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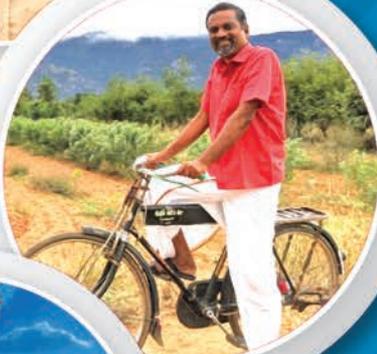
Rely not on your own power, instead utterly

*Depend on God!*



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# Hinge on!

## FOREWORD

Tender greetings to the dear young hearts!

In our lives, when trials and hitches surround and scare us, whom do our hearts hinge on? Whom does it trust? In the Bible, Asa, the king of Judah, faced a great war, a decade after his reign.

Asa offered up a beautiful prayer, when 2 times more troops and chariots stood against him, "Lord, it is nothing for You to help, whether with many or with those who have no power." Asa did not rely on his own forces and strength, but on God and His power.

Since Asa depended on God, God fought for him. The Ethiopian Army fled before them. And they brought much booty. As Asa was dependent on God, He protected Asa and his people, gave them victory and booty, and treated them so well that they lacked nothing.

Even today, many young people depend on their education, position, and experiences, and when these leave them in the lurch, they get weary. They become palsied. They are stunned and unable to rise. On whom is your dependence today? When you depend on the Lord He will lift you up from all your downfalls and lead you on the path of victory forever.

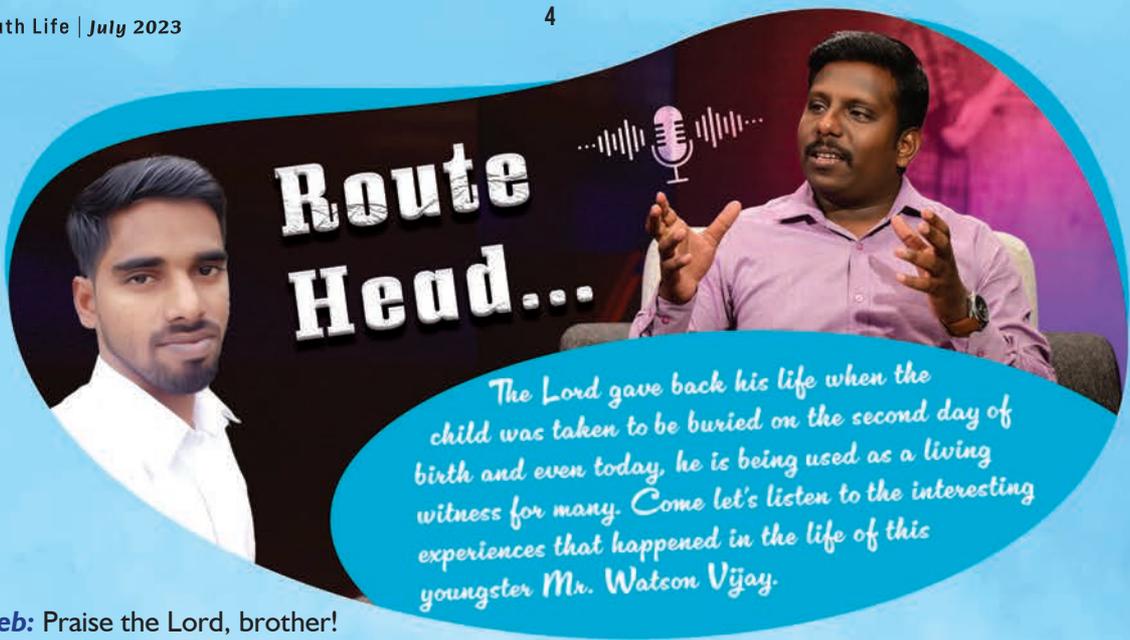
In the days of Asa God used him to cleanse the land and help the people to trust in God. He will lift up you as well and bless you. But remember to depend on God at all times.

Though Asa depended on God for everything initially, his reliance slowly drifted towards people. In the end, even in his death bed he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians.

***My dear youths! If you depend on God till the end, He will not only give you freedom, protection, but also exaltation and blessing. He will also provide protection and gifts. He will do amazing things when you depend on the Lord to the end! Act! As he wills!!***

In Christ's Mission,  
**Avinash**





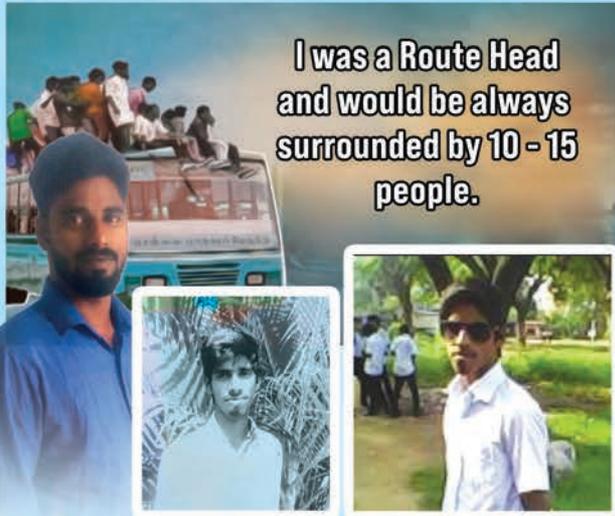
*The Lord gave back his life when the child was taken to be buried on the second day of birth and even today, he is being used as a living witness for many. Come let's listen to the interesting experiences that happened in the life of this youngster Mr. Watson Vijay.*

**Caleb:** Praise the Lord, brother!

**Vijay:** Praise the Lord, Anna.

**Caleb:** I heard that your birth was a miraculous one. Can you tell me a little bit about it?

**Vijay:** Yes, brother... On the second day after my birth, I was extremely unwell, so they kept me in an incubator. However, I stopped breathing, and the doctors told my parents that I had died. In order to reach our village, which is approximately 60 kilometers away, they had to carry me in a basket and cross through some fields. So, my grandparents swaddled me in a cloth and kept me in a bag thinking they can throw me in any river.



**Caleb:** It sounds really awful.! Did they leave you?

**Vijay:** No, brother, let me explain... Since they had to travel a long distance, my grandfather decided to have some tea and continue. Grandfather and grandmother had tea while the bag started to move. The shopkeeper was alarmed on seeing this. While he asked what was

in the bag, my grandfather and grandmother opened the bag, and found that I was breathing. They would tell me that, immediately, they gave me tea from that shop.

**Caleb:** Wow that's a miracle...! Well, we haven't spoken anything about your family? Tell me about your family...

**Vijay:** My father is from Pondicherry, and my mother is from Periyapalayam, a village in the Thiruvallur district. I was born and raised in that village. Even now, I live in Periyapalayam. I am the second child in my family. I have an elder brother and a younger sister. My father is a

Christian, while my mother comes from a family that is unfamiliar with Jesus. But she prays a lot more than dad. She reads the Bible every day. When I was young, she would teach me the stories from the Bible and would explain them to me.

**Caleb:** So, at a young age, you learned and understood the Bible and had a good relationship with God, right?

**Vijay:** No, brother... I was just a professing Christian. I didn't have any unity or connection with God, so I didn't spend time with Him. But I had a desire to study the Bible. I wanted to learn the things written in the Bible. When I hear pastor talk about the wedding in Cana, Zacchaeus, Moses, David and about the Bible in the church, I get a desire to read the Bible.

**Caleb:** Alright... You had the desire to read the Bible. Did you start reading it?

**Vijay:** Yes, brother... I started reading the Bible from the third grade. When I was in the fifth grade, my mother bought me a Bible for my own use. From then, I began reading the Bible. Even though I read the Bible, I lived a life without any connection to the true God.

**Caleb:** So, when you're reading the Bible...your life should change big time somewhere...

**Vijay:** What you're saying is right, brother... There is a famous proverb which states, sometimes people live an oscillating life serving two Lords at the same time. That's how my life was. I had sinful experiences just like everyone else. I went to the church. When everyone pray with their eyes closed, I would secretly place my Bible in my mother's place and would go to play cricket. Many sinful things remained within me. I was like that until my ninth grade when my life changed.

