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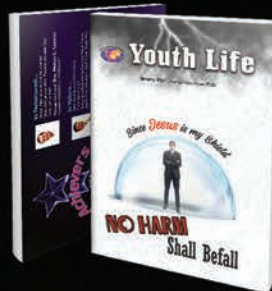
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Foreword

Greetings to beloved young hearts!

When we face challenges and problems, we naturally become weary. Many times we give up because we don't have the strength to resist or fight. **But when God strengthens us we do extraordinary things.** It is no exaggeration to say that when God sends a person to do a work or a task, **He not only gives a blueprint for it but also gives him ample strength and energy to do that work.**

God told Noah, "I am going to destroy the world with water. So you must save these creatures and the animals I have created and preserve them." Therefore, He ordered Noah to build an ark with a length of 300 cubits, 50 cubits width and 30 cubits height. Noah completed the construction of a great ark that was as majestic as the great plan. Noah did his work as the Lord told him to do, without saying a word of objection.



In today's terms, the ark was 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high, which looks bigger than a football court. Noah's ark was big enough to fit 20 tennis courts and 35 basketball courts. Its height was as high as a three-storey building. How did Noah accomplish such a great work?



A model like Noah's ark has been made in Kentucky, USA. They have spent billions of dollars and used modern equipment to make it. But in Noah's day he made such a great ark without any facilities.

The vigor given by God to do His plan was the reason. God strengthens every weak person, makes him strong, and accomplishes his plan through him.

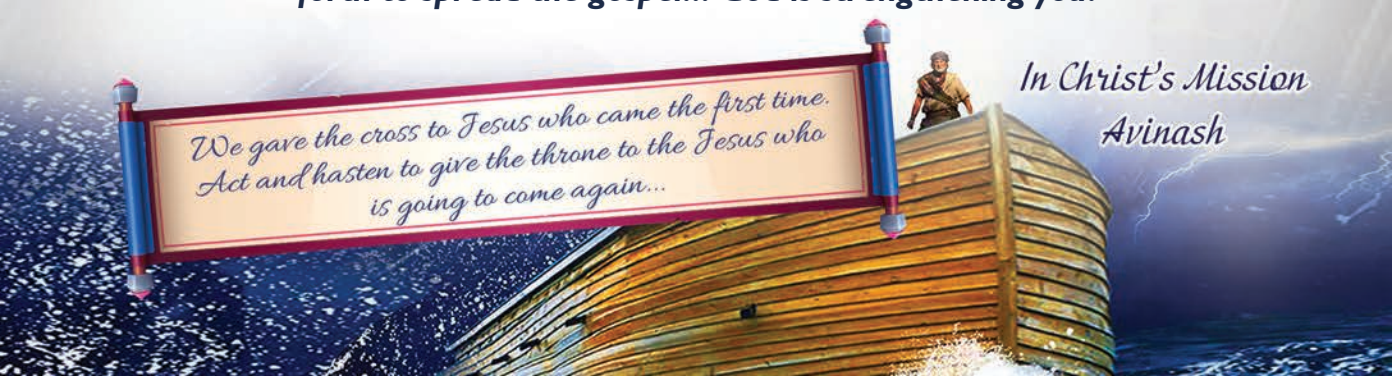
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Dear young people!

**Rather than thinking about who you are and your strength,
act by knowing the power of the God who called and anointed you,
and exalts you as a mighty man by girding with his strength.**

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When you are strengthened by him, you can do extraordinary things. It is no exaggeration to say that God is empowering the youth on these days of Revival. He will strengthen and establish you too. God is going to do remarkable things through YOU who think, “I cannot do anything.” So be strong, fortified and go forth to spread the gospel... God is strengthening you!



*We gave the cross to Jesus who came the first time.
Act and hasten to give the throne to the Jesus who
is going to come again...*

*In Christ's Mission
Avinash*

Exalted by God in Due Time

Testimony: Benita

Sis. Getzi Clarwin



This is the life of a sister who was born in a Christian family, but did not accept Jesus as her personal saviour, was living a life according to own desires, and eventually God turned her towards Him and exalted her to serve him today... She herself shares her experience how it all happened... Come, Let's listen.

Tell us about yourself?

My name is Getzi Clarwin. I was born as the third child to Mr. George and Mrs. Jothi in Chennai. I have two brothers named Aaron Jebaraj and Jebastin Jebaraj. The Lord has graciously blessed all the three of us with suitable partners. I am now married and living in the city of Sivakasi.

Okay...How was the relationship between you and Jesus in your childhood?

Although I was born in a Christian family, our entire family appeared only to be name sake Christians. I grew up having no daily prayer, no Bible reading and no thirst in doing ministry in my school days.

I kept Jesus in my life as an ATM machine. Because, I used to seek Him only during the time of examination. In spite of that, He was always good in my life. Let me tell you an incident.

In 2012, I was just 3 months away from my 12th Board Examination. During an exam, at that time, I literally had scored only 88/200 in chemistry and got a fail. After a few days, when I was studying with my peers sitting outside the classroom, the principal of the school came to me and enquired me of the marks that I scored in the last exam. When I said that I failed, he scolded me badly in front of everyone and I felt so ashamed.

It gave me much sorrow. As soon as I got home, I fell on my knees and did a small prayer, "Jesus, I have my

trust in you; never let me get ashamed."

Neither did I grow weary, nor was I angry with that teacher. Instead, I prayed to the Lord and studied chemistry putting more of my concentration in it and wrote my board examination.

I scored 174/200 in the board examination in the same chemistry that I had failed three months ago. Apart from that, God graced me to complete my MSC, B.Ed., in chemistry. Moreover, the Lord gave me grace to work as a science teacher in that same school where I was embarrassed in front of everyone.

Wow that's amazing...!!! How did you get saved? How did the relationship between God and you blossom? Tell us about that.

In 2013, I was doing my first year in a Christian college. A Christian lecturer who was there, took me to a camp with my friends. It was there that I first confessed my sin, was washed by the blood of Jesus, and received salvation.

I started to pray and read the Bible regularly. However, it didn't last long. I lived hypocritically, seeking God and living according to the world at the same time. Years passed like this.

Oh...How did you overcome this situation? How did your ministerial life begin?

In 2016, I suddenly developed a weakness in my Spinal Cord – Disc Bulge. There was no medical treatment that we had not taken. Nevertheless,

nothing worked. I couldn't sit, lie down or walk for more than three minutes. Many times, even when I eat, because of excruciating pain I had gone to bed to lie down.

Doctors said, "She needs to go in for a surgery immediately. Even post-surgery there are likely for this problem to continue." I suffered with this pain for several months. One fine Sunday, when I was lying down dejected, I came across a video in YouTube, "God - The Healer". While I was watching it, a person who had the same sickness as mine was sharing the testimony saying, "The Lord healed me." It increased my faith.

At that instant, I decided, "I will not go for any treatment hereafter; neither will I eat any medicine." Reason, if God could heal that person, He must then definitely heal me. I prayed with this hope. My father also prayed along with me. It was on that day that I committed myself to serve the Lord. I said, "Lord, my legs are my weakness. Hence, I submit my legs to you." One early morning, in my dream, "A light shone on me. Its heat was terrible and I was able to feel it." I immediately got up and began to pray. At that moment, the weakness I had completely disappeared.

Since then, I have no trace of that pain in me. The Lord healed me free of cost and completely. Since then, my thirst for ministry started to increase. Miraculously, gates for doing village ministry were opened. On every Sundays, I and the young girls in my team went to the villages and ministered among the children. The Lord used my feet.

Okay...you have begun the ministry...Have you faced any struggles after that?

I began to pray and do ministry as a team regularly. My parents started forbidding me to go to ministry since I was a girl child. It created much trouble in me. So, I said to the Lord, "I am born in a Christian family, then 'Why am I not able to go for the ministry easily?'"

The Lord said in my heart, "It is true that you are doing ministry outside, but have you noticed



Sis. Getzi with her parents

your family? How many of them are saved?" Only then, I began to pray with burden for the salvation of my family. From the year 2018, I started praying by name of everyone in my family everyday.

According to the guidance of the Lord, we started the family prayer by His grace. Even though there were many struggles and obstacles for it, the Lord gave grace and used me for a revival to occur in the family. Apart from that, my prayer

was "Lord, before I get married and leave this house, everyone in my family should be saved." The Lord heard my prayer.

In 2021, my marriage got arranged. Meanwhile, everyone in my family got saved. Today my family is praying, reading the Bible and living according to the Lord's will believing Him; completely transformed. Even, the two sister in laws who have come into our family recently are very zealous for the Lord and are doing ministry. Our family has changed as a perfect family that has all the blessings of the Lord.

