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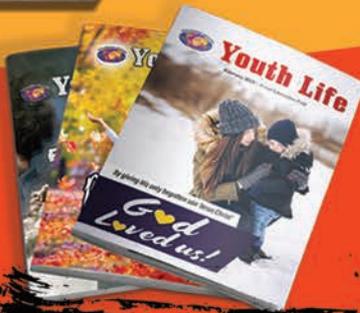
Watch and pray!

*To save the nation and
the perishing souls
from destruction!!*



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FOREWORD

BE WATCHFUL!

Loving greetings to the dear young hearts!

The biggest incident that shook the Indian nation was the heinous Mumbai terrorist Attack, on November 26, 2008. This attack is also called 28/11. 10 terrorists from Pakistan carried out shooting and bomb attacks at 12 places in Mumbai, killing 175 people from 17 countries and injuring 300 people from 8 countries.

After three days, NSG Force and the police department brought all the problems under control. 15 policemen and 2 NSG commandos lost their lives in this rescue operation.

Many reports say that the city of Mumbai suffered such a major disaster or attack because of the lack of vigilance of some people. When 10 terrorists landed in a part of Mumbai, the fishermen there had inquired them who they are.

Suspecting them these fishermen had immediately informed the police but they did not take any action. And the same terrorists had stayed in Taj Hotel and were keeping watch. It is said that they went to each floor of the building in the middle of the night and took training to execute the plan. It is also said that 2 people had bought sim cards to help them.

It is because we are not alert of who is coming into our country, yet terrorist activities are happening in our country from time to time. There are chances of such big mishaps, when a warrior who ought to be vigilant forgets his job.

My dear young people! God wants you to be a vigilant warrior. On the one hand you must be vigilantly prepared for His coming. On the other hand, you must be vigilant in order to prepare multitudes for his coming.

If you slumber, the enemy will continue to sow the danger called 'weed', the shame called 'sin' and the killer called 'lust'.

Your sleepless and tearful prayers, will save your land from the snare of the enemy.

The burden of your heart and your evangelizing feet will lead your nation towards revival.

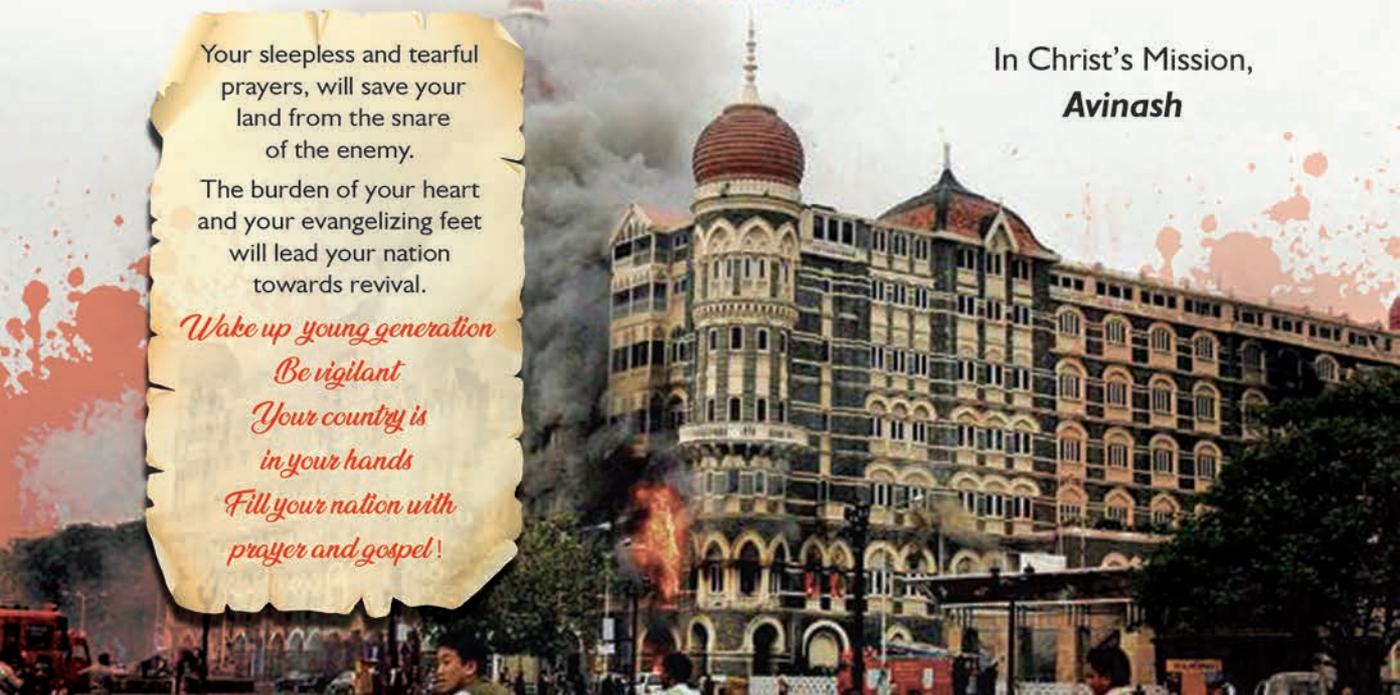
Wake up young generation

Be vigilant

*Your country is
in your hands*

*Fill your nation with
prayer and gospel!*

In Christ's Mission,
Avinash



Bike Stunt riding



This is the testimony of a young lad, who had an ardent passion for bikes at his young age and devoted himself to get trained in bike stunting to achieve in it. But God delivered him from that and today has made him a blessing to many. Come let's listen to him.

Tell us about your family and childhood?

My name is John Wesley. I was born in Vellore district to Mr. Deva Nandan and Mrs. Malathi. My father is working in CRPF. My mother takes Sunday school classes at home. I have a sister. She is married. I was born and brought up in a Christian family. So my parents guided me carefully in going to the church and sending me to Sunday school from my childhood. I would as well go to the church,

read the scriptures and pray regularly.

Well, how was your schooling and teenage life?

I was doing well in school. In the year 2017, when I was studying in grade 12, I heard about the motor sport called

'Freestyle Motorcycle Stunt riding' and got to know more about it on YouTube. After finishing 12th standard with the same enthusiasm, I used a 100cc bike which was in our house for training.

As my father was in CRPF north, I tricked my mother and started using that bike for training. The Lord revealed to my mother that I was conning her and driving a bike. As I was training hard with enthusiasm, I asked my dad to buy me a 200cc bike at the end of 2018.