**Caleb:** Alright, so when did you actually start knowing about Jesus?

**Vijay:** When I was studying in 10th standard, my uncle's sons had the experience of growing up in spiritual life. God had given them the gift of prophecy. Once when I went to their home to watch cricket on TV, there were 10 sisters gathered there and were praying. Then I was forced to sit in prayer, and I saw them speaking in tongues filled with the Spirit. I didn't understand anything then. When a



sister put her hand on my head and prayed, "The Lord is making you His servant. The Lord says that God wants you." I thought, "I won't be in the church even for half an hour, is God going to make me His minister? I came out of there because it wouldn't be right for me. Even though I came

out of the place, those prophetic words they had spoken kept ringing within me. After that, those words would often seem to speak to me. Nevertheless, I kept rejecting those words. I finished my 12th grade.

**Caleb:** Ok. Did your life change since then? Did you continue to study?

**Vijay:** After completing 12th standard, I came home to study ITI in a college in Chennai. I was the "route head" to the bus route that I travel. I would be always surrounded by 10 – 15 people. I was like a rogue. Even today, everyone knows the name Vijay, particularly the drivers of those routes. I was having so much fun. And when someone is defiling me questioning if I am a child, I will say to them, "Will your child be raised in a proper way? Have you come to correct me because you don't know how to raise your child?" I would turn back at them. That's how I was doing big hooliganism every day. I was living such a wicked life.

**Caleb:** Okay... How did your life change from being a route head? How did you change to the route of Jesus?



**Vijay:** While studying ITI, I was very weak for 13 days and became bedridden. I couldn't eat any food at all. All test results were normal. But fever never subsided. I could consume liquid food only. Otherwise, it was not possible to eat any food. It was when I was in bed, I heard something, it was as if someone talking to me. The voice said, "Go to Pastor Jebakumar's church." I didn't know where

he was. But somehow, I searched and found out and went to the church. When I went there, the pastor told me the same prophecy that the sister had already uttered. When the pastor prophesied like, "The Lord has chosen you like David. The Lord has chosen you to redeem his people," I was filled with the spirit and started speaking in tongues without my knowledge. But I heard a voice within me that said, "This is not the Spirit, it is you speaking on your own."

When I was in doubt if it was God who anointed me, the pastor asked, "Do you feel that God has anointed you?" I said "Yes! God has anointed me" without thinking of anything, and from that day on the Holy Spirit began to speak to me.

**Caleb:** Super... Did you begin to live in harmony with the Holy Spirit? Now how do you feel the Holy Spirit is leading you?

**Vijay:** Lord has been teaching me every day how to live with Him in a holy way and how to be in connection with Him. I did not give up my sins after receiving the anointing. I started witnessing my sins departing from me. After receiving the anointing, my circle of friends changed completely. My life, which was always about cricket ground, has changed to my college, home and church. For 4 to 5 hours a day, I started spending time with the Lord, and I started prioritizing God in the first place. He is filling me with the spirit of prayer and making me to stand firm to pray for the nation and to worship God. As I drew close to the Lord, sin has departed from me and the Holy Spirit gave me the strength to spend more time with the Lord.

**Caleb:** Okay... As you begin to grow in your relationship with the Lord, what are you doing for the Lord?

**Vijay:** Though I grew up in the Lord to pray and read the Scriptures, I had a great desire to share



the gospel. But I didn't know how to do it. When I prayed to the Lord, the Lord said, "Before you minister for me, minister to me." I didn't understand this. When I told the Lord that I didn't understand it, He said that if I was ministering for Him, I had to go out and tell everyone that Jesus is the

Savior and that Jesus loves everyone. He explained to me that waiting at His feet, spending time with Him and obeying His word and praying is to minister to Him. For 7 years, my spiritual life was going like this. It was only after that I had the opportunity to preach the gospel. Through Chennai Igniters, I went to Marina Beach in Chennai every week and started sharing the gospel by sharing tracts about God. Now, I'm doing that ministry every week. Not only that, God is also gracious to make me a part of the Igniters Fellowship in Chennai and grow more in the spiritual life and conduct prayers.

**Caleb:** Ok Vijay... You have shared with us every single thing that has happened in your life so far... What do you want to say to young people who are the readers of the Youth World Magazine?

**Vijay:** The World is very busy! In these days when the world is running very rigidly, we should wait in the presence of the Lord, without wasting our time or spending our time on worldly affairs. The Lord will not talk as soon as we go into His presence. He will speak to us only when we wait for many days and hours in His presence. So, when we wait in God's presence and act according to the word of the Lord, the Holy Spirit will lead us every day.



**Dear young people! If Jesus can give life to the boy Watson Vijay who died on the 2nd day of his birth, call him who was after the world and his friends in his teenage saying, "I need you", anoint and use him, no matter what situation you are in today, Jesus can wash away your sins, sanctify and use you too. But only when you give yourself completely to Jesus you can be used according to His will! ■**



# MACEDONIA

*Dear youths! Every month you are getting to know many interesting facts about some nations mentioned in the Bible and their famous places under the topic, "Places in the Bible". This month let us briefly talk over "Macedonia".*

## INTRODUCTION

- ◀ In the beginning, Macedonia was the northern part of Greece.
- ◀ Later, during the period of Alexander the great it became a mighty kingdom (356-323 B.C).
- ◀ Though its name is not mentioned in the Old Testament of the Bible, it is believed that the male goat mentioned in Daniel 8:5-8 was this nation's king.
- ◀ In the New Testament, Macedonia is under the reign of Romans.
- ◀ Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea were the cities in it.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ◀ The name Macedonia is derived from the ancient Greek word meaning "The Tall One" or "Highlander". It is believed that this is named after the height of the people lived there.
- ◀ The population of Macedonia is approximately 20 lakhs and 85 thousand. Out of which 55% are Christians.
- ◀ Their national animal is "Lion". Macedonia has about 328 varieties of birds.
- ◀ Moreover, Macedonia is considered to have many mountains among the nations with small area.
- ◀ The famous Mother Teresa belonged to the nation of Macedonia.

## PAUL AND MACEDONIA

- ◀ You know that Apostle Paul shared the gospel among the Gentiles! Paul preached in Philippi which is the capital of one of the cities in Macedonia (Acts 16:12).
- ◀ Paul spoke highly about the joy and abundant offerings of the Macedonian congregation to the Christians in Jerusalem (2 Corinthians 8:1-6).



**Dear youths! Macedonia became popular in those days because of Paul's gospel. Today, the place where you live can become famous through the gospel that you share! Preach the gospel. that's our duty! ■**



## Whom to Obey?



I was born in a family who do not know Jesus and got saved. I am now 30 years old. My parents also got saved and are going to a spiritual church. However, in my marriage matter, they cancel all the alliances saying 'No' – citing the caste of the girl. A few years ago, in a youth meeting I prayerfully took a decision not to demand dowry or seek an alliance for marriage according to the caste or community.

But, because of my parents' obstinacy, my marriage is getting delayed. Is it wrong to marry into another caste? Or, is my decision that, "I will not consider caste" wrong? I don't understand. Should I obey Jesus Or my dad?  
– **Jebez, Dharmapuri.**

Dear Brother Jebez! Your heartache and anguish are quite well understandable through your letter. The question that, "If I make a wrong decision, the marriage may be hindered. But why should I face such problems and obstacles when I have made a good decision?" arising deep inside your heart is obvious.

Jebez, today many who profess they are Christians are in a bondage even without their knowledge. There are many divisions like – bondage of desire for the money, and bondage having a high opinion of their caste.

It is their ignorance to be firm in their decision, without realizing that they are in a servitude. In earlier days members of the same community would marry within themselves. Because the customs, culture and attitudes of both households would be similar, they would do so thinking that it would avoid unnecessary problems.

Moreover, many changes can be seen when people of different communities get married. Their talks are different, customs are different, especially differences in food habits, eating habits, and festival celebrations; likewise there are many differences. Due to this, there will be many rifts, fights and confusion between the couple who are starting a new life and so people belonging to the same community or caste get married.

But with time, this caste has become a paramount factor in marriage. The Bible says, "There is neither Jew nor Greek." God doesn't acknowledge any caste. But, it is painful that many Christians cling to this wrong practice. And forcing this thing on their children is even more pathetic.

Jebez, in this situation, the decision which you are going to take is going to be crucial. To act in accordance to the vow that you have made for marriage:

## What will happen if you obey to the word of your father?



1. There may be happiness in the family as you have obeyed your father's word.
2. Marriage may happen immediately.
3. Everyone may say that, you also have accepted your father's societal belief.
4. But, you may have a guilt conscience plaguing that you weren't able to fulfil the decision and the vow which you have taken in the presence of God.
5. Your inner feeling may say, 'You have denied Jesus like Peter' whom you have loved, for marriage.

