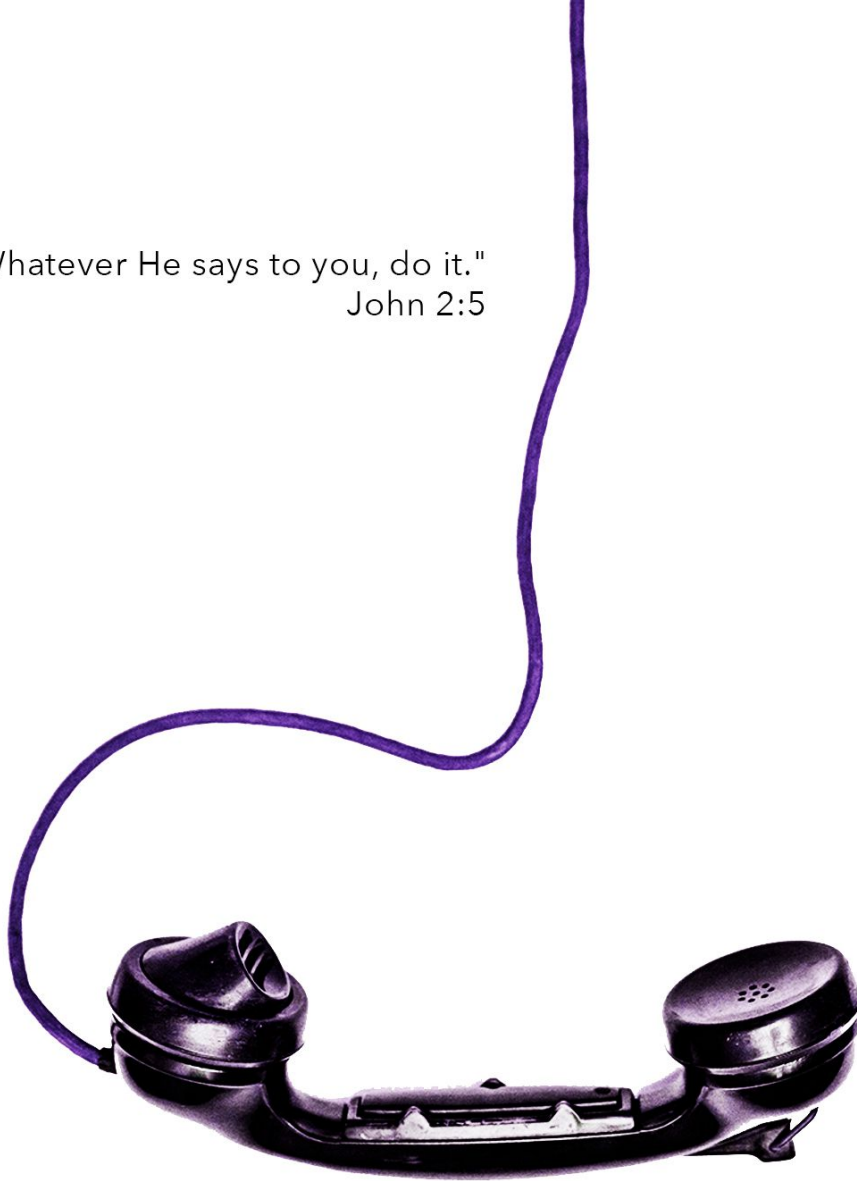


"Whatever He says to you, do it."
John 2:5



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FOREWORD

It was the final session of Archippus Awakening's worldview seminar, "In the Last Days: Contending for Our Faith in Perilous Times". After the closing, quite a few stepped up to convey their thanks and appreciation. Of these, one person stood out. Easily. I recall being encouraged by the enthusiasm that effused as she expressed her excitement with such effervescence.

The next day, I received this:

"Hi Brother Henson! I'm Lay Leng. We spoke briefly at KYMC last evening :) Thank you for sharing the Archippus Awakening vision. I'm so inspired by what you shared I've written about it to my friends. I've also bought a copy of your book! And now following your blog."

That was November 2015. And this dear sister has continued to bubble on.