Well, you bought a bike and practiced very enthusiastically... Did you continue your studies after that or did you focus on Stunt riding?

I completed my schooling and college studies as well. After learning many subtleties in Freestyle motorcycle stunt riding and doing good stunts, I got an invitation to join in the sub



team of India's biggest stunt team.

Together with 4 of our team members, we formed the name 'Teamwheelzup' in 2020 and were invited to Coimbatore to work together. We could not go because it was lockdown. However, we practiced more in our hometown. I practice for about 5 hours a day. All the photos and videos taken during the training were immediately uploaded on Instagram and within a few months



our Teamwheelzup account gained 15 thousand followers.

You finished bike training and formed a team... how was your team's growth since then?

One day our Team Leader told us to buy a new KTM Bike if we want to become KTM Factory Riders. The cost of that bike was more than 2.30 lakhs. Even though I couldn't buy it at such a high price, my father bought it on EMI with great heartache since I told him that it was very essential for my life.

Did you achieve your goal after buying a KTM bike?

I went to Coimbatore in December 2020. Mom went with dad to live in Delhi.



After I moved to Coimbatore, our team started growing. Many students started joining us. I started earning a lot by training them. No matter how much I earned, I never failed to put God first. Everything was going well.

On February 2nd, 2021 at 6 am, while I was practicing Stunt riding, I unexpectedly



fell and suffered a Radial Bone fracture and Elbow dislocation in my left arm.

The doctor told that my arm must be operated and I underwent surgery at Vellore hospital. After that, mom and dad, with great distress, took me to stay with them in

Delhi until I got better. When the team leader asked me 'when you will be back', I was in a state of utter exhaustion, not knowing what to say.

Well, you didn't fail in seeking the Lord... You would have inquired the Lord on this. So, did you ever wonder what could be the reason for this?

Yes, everything was going well in Coimbatore. I asked my mother, 'Why did this happen to me?' To which the mother said, "Go and look for the answer to this in the scriptures.' When I sought the scriptures with all my heart, the Lord spoke to me from the Old Testament.

Later, I told the team head that my return to Coimbatore is a doubt. As soon as I said I wasn't going back, he deleted the group photos and videos on our common Instagram account and changed to his name. When I saw this, my heart shattered into pieces as all my zealous efforts have gone in vain. If I had not broken my hand, I would have been a slave to selfish people till today.

After few months I came to Vellore. I had no idea of what to do next. I prayed and applied for higher studies. As days went by I started getting closer to the Lord. I started ministering along with spiritual friends.

After a few months, believing the words of one of my relatives, "You are talented, I will sponsor you" and by my own efforts I made a plan to go back to Coimbatore. Efforts were made for several months, but nothing came of it. My birthday is on 10th August, thinking that I can go on that day, I surrendered myself to the Lord and prayed like, "Lord, I am planning to go to Coimbatore again, if you don't want me to go, please stop me" and waited for the His answer.

On August 4th early in the morning I had a vision in which I saw, one of my students while he was practicing his bike stunt, the bike falling on him and his hip bone was breaking and scattering from his body and I running to the hospital carrying his broken bones in



my hands. I woke up and was very much disturbed by this dream. During that first week, while attending a youth meeting in Vellore, the Lord spoke to me through a brother saying, the Lord will give what is good '.

Then God purged me in many things, took away from me things that were not pleasing to Him, and changed them into things that were pleasing to Him. He got me a good job in CMC Vellore and keeps me blessed today.

What would you like to say to the youngsters?

I, who was doing bike stunt riding and set a wrong example for many youths was delivered by His grace and now is a witness to many. If you are also doing things that are not pleasing to the Lord, when you surrender and pray to Him to come out of it, God will deliver and bless you.

Dear young people! Are you doing things that are not pleasing to the Lord, in an anticipation to achieve?

Doing what is not pleasing to the Lord is not a blessing. So commit yourself to the Lord like Bro. John Wesley! You will be blessed! ■

Places in the Bible: Getzi Clarwin

Assyria

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

THE REASON BEHIND THE NAME ASSYRIA

Ashur, the son of Shem and the grandson of Noah, built Nineveh. Hence the name Assyria was derived from Ashur. (Genesis 10:11,22)

INTRODUCTION

- ◀ Assyria was a strong nation that lies along the banks of the river Hiddekel, or Tigris.
- ◀ "Nineveh" is the capital of Assyria (Jonah was sent to warn this city).
- ◀ The descendants of Ishmael settled in this nation (Genesis 25:18).
- ◀ The cities belonging to the kingdom of Assyria are Ashur, Nimrod and Nineveh.

SIGNIFICANCE OF ASSYRIA

- ◀ It is located in the western part of the ancient Mesopotamian civilization.

◀ It is located in the present-day Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, and Syria.

◀ Most of the world's 1-4 million Assyrians live around their traditional city even today.

◀ Famous kings of Assyria are Sennacherib, Esarhaddon, and Ashurbanipal.

Assyria's decline

◀ In 627 BC, Ashurbanipal, the king of Assyria, made many reforms. At that time, the Medes strengthened themselves and besieged Nineveh.

◀ Later, the Medes and Babylonians together captured Nineveh.

◀ Also, the fall of Assyria was foretold in the prophecies (Isaiah 10:5-19; Nahum 3:18,19; Zephaniah. 2:13-15). As prophesied, Assyria came to an end in 606 BC ■





Abuse & Affair

Heart Beat




I am currently in my 1st year of college. While sleeping a kind of fear grips me and I often wake up scared in my sleep. The reason is that one of my relatives (uncle) once misbehaved with me. After that often the person tried to misbehave with me which hurt me a lot. When I told this to my parents, it was me they rebuked and suspected. I was so broken that my own parents didn't believe in me. In this circumstance, I got the friendship of a senior brother in my college. I shared with him everything that happened. He understood and comforted me. The love and comfort shown to me by that brother eventually turned into love. Knowing this, my parents became enraged with me and are tormenting me every day. They harass me with inappropriate words. I couldn't let go of that love. I am thinking of quitting my studies and marrying him. I don't know if my decision is correct. Will you help me?

- Sarala, Ooty,

Dear sister Sarala! Your letter is painful and harrowing to read. On one side is the relative who harassed you and on the other side is the parent who doesn't understand. Thus, I can clearly fathom that you have been stigmatized and hurt by words.

Sarala! In this nation where women are treated with great reverence, it is distressing to see people who use women as playthings and commodities at times. No one can get out of such a condition easily. The reason is that the stress caused due to the person's behavior on one side and the trauma that the parents who are supposed to believe in you did not, is on the other side. It is a great thing that you continued your college studies despite so many struggles.