### In case, if you don't obey to the word of your father what may happen?

1. In your family, because of your firm decision, there may occur unceasing confusions and inharmonious state.
2. They may even accuse you with the Bible, saying, "The one who doesn't honour parents is a disobedient one."
3. There are chances for a separation to occur in the father and son relationship, due to the zeal that is on the caste.
4. Perhaps your father may not come to the wedding, if you marry without regard to caste, as you have prayed.
5. You may feel that I have pleased Jesus rather than my Father.

**Dear Jebez, I encourage you to not become weary as we are not promised a life of ease, for we have committed to live this Christian life obeying the word of God and pleasing Him in all aspects. It may also mean suffering for righteousness sake, that is taking stand to walk in the revealed truth of the scripture. I can guarantee you that your reward will be great on the Lord's day if you acknowledge and honor Him in this life you now live. Let God strengthen your hands and let your generation rise to break this demon of caste in the mighty name of Jesus.**

### Three Vital Things which Bible say regarding Marriage:

1. Pro. 18:22:- He who finds a wife finds good thing and obtains favor from the Lord. Its only under God's direction and guidance, you are assured of a good wife as you continue to seek Him through reading the scripture and praying you can be at rest knowing that God will fulfill His purpose for you.

2. 2 Cor. 6:14:- God's word admonishes to not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. So make sure you donot compromise on this commandment but obey God in marrying a girl, who has accepted Jesus Christ as her saviour and loves the Lord with all her heart.

3. Pro. 31:30:- The first quality you need to find in your girl is that she fears the Lord. The world is behind

- A - Age
- B - Beauty
- C - Caste / Cash / Color
- D - Dowry
- E - Education

but as a child of God you need to consider whether the girl fears the Lord, which He himself tells to be sought after ■

# RELY ON GOD!



Cover Story:  
Sathish

In this hopeless world every day, we are surrounded by different kind of struggles, toils, and financial problems. Relying on God is the only way to escape these situations. You might have completed your school education and may be confused on what to choose in your college studies. Or you might have completed your college education and may wait for your higher education or job opportunities. You may be in any situation, just rely upon Jesus, you will succeed!

Perhaps you are highly talented, a big scholar, wealthy, with people influence. But you can't succeed if you rely on these things. Rely on the God who gave you all the above, you shall surely prosper.

Hezekiah became the king of Israel at the age of 25. "And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father did" (II Kings 18:3). Shalmaneser king of Assyria

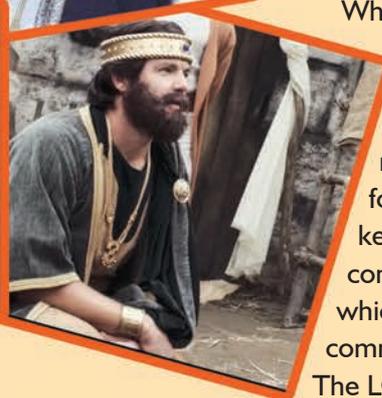
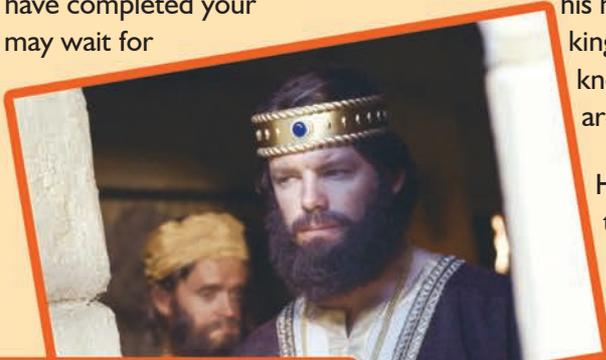
came up against Hezekiah and cursed the name of God and threatened all the people. At that time Hezekiah did not see his army's strength, wealth nor did he listen to his chief advisors, firstly he ran to the house of the Lord and said, "LORD our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone, LORD, are God." (2kings 19:19)

Hezekiah did not rely on all the worldly things he had, instead he was faithful upon God, and so God fought for him in the great battle.

When Hezekiah was distressed, "He held fast to the LORD; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses.

The LORD was with him; he prospered

wherever he went (2kings 18:6-7). When you rely on God, you don't have to be afraid or distressed in your troublesome times. God will be with you in all your future endeavours, either



it be studies or work or marriage, He will be with you and make everything prosper.

Generally, many people in today's world think they can survive with their strength and knowledge. You should clearly understand that, people with these kind of beliefs are living away from God. "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the LORD" (Jeremiah 17:5). The bible says cursed are the people who do not rely upon God and stay away from Him. Blessed is those who trust in God instead of people. Think on whom do you have your faith? There was no king like Hezekiah before or after him who trusted on God. When you trust like Hezekiah you will succeed in all your endeavours.

In this sinful world you cannot live holy with your own strength. You should learn to live relying on God if you want to stay away from the filth of the world like, prostitution, adultery, desire, and

Satan's tricks. Joseph's life was surrounded with sin every day. But he didn't get away from God, and he ran away from sin since God was with him. Joseph went as a slave to Egypt, but he was able to protect himself from disgusting things that was happening around him in the nation like, sinful nature, idol worship, adultery, humanly tricks. He was a blessing to the whole nation by fulfilling God's purpose in his life.

***My dear youngsters! Education, degree and building our talents are very much needed in our life. But we must clearly understand that our own strength and knowledge will never help us. In a world full of challenges, struggles and dirt if you want to live holy and successful, be like Hezekiah and Joseph and rely upon God in all your situations. "For the LORD will be at your side and will keep your foot from being snared" (Proverbs 3:26) ■***

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# Loose the Knots

## THE ULTIMATE BIBLICAL NUMBER

Find the answers for the following questions significant of a number quoting the Bible reference:

1. Who was in the midst of the cloud for 40 days?
2. Which wise king reigned in Israel of 40 years?
3. Who prophesied that the pagan city Nineveh would be destroyed in 40 days?
4. What did Noah release from the ark after 40 days?
5. Who was 40 years old when he married Rebecca?
6. Which Hebrew man's death was mourned by the Egyptians for 40 days?
7. Who was the target of an assassination plot by 40 men?
8. With whom was the God grieved for 40 years?
9. Which son of Saul became king at the age of 40?
10. Which king slaughtered 40,000 Syrian foot soldiers?

Your Answers are expected  
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# IF YOU DEPEND ON GOD, HE WILL MEET YOUR NEEDS!

**“My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth” (Psalm 121:2).**

You may be going through troubling situations in your life that make you wonder, “Where will my help come from? How my needs will be met?” Perhaps there may be questions in your heart like, ‘My needs are so huge, who will help me?’ Or someone who promised to help you might have forgotten you or they are not in a position to help you right now. Bible says, **“My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth”**. Don’t be afraid! You may be subjected to many failures, obstructions, and deception, but no one can stop the blessings that come from the Lord. He is a God who provides help in miraculous ways. God indeed provides help through people. But let our faith rest only upon God. “I lift my eyes upon the heavens from whence comes my help” (Psalm 121-1). The Lord is our helper. He is the one



who does everything for us and on him shall our eyes be. But many times, our eyes which are fixed on the Lord, turn towards men even without our knowledge.

When the Lord called me to serve Him, I made a pact with God saying, ‘I surrender myself to serve you, but whether it is my personal need or a ministry need, I will always look upon You alone. Even for five bucks, I should not seek others for help; Only You should meet my needs.’ The Lord promised me, ‘Do not worry about tomorrow. I will meet your everyday needs and take care of you, do not fear’. Trusting in that promise, I dedicated myself to serve Him and stepped in.

I started my ministry in the year 1978 and in the year 1980 ‘Jesus Redeems’ magazine ministry was started. One day the Lord promised me, “Through this magazine, write and let people know about the messages I give, and I will save many through it.” Subscriptions should not be solicited while publishing the journal.

Send the magazine for free to all who ask for it. I will drive the hearts of people to support this ministry through their offerings. I obeyed the voice of the Lord and I started the magazine ministry in 1980. We started with just 300 magazines in the first month. Slowly, the number reached a thousand. A



Message: Mohan C. Lazarus

few months passed by. One day, a brother from the printing press came to my house asking me for the payment towards printing press charges for the magazines published. I did not have any money to give him. I told him that I would make the payment soon and sent him away. Usually, our postman would bring the postal letters and MO (money order) around 11 O'clock every day. I was waiting thinking that I could use the money coming from it to pay for the printing. But, on that particular day; I received only a lot of letters but not a single MO. It was a big disappointment for me who trusted the Post-man and the MO he brings. Confused about how to pay this money, I went to my room and knelt down and prayed to the Lord.