I am honoured to be invited to pen a few words. Yet, more than that, I am thrilled to witness an Archippus awakened, aligned and assigned right before

my very eyes. By the Lord's grace, I am humbled to have played a small part in what God is doing in Lay Leng's life. From just attending an event to now faithfully serving alongside others in Archippus Awakening, Lay Leng is a fellow soldier who can be counted on to fulfil all the Lord has assigned to her. And like a good soldier, one who looks out for others along the way too.

I deeply appreciate her willingness to learn and her readiness to put into practice all she has received. Ever so sensitive to the Lord's prompting, she is quick to acknowledge and address misalignments. Not always easy, as more often than not, realignments are painful albeit needful. But such is Lay Leng's desire and seriousness to please her King and Master, Jesus. I know you will be likewise inspired and encouraged as you read about her precious moments in this book.

Whether putting words onto paper or speaking words into hearts, over the internet or over waffles ice cream, God has gifted Lay Leng with such creative capability and corresponding capacity. What she takes in about Jesus and His kingdom, she is all too ready to pour out. This is because she knows that it is

not just about receiving the Christ but also revealing Him. And that she does in the way she knows best. In her own words. Guided by and grounded on His Word. These anecdotes are not just articles about assignments, but also arrows that will penetrate and provoke your heart if you'd allow the Holy Spirit access through Lay Leng's words.

Archippus Awakening is a catalytic ministry with a clear mandate to awaken the saints towards knowing and fulfilling their God-given kingdom assignments (Colossians 4:17). That November night in 2015, God moved on what was shared to move the heart of the 'Archippus' in Lay Leng. Or as we often quip, that evening, she caught the Archippian bug.

So, be forewarned. As you interact with Lay Leng through these pages – a seemingly innocent phrase; a more than familiar verse or passage; a heart wrenching cry; a moment of raw authenticity; or, if you know Lay Leng, that infectious signature giggle of hers – may the Lord use every aspect of Lay Leng's Archippian story to bring you into all He has prepared for you. That you too will be awakened, aligned and assigned for Jesus and His kingdom.

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Henson Lim

Founder of Archippus Awakening

Author of Say to Archippus & Alignment Check

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It is encouraging to read Lay Leng's precious moments on assignment. Her intimate relationship with God is evident in how she clearly hears her personal kingdom assignment from Him. Her love for God has resulted in her obedience in fulfilling her assignment. Her faithfulness in stewardship of assignment has impacted many towards advancement of His kingdom.

Precious Moments on Assignment epitomizes assignment culture.

• *Poh Soon Hin and Toh Siew Hoon* •

In an interweaving of personal circumstances, Scripture, and prophetic revelations, Lay Leng shares candid snippets of her life as she earnestly makes sense of her progressive journey with God and Archippus Awakening thus far and invites and excites readers to walk out their faith as well.

• *Daryl Chia* •

What a privilege to see the birth of Precious Moments on Assignment!
Journey with Lay Leng as she walks out in obedience to what the Lord has set for her.

• *Eliana Chan* •

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Lay Leng's abiding relationship in the Lord can be felt and seen from her encouraging prayer, love for God's Word to her authentic voice as an author.

Always encouraged by her boldness to follow God's voice and walk as His kingdom subject.

• *Laura Low* •

Having worked alongside Lay Leng in Archippus Awakening ministry for the past seven years, I have seen how Lay Leng has grown as she faithfully does the assignments given her by King Jesus. I would urge you, dear reader, to listen to the Holy Spirit's voice while reading what has been written by this woman in pursuit of God's heart.

One whom I am blessed to call a friend and fellow soldier.

• *Pastor Susheel John* •

After reading Precious Moments on Assignment, I am inspired to want to seek my purpose on earth, I desire to know, align to, and embark on that kingdom assignment! It's very exciting!

• *Rosalind Teng* •

Thank You!

My Family who loves me unreservedly so that I may move on my kingdom assignments joyfully.

Pastor Henson who wrote the touching foreword and lives out what he has taught me, demonstrating Christ to me.

Fellow Soldiers who fought many battles together, SALUTE.