Sarala, in this current situation you should stay away from the person

who has wronged you. And avoid being lonely. By doing so, you may get some relief from your stress and heartache. And when those painful memories come up, you can quickly come out of them, by immediately engaging yourself in activities such as reading a book or listening to a favorite song to distract those thoughts. Otherwise, you will get wedged in that thought and become incapacitated.

It's really pathetic that, you who tried to get out of this problem got stuck in another one. Now, I can't comprehend, you saying that I love someone who used to be my brother.

Sarala, many a time we feel better when we share our burden and pain with others. But many such problems can arise when telling them to the opposite sex. How can a person who initially was your brother, just because he spoke to you comfortingly and compassionately, become your life partner?

Sarala, you are currently in your first year of college. This cannot be a mature age to find your life partner. And the

soothing words and kind advice he spoke now cannot qualify him as your life partner. Don't let your life go into another agony before the wounds that already occurred in your life are healed. Think and act. When we are in grief, when we are in a situation where our faith is broken, it is very soothing and comforting to have someone speak consolingly and affectionately.

In such a situation you should just take that advice and try to come out of that problem. Instead focusing on the giver of advice is not the right solution. Even after this, think about whether it is right to conclude that 'the person who spoke like that is my life partner'.

Sarala! What may happen if you continue this love?

Sarala! What may happen if you break this relationship and carry on your college studies?

- « You may get your loved one as your partner.
- « There may be a breach in the relationship with your parents.
- « What would you do if the person you loved, talked about or suspected your past life after your marriage?
- « What if he says, "I don't like you, you were the wrong girl"?
- « A lover and a husband are totally two different personalities. So you can't make up your mind that you will always get the same affection and love which you got earlier.
- « Since he is a college student and not mature enough, he may hate you later and seek another relationship. There are chances for many problems like this.

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- « Although it is difficult to forget the person you loved on the one hand, you are likely to have the satisfaction of "going towards the light in life".

- « You can become a successful graduate.
- « Society may appreciate you like, "she is a woman who has overcome many hardships and sufferings at a young age and traveled towards her goal.
- « The same parents who distrusted you may look at your victorious life and change their mind and praise you by telling that you are blameless.
- « The wounds and scars in your life will eventually fade away and you can make a fresh start.
- « You can counsel many people who have been hurt like you to take the best decision, instead of taking the wrong decision looking at their circumstances.

So Sarala, think for a while and make the right decision. Your decision can either be a precedent or a wrong example for many. Since your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, be sober and vigilant to escape from his trap! May Jesus help you to make the right decision!

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye." (Psalms 32:8) ■



Be vigilant!

In 2010, Harold Camping made a big fuss in America by declaring that the world is coming to an end on May 21, 2011, and that is the day of Jesus' return. But nothing happened as he had said. He is not the only one; many others like him have risen and are spreading news like this around the world. Our Scriptures clearly say, **"...for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."** (Matthew 24:44)

Today, we are witnessing the fulfilment of all the signs that Jesus said would happen before His coming, such as wars, famines, plagues, and earthquakes, on this earth. Today, no one loves a fellow human being and love is waning, and the times have changed among youngsters that students who used to come to school with

notebooks, are now carrying knives and drugs. The basic tendency to care for and love a fellow human being has completely vanished. Every day, new crimes emerging from different angles and the news in our newspapers are wrenching our hearts.



The gentiles who watch all these, say that we are in Perilous Times. In 2 Timothy 3:2-5, we read that, **"For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents,**

unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power." The scriptures clearly tell us that these people will rise on



this earth before the coming of Jesus. As the Lord's children, we must stay away from such people and be vigilant. In the days of Noah, the people were insensible to God; they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage and living as they pleased. Among them, Noah was God-fearing, righteous and vigilant, protecting himself and his family.

And LGBTQ is one of the most prevalent social media topics today. This is one of the signs before the coming of Jesus, "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." (Matthew. 24:37). Homosexual sin was one of the primary

reasons for the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. The time has drastically changed that the LGBT people who used to live secretly have now started to openly confess their identity that they organize many pride rallies even in major cities like Chennai and Coimbatore. On top of all this, the court has gone to the extent of saying that a man can marry a man and a woman can marry a woman stating that it is the freedom of the individual and it's their free will.

You who live among such people, be vigilant like Noah, keep up the grace of God, and prepare yourself for the coming of Jesus. Prepare others too.

My beloved youths! Whether we like it or not, the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is about to happen soon. Everything which Jesus foretold would happen on this earth before His coming is expeditiously being fulfilled around us. So, "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming." (Matthew 24:42). Sanctify and prepare yourselves for the coming of Jesus ■

YOUTH REVIVAL MEETING

IN CHIDAMBARAM

Date: August 18, Friday

Timings: 6 PM to 8 PM

**Place: Word of Love Jesus
with us Church,
Mother Teresa Nagar, Chidambaram.**

IN KADAPA

of Andhra Pradesh...

Date: August 19, Saturday

Timings: 6 PM to 9 PM

**Venue: CSI Compound,
Kadapa, Andhra.**

Message and Prayer: **Bro. Satish Kumar**

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**SHORT
COMINGS**

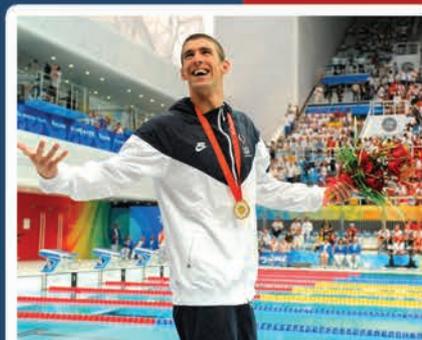
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PERFECTIONS



Loving greetings to the future achievers! Every person born on this earth has some kind of shortcoming in life. For instance, it could be in the body or mind. If we focus only on our shortcomings we will not be able to achieve anything in our life. Everyone who is an achiever today has found success because they did not look at their shortcomings as a negative, but instead saw them as obstacles that motivated them to achieve. Here is the journey of an achiever to turn the shortcomings of everyone reading this, into an achievement!

Michael Fred Phelps was born in America and lived a happy life with his family. Though he was a dynamic and active kid, he could not focus on his studies. Phelps' mother took him to hospital to address this problem. The doctor who assessed Phelps found that he had ADHD (Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder). He could not focus on a particular task for even as short as five minutes. Doctors prescribed medication to cure the disease and advised the mother to get Phelps involved in swimming. Meanwhile, Phelps' family split into two. Phelps went to live with his mom. She took efforts to get him to train in swimming.