Then the Lord started talking to me. 'Who do you put your trust in? Do you believe in me? Or, Do you place your trust in men who send offerings?' He asked. On that day, the Lord taught me a lesson. Only then did I realize my mistake. Without my knowledge, my eyes had drifted away from God towards people who help me. We do not feel that it is wrong for our eyes of faith to depart from God. It doesn't seem to be a big thing for us. But only when we look deeper we can realize the fault in it.

I cried out with tears when I realized my mistake. My trust is placed in you Lord, You promised me 'I will help you'. My eyes should have been upon the Lord who made the heavens and earth. But my eyes have moved towards the people who are sending the money. I prayed to the Lord with tears, confessing my sins and seeking His forgiveness. When I had finished my prayer, a brother came to my house on a bicycle and rang the bell. When I came out, he gave me some money and said, "The Lord spoke to me to give you this offering.". He then left after I received and prayed for it. When I saw the money enclosed in my hand, it was exactly the same as the money I owed to the press. Tears of joy flowed from my eyes.

The Lord spoke to me saying, "I am the God who meets your needs". You will get help only from me, but you must keep your eyes focused on Me. The Lord taught me to keep my faith only in Him. From that day onwards until this day, I look up to the Lord for all my needs.

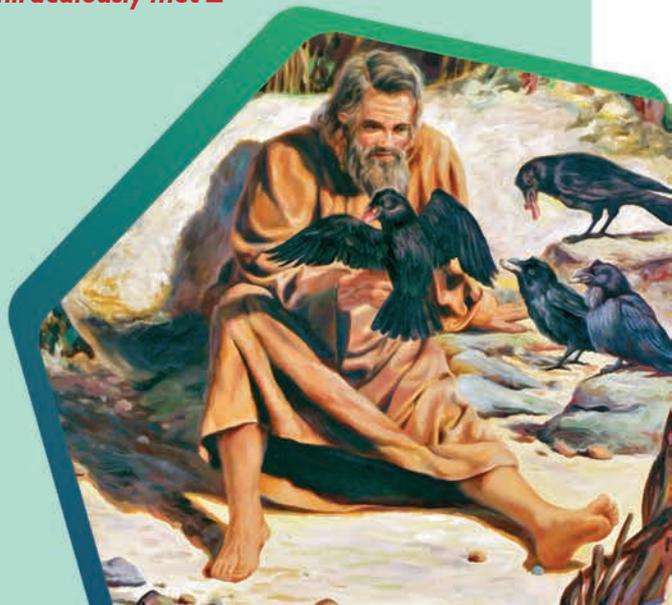
Today, On whom is your trust? Is it on your children? On your relatives? On your friends? Or, Is

it upon the person who has promised to help you? When you lift your eyes to the Lord, He will help you through some person or another. When Elijah was staying near the brooks of Cherith, God used the ravens to feed him. The ravens would bring him bread and meat, every morning and evening without fail.

Elijah, who went obeying the Lord's word, might have had faith that the Lord who sent him is able to provide him. So in the beginning he would have had immense faith and trust in the Lord who fed him miraculously with crows.

But as the days went by, and it became regular, Elijah would have been expecting the raven thinking, "Morning and evening at this time the raven will surely bring me food." Elijah, who had to look up on the Lord who provides, now began to look in the direction of the raven. So the Lord stopped feeding Elijah with the ravens and asked him to go to Zarephath. He also promised him that he would be fed by a widow. God can use anybody to help us. He can use the widow if there is no crow. But our eyes must be on the Lord alone.

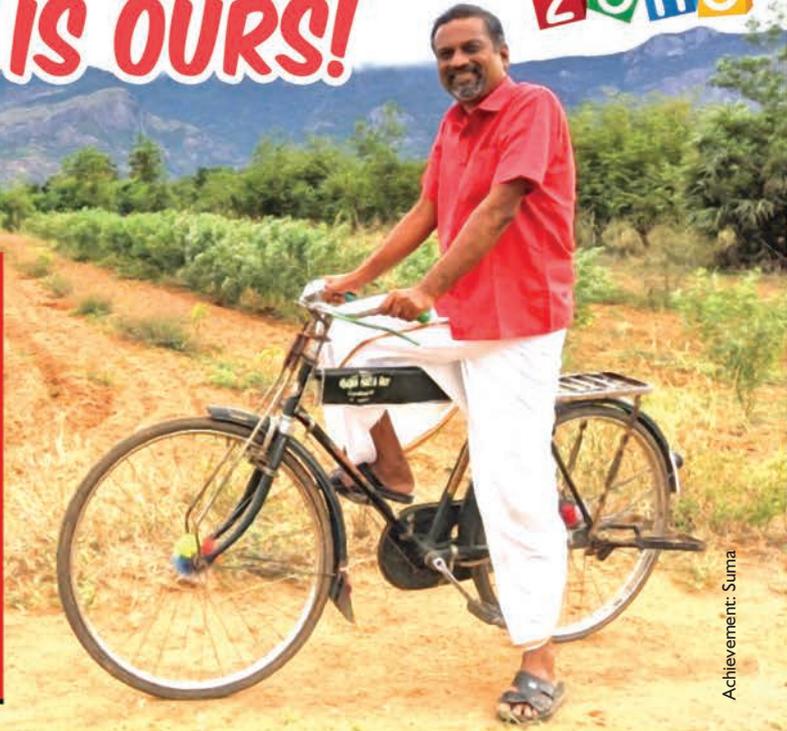
**Today, the Lord says, your help will come only from Me, the creator of the heavens and earth. How will it come? Your help will come from unexpected sources. But let your eyes be on me, says the Lord. If your need today is money, repaying loans, job requirements, business needs, educational expenses, or any other need, keep your eyes focused on God. Tell Him, 'Lord, You are my hope, I lift my eyes towards You' and you will find your needs miraculously met ■**



# TOMORROW IS OURS!



My warm wishes to the young achievers who are diligent and hard working. Do you wish to have a successful journey? Firstly, create a new path for yourself. Secondly, remove the obstacles like insurmountable stones, thorns, failures, disappointments and laziness on that new path and completely remove those things from that path. Now you can walk cheerfully. To make your path successful, here's the path of an achiever to boost up your confidence...



Achievement: Suma

Sridhar Vembu was born in a small farming family. He did his schooling in a government aided school and his college studies in Chennai. He joined Qualcomm in San Diego, California & worked for two years. Later he wanted to start a business in his own country. As a result of his desire, he started a start-up company in Chennai with a dream along with his brother.

'Vembu Software' that was started with a new processing, attained a good growth. Thus Vembu started giving importance to software services to attract customers. This earned him a large number of customers very quickly.

By 2000, the company had grown to a multi-million dollar business.. Software service providers were facing many crises. In this period Sridhar Vembu's company worked hard and started attracting more customers. The company's name was changed to ZOHO Corporation in the year 2009.

He founded ZOHO School in 2004 to provide professional software development education to rural students. 15 to 20% of the employees in his ZOHO software company are those who are school leavers who haven't graduated from college. ZOHO Company has provided proper training to these students and has raised them to a higher level.

In 2020 he announced "Rural School Start" which focuses on free primary education. Currently ZOHO company is running as a successful company with revenues in the billions dollars margin. Around 10,000 people worldwide are working in ZOHO. Sridhar Vembu is the 59th richest Indian globally. He was awarded Padma Shri, the highest award given by the Government of India.



**Young people reading this! Started as a small company today ZOHO stands as the company which creates job opportunities to many students. This is due to Sridhar's perseverance and tireless work. Both these qualities created a new path for Sridhar & helped him walk through it successfully. You can also create a path if you try and can also walk successfully on it. Are you ready to create a winning streak? Here's your chance! ■**



During the months of April and May, many Indians are used to a type of fever known as the IPL fever. The hype was a little higher this year than every year. The reason for the high anticipation was about the possibility of Dhoni's last season in the IPL. The fans of the team which hasn't won any cup yet, has started a social trending war saying as 'Ee sala cup namdae'. Amidst these social media fights and interesting matches, Chennai and Gujarat team were qualified for the finals. The final match was held for three days due to rain and drizzles. Till the last ball none could predict the winner. One of the star players of CSK team, Ravindra Jadeja was on the strike for the final over when the required run was 10 from 2 balls. Till the fourth ball of the final over Mohit Sharma, the bowler of Gujarat team bowled well and just conceded 3 runs. Many thought that Gujarat would win the trophy.