To God be all glory

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Preface

I was in Penang. Inside a hotel room. I had intentionally set aside a time of silence and solitude. Desperate to hear God speak. It was the year 2016, four years since I resigned from the teaching service. I had just graduated from School of Leadership at Tung Ling Bible School (TLBS), not knowing what my next steps were.

Then the clear voice of the Holy Spirit spoke to me that Pastor Henson was going to text me and I was to say yes to his requests. It was a clear voice of the Holy Spirit but I had dismissed it and not taken it seriously. Don't ask me why. Perhaps the instruction was too....specific? Behold, a few minutes after I heard the voice, Pastor Henson's text came, asking if I could share at an AAA (Awakened. Aligned. Assigned.) seminar my story of how God had used the Archippus Awakening message to impact me. My heart skipped a beat. I replied with "Yes!", adding that the Holy Spirit just told me to say yes to his requests. He said it was like a blank cheque given to him. And he sent the next request;; would I also host the seminar? My heart screamed, host?! No

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way! But the Holy Spirit had said to say yes. So, I wrote back with a yes, then I went back to my time with the Lord, praying like mad that He would help me. What do I know about hosting? Little did I know that my yes to God would land me in my first hosting sub-assignment that would lead to several more, in my adventure with God. Come along as I share my precious moments on assignment.



The AWAKENING Moments

Therefore He says: “Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead,
And Christ will give you light.”

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,
redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Therefore do not be unwise,
but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:14-17

My Aromatic Awakening!

I did not know how misaligned I was in my body, soul and spirit until I literally collapsed onto the floor.

After teaching for more than 15 years, I resigned and enrolled into TLBS. Upon graduation, I was headed to Cambodia for overseas missions, but I was stopped dead in my tracks by a rude shock.

I had arranged to meet my Bible school friends for dinner. I parked my car at level five of Plaza Singapura, opened the door and stepped out.

Suddenly, an excruciating pain hit my back. I could not stand up. The pain was so unbearable that I slumped to the floor. Lying on the ground helplessly, all I could manage to do was grab my phone to call my friends. When they found me, they called for an ambulance and I was wheeled to the A&E (Accident & Emergency) department. My friends told me later that a car had reversed into the empty lot next to mine. Had they not located me, I would have been crushed since I was in the driver's blind spot.

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Thank God for preserving my life! I was diagnosed with a slipped disc, and that was when I began my wilderness journey. During my recuperation, I had no regular income but I had regular quiet time with God.

God showed me how misaligned my life had been. I was running on the performance treadmill and relying on my own strength to accomplish things. No wonder my body protested – I was burnt out. Having the luxury of time in my hands, one of the things I enjoyed doing was learning at different seminars.

I attended one organised by Archippus Awakening.

Now, something interesting happened two weeks before the seminar. A word was released to me that I would be given a new sense of smell – I would smell fragrance in the presence of His truth. And at the seminar I really smelled fragrance! God had my attention. And as I heard Pastor Henson, founder of Archippus Awakening, speak about being awakened, aligned and assigned, my spirit leapt in resonance!

God whispered to me that I was called out to be in alignment with what He wants to do in this season. I was to be anything but aimless. I wanted to finish strong and to be able to say I had done what God assigned me to do. I charged to the book table after the seminar and bought a copy of *Say to Archippus*. I devoured the book and got in touch with Pastor Henson after that, eventually attending a retreat to learn more.

As I focused on intimacy with God, my body began to recover, as my soul and spirit were restored. I also began to receive assignments from Him. God said to say no to teaching and yes to writing. That was challenging because I would have no regular income.

But as I learnt to obey Him, He encouraged me. When my second book *Precious Moments in the Wilderness* was published, I received encouraging reports of how the book had been a blessing. One email from a caregiver excited my heart: She was reading my teaching anecdotes from my first book *Precious Moments of a Teacher* to a 77-year-old retired lady suffering from dementia. Usually unresponsive, this lady began to move her hands and a

smile appeared on her face. The caregiver told me how encouraging it was to see her patient progress; she was prompted to write to encourage me. I knew in my heart then that God was affirming my obedience.