As a child, Phelps was afraid to bury his face in the water so he first started backstroke swimming. He devoted all his attention to practice swimming. This became his life. He would train continuously for 6 hours, all the seven days of a week.

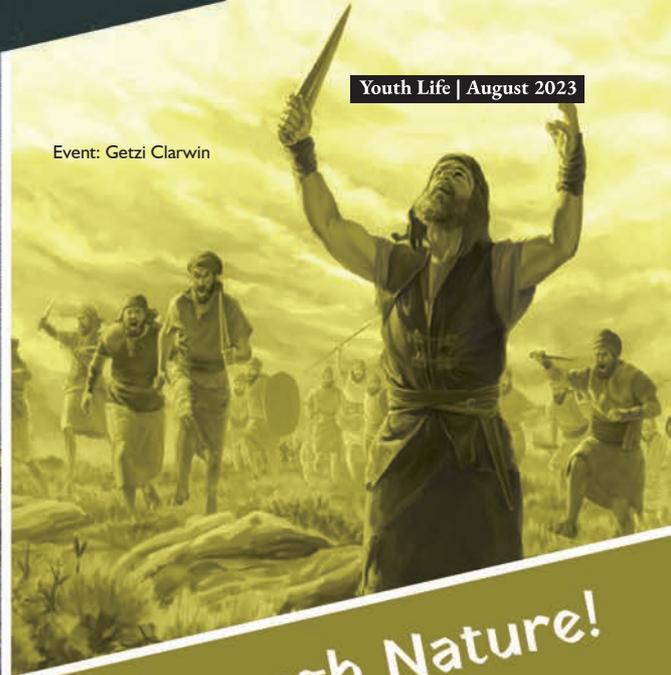
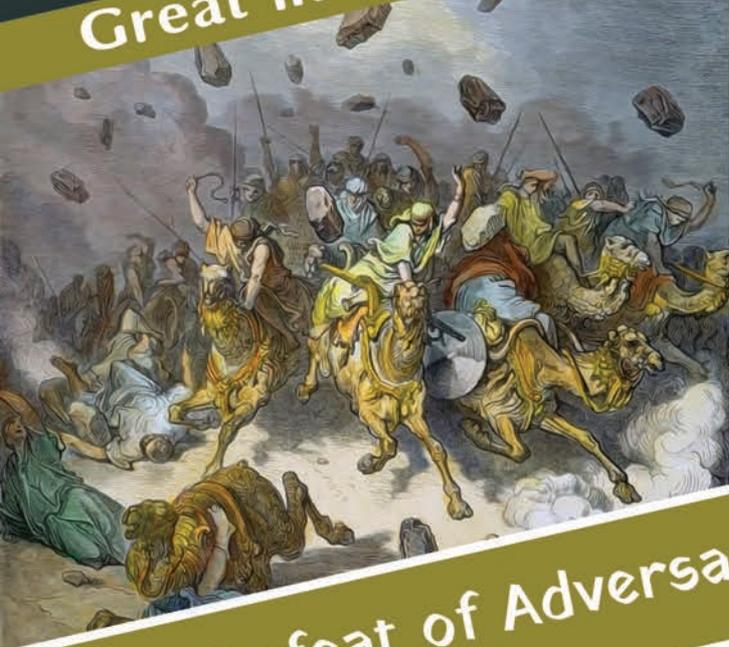
His relentless training led him to the Olympics. He later set world records in many swimming events. He has won a total of 28 medals of which 23 are gold. His achievement has made the world look at him in admiration.

Dear loving readers! Don't end up in failure by focusing only on your shortcomings. The one who is able to turn his shortcomings into merits is an "Achiever". Why can't you achieve? You can. Believe not in your shortcomings. Trust yourself that you can, your weaknesses will turn into merits. Your life will turn into a blessing for many!

Dear friends reading this! Don't lose yourself by talking about your flaws. A successful person is the one who makes up for his

shortcomings. Why can't you make it? You can. Don't believe your flaws. Trust yourself that you can, and flaws will turn into perfections. Your life will also become a blessing to many ■

Event: Getzi Clarwin



The Defeat of Adversaries through Nature!

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. In line with that, this month, we are about to see, how the Lord who created everything trounced the enemies through nature for the prosperity of His people.

Yes! Our Lord who is great in counsel gave His people victory by raining hailstones.

JOSHUA AND THE HAILSTONES!

- The time when the Israelites were taking possession of Canaan, 5 kings from Canaan came with their large armies to attack the Gibeonites.
- To save them Joshua and his soldiers walked a whole night. The war was going on since dawn.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED?

Since the Almighty God was with Joshua, the Canaanite hordes of 5 kings scattered in all directions.

DID THE WAR COME TO AN END AS THEY ESCAPED?

That’s not it! It was then that the war of our Lord, who was great in thought, began. Yes! The Lord cast down large hailstones from heaven upon the Canaanites who fled (Joshua 10:11).

As a result, those who died by hailstones were greater than the children of Israel killed with the sword.

Dear young hearts who are reading this! Can you realize the fact that the Lord is annihilating a lot of unknown enemies for you than the enemies that you have seen in your life?

Yeah! Since our Lord, who watches over us every day like the apple of His eye is with us, let us boldly say,

“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1) ■

REPENTANCE



BUILDS UP LIFE!



Message: Mohan.C. Lazarus

“If you return to the Almighty, you will be built up; you will remove iniquity far from your tents.” (Job 22:23).

When problems arise in your life, within your family, in your job, or your business, and you feel helpless, you may lament saying, “My life has been shattered!! Can I rise up again? Will I get my blessings back again?” But the Lord says, “If you repent, your life will be built up”.

What have you lost in your life? You may have lost your health, lost your blessings, or lost peace within the family. Have you lost family relationships, and are you living amid such problems,

difficulties, and losses in your life? The Lord says if you repent I will build you, your family life, your business and your life will be restored.

There is something in your life that you need to repent of. Repent unto Jesus. Keep



away from false beliefs and return back to the living God. Let go of your sinful ways and come back to the Holy God. Keep away from shortcuts and seek Him

with all your heart. Your life will be rebuilt again. He is a compassionate God. He is speaking to you with this word out of love for you. When you repent, you will be built up. Dear youngster, Think about your life. Consider your ways. You are running on a wrong path heading towards the wrong destination. The Lord is speaking to you to repent.