In the last two deliveries Jadeja was on strike. Imagine Jadeja's state of mind in this situation. If he wins everyone will praise him but if he fails, he has to face harsh criticisms. But amidst these he stayed calm under pressure and hit six and four runs in the next two balls and won the game for CSK which made them win IPL trophy for the fifth time.

Dear youngsters! As we see in the news, the younger generation end up their lives for trivial reasons like failure in studies, not able to buy what they desire or for getting scolding from parent. This reflects that they are not able to face the situation or challenges bravely. In Bible, David says with trust that, "For by You I can run against a troop; by my God I can leap over a wall." (2 Samuel 22:30). Because the Lord was with him and gave him victory in everything.

***The same God who guided David through victory is there for you to transform your failure to success. When you commit your ways and life unto God, He shall bring it to pass. He will give you the courage and faith to overcome everything. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13) ■***



# Follow-up Camps

## Tamilnadu & Kerala

In Nalumavadi, Tabernacle of God, 6th & 7th of last May 2023 "Tamilnadu Igniters Follow-up camp" was conducted. Around 590 people participated in this camp, out of those who had participated in the earlier Tamilnadu Igniters camp. Igniters from 7 regions (Chennai, Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, Madurai, Salem, Cuddalore and Trichy) shared their ministry experiences.

Similarly, on May 23rd and 24th, more than 500 Igniters from Kerala participated and shared their 'Ministry experiences in Kerala'. Bro. Mohan C. Lazarus and Bro. Sam Jebaraj taught the subtleties to spread the gospel even more intensively during the revival days. The youngsters who had come went away with a new anointing and power, and the determination to work more zealously for revival.





# Shamgar

*To read: Judges 3:31; 5:6-8*

After Joshua, the Lord raised many judges like Othniel, Ehud and Shamgar. We saw about two of the judges in the previous issues. This month let us briefly know about Shamgar, the 3rd judge.

## INTRODUCTION

Shamgar was the son of Anath. Shamgar lived as a godly man amidst the spiritual dryness, weak economical situation and the fear for the enemies which prevailed during his days (Judges 5:5,6).

## ACHIEVEMENT AND STRENGTH

- When Shamgar was the judge, he slaughtered 600 Philistines with an ox goad (the stick used to drive the cows away when the oxen were ploughing the fields) and delivered the Israelites. Shamgar might not have had any other weapon besides that.
- He might have been a farmer who use the oxen.
- It is not normal to slaughter 600 men with a normal ox goad. Without the strength of God, it is impossible to do so.



Bible character : Benital

## LESSON LEARNT

*God can use us mightily with the thing He has given in our hands.*

*When we are honest in our job and responsibilities, God can make the best use of us for His work. We can learn it through the life of Shamgar.*

*Shamgar's name was mentioned only in two places in the Bible. We may also be doing some work or God's ministry in a hidden place, without any recognition. But our name could also be written in the Lord's Book like Shamgar ■*

## Great in Counsel

# GIDEON

In this "Great in counsel" series, we have been reading about the strategies that the Lord used in the Bible to deliver the people of Israel when battles and struggles came against them.

Do you know the story of the Israelites who defeated a large army with only 300 men, without enough weapons and warriors; while their enemy warriors were as numerous as locusts; and their camels as the sand by the seashore in multitude.

Yes! Victory is assured when a man depends on the Lord, and does things obeying his counsel!

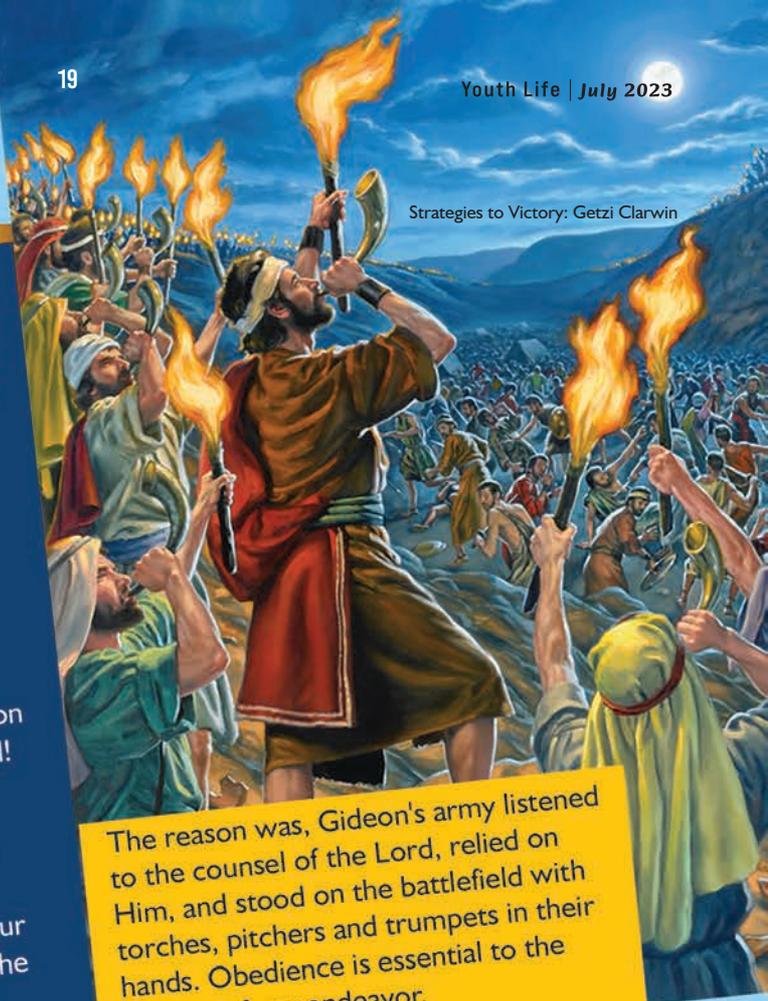
### GIDEON AND THE 300 MEN:

The Midianites, the sons of the east and the Amalekites encamped for war against the Israelites as a huge army. In this situation, our God, who is a Great Counsellor delivered the Israelites through Gideon, an ordinary man who was not fit to go to war.

### HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT THE MAIN REASON FOR THIS IS?

When the Lord said, "If I say, 'This one shall go with you,' he shall go; but if I say, 'This one shall not go with you,' he shall not go", despite all odds, Gideon depended on God. As a result of this, a large army was shattered before the small army of Gideon.

Dear young people! Every day you may come across questions like, "Who do I associate with, what decision should I make in this matter? How should I respond to these people? How do I live as a witness where I am?" At times like these, do you get weary of making decisions on your own every time? Or do you seek God every time for His counsel and do the right thing? Think about that!



Strategies to Victory: Getzi Clarwin

The reason was, Gideon's army listened to the counsel of the Lord, relied on Him, and stood on the battlefield with torches, pitchers and trumpets in their hands. Obedience is essential to the success of any endeavor.

Dear young people who are reading this! Are you able to listen and obey what the Lord is saying to you? When Gideon's army obeyed the Lord's plan and broke their pitchers and blew the trumpets, look what our Lord Almighty did!

The Lord made the soldiers who came against the people of Israel to draw their swords against each other. In the end, the horde fled before a mere 300 men! The Israelites won the war!

Young hearts who are reading this! Will you decide today to depend on the Lord in all circumstances to live a successful life?

**No weapon formed against you will prevail" (Isaiah 54:17) ■**

# PRAYER GUIDE

- ◀ There are about 33.41 lakh nurses in India.
- ◀ 8,692 nursing colleges in India graduate 3 lakh nurses every year.
- ◀ India needs 43 lakh more nurses as per WHO norms.
- ◀ Low pay, heavy workload and lack of respect are the main reasons for nurses in India to go abroad.
- ◀ US, UK and Gulf countries have a high demand for Indian nurses so many go there to work.

## Nurses



- ◀ There are 13,765 police stations in India.
- ◀ About 20,91,488 police officers are working in these police stations.
- ◀ About 2,15,504 women police officers are working in India.
- ◀ 5,31,737 vacancies are unfilled in the police department.
- ◀ According to the statistics, Tamil Nadu has 6% more policewomen than Delhi, the state with the highest number of policewomen in the country.

## Police Department



- ◀ India has 28 states and 8 union territories.
- ◀ 543 members are contesting in 543 constituencies.
- ◀ Around 91 crore voters are expected to vote.
- ◀ There are 8 National Political Parties and 54 State Political Parties.
- ◀ India's 18th Lok Sabha Election will be held in May 2024.