We have got to know about your ministry in the family, tell us a little about the other ministries that you have done?

According to the word '**who can despise humble beginnings**', the first ministry that I did was to post prayer points daily in a prayer group. After that, my prayer life changed I got into the habit of praying regularly at 3 am by the grace of the Lord. Through it, the Lord began to speak to me.



I was doing personal prayer, and prayer together as a group, and following this, we started to pray especially for our area. The Lord was using me to pray, to go for prayer walks, handing out tracts to the merchants, and to proclaim the gospel to the little children who are near my home. Since I started praying I started seeing many miracles. I will tell you only one of them.

In our street, there happened many unjust deaths continually. Each week, there happened many deaths like hanging themselves in a family dispute, a young man dying in accident, a small child living in front of my house playing in the morning, dying of some disease in the evening. I prayed continuously saying, "God, till the days I am here, there shouldn't be any such unjust deaths. I take accountability for this." The Lord protected the people of our street by not letting one such unjust death to occur in the 4 years till I was there.

Likewise, many miracles and signs took place in the school where I worked, and in the place where I went for village ministry. It is solely the grace of the Lord to use me like this, who was once totally useless. All glory belongs to God.

There are many girls like you who do ministry before marriage, can you tell us about how your ministerial life is after marriage?

I faced many struggles in my marriage. Since my family was not saved at that time, their expectations were different; and since I was doing ministry, my expectations were different. One day a married sister said to me, 'In my teenage days I too served the Lord as much as you' but after marriage I could not. That word really touched me. I started asking myself why that woman could not do ministry after marriage.

From then onwards, I began to pray, "God, in my marriage, neither the desire of my parents nor the desire of me, but solely the will of God must take place" and, "I should serve you more after marriage." The Lord miraculously brought a family from Sivakasi.

After receiving peace as a sign from the Lord, I fasted for 3 days as a family and agreed to the marriage

Sis. Getzi with her Husband and family



with the certainty that this is the Lord's will. I am seeing in my marriage that how the will of God creates goodness. Because, both my father-in-law and my mother-in-law in the family in where I am married to, are full time ministers.

My husband always give me good counsels, and help me to get even closer to God and encourage me to serve the Lord more. My entire family is very fond of my service to the Lord and helps me in every way. The Lord is using me more mightily here in all ways like going to the nearby churches in the village to preach the Word of God, giving trainings to the youngsters and to give counsels to the ones who are getting ready for marriage. The Lord fulfilled all my desires and wishes.

According to the word, '**The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places**', I thank the Lord more for my Husband, Father in Law, Mother in Law, and my brother-in-law's family.

What would you like to tell the youngsters?

"Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!" We are blessed people. Therefore, surrender this life in the hands of the Lord, rely on Him alone, obey His words, and start to walk without hesitation in the path which He shows. You shall receive many unexpected goodness in your life. "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time."

Dear young people! Sister Getzi who was born in a Christian family, and had no relationship with Jesus, was turned to the Lord after getting healed from the sick bed. If she can today be used as a witness for many, then God will use you as well. For that you need to humbly surrender yourselves under His mighty hands! ■





A JOURNEY TOWARDS SPACE

My loving wishes to all the aspiring achievers. I hope that every day you are relentlessly working hard to reach your goal to success. Every failure you face and the struggles you go through are the fertilizers that are added to enrich your successful life. So get ready to counter swim with confidence. Here is a life journey of a young achiever to cheer you up...

Avani Chaturvedi was born on 27 October 1993, in Rewa district of Madhya Pradesh state. Ever since childhood, Avani had dreamed of flying an airplane like Kalpana Chawla. Two of her family members were serving in the Indian Army. Avani had an allure towards airplanes even when she was a school kid. Not just the fascination but she also was inclined to achieve something. After school, she successfully completed her B.Tech. After college, she applied and wrote the exam to join the Indian Air Force. Her perseverance led to an opportunity to join the Indian Air Force. She joined in it with great enthusiasm. She joined the flying club while she was in her college which gave her some flying experience.

Initially she was selected in a stream to fly ordinary planes. Then she got the opportunity to fly fighter planes. After receiving basic training in the Pilatus aircraft she was later trained at the Hakim pet Air force station in Hyderabad flying two fighter jets. After one year of intensive training, she flew a solo MiG 21 fighter aircraft in Jamnagar, Gujarat. Thus, she took the pride to become the first Indian women to fly a fighter aircraft. This aircraft is capable of flying the fastest in the world (340 km

per hour). Avani Chaturvedi was one among the three women who were intensively trained in the Indian Air Force for the first time in India to fly this fighter aircraft.

On 9 March 2020, Chaturvedi was awarded with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar.' Her desire to become a good fighter pilot is growing each day. The story of Avani Chaturvedi has inspired so many women. Avani would have faced so many hurdles in her life. She would have spent so many hours to transform herself as a fighter pilot. As a result, she has emerged as a woman fighter pilot that everyone admires.

Dear young readers! No one's life changes overnight. If you want to live a successful life, you ought to pay the price. Your desire along with hard work will definitely make you an achiever one day. Put in your efforts along with your desire. One day your life will become admirable. My best wishes! ■



Counsel: Avi



Will my dream come true?

Dream? **Heart Beat**



Dear brother Jose, I can understand your sorrow and mental stress. On one hand your mother's demise, on the other hand there is no one to console you. Besides this, failure in studies has paved the way for you to become fatigued.

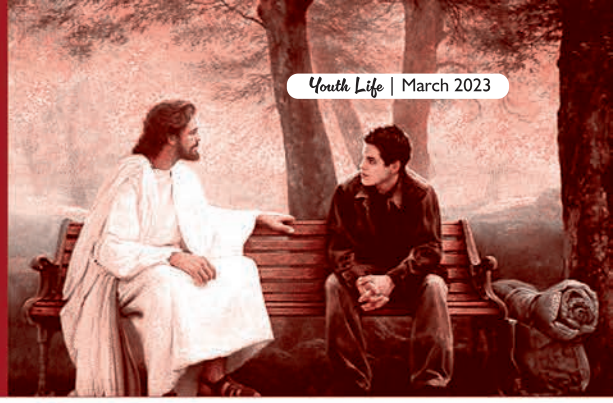
Jose, anyone in your situation would have been stuck, but you have given two attempts. This shows you're a very strong person. You have been fighting your problem without others help in spite of your mother's loss, sorrow and failure. I admire you efforts to strive without anyone to encourage you, in the midst of loss, pain and despite defeats crushing you.

Two important aspects one needs to fight are self-confidence and persistence. I can see both these in you. Failures or criticizing words cannot put you down. But when you believe and keep thinking about these words it can make you weary. That fatigue can eventually turn into anxiety, then into fear and can stop your efforts. Words like, "You cannot do it, you cannot win, you are fit for nothing" cannot put you down.

Jose, it's in your hands to rise up and fight back or sit back and be paralyzed by the lies and pessimistic words the world tells you. There is someone

My mother passed away when I was in 12th standard. My mother used to teach me the lessons. There was no one to teach me after my mother's demise. I'm very much saddened by her death. I wrote my 12th exams two years back and failed in 3 subjects. Even after writing it for a couple of time I couldn't clear it. My family criticize me stating that I'm not fit for anything. But this year I'm going to try my best and attend the exams. But I'm afraid. My mother always wanted me to be a computer engineer. Please tell me how to study and clear the exam
– Jose, Bangalore.

help you, and that is Jesus. He can fill the emptiness in your heart with comfort, strengthen you with firm faith, make you walk on the ladder of victory and lift you to the pinnacle of success before those who have brought you down.



What can happen if you trust those criticizing words in case?

- ✗ You will be stuck in a corner, unable to read at all.
- ✗ Mother's dream of becoming a computer engineer turns out to be a dream forever.
- ✗ Negative thoughts can paralyze and discourage you.
- ✗ Family's tireless depressing words will make your life bitter.
- ✗ To make it worse, Satan will inculcate the thought of 'why should I live?'
- ✗ Due to lack of will to fight, there is a chance to admit defeat and spend life in vain.

These negative thoughts such as sadness and failure will not make you feel or accept the love of Jesus, and will push you to the point where you will hate yourself and end up saying 'I am useless'.

In case if you rise up to fight, what kind of pinnacle you may reach?