A certain youth from the ECI church in Chennai had born-again parents. Fearing his father’s sternness, the boy would go to church but sit on the last row. He would wait for the songs, worship and the message session ‘to get over’. As soon as church

gets over, he would go to a petty shop nearby, buy a cigarette, lights it up and start smoking.

He had nothing to do with the Lord. After completing his 12th standard he said that, he wants to do higher studies. To which his father rebuked him saying, “Even in your school days, you did not fear God; you are leading a wicked life; if I send you to college you will become worse”. He said, “I do not have the money to make you study further, so go take up a job”. The young boy took up a job in a workshop.

But, he went to church regularly because His father forced him to go. He had no peace, no harmony in his life, and he lacked good education. “What will happen to my future, my life is unbuilt! I am in such a pathetic situation at this young age”, he lamented.

One day, as usual, he went to the church and sat idly. The preacher who came that day preached the verses quoting

from the Book of Job 22: 22, 23. “If you repent your life will be built up. If you repent, Jesus will rebuild your life.” It was as if the word spoke directly to him. “Young man, if you repent, God is willing to rebuild your life”.

These words penetrated deep into his heart. He felt the Lord speaking to him. Until then, he attended



church because his father forced him to go to church. But when he heard these words speak to him, he cried out, “Lord! I repent of my sinful ways, I turn away from the transgressions of my youth, and I repent” and committed his life to the Lord. He repented. When he came out of the church, he threw away his old

wicked habits gave his life to Jesus. He started praying and meditating on the scriptures. When he truly held fast to the Lord, God had mercy on him.

With the money he earned, he took up a few basic computer courses from a computer centre in the evenings. The Lord opened a way for him to go to the United States. He got a good wife, children and family. When I went to the United States, I met the young man, and one thing the brother said while talking to me was, “that day in the church, when the Lord spoke to me with this verse, I surrendered my life. I, who had finished only my 12th grade, got a good job since I learned a few basic computer courses. Today I am working in a large and well-reputed university in America. The Lord has also helped me to graduate in the same university for free. He has rebuilt my life. I thought that my life was over. But the Lord has brought us to this country and has placed us in a high position.” ■

Dear youngsters! Turn away from your sinful life, turn away from your evil ways, leave the shortcuts, turn away from the ways of walking with wrong friends, and turn to God, your life will be built. The Lord promises that you will be built up!!

PEOPLE WHO WERE VIGILANT!!

Five virgins!



Even though the ten virgins had lamp in their hands, the wise ones carried the oil needed to keep the flame on throughout their journey. When the groom delayed his arrival, all ten of them fell asleep. When he came in suddenly, they lighted their lamps together. The light of the wise ones shone bright, while the light of the unwise went off. Then later they asked the wise ones to lend them their oil. The wise ones said, “No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.” (Matthew 25:9) The groom arrived and the five wise virgins entered the wedding and the door was shut at once. The foolish virgins came and knocked on the door. The groom opened the door and said I don’t know you. If the foolish had come prepared like the other 5 virgins, they would have entered the wedding with the groom. (Read: Matthew 25:1-13)

Dear youths! Since we don’t know the day the Son of Man’s coming we must be vigilant just like the wise virgins. In these last days, are you ready to meet your God with complete preparation?

In the garden of Gethsemane, God was filled with sorrow and distress. He looked at Peter, James and John and asked them to pray (26:41) to be free from all kinds of tribulations. But they went to sleep instead of praying. When tests and temptations came their way, Peter chopped off a military guard’s ear. He fell for this sin because he wasn’t guarded by prayer and eventually he went to forsake Jesus. On the other hand, Jesus who stayed awake and prayed was filled with the power of God. The guards who came to arrest him weren’t able to withstand His glory and fell down (John 18:6). Jesus was full of honesty and love even in this situation. God wants to prepare us to face these temptations. Prayer is indispensable to resist every temptation. Overcoming temptation without God’s strength is impossible.

Dear young people! Though Jesus warns us in many ways, we, like the disciples, neglect prayer, reject God’s voice, and ultimately fall into temptation. So will you commit yourselves to watch and pray like Jesus?



Jesus Christ!

PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT VIGILANT..!



Peter!

When Jesus was arrested, a series of events happened. Judas betrayed Jesus and the soldiers caught hold of him. Peter got enraged and took a dagger out and cut the ear of a soldier named Malchus. Jesus took it and stuck it back in Malchus' body. He asked Peter to keep the dagger in the case and told him that the one who wields it will die of it. After his brief act of bravery, Peter resorted to cowardice, he followed Jesus till the palace of the head priest. He should have stood beside Jesus like John, but he stood outside with the crowd, denied Jesus three times and began to curse and swear. Immediately a rooster crowed and Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly. The crucifixion of Jesus and his denial affected Peter a lot. Since he cried bitterly, feeling sorry for his actions and prayed he was cleansed of his sin.

Dear youths! Even though Jesus warned Peter to stay awake and pray to escape the temptations, he slept and Satan deceived and tempted him into sin. So, stay awake!

A youngster named Samson was known for his immense strength. He had the power to rip apart a lion that pounced on him, with his bare hands. He also killed 3000 Philistines who rose against him. He broke the unbreakable doors of the gate of the city which the elephants couldn't even break and carried them on his shoulders. Even when he was tied to a strong rope all over the body, he tore them apart within seconds. Such strong Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah. Knowing this, the Philistines came up to her and said, "Entice him, and find out where his great strength lies, and by what means we may overpower him..." Samson did not tell the secret of his strength at first, despite Delilah's nagging. But at one point, he told her that he is a Nazirite and he has never cut his hair, and cutting his hair will take away all his strength. Immediately Delilah put him to sleep on her lap and cut his hair. To rouse him from his slumber, she cried out that the Philistines had come. But when Samson woke up he was distraught to find out that he had lost all his strength. His heart was broken because of the betrayal of Delilah.

Dear youths! Samson lost his God-given strength as he fell asleep on the woman's lap for want of sleep. If had he been awake and vigilant, such an event wouldn't have occurred in his life. So stay awake all the time!



Samson!



THE TRACK!

Revival Race

Through this segment 'The Track', we look into the lives of 'People who ran for God' and 'The Marathoners' every month. The determined run of God's servants brought deliverance and blessings to the people of God. As we are the chosen ones for the End Time Revival, we got to run with an intense pace so that multitudes can be redeemed and blessed through us. Sometimes, problems, struggles and backslidings hinder our run. Besides that, they make us run in the wrong direction. Let's see how we can overcome these obstacles and run for the revival!