## Parliament Election



- The number of drug users worldwide has increased by 22% in the last 10 years.
- 3.1 crore people use cannabis in India. 2.3 crore people use drugs like opium and heroin.
- More than 8.5 lakh people have increased the habit of injecting drugs.
- 18% of the school students in our country are addicted to drugs.
- One person commits suicide every hour in India due to the use of drugs like ganja, opium, heroin, alcohol etc.

## Drug Addiction



**PRAYER POINTS**

1. Let us pray for the safety of 33.41 lakh nurses in India.
2. Let us pray that government and private hospitals come forward to provide suitable job opportunities to the nurses who graduate every year.
3. Let us pray that the shortage of nurses in India will be resolved
4. Let us pray for the health department to take appropriate measures to address the workload, stress and other issues faced by nurses.
5. Let us pray that nurses who try to work abroad will be offered jobs in hospitals in India with decent wages.

**PRAYER POINTS**

1. Let us pray for the safety of 21 lakh police officers in India.
2. Let us pray to the Lord to give good wisdom and prudence to all the 21 lakh police officers.
3. Let us pray for God's protection and wisdom for our Union Law and Justice Minister Mr. Arjun Ram Meghwal.
4. Let us pray that all the police officers act with integrity and selflessness.
5. Let us pray that all the vacant positions will be filled, work pressure will be reduced and that there will be peace of mind for all of them.

**PRAYER POINTS**

1. Let us pray that God would give right wisdom and knowledge to the Chief Election Commissioner Shri. Rajiv Kumar, Election Commissioner Mr. Anup Chandra Pandey and Mr. Arun Goel.
2. Let us pray for God's rule in the parliamentary elections that are to be held in 2024.
3. Let us pray that the parties preparing for the elections do not engage in any illegal activities.
4. Let us pray for wisdom for all the 91 crore voters to cast their vote in the right way.
5. Let us pray for all the 543 people who are contesting in 543 constituencies, to look at the shortcomings and give promises that they can fulfil.

**PRAYER POINTS**

1. Let us pray for the deliverance of people addicted to drugs.
2. Let us pray for the repentance of those who use injections to increase the effect of drug.
3. Let us pray for the recovery of students studying in schools who are addicted to drugs.
4. Let us pray for the addictive and suicidal spirits to be bound.
5. Let us pray for the government to ban all these drugs in our nation.

## People who depended on God!

Thought drops: Bennita

### KING JEHOSEPHAT



The people of Moab, Ammon and many other people came to battle against Jehoshaphat. In this difficult situation, Jehoshaphat proclaimed a fast for their entire country, gathered people in the house of the Lord and cried out to God for help. Then the spirit of the Lord came upon a Levite and said, “for the battle is not yours, but God’s. Tomorrow go down against them” (2 Chronicles 20: 21) and they bowed their face to the ground worshipping, praising and singing to the Lord. When the people of Jerusalem rose early in the morning and went out to the war Jehoshaphat said, “Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established;” And when they began to sing and praise, the Lord fought the battle for them. The people of Ammon, Moab and Mount Seir stood up against each other and destroyed one another.

***Dear youth, no matter how small or big the situation is, when we depend on the Lord like Jehoshaphat, He will do great things for us.***

### ABIJAH



He reigned 3 years in Jerusalem. There was a battle between Abijah and Jeroboam. Abijah enlisted 4 lakh strong soldiers in his army. Jeroboam was ready with 8 lakh warriors. “The Lord is with us and we obey Him. But you and all of Israel did not obey Him and went away from Him. You shall not prosper if you come and fight against your God,” said Abijah. But Jeroboam set an ambush behind Abijah’s troop. When the troops of Jeroboam started to attack Abijah’s warriors from all sides, the men of Judah cried unto the Lord. The priests sounded the trumpets. When the men of Judah shouted, the Lord struck Jeroboam and made him lose the battle. The army of Abijah killed nearly 5 lakh Israel warriors of Jeroboam. (2 Chronicles 13)

***Dear youth! Since Abijah was dependant on God like his forefathers, the people of Israel were defeated. The people of Judah acquired victory. Victory is guaranteed when you depend on the Lord no matter what the situation is!***

## People who did not depend on God!

### KING ASA

Asa, King of Judah brought silver and gold from the treasuries of the house of the Lord and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-Hadad king of Syria and made a treaty saying, "break your treaty with Baasha king of Israel, so that he will withdraw from me." He agreed with King Asa and sent his armies against the cities of Israel. When Baasha heard it, he stopped building Ramah and ceased his work.

At that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said to him: "Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the Lord your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand. Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim not a huge army with very many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied on the Lord, He delivered them into your hand. For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars." In the 39th reign of Asa, though he was diseased in his leg, he did not seek the Lord, but the physicians. He died at the 41st year of his reign. (2 Chronicles 16)

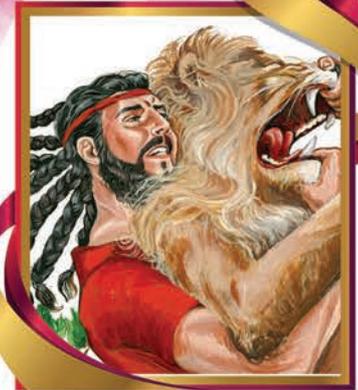
**Dear young people! When Asa depended on the Lord, he was able to defeat a great army. But because of the foolishness of not depending on the Lord, he was forced to face many wars. When we depend on the Lord we cannot be moved.**



### SAMSON

Samson was born as foretold by the Angel of God. He was a Nazirite to God from the womb. Since he was filled with the Spirit of God, he caught 300 foxes and put a torch between each pair of tails thereby destroying the agriculture of Philistines. He killed 1000 people with the jaw bone of a donkey. He killed 3000 Philistines.

Similarly, Samson continued to gain strength and power as he depended on the Lord. At this time he came into a relationship with a woman named Delilah. The lords of the Philistines came to her and asked her to enquire Samson about the secret of his power and where his great strength lies. Though when Delilah pestered Samson to know the secret, he should not have told the truth, even at the risk of his own life. But he revealed her the truth. When the secret was revealed his head was shaven. His eyes were taken out. They bound him with bronze chains and made him to grind in the prison. Samson lost all his strength. (2 Judges (13-21)



**Dear Youths! When Samson was dependant on the Lord he was able to defeat a fierce lion whereas he lost all his strength when he went away from the Lord. Let's not be like Samson and lose our strength by moving away from our Lord. Instead let's abide with Him and receive His new strength ■**



*Revival*  
**IGNITERS**

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!!*

## Monthly Fellowship

### EVERY 1st SUNDAY (2nd July)

#### MUMBAI - DHARAVI (5PM - 8PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Centre  
2nd Floor, Above Balakrishna  
Farsan Mart,  
Opp. Apna Restaurant,  
Near Kamarajar School,  
90 Feet Road,  
9004882470

#### 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 (8th July)

#### 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

### EVERY 2nd SUNDAY (9th July)

#### AMBUR (3PM-6PM)

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

#### MUMBAI - THANE (4PM - 6:30PM)

9004882470

#### POLLACHI (3PM TO 6PM)

Gethsamane Prayer Center,  
Grace Auto 1st floor,  
163 , raja mill road pollachi,  
9486037586 | 9487856205

#### 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

**STIVAKASI (3PM -5PM)**

Gethsamane Prayer Center,  
HOREB Complex, 1st Floor,  
P K N Road, (Rathna vilas Stop)  
9677858766 | 9442906567

**SATHANKULAM (3PM -5:30PM)**

Hendry Matric Higher Secondary  
School Mela Sathankulam.  
9442885315

**CHEENGALPET (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 (16th July)

**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

**NAGERCOIL (3PM TO 6PM)**

Gethsamane Prayer Center,  
NO: 1055 K.P ROAD,  
Milk Depot Junction, Nagercoil  
7598155503 | 9442885315

**PONDICHERRY (3PM TO 6PM)**

Gethsamane Prayer Center,  
Kottupalayam Lawspet,  
opp. Latha Steel, E C R Road.  
8344433800 | 9442885315

**DINDUGAL (3PM TO 6PM)**

Sophia School, Govt Hospital  
Emergency Block opp  
9043422612 | 9715495621

**CHITTOOR (3PM TO 6PM)**

St. Lukes Telugu Church  
9487734603

## EVERY 4th SATURDAY (22nd July)

**PERAMBALUR (5PM -8PM)**

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

## EVERY 4th SUNDAY (23rd July)

**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

**KARUR (3PM-5:30PM)**

CSI Boys High schools,  
Jawahar Bazaar,  
Bunglaw Street, Karur.  
9489775075

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# REVIVAL RACE

## The Track

*Every month we have been exploring the lives of ‘People who ran for God’ and the ‘Marathon runners’ in this segment called “The Track”. The determined run of God’s servants brought redemption and blessing to God’s people. As we are chosen to run for the end-time revival, we must run with a focus that, many are to be delivered and blessed by us. But a few times, problems, struggles and backsliding obstruct our run or make us to run in the wrong direction. Let’s see how to overcome these obstacles and run for the revival.*



Event: Caleb

In the year 1960, in the Olympics held in Rome, an athlete named Abebe Bikila from Ethiopia participated in the Marathon race. Until then, Ethiopia had never won any medal in the Olympics. Everybody’s expectations were high on the athletes from America, Belgium and Britain.