- ✓ Firstly, encourage your mind by saying, "I can, I will try, I will practice daily, I can study hard, I can write without getting confused".
- ✓ Firmly believe that failing thrice is not a permanent failure.
- ✓ If you concentrate a bit, you can clear the +12 exams and process with your college studies.
- ✓ Jesus will comfort you with your mother's love. You have to believe that He can strengthen you.
- ✓ Not just college studies, believe that you can fulfil your mother's dream of a computer engineer.
- ✓ I know a sister who never thought of her disability, she believed that Jesus can strengthen her. She used to keep an empty chair next to her while studying, saying Jesus sits with her and helps her in studying. She got the first mark in her school. You can also try this way.
- ✓ While studying place a chair next to you saying, Jesus will teach me like my mother.
- ✓ Challenge yourself saying you will live confidently in front of the relatives and family who insulted you.

Surely you can become an achiever. Your challenging life may become an inspiration to many. Jesus will give you that success, growth and mental confidence!

Pray and act!!

"He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might, He increases strength.." (Isaiah 40:29)

STRENGTHENED BY GOD

Since the beginning of the Paralympics in 1960, no woman from India had won a medal. But, in the 2016 Paralympics held in Brazil, Deepa Malik made the unimaginable dream of India come true by winning a silver medal in Shot put event with the throw of 4.61 meters. She was born on 30th September 1970 as the daughter of an army officer in a small village in Sonipat district in Haryana.

Deepa Malik, who was active and healthy like every other children, was diagnosed with a spinal cord tumor at the age of 5 and recovered after three years of treatment and physiotherapy. However, in 1999, at the age of 29, she suffered from a recurrence of the same cancerous tumor in her spine and the doctors were left with no other choice but to operate. They made it clear to her that the surgery would have severe consequences. It took 3 surgeries and 183 stitches to eradicate the cancerous tumour off her body. But, it left her paralyzed from the waist down.



This incident turned her life upside down.

After the surgery, she underwent physiotherapy for almost six years. She suffered from physical weakness on one side and at the same time mental damage on the other.

Despite her physical pain and mental depression, she was not broken or incapacitated by her

circumstances, but rather strengthened herself with a sense of achievement, took on the challenges that came in life, endured the pains and started progressing towards achievements.

Her untiring efforts and perseverance made her shine not only in shot put but also in several sports events like swimming, javelin, discus throw and motorcycling in India and abroad. She has won 18 international and more than 54 national medals in various sports events. Apart from this, she was the first woman with disabilities to receive the Arjuna Award in 2012. She has also received Padma Shri award in 2017 and Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award in 2019. Today, she is the President of the Paralympic Committee of India.

Deepa Malik is living a successful life because she did not let her physical infirmities discourage or depress her, but instead strengthened herself and took advantage of the opportunities that came her way.



Scrutinize yourself. Are you going to be paralyzed because of failures in studies, physical weakness, not getting the desired marks, and not getting a seat in the college you wanted? Or, like Deepa Malik, are you going to make the most of your opportunities that come your way and pursue success? Don't let struggles and adverse things in life dishearten you.



Sorrow not only affects your body and mind, it also paralyzes you to the point where you can't think about what to do next. At Mount Carmel, Prophet Elijah trembled the prophets of Baal by bringing fire from heaven, but later was depressed on hearing the words of Jezebel and was confused about what to do next. He sat under a broom tree and thought of ending his life, but God sent His angel and strengthened him.

With the strength that God had given him, Elijah walked for forty days and nights and accomplished the plan that the Lord had placed

upon him. God has a great plan for you too. Do not be afraid of the situations that you are surrounded by. Be strong and courageous and make a confession of faith saying, **"The LORD is my strength and my shield;"** Psalm 28:7. He will strengthen and sustain you.

My dear youngsters! Don't be alarmed when fear of the future and anxiety over physical weakness bring weariness into your life. Don't break down on seeing your frailty. "He gives power to the weak, And He gives strength to those who have none." Isaiah 40: 29. Our God will strengthen and lead you in the path of victory! ■

Loose the Knots

Scripture Scavenger Hunt

Locate the following items in the Bible quoting the chapter and verses where they can be found:

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| 1. Talking donkey | 9. Man-eating fish |
| 2. Floating Axe head | 10. Noah's Ark |
| 3. Crown of thorns | 11. Forbidden fruit |
| 4. Colorful coat | 12. Widow's Mite |
| 5. Pillar of Salt | 13. Hangman's gallows |
| 6. Golden calf | 14. Seven seals |
| 7. Fiery Furnace | 15. Chariots of fire |
| 8. Giant Goliath | |

Your Answers are expected to reach us on or before 25th of Every Month



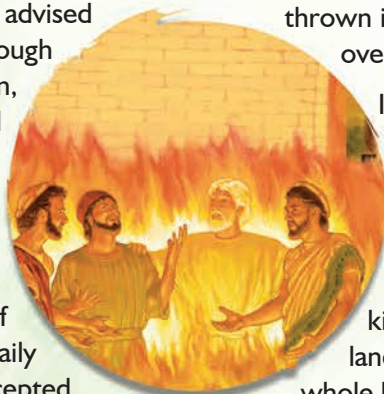
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“Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.”
(Daniel 6:28)

We have Lord Jesus, the God who always gives us victory. A young man named Daniel was taken as a slave to the land of Babylon. Since God was with Daniel, He blessed him with victories, gave him wisdom and established him as a victor. During the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel was promoted to a high position in the government next to the king. Then when Belshazzar came to power, we see in the scriptures that Daniel was retained in the same position and he advised the king about his moves. Even though four kings were replaced in the nation, Daniel was steadily uplifted by God throughout the time.

Even though kingdoms changed, Daniel's growth and success was undisturbed as the God who gives victory was with him. As children of God we all have struggles in our daily life. Right when we got saved and accepted Jesus as our saviour, we had entered the battle field. If you are a student, you will face challenges in your academics, if you are an employee you will be put to test at your work, if you are into business you will face tough times in it, or if you are into ministry you will have to face the battles in it. There is no Christian life without these obstacles. But we have to overcome all of them and that is the will of God.



Daniel faced a lot of battles in Babylon. Daniel and his friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego went through a lot like being put into a fiery furnace when they were asked to worship the statue. Yet God gave them victory. When Nebuchadnezzar threatens to cut off the heads of people if they don't interpret his dream, Daniel was once again made to face a huge battle. But Daniel stayed calm and prayed. He got the vision from God and won the battle. When he was thrown into the lion's den, he once again overcame it.



In Daniel chapter 6, it is recorded that he was thrown into the lion's den and came out victorious. Do you know what the result was? As soon as Daniel came out of the lion's den, the Gentile king named Darius, who ruled the land, sent a message like this to the whole land.

“Then King Darius wrote: To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, and steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, and His

dominion shall endure to the end. He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions"

(Daniel 6:25-27).

Daniel prospered. A king of a nation wrote letters to all peoples in all languages, saying, "Know, all nations and languages, that the God of Daniel is the living God. This Jesus is the savior." Regardless of their faith and acceptance, the name of Jesus was pronounced in every house. God's name was exalted then.

Here God is carrying out the revival plan with a single man. Through one Daniel, the Lord's name was glorified throughout a nation. What was the reason for the revival through Daniel? Why does the Lord give victory so that Daniel will be successful?

"So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him" (Daniel

6:4). Daniel lived a perfect life that no one could find fault with. Even his enemies, who were jealous of him and rose up to destroy him, could not find fault in Daniel's life. He lived a spotless life.

Daniel was like, "Even if there is a law against praying, even if the government stands before me, even if the gate of the lion's den is opened for me, I don't cease my prayer. I will pray as usual." He remained firm in his prayers without getting weary. That is why he was successful.

How can God give victory to those who are weary in prayer? Students are filled with the spirit of prayer right before the day of the exam. Similarly when there is an interview or NEET exam the spirit of prayer for the students and parents as

well, is at its peak. But when those things get over, their prayers also vanish. Think about your prayer life.

Why did Daniel pray thrice a day?



"Seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the Lord for it; for in its peace you will have peace." (Jeremiah 29:7)

"Pray for the peace of Babylon. Once there is peace within the nation, there shall be peace within you," God gave this prayer note to Daniel, even before he entered the nation as a slave. He tells how to pray. Daniel would have known this prophecy and prayed for the city of Babylon. What kind of a city was it? It was filled with idols, soothsayers and wizards. A town associated with various devils. It was a city where kings even had magicians and soothsayers for themselves. In such a land, in such a palace, among such kings, he brings a man named Daniel.

Since we failed to pray like Daniel, we are unable to see the great revival and it is being delayed.