Eliud Kipchoge, a Kenyan athlete started his marathon career in 2004. But he didn't make any major achievements till 2016. But in the 2016 and 2021 Olympics he won Gold back to back and set a world record. It wouldn't have been surprising

if a 24 or 25 year old athlete did it. But Kipchoge achieving this at the age of 36 surprised many! Mostly, marathoners retire between the ages of 34-36. But in 2019 at the age of 34, Kipchoge covered a distance of 42.5Km in a marathon race in just 2 hours. No one has ever set such a record. Looking at his age and previous failures, if he had thought like, 'What am I going to achieve after this?' and hadn't worked hard, he couldn't have achieved such a great feat.

When we read about Eliud Kipchoge, we remember Paul, the apostle who did great things for God in the

scriptures and made the light of the gospel shine to all the ends of the world! We know how Paul, the one who strongly opposed and imprisoned those who spoke about Jesus, earnestly worked to proclaim Jesus once he was saved. Let's see what the reason is!

CHRIST'S LOVE WAS COMPELLING

"For Christ's love compels us..." (2 Corinthians 5:14), says Paul. Even though Paul faced various sufferings and tribulations, he never gave up on the ministry! The main reason for that is the love he



had on Jesus. He has written that, "I am convinced that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ" (Romans 8:37-39). The main reason why Paul successfully ran for Jesus was his love for Jesus! Even today, the reason why we cannot rise and shine for Jesus, and are enfeebled in running for Him, is because our love for Jesus has grown cold. Worldly love and pleasures of life will fill a heart that is not filled with the love of Jesus. It is imperative that we should be bursting with the love of Jesus to shine for Him in these last days!

ZEAL FOR THE GOSPEL!

The Revival that was ignited in Acts 2 was vehemently spreading out. But the gospel had not yet reached the Gentiles (non-Jews). As Paul was chosen to evangelize to the Gentiles, he began to earnestly preach the gospel.

In spite of many distresses, struggles, and human oppositions, the desire and zeal to save the souls trapped in the clutches of the devil made Paul run deprived of resting. He bravely went to preach the gospel in many cities, knowing that there would be opposition and danger. Today we get dispirited and enfeebled



looking at petty problems, struggles and oppositions. But Paul's zeal for the Lord made him run till the end. When we are filled with such zeal today, we can do great things

for God!

Dear young people, if Paul who lived 2000 years ago worked so hard to preach the gospel, think how hard we who live in these last days should work. Paul has preached the gospel tirelessly even during the times of lack of comfort and opportunities. But today we are not proclaiming the gospel despite these many facilities and opportunities. Jesus is waiting for Pauls who are full of Jesus' love and zeal, to rise up in the forthcoming end time revival! Will you commit your life to Jesus today to listen to His voice, work for Him and to save the perishing souls?

"...And after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God." (Acts 9:19, 20) ■

YOUTH REVIVAL MEETING IN KOVILPATTI

Date: September 10, Sunday
Timings: 5 PM to 8 PM

**Venue: Jehovah Shalom,
St. Paul's Matriculation
High School**

Message and Prayer: Bro. Avinash

Contact: 9787322334 | 9677858766



Deborah

To read: Judges - Chapter 4 & 5

After Joshua, God raised up many judges such as Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, and Deborah. We have read about 3 judges in the last 3 months. This month let's get to know about the female judge and Prophet Deborah.

Deborah means "bee". She was the only female judge mentioned in the scriptures.

VIRTUES

- ◀ She received the guidance of God.
- ◀ She immediately obeyed God's direction.
- ◀ She not only prophesied, but encouraged Barak to go to war.
- ◀ She went with faith and courage to the battlefield where women did not go.
 - ◀ She glorified the Lord without being proud of her victory.
- ◀ She was called the Mother of Israel.

STRENGTHS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◀ She had many special qualities like mediator, counselor, lawyer etc.
- ◀ When called upon to lead, she was ready to plan, counsel and share the responsibilities.
- ◀ She was the fourth judge of Israel and the first female judge.
- ◀ The gift of prophecy operated mightily within her.
 - ◀ She also wrote several songs.



In Old Testament times, it was uncommon for a woman to rise as a judge. Even at that time, if a woman has been a prophet for the Lord, why won't many women rise up for the Lord in this time? It is useless to be a mere Christian. What matters most is whether we have Christ in us. If you want to rise up as a prophet put on the image of Christ ■

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART!

EARLY LIFE OF DAVID

The verse "...I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart..." (Acts 13:22) is mentioned twice in the Bible. The Lord made an everlasting covenant with David. Not only that, but we also read in the Bible about King David, that it is through the lineage of David, Christ Jesus - the Messiah was born and granted salvation to the whole world. Every month, we are going to meditate on each topic on the reason why God showed such grace to David. This month let's discuss David's early life.

David was the great grandson of the couple Boaz-Ruth who lived in Bethlehem. Of the ten children born to David's father, Jesse, eight were sons and two daughters. David was the youngest of all. The meaning of David is beloved.

Generally, people in a home are very fond of the youngest child: they won't let them do any work, and will buy them whatever they ask for, and won't hit them even when they do anything wrong or cry adamantly. They are kept as a pet child. But that was not the case with David. David was not respected by any of his family members (1 Sam. 16:11). He was assigned to do a menial work that could be done by servants. David was a disdained child in his family and was hated by his brethren.

The three elder brothers of David worked in the Saul's Army. When the war between the Israelites and the Philistines was going on, father Jesse, sent David to inquire about the well-being of his brothers who were in the battlefield. When Eliab - the eldest brother of David, saw David in the battlefield, he didn't come running to him lovingly, embrace, kiss or speak kindly saying, 'Why did you come here, there is a war going on, go home soon.' Instead, in anger he aroused against David, and said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." (1 Sam. 17:28)

Once the Lord sent Samuel the Prophet to Bethlehem, and commanded him to prepare a sacrifice to the Lord and invite Jesse the father of David and his family for the sacrifice (1 Samuel 16:3-1). The entire family of Jesse participated in that sacrifice to the Lord. But David the youngest child, who was tending sheep in the wilderness, was neither notified nor invited to partake in the feast. How bad it would have been felt for David?

Thus David was hated by his brothers and family, wandered after sheep in the desert, and lived a pathetic life in isolation.

Nevertheless, in this situation, David stood firm in the Lord and grew in unwavering faith saying, 'When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take care of me' (Psalm 27:10). He had the experience of living closer to his God who is the Lord of Lords. He rejoiced and glorified the Lord by singing new songs.

My dear young hearts! This month we looked at David's early life. Next month, we shall look at the events that happened in David's life after God anointed him at a young age.

To be continued...