At that time, Abebe’s shoes didn’t fit him properly and he had to run barefoot. Since the competition began in the afternoon, and it was scorching. Despite all the obstacles Bikila faced, he didn’t mind anything and ran with victory as his only goal. In the end, he set a world record and won the gold medal in that event. No one

had ever completed a marathon in such a short time.

He became the first person in East Africa to secure a gold in Olympics. If Abebe had given up looking at his situation, he wouldn’t have achieved such a great feat. His determination to win and make his nation proud, has



Abebe Bikila

earned him a name in the book of history.

While reading about Abebe, I got reminded of the Couriers in Esther 8:10, who rode on the back of horses, swift camels and mules. A decree from the king went out to 127 countries to exterminate the Jews because of Haman’s conspiracy. But the prayer of Esther and Mordecai turned things around and the destruction that was about to come to them was stopped. The work was not yet over.

To the 127 nations, the good news that ‘The Punishment of the Jews Has Been Suspended’ must go in their own script and language,

within the specified days or the Jews will perish. To execute this task, couriers from the Palace of Shushan were sent and their determined run saved the people of God from destruction. Let us see how they would have functioned?

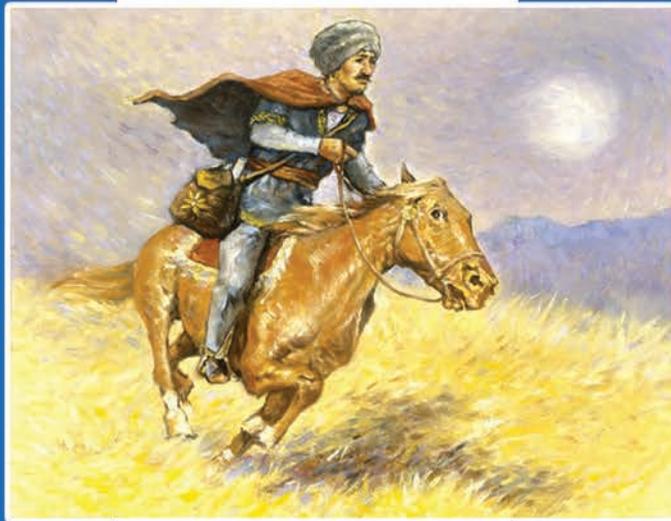
### **THEY ACTED ACCORDING TO THE URGENCY OF THE KING:**

Generally we have seen and heard of postmen who receive many letters, but they do not know the urgency of the letter in their hands. They don't know who they are written to, if the address is correct, they will deliver it, otherwise they will send it back.

They acted hastily, realizing the mission they are going for and the urgency of the King who sent them and the importance of the message they are carrying. They did not rest until they delivered the message to the right place at the right time. There is a good news that we must hurry to proclaim in these last days. Our Jesus is coming soon. He will never delay (Hebrews 10:37)

This gospel of the kingdom must be preached as a witness to all the nations before his coming. Many

people today are on the brink of hell as this gospel was not preached to them. So let us commit ourselves understanding the burden in the Lord's heart and act according to it. Perhaps if we delay in proclaiming the good news, great destruction will come upon our people. Won't the guilt fall on us, if we know the good news and do not share it? "Redeem the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16)



### **SWIFT HORSES, CAMELS AND MULES:**

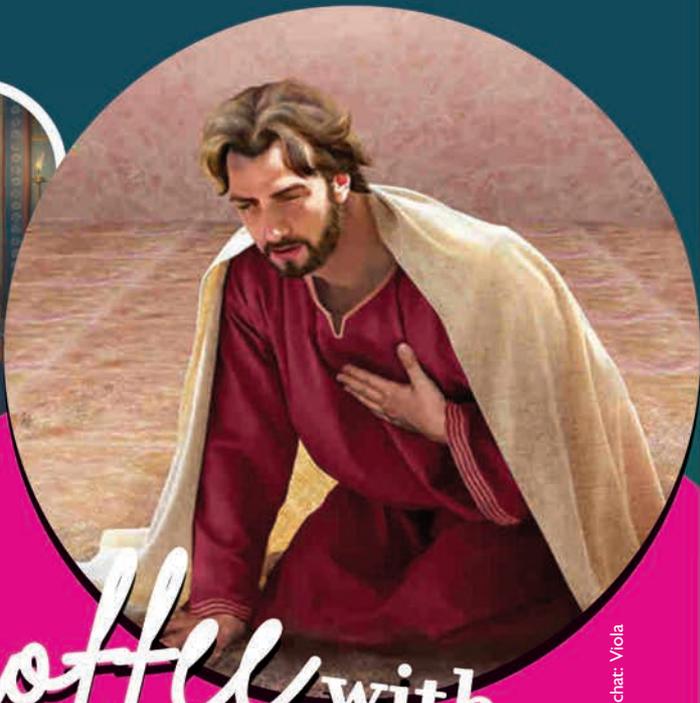
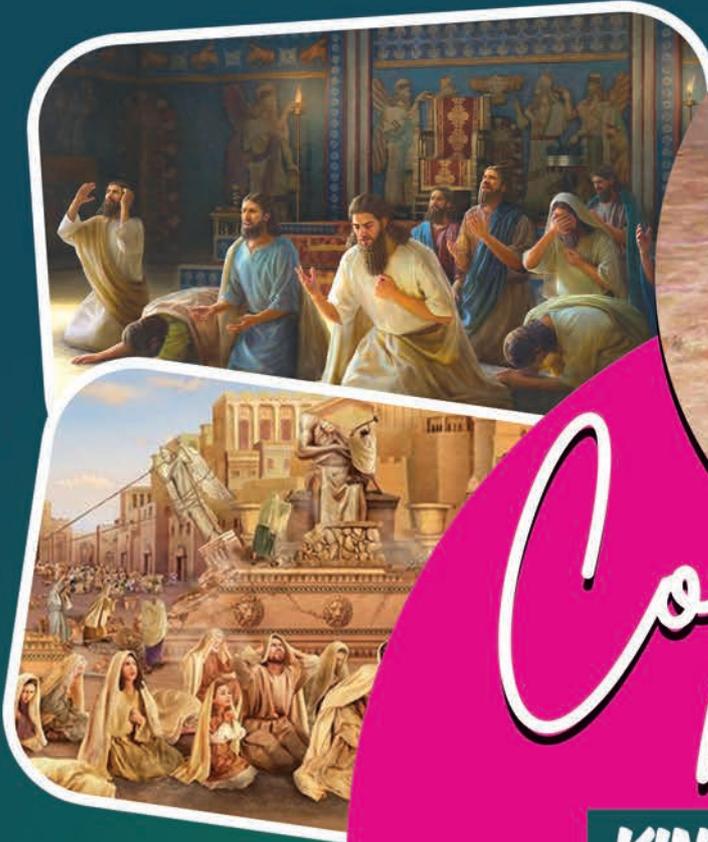
As soon as the couriers received the news, swift horses, mules and camels specially designed for the king's business were given to carry them swiftly. An ordinary horse or camel cannot do this. Only the specially trained horses can reach the destination on time without getting exhausted.

Though we have the gospel in our hand, we need a

strength and anointing to carry it earnestly and untiringly. Only if we have that we will be able to minister powerfully in these last days. Do we have the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit? If not, we need to ask for it. Today if you dedicate yourself to preach the gospel, He will fill you with the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit and use you. "He makes his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire." (Hebrew 1:7)

**Dear young people! God is looking for Couriers who will actively preach the gospel to millions of souls who are perishing in sin and curse, all**

**over the country. As you read this, if perhaps the Lord intervenes with you, commit your life to His work! Go forth to do great things for Him in the upcoming great revival! "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." (Isaiah 6:8) ■**



Chitr chat: Viola

# Coffee with Reporter

## KING OF NINEVEH

**Reporter:** Greetings to the King!

**King of Nineveh:** Greetings.

**Reporter:** You're majesty, tell us about yourself and the city you ruled.

**King of Nineveh:** I was the king who ruled the city of Nineveh, where more than one hundred and twenty thousand people and many animals lived. Nineveh was an ancient city that was the capital of the Assyrian Empire. It was located 280 miles north of Babylon on the east bank of Tigris River. Known for its beauty, architecture and gardens, Nineveh was a great city three days' journey away.