Daniel prayed thrice a day as a result of which a revival happened in the nation. Despite the king's decree, lion's den and the fiery furnace Daniel never stopped praying. And this is the reason why Satan was afraid of Daniel. That prayer made the devil tremble. It made every tongue to declare that the God of Daniel, who performs miracles and signs, is the true living God.



Dear young people! Are you worried today, that there is no success in your studies, career and marriage? The God of Daniel is your God too. No matter how many laws rise against in an attempt to stop you praying, when you are firm in prayer like Daniel, God will turn all your affairs into victory! ■

God who strengthens us!

Hello dear friends! Greetings to you all. I believe you all are being blessed by the Youth Life magazine every month.

No matter how happy we are in this age, we feel weak sometimes. Few things make us sad. Our mind often perceives that we have seen only failures and have not succeeded in anything. In this circumstance, we need to keep one thing in our mind.

We must remember that when Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, he said, "... I know whom I have believed..." (2 Timothy 1:12). We need to believe that the God who created the whole world is with us.

I would like to tell you an incident...

Last February (2023) a special program (ACHIEVERS) was conducted for the students who are going to appear for exams in the 'Jebikkalaam Vaanga' program and the testimony of one of them left us in awe and I would like to share it with you. A young man, who worked as a Janitor in an IT company in Chennai, joined the same IT Company as a software engineer within a gap of 6 years. Interesting, right? Do you know how?

During his childhood, he was unable to concentrate in his studies properly because of his family's situation. Understanding his family condition, he left for work after completing his 7th standard, discontinuing his studies. After working from place to place for several years, he finally joined a famous IT firm at the age of 22, when he found out that there was a need for a cleaning staff. This youngster, seeing many young people in that IT Company with a good job and a good position, longed to be like them. Seeing the youngsters in his office in such good condition, he often wondered why he was the only one in this situation, longing for the very basic needs.

Once, a woman working in that organization saw him and inquired about his situation. He shared with her about his life and difficulties. The woman listened and kindly encouraged him saying that Jesus can turn around his situation. She gave words of hope that even at this age he can study again and progress. After hearing the words of faith, he slowly began to pray and put his faith in Jesus.

Being a housekeeping staff, he does cleaning works, and once for cleaning, he went into a conference room where the meetings

take place. Seeing the people there speaking fluently in English, he felt a desire to speak in English and started praying for that. Whenever he gets an opportunity, he listened closely to their conversations and tried to learn from them. As guided by the woman he met, he got a confidence that he can study again, and at the age of 24, he applied for the eighth grade. After passing the eighth grade, he directly applied for tenth standard and passed the tenth standard exam as well. He studied typewriting while studying in class 10th.



He studied during the day and went to work at night. As he needed money for him and his family's livelihood, he continued like this with many sleepless nights. The only hope he had was "Jesus." **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."** (Philippians 4:13). The hope given by this verse made him strive even more. Then after 6 years of continuous effort, hard work and persistence, he was able to complete his degree and miraculously God helped him to join the same IT firm as a software employee like the other youngsters, where he was a toilet cleaner once. He believed that God was always with him. He believed in the sovereign God and that elevated him to this great position.

My dear youths! There may be a weakness in your life, you may be struggling, you may be tired of not being able to study, you may feel weak in your body, you may try to achieve something and it does not happen or you do not succeed. Just remember that our Jesus "strengthens the weary and gives power to the weak" (Isaiah 40:29). He will strengthen you. He will strengthen you in your weariness. Even when the circumstances are against you and even when those who you believed have given up, the God who strengthens you is by your side. Just wait upon him. Trust him completely.

"But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31).

Great in Counsel

JEHOSHAPHAT



In the Bible, many struggles and wars arose for the people of Israel. Through this series “Great in Counsel”, we are seeing how the Almighty God, delivered them from those problems. Last month we saw how God changed the great barrier which was in the form of the ‘Red Sea’.

This month we will look about Jehoshaphat, the King of Judah. Jehoshaphat, the king of the Jewish nation, feared the Lord, lived according to His commandments, and turned the people of Israel towards God who had strayed away from Him. Can there be struggles in the life of someone who lives God desired life? Yes it might!

As Jehoshaphat was peacefully ruling the kingdom of Judah, the descendants of Moab, Ammonites and the people of Mount Seir joined forces against him. In such a situation, any king would have sought help from his Army commanders. But do you know how Jehoshaphat handled this situation?

Although this war was unexpected, Jehoshaphat calmly sought the Lord, set himself and his nation to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. Then the Lord’s prophetic word was revealed to them saying ‘This war is not yours but God’s’. Neither human beings, nor our own strength and wisdom are the solution to any problem and struggle that come unexpectedly in our lives.

Knowing this, King Jehoshaphat did not put the strength of his army and manpower first, but he did put the Lord before him and prayed. Warriors are usually sent ahead of any war. But Jehoshaphat sent ahead a praise army that praised the Lord. As they started to sing praises to the Lord, the armies of the three nations stood up against each other, cut down and perished in the wilderness. What a great victory! The soldiers of the nation of Judah did not draw a sword, shed no blood, did not toil, and did not lose a single one. But the enemies were defeated.

Dear young people! Our God is ‘Great in counsel. His ways are always higher than ours.

Praise and prayer are the only weapons we are given to deal with problems in our lives. Only when we use them right, the Lord can do supernatural miracles for us and we will be victorious.

**“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. (Isaiah 55:8).**



ACHIEVERS

2023

Meeting for Students preparing for Exams!

Every year in the month of January, a meeting for students appearing for the examination is held in the Tabernacle of God in Nalumavadi. This year more than 3000 students participated in the meeting held on January 26, 2023. Many teachers from different schools and colleges encouraged their students to participate in this meeting and brought them. Students who attended this meeting with exam fear, confusion, poor memory and disease, had been delivered and left the meeting with a hope that they will clear the exams. Bro. Mohan C. Lazarus shared God's word on the topic of "God gives Victory" and prayed for them individually. Dr. Anburajan shared some exam tips for the students. The students left the meeting with new hope and enthusiasm.



Glory to God!







PRAYER DIARY

March 2023



Prayer: Bennita



1 About 11.5 crore boy children are married. Let us pray for a change in the mindset of every child.

2 Let us pray for a change in the lives of about 6 crore married young girls around the world.

3 Let us pray to prevent sexual violence against 10 million children between the ages of 2 and 17 worldwide.

4 Let us pray for the repentance of about 8.50 lakh people who inject drugs in India.

5 About 4.60 lakh children and 18 lakh adults are addicted to nasal inhalation drugs in powder form. Let us pray for their deliverance from this addiction.

6 In India 24 crore people are addicted to narcotic drugs like pan and hans. Let us pray for their deliverance from this addiction.

7 3.6 -6.6 percent of the world's population is addicted to drugs. Let us pray for their deliverance from this addiction.

8 Let us pray for the repentance of young people who are addicted to drugs and commit suicide.

9 In the last 10 years, about 71% of the deaths have been reported due to drug-related illnesses. Let us pray that such deaths will not occur again.

10 Let us pray for the safety of women in the nation and for their progress in all the fields.

11 Let us pray for the prevention of crimes against women and the repentance of misguided women.

12 Let us pray for the prevention of sexual violence against women and God's protection on them.

13 Let us pray for the protection and salvation of physically challenged people, who are more than 65 million of the world's population.

14 90% of the physically challenged children forbid their schooling. Let us pray for their future and for them to get proper education.

15 Let us pray to our Lord for the physically challenged to overcome poverty and that the Government should help them with their needs.

16 In our nation, 300 people out of 1 lakh are affected by tuberculosis. Let us pray for their recovery.

17 Tuberculosis has a mortality rate of 4-5 percent in India. Let's pray for TB to be completely eradicated and deaths to be prevented.



18 Let us pray for better treatment and awareness for TB sufferers.

19 Let us pray for the needs of the 2.3 million starving people in Afghanistan due to severe drought and economic crisis due to regime change.

20 One crore children under the age of 5 years are suffering without basic necessities like food, medicine and drinking water. Let us pray for their needs to be fulfilled.

21 Let us pray for people to be freed from the curse of poverty and sin, and for things that God hates to be eradicated from this nation.

22 Let us pray that the fear of 8 lakh students appearing for 12th board exams should be removed.

23 Let us pray for the students appearing for 10th board exams in Tamil Nadu this year.

24 Let us pray that God protects the students from any illness or family problems during the examination days.

25 Let us pray for a good ambience for them to study, to have a good memory and all that they study to be deeply embedded in their mind.

26 Let us pray against all the obstacles that cause the students to lose their concentration and their tiredness should be removed.

27 Let us pray for the removal of exam fear among the students and there should be confidence and joy in the hearts of these students.