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 1st SUNDAY (6th August)

MUMBAI – DHARAVI (5PM – 8PM)

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

VELLORE (3PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
Ajantha Mahal,
3, 6th West Cross Road,
Gandhi Nagar
9442885315 | 9786379556

TIRUPUR (4PM – 6:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
#62, 2nd Floor,
Benny Kumaran Main Road.
9442082200

TUTICORIN (3PM – 5:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
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

EVERY 2nd SATURDAY (12th August)

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 (13th August)

SANKARANKOIL (2:30PM – 5PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
Sekihnah Mahal,
Mullai Nagar.
9750955548 | 8344949555

AMBUR (3PM-6PM)

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

MUMBAI - THANE

(4PM – 6:30PM)
9004882470

POLLACHI (3PM TO 6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
Grace Auto 1st floor,
163 , raja mill road pollachi,
9486037586 | 9487856205

THANJAVUR (3PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
Near Balaji Nagar Bus Stop,
18B, TPS Nagar, MC Road
9444381971 | 9488475315

KOVILPATTI (3PM -5:30PM)

St. Paul's Matriculation School
9677858766 | 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)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
#203, Madurai Road,
Opp. Anantham Silk
Dr. Kamaraj Hospital,
1st Floor
9750955548 | 9976766422

SURANDAI (2:30PM)

Jawarhalal Middle School
9443962141 | 9750955548

SIVAKASI (3PM -5PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
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)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
HH Complex, Namnadu Textiles
Opp., Shanthi Theater Rd
8870517324 | 834411022

EVERY 3rd SUNDAY (20th August)

TIRUNELVELI (2:30 PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
Shah Complex, #43/R4,
Rajendra Nagar, Trivandrum Road
9750955548 | 9488212915

COIMBATORE (4 PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
#90, 1st Floor, Arts College Road,
Near Charan Tower,
0422 - 2309040 | 8903405315

TRICHY (3 PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
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)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
1A/25B, Bypass Road
(opp Arasu Autos)
9976766322 | 7373374733

RANIPET (3PM-6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
MBT Road,
Navalpur.
9500283179 | 9442885315

ERODE (4PM - 6:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
#216, 1st Floor,
Near Fire Service, Gandhiji Road
9750722000

NAGERCOIL (3PM TO 6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
NO: 1055 K.P ROAD,
Milk Depot Junction, Nagercoil
7598155503 | 9442885315

PONDICHERY (3PM TO 6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
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 (26th August)

PERAMBALUR (5PM -8PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
M K Complex, 71, Venkatesapuram,
Near Bank of Baroda,
Trichy Main Road.
9788788512

EVERY 4th SUNDAY (27th August)

THIRUVALLUR (3PM -5:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre
H S R Tower, 2nd Floor,
Near CSI Gowdi Church
9488475315

KRISHNAGIRI (3 PM - 5PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
Near Arun Hospital
Royakottai Road.
9962085523 | 9524999711

KARUR (3PM-5:30PM)

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

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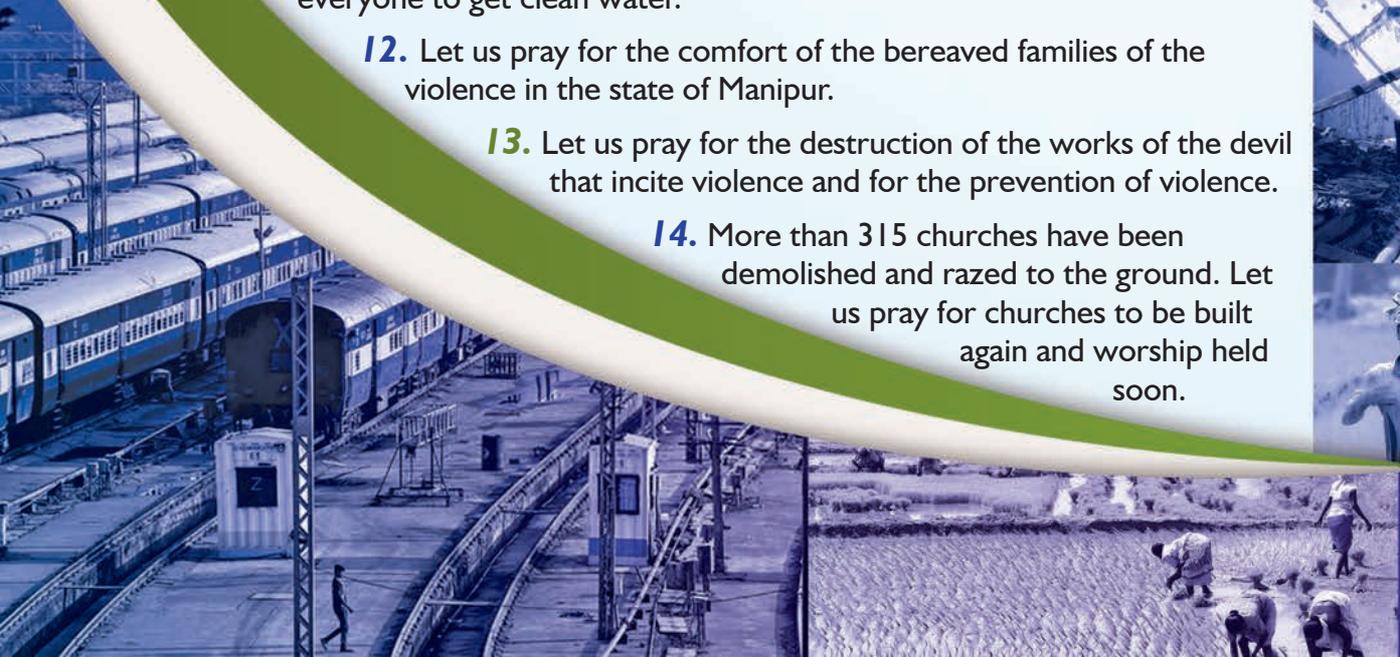
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Prayer : Benital

PRAYER GUIDE

August 2023

1. Let us pray for the safety and wisdom of 14 lakh employees who work in the Indian Railways.
2. Let us pray for our Railway minister Mr. Ashwini Vaishnav to lead this department with good wisdom.
3. Let us pray for the prevention of train accidents and for the safety of everyone traveling.
4. Let us pray for safe travel of millions of people.
5. Let us pray for the government to fill up the vacancies in the railway sector and employ qualified people.
6. Let us pray as 100 people died due to summer heat in North India. Pray for the heatstroke to be reduced and deaths to be stopped.
7. Let us pray for the speedy recovery of those suffering from fever and shortness of breath.
8. Let us pray for agriculture to get unaffected by the scarcity of rain and for the lands to receive rain at the right time and that agriculture will prosper.
9. Let us pray for good weather conditions so that the people whose prime source of income is farming, should not get affected by severe heat or rain.
10. Let us pray for sufficient water resources and safe drinking water.
11. 70% of India's water is not fit for human consumption. So, pray for everyone to get clean water.
12. Let us pray for the comfort of the bereaved families of the violence in the state of Manipur.
13. Let us pray for the destruction of the works of the devil that incite violence and for the prevention of violence.
14. More than 315 churches have been demolished and razed to the ground. Let us pray for churches to be built again and worship held soon.

