

“The Indigenous  
and Chinese (Yuan-Han)  
Journeying Together”



# New Discoveries

## on the Ancient Path

(Part 1)



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In 2021, amidst the growing pandemic, we had our virtual class opening ceremony for Micah Centre. The message for the students and faculty during the ceremony was “The 10 Great Discoveries during the 10 months in Micah Centre”, but the lesson was very apt for the churches, in preparing the Chinese Christians to serve the Indigenous brethren. Hence, in a 4-part series, I shall be sharing with you in this column the 10 **Great Discoveries we learned** along the co-journey of the Chinese and the Indigenous. As it is said in Jeremiah 6:16, “This is what the Lord says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls...”

How grievous is the context of prophet Jeremiah’s message! The people of God refuse God’s teachings, yet it is their enemies who are following His commands. From verses 9-15, we see that the people keep on living in sin, and there are two reasons – first, they “will not walk” in the good way (v.16); and second, they “will not listen” to the warning from God (v. 17). Neither are they willing to learn from history, nor are they ready to face the present reality – all they want to do is to numb themselves in their shallow comfort of self-indulgence. The ancient path is none other than the law of Moses and the way revealed by the prophets in their prophecies, a path that is long testified as true by the people of God, the only way to find rest for their souls (v.16).

And if we are to call on the ancient path of the “Yuan-Han journeying together”, and if we open our spiritual eyes and ears to see and hear along the way, with a humble spirit submitting to God’s guide, it will not be a great trouble for us to make the following great discoveries:

### Great Discovery No. 1

It is only through solitude that you can truly know this God – whom you have always believed in, whom you worship, whom you follow.

Looking back, it was with a simple, obedient heart that HISTEAM followed the call of the Holy Spirit to Serve the East (Sabah). Giving ourselves a duration of one whole year, we silently visited the land of Sabah, from the urban cities and towns to the rural villages in the interiors, to observe and witness the works of God through the ministry our many forefathers – the “Word made flesh” – in this land. And indeed that was what we see, the very evidence of God’s wonderful works realising in the communities of the Indigenous people. We could not stop praising God in wonderment for the great things that He has done in the land of Sabah! And it was then our hearts are comforted, to find the rest for our souls.

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PART 2

# New DISCOVERIES

on the Ancient Path of  
*Yuan-Han Journeying Together*



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**It is only through LISTENING, that you truly know what's the plan God has destined for you – Abundant life, exciting masterpiece, and amazing destiny!**

“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27) From the time we knew our Lord Jesus, we learnt to read and meditate on His words; through His words, we listen to His voice; and through prayers and worship, we talk to God in all circumstances. This spiritual practice is our life offering, a service that children of God (sheep) are to offer as long as we live, a service that none others can substitute.

**And if we truly want to know the Indigenous people in Sabah and other places, we have to apply the same principle of listening – to devote our time to interact and build genuine relationships with them.** It's only with sincere and heart-to-heart interaction, willingness to accept their unique differences with the help of Jesus' love, that we can truly hear the agony and misery of the firstborns of this land. In this way, we can eventually overcome the barriers of cultural and physiological differences, forge closer relationship with the Indigenous people.

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**It is only through PONDERING, that you can truly see God's presence and grace in all that you have been through and experienced – be it good times and the bad.**

“Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.” (Lamentations 3:4) The hardest lesson to learn, for children of God as we walk with our Great Shepherd, is the habit to reflect and ponder in our hearts. We must learn to be like Mary to always come before the feet of Christ, to sit and listen silently, to meditate and ponder in her heart; and with the guidance of the Spirit of Truth, to convict and rebuke ourselves regarding sin, righteousness, and judgement. A believer who earnestly examine and ponder on himself, is a believer who reaps in abundance on his spiritual journey, one whose heart is the good soil, always ready for God's words and vision to be sowed in his life.

**In this Yuan-Han journey, the Chinese believers must learn to examine ourselves, to see if we have offended or hurt the Indigenous in our past interactions with them.** We recalled, between 2013 and 2014, we created opportunities for Chinese believers to reflect and repent on the actions of our forefathers who took from the natives their land, their rights, and their lives. After offering the most heartfelt apologies and commitment to reconcile with the people of the land, we began to witness how God opened the doors for us to connect and fellowship with our Indigenous brethren that not only opened up new paths of ministry, but more so the door between our hearts! Hallelujah!

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