28 Let us pray for a revival amongst the believers and pastors in our nation.

29 Let us pray that people identify and beware of those who bring false teachings into the churches.

30 Let us pray that all the churches in India will become evangelizing churches.

31 Let us pray for the destruction of Satan's plans to work against the churches and God's people.

Take a minute each day and pray with all your heart for the prayer point given on that particular date!

Revival of Salvation

Evangelism is to seek out people who are in sin and curse and proclaim the good news of Jesus and make them into children of light who are in darkness. When Jesus met the Samaritan woman and told her the message of salvation, she not only accepted it, but went to the whole Samaritan town and preached the gospel, converting many into believers in Christ. This evangelism has been preached all over the world since the days of the early apostles until today.

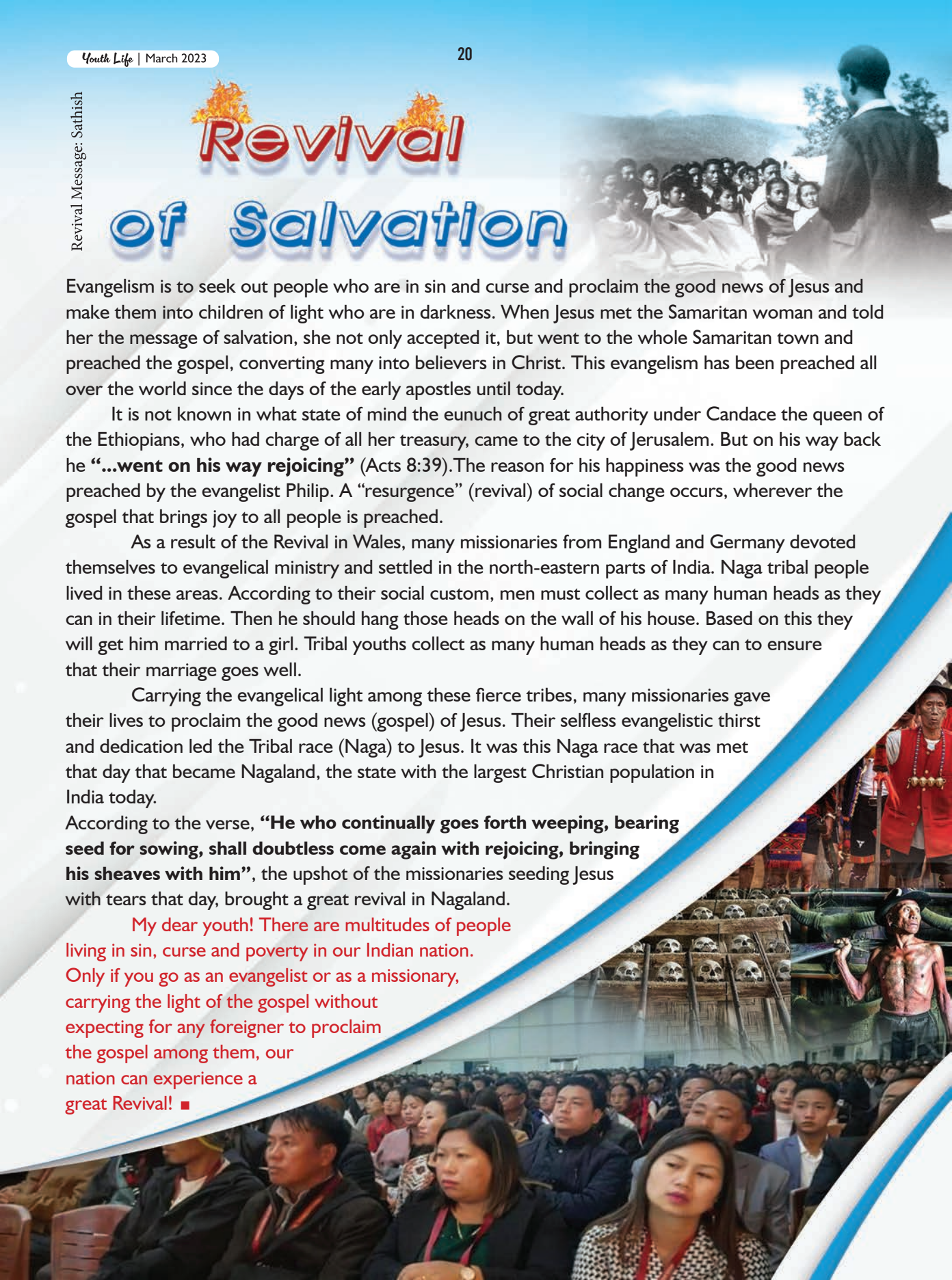
It is not known in what state of mind the eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, came to the city of Jerusalem. But on his way back he **"...went on his way rejoicing"** (Acts 8:39). The reason for his happiness was the good news preached by the evangelist Philip. A "resurgence" (revival) of social change occurs, wherever the gospel that brings joy to all people is preached.

As a result of the Revival in Wales, many missionaries from England and Germany devoted themselves to evangelical ministry and settled in the north-eastern parts of India. Naga tribal people lived in these areas. According to their social custom, men must collect as many human heads as they can in their lifetime. Then he should hang those heads on the wall of his house. Based on this they will get him married to a girl. Tribal youths collect as many human heads as they can to ensure that their marriage goes well.

Carrying the evangelical light among these fierce tribes, many missionaries gave their lives to proclaim the good news (gospel) of Jesus. Their selfless evangelistic thirst and dedication led the Tribal race (Naga) to Jesus. It was this Naga race that was met that day that became Nagaland, the state with the largest Christian population in India today.

According to the verse, **"He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him"**, the upshot of the missionaries seeding Jesus with tears that day, brought a great revival in Nagaland.

My dear youth! There are multitudes of people living in sin, curse and poverty in our Indian nation. Only if you go as an evangelist or as a missionary, carrying the light of the gospel without expecting for any foreigner to proclaim the gospel among them, our nation can experience a great Revival! ■



Habakkuk

(Solution to the confusion)

Dear young souls! This month, we will briefly summarize some interesting facts about Habakkuk, the eighth book of the Minor Prophets.

INTRODUCTION

The book of Habakkuk begins with Habakkuk's plea to the Lord seeking an answer for, why the Lord's chosen people are allowed to undergo persecution in their captivity of slavery (Habakkuk 1:1-4). In the second chapter God is trying to answer his question. In the third chapter, Habakkuk finds sufficient strength and comfort from the Lord even in difficult times. He ends the books with a high note that, "Enthusiastic faith pays off and he says that he will be joyful in the Lord no matter how much he falls short."

Author: Habakkuk

Period: 607 B.C

Chapters: 3

Verses: 56

Words: 1,476

Main person: Habakkuk



- The Lord's reply: In response to this first appeal, God (after the Battle of Carchemish) sends the Chaldeans to punish the Jews. (1:5-11 verses)
- Second confusion: How could a righteous God use the wicked Babylonians to punish people who are more righteous than them? (1:12; 2:1 verses)
- The Lord's second answer: Babylon will be punished, "The just shall live by his faith" (2:2-20 verses)
- Habakkuk's praise: Faith triumphs (Chapter 3)
- Praising God for His uniqueness (3:1-3 verses)
- Praising God for His might (3:4-7 verses)
- Praising God for His purpose (3:8-16 verses)
- Praising God for the faith upon Him (3:17-19 verses)

SUMMARY

- Confusion of Habakkuk: Faith is being tested and taught (1,2 chapters)
- First confusion: Why does God allow injustice in Judah? (1:1-17 verses)

CHRIST IN HABAKKUK

In Habakkuk Christ is portrayed as righteous God (1:5,6), everlasting God, holy God (1:12), one who makes the faithful live (2:4) and savior (3:13,14).



Monthly Fellowship

EVERY 1ST SUNDAY (5TH MARCH)

VELLORE (3PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, Ajantha Mahal,
3, 6th West Cross Road, Gandhi Nagar
9442885315 | 9786379556

TIRUPUR (4PM – 6:30PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, #62, 2nd Floor,
Benny Kumaran Main Road. 9442082200

TUTICORIN (3PM – 5:30PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, Jehovah Jireh
Towers, 51/8D/3, 1st Floor Tiruchendur Road,
Muniasampuram Land mark :
South Police Station to Kamaraj College Rd.
9442885315

TIRUPATI (3PM)

Old Community Hall, West Church
9985033401 / 9442885315

SANKARANKOIL (2:30PM – 5PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, Sekihnah Mahal,
Mullai Nagar. 9750955548 | 8344949555

EVERY 2ND SATURDAY (11TH MARCH)

BANGALORE (3PM-5PM)

Telugu Church, #21, Nethaji Road,
Railway Line
Pulikeshi Nagar, Frazer Town.
Opp: BWSSB Office. 9962085523 |
9591077110

MADURAI (3PM -5:30PM)

American College Higher Secondary School,
AC School Backside to Arumugam Hotel,
Tallakulam Bus Stop.
9750955548 | 9344759316

Igniters Youth Fellowship is a place where young people rise up with fire in the spiritual life, understanding the deep secrets of the bible and are strengthened by praying unitedly for the nation.