I also resolved to discern between kingdom assignments and Christian activities. In choosing kingdom assignments, I was experiencing unspeakable joy and a sense of purpose amidst challenges. Life becomes all about Christ and being intentional to fulfil kingdom purposes. Obedience is the key to unlock blessings.

I began to do things differently. I learnt to let God empower me and to work from a posture of rest. That meant having to completely trust Him and obey Him – not relying on my own strength or wisdom. God is my King, and I do what the King says. I have been awakened! I do not want to go back to sleep again.

Busyness is not fruitfulness. Faithfulness is key.

I am also thankful for a community of kingdom friends whom I can journey with and spur one another on to finish our race.

3 KEYS OF AWAKENING

1. Busyness is not fruitfulness. You can be busy but be busy with things of the kingdom.
2. After an awakening, remain awakened. Find a kingdom community. Spur one another on towards fulfilling kingdom assignments. You can be awakened and fall back to sleep.
3. Obedience unlocks blessings. Running on the performance treadmill exposes a lack of trust in God. Trust and obey God. He is King. What the King says, goes.

Jesus Calls Us by Name

One precious awakening moment for me was learning what this biblical character Archippus has to do with my kingdom assignment. Although Archippus is only mentioned twice in the Bible (Colossians 4:17 and Philemon 2), my former senior pastor at Grace Assembly of God, Pastor David Lim, had already preached on him before. In his sermon which he exhorted us to be obedient to what God has shown us, he used Paul as an example. Speaking of his conversion to King Agrippa, Paul said he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision (Acts 26:19), referring to his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:3-6). Then Pastor Lim directed us to Paul reminding Archippus in Colossians 4:17 to take heed to the ministry which he had received in the Lord, that he might fulfil it.

Hence, Archippus is not too obscure a character for me but God awakened me to know that like Archippus, I am almost anonymous but I am known to God by name, hence He has kingdom assignments for me.

The Holy Spirit began to teach me how powerful this is, being known to Him by name. He calls us by name!

Early in my career as a teacher, God had whispered into my ears a simple and powerful – yet easily neglected strategy to encourage my students when marking their assignments. He told me to always write their names accompanying affirmative remarks. So instead of just writing “Good job! Keep it up!”, I was to write “Good job, Alvin! Keep it up!”

I remember receiving feedback from former pupils on how much those compliments meant to them. After all, there is just something about being called by name.

I was intrigued by this encounter between Mary Magdalene and her beloved Jesus (John 20:11-18).

As Mary stood outside by Jesus’ tomb weeping, she stooped down to investigate the tomb. She saw two angels in white sitting, where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and the other at the feet.

They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?”

She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.”

Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?”

Supposing that He was the gardener, Mary said to Jesus, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which is to say, Teacher).”

Before Jesus called her by name, Mary could not recognise Him. Perhaps she was overwhelmed with grief – she had been weeping – thinking that the

Romans had taken away Jesus' body and wondering where they had put Him. Even when Jesus spoke to her, the eyes of her heart did not open. She even assumed Him to be the gardener. She only recognised Him when He called her "Mary!"

In the same gospel of John, John had recorded Jesus' words: "I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own." (John 10:14)

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. I and My Father are one." (John10:27-30)

At "Mary!"; her first response was "Rabboni!" She had recognised her Master's voice. The tone of His voice when He called her. That voice. She knew it.

According to Barnes' Notes on the Bible, Rabboni is a Hebrew word denoting, literally, my great master. It was one of the titles given to Jewish teachers.

This title was given under three forms:

1. Rab, master – the lowest degree of honour.
2. Rabbi, my master – a title of higher dignity.
3. Rabboni, my great master the most honourable of all.

Just like that, Jesus had gone from gardener to Great Master. Jesus calls us by name. He knows us intimately. He knows us personally. He has assignments for us.

3 QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. Do you know the Lord's voice?
2. When was the last time you heard the Lord call you by name?
3. Have you asked Him what your assignment is?

The ALIGNMENT-CHECK Moments

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”

Matthew 16:24