

GETTING OUT OF THE PSALT SHAKER

# THRIVING IN BABYLON

APRIL 19-20, 2018 IN TORONTO



WHAT HAPPENED THERE?



WE ALL AGREED...

JEREMIAH 29: 4-14...WE ARE LIVING IN BABYLON. WE ARE LIVING ON THE MARGINS OF SOCIETY, IN A POST-TRUTH CULTURE. OVER 100 GATHERED FROM ALL OF CANADA, MULTI-ETHNIC, MEN AND WOMEN TOGETHER, CLERGY AND LAITY. THIRTEEN SPEAKERS INSPIRED US TO BE FAITHFUL TO JESUS CHRIST IN THIS GENERATION.

THANKS TO THE VAUGHAN COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR HOSTING  
US AGAIN THIS YEAR WITH GRACE AND ENTHUSIASM!

### WANT TO HEAR SOME OF THOSE SPEAKERS?

**Please note:** Links to PowerPoint slides of the presentations, several accompanied by full audio recordings to be listened to in conjunction with the slides may be found at [psalt.info/thriving-in-babylon-addresses](http://psalt.info/thriving-in-babylon-addresses)

### A few HIGHLIGHTS in quotes:

- As goes the pulpit, so goes the pew.
- Let us prepare ourselves for spiritual warfare.
- If the evangelicals pull out of the church, it creates a vacuum and the liberals move in. We must resist the urge to walk away.
- Persecution purifies the church and brings renewed commitment. There are no nominal Christians in the persecuted church.
- Stay calm in the storm; God is at work.
- If we don't live out prophetic action, something is wrong.
- Embrace all people, but not all ideologies.
- Stay anchored in the Word.
- Unity starts with mutual submission to Christ and a theology that embraces all people, but not all behaviours.
- Our churches need to be like a peach – easy to get into but with hard expectations at the centre, not like a coconut presenting high barriers to entrance with no core expectations.
- Maybe we need to help the church die well.
- Reach out to new immigrants using ESL to draw people to the Lord.
- A gospel of exclusion has no power to reach people we have already banished.
- Treat LGBTQ as any other unreached people group. Learn their language – what we say and what they hear.
- We can not only survive but thrive in Babylon.

### Other PSALT News

It was announced at the conference that after three years as Chair of the Leadership Team, Martin Kreplin would be stepping down and the search for a new chair would begin. Please make this a matter of prayer. Jim Statham has been appointed Interim Chair.

We've found someone who will help us keep in touch with each other. **Pray** for improving communication with one another, supporting one another and reaching out to others.

**Pray** for General Assembly and be sure to be receiving Cal Brown's prayer updates. Contact him at [cbbrown@bell.net](mailto:cbbrown@bell.net) or [psalt.info/prayer-bulletins](http://psalt.info/prayer-bulletins)

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