Even you can participate in this fellowship and be strengthened. Strengthen yourself and get ready to strengthen others!!

EVERY 2ND SUNDAY (12TH MARCH)

AMBUR (3PM-6PM)

Concordia Hr.Sec. School, Opp Rly.Station
9597927799 | 9442885315

THANJAVUR (3PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center,
Near Balaji Nagar Bus Stop,
18B, TPS Nagar, MC Road
9444381971 | 9488475315

KOVILPATTI (3PM -5:30PM)

St. Paul's Matriculation School
9677859766 | 9787322334

ALANGULAM (2:30PM)

P.M.V. Packiyavathy Building, R.A. Nursing
Institute, SCV Computers (top Floor)
Main Road, Near Union Office Opposite
9965377427 | 9750955548

THENI (2:30PM – 5PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center,
#203, Madurai Road, Opp. Anantham Silk
Dr. Kamaraj Hospital, 1st Floor
9750955548 | 9976766422

SURANDAI (2:30PM)

Jawarhalal Middle School
9443962141 | 9750955548

SIVAKASI (3PM -5PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center,
9677858766 | 9442906567

SATHANKULAM (3PM -5:30PM)

Hendry Matric Higher, Secondary School
Mela Sathankulam. 9442885315

CHENGALPET (3PM – 5:30PM)

Blessing School, Tirukazhukundram Road
9488475315

VILLUPURAM (3PM – 5:30PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, HH Complex,
Namnadu Textiles Opp., Shanthi Theater Rd
8870517324 | 834411022

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY (19TH MARCH)**TIRUNELVELI (2:30 PM)**

Gethsamane Prayer Center, Shah Complex,
#43/R4, Rajendra Nagar, Trivandrum Road
9750955548 | 9488212915

COIMBATORE (4 PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, #90, 1st Floor,
Arts College Road, Near Charan Tower,
0422 – 2309040 | 8903405315

TRICHY (3 PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, 22A, 1st Floor
Thennur High Road, Near KMC Bus Stop,
Thennur. 9488475315

JEBAMALAI (2 PM)

Keelamathapuram, Kadaiyam (via)
Tenkasi Dist. 8300131000 | 9750955548

CHENNAI (3 PM)

VGP Victory House, Mount Road
9488475315

NALUMAVADI (3PM -5:30PM)
Tabernacle of God, Nalumavadi
9442885315

TIRUVARUR (3:30PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center,
1A/25B, Bypass Road (opp Arasu Autos)
9976766322 | 7373374733

RANIPET (3PM-6PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, MBT Road,
Navalpur. 9500283179 | 9442885315

ERODE (4PM – 6:30PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, #216, 1st Floor,
Near Fire Service, Gandhiji Road
9750722000

EVERY 4TH SATURDAY (25TH MARCH)**PERAMBALUR (5PM -8PM)**

Gethsamane Prayer Center, M K Complex,
71, Venkatesapuram, Near Bank of Baroda,
Trichy Main Road. 9788788512

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY (26TH MARCH)**THIRUVALLUR (3PM -5:30PM)**

Gethsamane Prayer Center, H S R Tower,
2nd Floor, Near CSI Gowdi Church
9488475315

KRISHNAGIRI (3 PM – 5PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center, Near Arun Hospital
Royakottai Road. 9962085523 | 9524999711

MUMBAI (5PM – 8PM)

1st SUNDAY	-	Dharavi
2nd SUNDAY	-	Bhandup
3rd SUNDAY	-	Malad

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

to inherit your Promises

HUMBLE YOURSELF & BE BLESSED!

Dear brother, sister!

I heartily praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for giving yet another opportunity to meet you in this new month through this article. Many of you will be preparing for public exams, eligibility tests and entrance exams for medicine, engineering and postgraduate courses. Conquerors you are! Congratulations. You will come off with flying colors!

Once again, I would like to remind you, that for every promise, we can see the conditions of God. It is rare to see promises without conditions. Obedience to God's commands is also necessary for a promise to be fulfilled. We are meditating on this from the biblical experiences of people. In that order, this month let us meditate on Hagar's experience.

HAGAR

'Hagar' means stranger. She was an Egyptian woman who was brought up in Egyptian civilization, knowledge and characteristics. As per the law of slaves, she was working in the house of Abraham and Sarai.

The Lord who gave this slave girl a promise in Genesis 16:10 that **"I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude"**, also gave a condition – the angel of the Lord said to her **"return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand."** (Genesis 16:9)

Though the Lord had promised to give a child to the couple Abraham and Sarai, even after 10 years of the promise they did not have a child to enjoy with. They were growing very old and their longing to have a child also grew as well. Yet, the promise was not fulfilled.

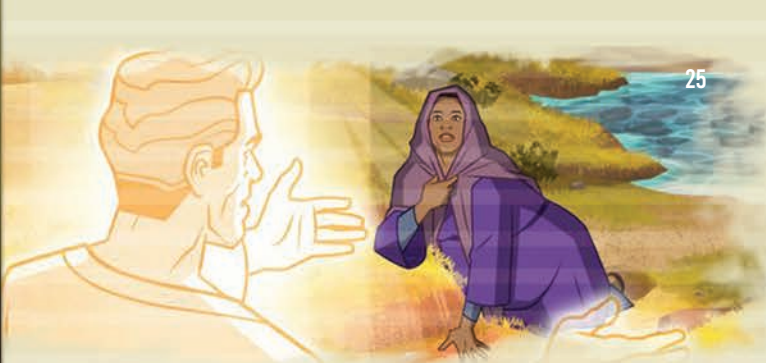
In such a situation Sarai hastily decides to build her family through the Egyptian slave girl Hagar and marries her to her husband Abraham.

As Sarai expected, Hagar conceived a child. Once Hagar conceived, she forgot to be grateful to her mistress, rather became proud of herself, despised her mistress's words and began to look down on her childless mistress.

As a result, Sarah dealt harshly with Hagar, her slave girl. Ignoring the fact that she was a pregnant woman, Sarai oppressed Hagar by punishing, persecuting and harassing her mercilessly.

Hagar could not resist it anymore. Eventually, Hagar ran away from her mistress's house, even though she knew it was a crime for a slave to run away from her master (Gen. 16:6). She was worried as, where to go with the baby in her womb? Who will take care of her? Her heart was filled with the fear of how she is going to





give birth to this child. Unsure of where she was going, Hagar continued her journey.

Neither Sarai her mistress, searched for her missing slave nor did Abraham look for her, who was the father of the child in Hagar's womb. It was in this condition that the angel of the Lord found Hagar in the wilderness by a spring. When no one sought her, the Lord came looking for her. Hallelujah!

The Lord who sought Hagar, looked at her and inquired, 'Where do you come from? Where are you going? He counseled her to return to her mistress and submit herself under her mistress hand. She 'did not argue' with the Lord saying, "I ran away from her, how can I go back to that place? How can I look at her face again? I can't bear the cruelty they do Lord, ask me to go somewhere else and I shall go but not there." Hagar obeyed to what the Lord said. As the Lord promised, He made Ishmael, Hagar's son, a great nation. Hallelujah!

A new, experienced bishop was appointed to our village CSI church. After the Sunday service there was a welcome party for him in which some of the church elders gave welcome messages. When one of the elder spoke, he welcomed the pastor and then went on saying that the members of the church are like mustard seeds who splutter quickly. Therefore, he meant to say that the duties of the bishop should align according to the members. There was a huge round of applause for his speech.

This was followed by the Bishop's acknowledgement and in the end of his speech he said, "One person mentioned in his speech that the members of this church are like mustard seeds. I am very happy and it is good to be like mustard seeds. But only when I put it in the vessel it should splutter and until then the mustard seeds must be contained humbly within my hand." With that he ended his speech.

The Bible also says the same in 1 Peter 5:6, **"Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time."**

Dear brother, sister!

Are you treated as a slave in your own family?

Are you in tears because you did not receive the love that you expected?

Are you unsure of where you are going in your life?

Are you treated very hard?

Are you in a driven-out situation?