**Reporter:** Why do you think "God's prophesy of destruction" was sent to such a thriving, wildlife-rich city? Who prophesied?

**King of Nineveh:** Yes, the land was prosperous. But the people who lived in it were wicked, brutal, and immoral. A prophecy of the punishment to the people of Nineveh, due to their sin which had

In the Bible, there are many kings whose names are not mentioned but are called by the name of the place they ruled. The King of Nineveh is one among them. In the Old Testament, when kings lived a sinful life, they were warned by God's men or prophets. There are instances in the Bible where some kings ignored the warning and punished or killed the prophets. But the King of Nineveh was an exception. As soon as the news of destruction reached him, he humbled himself just as the Lord wanted. He proclaimed and published a fast throughout Nineveh by decree, and his people and the animals of his land also fasted. His actions pleased the Lord, and the whole land escaped God's wrath. Let us now see a fictional conversation with the King of Nineveh.

reached its abundance, was given by Jonah, son of Amittai, a prophet of the northern kingdom of Israel, during the time of the second year of Jeroboam (2 Kings. 14:25). Prophet Jonah was from the town of Gath Hopher, about two to three miles north of Nazareth in Galilee.

**Reporter:** When Prophet Jonah warned, what did you and your people do?

**King of Nineveh:** Until then, I and my people had been living according to our wishes. Prophet Jonah prophesized, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” As soon as he warned, our people believed in God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. Jonah had preached a message of warning only to the people within a day’s journey of Nineveh, while the whole of Nineveh takes a three-day journey. Thus only one-third of the population was notified, but the message of the warning spread like wildfire and reached the entire city. As soon as word reached my ears, I arose from my throne and laid aside my robe, covered myself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes, because I knew that the God of Israel is merciful.

**Reporter:** What happened after that? As the King of Nineveh, what steps did you take?

**King of Nineveh:** After consulting with the nobles, I proclaimed and published a decree that men and beasts, cattle and sheep should not taste anything, neither should they graze nor drink water, and men and beasts should cover themselves with sackcloth and call out to God with a loud voice, and that they should turn from their wicked ways and the cruelty of their hands.

**Reporter:** Were your people obedient? What happened then?

**King of Nineveh:** Yes, they obeyed. We have heard from our forefathers that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. So I and my people were very scared. All the people turned from their wicked ways. And God saw that we had turned from our evil ways and relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon us. In the end, God did not do it.

**Reporter:** How did you feel when the destruction you expected did not come?

**King of Nineveh:** Thinking that the city will be destroyed in 40 days, we were very much worried and afraid. Everyone stayed with their family inside the house. We did everything that we could do in those 40 days. After realizing that the city was not destroyed even after 40 days, we thanked the merciful God for saving our lives. Only then did we breathe a sigh of relief. We ate peacefully and slept peacefully. Did you know, Man loses his peace because of the sin he commits and lives a life full of fear. But I have come to see very well through our lives that if we confess our sins to God and turn away from them, God will give us mercy.

**Reporter:** I totally agree with you, you’re Majesty! If there is one advice, you want to leave with our young people, what would it be?

**King of Nineveh:** Well, if any of you are living a life of sin unknowingly, confess it to God today and turn away from it. Or else, at least when your parents/teachers or any of God’s people give you a warning, listen to them and turn away from sin. That saves you.

The scriptures warn that, He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. He who takes heed of rebuke and walks wisely, according to what the scripture says, will be blessed!

**Reporter:** Thank you, you’re Majesty!





# NEWS

## **INDIA APPROVES WORLD'S LARGEST FOOD STORAGE SCHEME IN CO-OPERATIVE SECTOR AT THE COST OF RS 1 LAKH CRORE**

The Indian government plans to establish the world's largest food grain storage scheme under the cooperative societies sector, which will be funded with an allocation of about INR1tn (\$14bn). The programme involves constructing a 2,000-tonne capacity godown in every block and a plan to raise India's food grain storage capacity by 700 lakh tonnes.

The government will bring a policy for world's biggest food grain storage scheme under the cooperative societies sector, minister Anurag Thakur told media following a Cabinet briefing on Tuesday. Thakur termed the proposed scheme as the "world's largest food grain storage programme" in the cooperative sector. The government will make an allocation of approximately Rs 1 lakh crore towards it, it was announced.

Under this scheme, a godown of a capacity of 2000 tonnes will be constructed in every block. An inter-ministerial committee will be formed for this. This is part of a plan to expand food grain storage facilities in the country, the minister said. This will boost the cooperative sector, he added.

The programme aims to raise India's food grain storage capacity by 700 lakh tonne in the cooperative sector. Currently, the grain storage capacity in the country is about 1,450 lakh tonne. In the next five years, the storage will expand to 2,150 lakh tonne. The storage capacity will be increased in the cooperative sector, the minister announced.

Thakur said the move is aimed to reduce the damage of food grains due to a lack of storage, help in checking distress sales by farmers, reduce import dependence and create employment opportunities in rural India.

**- The Economic Times, June 01, 2023**

## **RAFALES CARRY OUT LONG-RANGE 6-HOUR STRIKE MISSION IN IOR**

In a demonstration of their long-range combat capabilities, four omni-role Rafale fighter jets took off from the eastern sector, then warded off "enemy jets" on the way and finally conducted precision strikes in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) in a practice mission that lasted over six hours.

The four Rafales took off from the Hasimara air base in northern West Bengal, "fought their way through a large enemy force package" along the coastline and then headed for their "weapons release point" at a target in north Andaman, an IAF officer said on Wednesday. The 4.5-generation Rafales were refuelled mid-air by IL-78 tankers on their way to the target as well as during their return to Hasimara. The mission validated the IAF's capability to project power and conduct strikes at long ranges," he added.

The IAF has based its 36 Rafales, inducted under the Rs. 59,000 crore deal inked with France in September 2016, at Hasimara and Ambala. Hasimara, incidentally, is close to the Sikkim-Bhutan-Tibet tri-junction and the strategically-vulnerable Siliguri Corridor on the eastern front with China.

**- The Economic Times, June 01, 2023**



# Youth Revival Meetings

According to the vision plan given by God to "evangelize 10 crore youths within 10 years and lead 1 crore youths to salvation" through Jesus Redeems Youth Ministry, by the grace of God, "Youth Revival Meetings" were conducted in Arakkonam, Pondicherry and Villupuram districts of Tamil Nadu and Nellore, Ongole and Guntur regions in Andhra Pradesh. God used His servants powerfully in these meetings. About 1250 youths attended and received the Revival vision and has got **41,250 copies** of tracts to spread the gospel in their towns and villages. Glory to God!



# YOUTH REVIVAL MEETINGS

## IN CHENGALPATTU...

Date: **July 9**  
(Sunday)

Timings: **4 PM to 8 PM**

Venue: SDA School Auditorium,  
Near Chengalpattu Old Bus Stand,  
Chengalpattu.

Message and Prayer:

**Bro. Avinash**

Contact: 9488475315, 9597588831,  
9710809626

## IN TRIVANDRUM...

Date: **July 30**  
(Sunday)

Timings: **5:30 PM to 8:30 PM**

Venue: Swadeshbhimani town hall,  
Near TB Junction, Neyyattinkara,  
Trivandrum

Message and Prayer:

**Bro. Sam Jebaraj**

Contact : 7510997867,  
8281514822

## IN THIRUVENGADAM - TENKASI DISTRICT

Date: **August 5**  
(Saturday)

Timings: **10 AM to 4 PM**

Venue: CSI Christ Church,  
Rajapalayam Road,  
Thiruvengadam, Tenkasi District

Message and Prayer:

**Bro. Avinash**

Contact: 9750955548  
9384717769



**Bro. Avinash**



**Bro. Sam Jebaraj**



## REVIVAL FULL NIGHT PRAYER

### IN KARAIKUDI...

Date: **July 21**  
(Friday)

Venue: CSI Divine Glory Church,  
Kottaiyur.

Timings: **9 PM to 4 AM.**

Message and Prayer: **Bro. Sathish kumar**

Contact : 9750955548