Are you troubled that there is none to listen to your lament?

Are you weeping that there is none to seek you?

Are you thinking to run away from your family?

There is a loving father called Jesus to love you. The loving father who sought Hagar and listened to her lament, has come in search of you as well. The Lord who blessed Hagar, who was cruelly treated by her mistress and made a great nation through her son Ishmael will surely exalt and bless you before those who treated you harshly.

Are your parents saying that they are ashamed because of you? Are they troubling you by saying that 'We are going to lose the result because of you'? Or, Are they bullying you saying that "Your living is useless"? My dear daughter, are you thinking of going away from your home, your school or even from this world? Son, you are not born to die but to achieve.

As Hagar went back to her mistress who hated her and treated her harshly, and submitted to her and inherited the Lord's blessing... In the same way, stay right where you are and submit yourself to your parents, teachers, to those who guide you, to your superiors, with the zeal to achieve before those who humiliated you. The opportune time has come. May the loving Father Jesus exalt you as achievers and bless your posterity!

Humble Yourself & be Blessed! ■

The Track

Revival Race

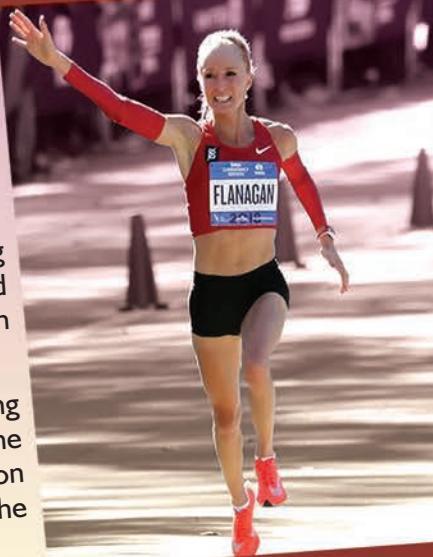
Event: Caleb

Through this series called 'The Track', every month we are getting to know, 'How those who were chosen by God for revival ran their race, the challenges they faced and how they carried it out.' Last month we saw about, how God used the useless lepers to change a nation's famine and about the 7 world records of a marathon runner Alexander Sorokin.

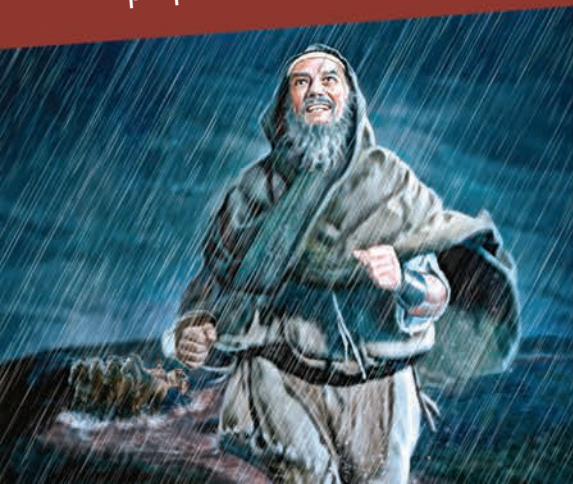
For the first 6 months of 2021, marathon competitions were proscribed worldwide due to the Corona lockdown. Later, after the relaxation of the lockdown, a series of marathons were announced. It has been announced that Berlin, London, Chicago, Boston, Tokyo and New York marathons, which are considered to be the 6 biggest marathons in the world, will be held in 6 consecutive weeks.

So for each race, there will be a gap of only 5 days. It seemed challenging and impossible to many players. But Shalane Flanagan, a 40-year-old American runner, accepted the challenge and decided to participate in all the 6 races. It is noted that she retired in 2020.

Despite many challenges, she has created a record by completing 6 marathons in 6 weeks. There was only one day gap between the Boston and Chicago marathons. She completed the 253 km marathon in 6 weeks in 15 hours and 49 minutes, and today she is training the budding marathoners.



When reading about Shalane Flanagan, a person in the Bible comes to my mind. **Elijah**, the prophet, was powerfully used by God. Elijah's intense run led him to do great things for God.



THE RUN THAT OVERTOOK THE CHARIOT

"Then the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel" (1 Kings 18:46). It was Elijah who brought down the fire of God, on Mount Carmel and utterly destroyed the prophets of Baal. He caused a great revival among the people of Israel. But Elijah's

work did not end there. Elijah had to pray for the rain to pour upon Israel. After praying for seven times, a cloud, as small as a man's hand arose and a blessed rain poured out on the land that had been dry for three and a half years without rain. Before it rained, Elijah had to run to Israel, before Ahab's chariot. A man cannot outrun a horse even if he takes the shortest route. Since the Lord's hand was on Elijah, he overtook the chariot.

Even today the cloud of revival hangs over our nation. The sound of abundance of rain is heard, and the revival is near. Multitudes are going to turn to the living God. God has appointed a course for you in this revival. Like Elijah we have a restless run. We need to strive earnestly to preach the gospel, to make people who are unaware of Jesus to know Him. If we want to run that race, it's a must for God's hand to be upon us. Besides, the Lord can use us, only when we gird up our loins and await with readiness.

40 DAYS UNCEASING JOURNEY

Elijah was successful in everything he did for the Lord. But in 1 Kings 19 it is written that, he was petrified by the threats of Jezebel and fled into the wilderness. This came as a bit of a shock to Elijah, who had seen consistent success. Unable to bear this, he got weary and laid down under a broom tree.

Even in our lives, when an unexpected instance happens, we get weary and neither pray nor read the Bible, nor seek God. Such was the case with Elijah too. Then the angel of the Lord strengthened Elijah by feeding him twice. With the strength of that meal, he walked day and night for 40 days and reached the mountain called Horeb. Food here refers

to God's word and promise. Horeb is the presence of God and the place where God's plans are known (where God met Moses from the burning bush, where Moses received the Ten Commandments). After Elijah arrived at Horeb, the Lord inquired, strengthened, gave him plans to do, and made him run again.

When problems and struggles arise in our lives and ministry, broom tree is not the place we should go. Instead, when we go to the mountain Horeb which is His presence, holding the promise which is the food, the Lord will make us run. Elijah replaced him with a prophet named Elisha and was taken up to heaven without seeing death.

Dear young people! God wants many Elijahs to rise up in this last time revival. Perhaps you are thinking like, "How can I rise for God in my current situation? I have many weaknesses, I often get weary, I fail to read the scriptures, then how can I run in the revival?"

James 5:17 says, 'Elijah was a man with a nature like ours.' If God strengthened and used that Elijah to do great things, He is able strengthen you too and shake the nation. For that, you need to go to Horeb, which is the presence of God and get strength and power from Him. Surely a great run is appointed for you in the revival! ■



Coffee

With REPORTER

Wise Woman

Chit chat: Viola

There are many people in the Bible whose names are not mentioned in the Holy Bible, but are known for their deeds. Among them, the 'wise woman' described in 2 Samuel 20 is notable. Do you think 'Who this 'wise woman' is? She lived in the land of Israel in the Old Testament period during the reign of King David.

This woman, with her wisdom, thinking skills, speaking skills and courage, spoke wisely to King David's army commander Joab and the people of the city, and protected her people by preventing the disaster that was coming to the city.

Below is an imaginary conversation of what it would have been like if our reporter had found and interviewed this wise woman.

Reporter: Hello Sister!

WISE WOMAN: Hi, Hello!!

Reporter: Sister, can you tell us about yourself?

W.WO: I lived in peace with my people at the time of King David in the land of Israel.

Reporter: Sister, you are quoted as "wise woman" in the Holy Bible. How did you get this name? Can you share us the story behind it?

W.WO: Sure. Though I stay inside the house and do household things, I will always observe and be aware of things happening around me. When we were in Abel Beth Maachah which

was like our mother city in Israel, I was surprised to learn that our city was besieged not by outsiders but by the military commander of our own nation.

Reporter: Were you frightened because the city was under siege? Were you tensed?

W.WO: My mind was neither anxious nor afraid. On the contrary, I realized that there must be some internal reasons since the military commander who was supposed to protect my country was trying to destroy the wall of the city.

Reporter: Do you already know Joab, the military commander?

W.WO: I have heard a lot about him. As if he was born with a sword, he loves fighting. A great warrior and courageous man. Loss of life and bloodshed are normal for him. But for us those are unbearable things. So somehow I wanted to meet and talk to him. He accepted my request and listened to me.



Reporter: Mmm.. What happened then sister?

W.WO: “Are you trying to destroy a city that is a mother to Israel? Why do you want to swallow up the Lord’s Inheritance? “I asked him. I was afraid that he would be angry with me for asking. But Joab answered without anger.

Reporter: Really? Being the commander of the army, was he not angry when you questioned him? That’s surprising! What did he answer?

W.WO: Mm... Will tell you. Joab said, “A man named Sheba son of Bikri, has raised his hand against King David. He is in this city. Deliver him only, and I will depart from the city.”

I thought about it. ‘If I don’t consign that one man, the wall of the city will fall. Many human lives and livestock can be killed because of it. The blood of innocent lives may be unjustly shed. There is nothing wrong in consigning this one man to avoid much loss of life and property.

Moreover, he is a rebel who raised his hand against King David. If he is left unpunished the peace of the nation would be frequently disturbed. So I vowed that his head would be hung from the wall.

Reporter: Wow... Super sister! Your thinking ability and courage to think about the consequences are the reasons behind this Sister. What happened next?

W.WO: I went to the people and narrated the consequences. They cut off the head of Sheba son of Bikri and threw it off the wall to Joab. Soon we heard the sound of the trumpets. The siege around the city was lifted. Father! Only then did we heave a sigh of relief. We strolled out with freedom.

Reporter: Well done sister! Destroying an evil man, avoiding so many losses and saving the entire city from destruction is indeed highly commendable sister!



W.WO: Thanks a lot.

Reporter: Sister, what would you like to share with our youths?

W.WO: My dear youth, if there is anything in you that is against the Lord, throw it away, just as they cut off and threw the head of Sheba, the son of Bikri. It might be an immoral conversation that corrupt virtues, a relationship that God hates, bad friendship and lust. These kill your independent life and will lead you to live a life of slavery. A small sin can cause loss of peace and tranquility and bring destruction to body and soul.

If your eye, hand, or foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. Jesus himself has said that it is better for you to enter the kingdom of the Lord lame, rather than having two feet, hands and eyes, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched (Mark 9:43-47).

Confess to the Lord today if you are facing any kind of intimidation or threats because of some sin. The devil that binds you will leave you. Destructions will be avoided. Peace and joy will surround you. You will also be called as ‘wise’ by everyone.

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”

“WISDOM IS TURNING AWAY FROM WICKEDNESS!”

Reporter: You said it right sister. Besides being hailed as a wise woman, thank you for advising us to make our children wise too!

W.WO: Thank you and goodbye! ■

NEWS

AMERICA SHOT DOWN THE MYSTERIOUS OBJECT THAT FLEW IN CANADA! PANIC CONTINUES WITH BALLOONS!



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said that the American F-22 aircraft shot down the mysterious object that was flying in the Canadian airspace. The United States shot down a giant Chinese spy balloon that flew over a nuclear weapons defense base in Montana, USA on February 1.

Similarly, on 4th Feb, an American F-22 aircraft shot down a mysterious object flying at an altitude of 40,000 feet in the airspace of the Alaskan border of Canada. US accuses China of flying mystery balloon for spying, but China, which has denied this, has said that the balloon was flown for meteorological research, and that the United States shot it down as a violation of international law.

The United States, which has refused to accept this, has passed a resolution condemning China and has banned 6 Chinese aviation technology companies in the United States. This issue has caused a rift in the relationship between the US and China. In this situation, the United States' F-22 defense aircraft shot down a spherical-shaped mysterious object that flew over the airspace of the Yukon province in the northwestern part of Canada yesterday.

In this regard, Justin Trudeau said on his Twitter page, "The North American Space Defense Agency informed us that a mysterious object is flying in the airspace of the Yukon province in the northwestern part of Canada. Then I ordered to shoot down the mysterious object. Canadian and American planes tried to shoot down the mysterious object. At that time, the American F-22 aircraft shot down the mysterious object flying in the Canadian airspace. I spoke to US President Joe Biden on the phone about this. Canada will collect and analyze the wreckage of the downed object in the Yukon region. Thanks to the North American Space Defense Agency for reporting the mysterious object," he said.

- Dhinakaran, February 13, 2023.

PM MODI CAN CONVINCE PUTIN TO END HOSTILITIES IN UKRAINE, SAYS WHITE HOUSE

The US would welcome any effort that could lead to an end of hostilities in Ukraine, White House spokesperson John Kirby said when asked if it was too late for Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to stop the war between Ukraine and Russia.

"I'll let the PM (Prime Minister Narendra Modi) speak to whatever efforts he's willing to undertake. The United States would welcome any effort that could lead to an end of hostilities in Ukraine," White House National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby said on Friday. He was responding to a question if it is too late for PM Modi to stop the war between Ukraine and Russia or convince President Vladimir Putin.

- India Today, Feb 11, 2023

BETHEL

Greetings of love to the dear young hearts in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Under the title 'Places in the Bible' we are exploring the important cities in the Bible. Last month you would have learnt many things about "Capernaum". This month let us learn some interesting facts about the famous city called "Bethel".

Introduction

Bethel means "House of God". It is an ancient city of Palestine, located near the city of Ai, about 12 miles north of Jerusalem. It was considered a very important city in the Old Testament times. The original name of the town "Luz" was renamed "Bethel" by Jacob. The word Bethel is mentioned 60 times in the Bible. The most frequently used name after Jerusalem in the Bible is "Bethel". At present this place is called as 'Beitin'.

Highlights

- ◀ This is the place where Abraham first built an altar and worshipped the Lord.
- ◀ This is where Jacob first encountered God in a dream when he fled from his brother Esau and saw angels of God ascending and descending on a ladder whose top reached unto heaven (Genesis 28:12).
- ◀ It was here that God promised Jacob that 'thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth' and since that place was glorious and full of God's presence he called it 'the House of God and the Gate of Heaven'.
- ◀ In troublous times the people went to Bethel to ask counsel of God (Judges 20:18, 20:31 ; 21:2).
- ◀ During the time of the judges, here the Ark of the Covenant was kept for a long time under the care of Phinehas, the grandson of Aaron (Judges 20:26-28)
- ◀ The priests offered burnt and peace offerings here before the Lord and inquired of the Lord.
- ◀ Bethel was one of the major worship centers of Israel.

Destruction of Bethel

- ◀ After the division of the kingdom of Israel, Jeroboam, the king of the northern kingdom, made two golden calves, looked at the people, and said, "Behold, these are your gods who brought you out of the land of Egypt," and established one at Bethel and one at Dan. (1 Kings 12:26-29)
- ◀ The Lord warned Jeroboam several times through a prophet about raising golden calf in Bethel but he did not heed the Lord's warning. (1 Kings 13:1-34)
- ◀ Hence the prophet Hosea calls it in contempt Beth-Aven, i.e., "House of idolatry." (Hosea 4:15 ; 5:8 ; 10:5 ; 10:8)
- ◀ The continued disobedience of Jeroboam and subsequent kings was the main cause of Bethel's destruction.
- ◀ In the seventh century BC, in fulfillment of the prophecy spoken by the Lord's prophet, Josiah, a righteous king, at length extirpated the Golden-Calf Altar that Jeroboam erected and all traces of the idolatries as part of his religious reforms (2 Kings 23:4, 13-19).
- ◀ Eventually, during Ezra's time, the town of Bethel was burned down and reduced to a small village (Ezra 2:28). Bethel disappears completely and is not mentioned anywhere in the New Testament. ■





Youth Revival Meetings!

In Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh

March 26, Sunday

Timings: 5 PM to 8 PM

Venue: Love Gospel Ministries, Kuppam,

Message and Prayer: Bro. Avinash

Contact: 9791444788 | 9492381258

In Kalvarayanmalai - Kallakurichi...

April 2, Sunday

Timings: 6 PM to 9 PM

**Venue: Community Hall,
Near Indian Bank, Vellimalai**

Message and Prayer: Bro. Sathish kumar

Contact: 9442885315

In Kanchipuram...

April 14, Friday

Timings: 4 PM to 7 PM

**Venue: S.S. Mahal, Orikka Road,
Kanchipuram**

Message and Prayer: Bro. Avinash

Contact: 9488475315

In Dharapuram...

April 14, Friday

Timings: 9 AM to 1 PM

**Venue: Sivaranjani Mahal,
Udumalai Road.**

Message and Prayer: Bro. Sathish kumar

Contact: 9442082200 / 9944360222

In Erode...

April 23, Sunday

Timings: 3 PM to 6 PM

Message and Prayer:

Bro. Avinash

Contact: 9750722000

In Trichy...

April 16, Sunday

Timings: 3 PM to 6 PM

Message and Prayer:

Bro. Sathish kumar

Contact: 9489775075