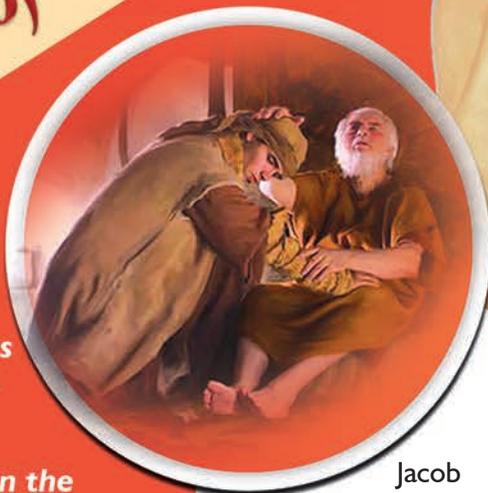
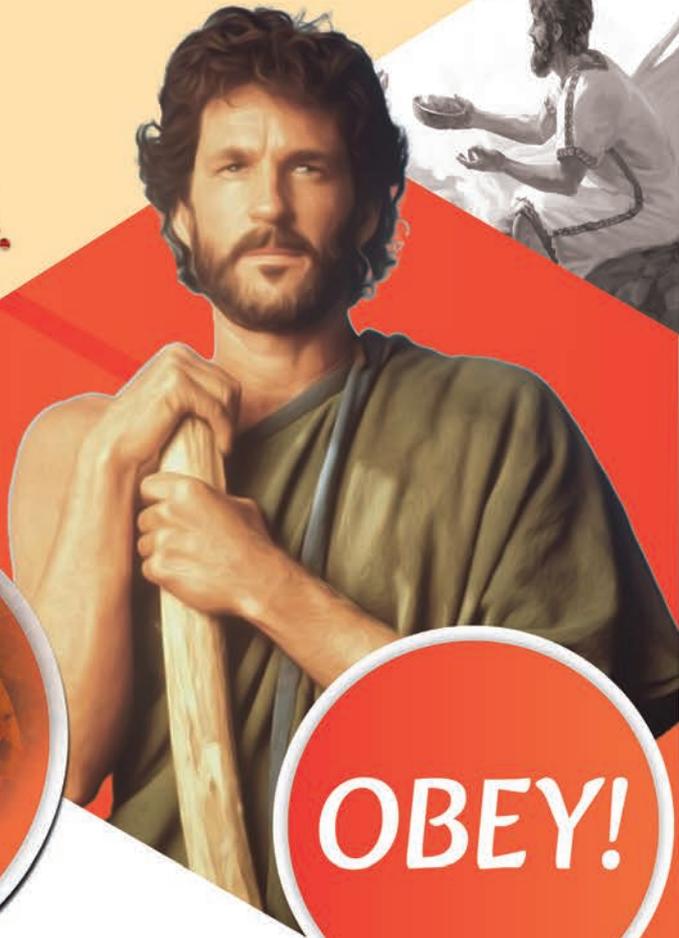


- 15.** Let us pray for the pastors and believers to be strengthened in their faith and for the power of the Lord to manifest in the state of Manipur.
- 16.** Pray for the peace and salvation of the state of Manipur.
- 17.** Let us pray for the safety and wisdom of Mr. Nitin Gupta, Chairperson, Central Board of Direct Taxes, to run the department well.
- 18.** Let us pray for God's rule over the 46,000 employees working in the Income Tax Department.
- 19.** Let us pray for the Income Tax officials to act honestly and truthfully.
- 20.** Let us pray that the corruption in the Income Tax Department will be stopped completely.
- 21.** Let us pray for the revival of Israel and the salvation of its 90.62 million people.
- 22.** Let us pray for the Israeli President Mr. Isaac Herzog and Prime Minister Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu that God will use and protect them.
- 23.** Let us pray for the Jews, Islamists, Druze, Arabians, and Armenians living in Israel to accept Jesus.
- 24.** Let us pray for the blessing of the natural resources, mineral resources, water bodies and agriculture of the land of Israel.
- 25.** Let us pray for the protection of Israel from the attacks of neighboring countries.
- 26.** Let us pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and revival in families and churches.
- 27.** Let us pray for revival in the judiciary department and for judges and lawyers to be saved and live as witnesses to God.
- 28.** Let us pray for a wave of revival among our students in schools and colleges and for the teachers to be filled with the fire of Holy Spirit.
- 29.** Let us pray that the spirits that disrupt the economy will be bound and for a revival fire in the economy.
- 30.** Let us pray for God's rule in politics and to save those who rule the country.



Special Article:
Jeya Seelan

Blessing that deceiver Jacob got because of his obedience!



OBEY!

*Young florets
dear to our
Lord Jesus!
I greet you in the
name of our Lord Jesus
Christ. How are you
all? A new academic
year, new friends, new
school, new
classrooms, new
teachers, everything is
new. Two months have
passed. You are happy
right? Study well
cheerfully and become
sweet-smelling flowers.
May your growth
make your parents
proud.*

Jacob means the one who follows, and the other general equivalent word is 'Deceiver' which means one who cheats. Esau and Jacob were twins. In this Jacob is a great deceiver.

He gave a lentil stew to his brother Esau, who came tired and hungry and very cunningly took away the birthright of the first born, Esau. (Genesis 25:33).

Because of his mother's misguidance, he deceived his father and took all the blessings that his father Isaac was about to give to his eldest son Esau (Genesis. 27:35). Jacob, who is very skilled and cunning in cheating and surviving like this, says, "...I had only my staff when I crossed this Jordan, but now I have become two camps" (Genesis 32:10) and remembers the blessings the Lord gave him. How did the Lord multiply Jacob who lived by deceiving others?

HE OBEYED HIS PARENTS:

This verse begins like, "Jacob obeyed his father and his mother..." (Genesis 28:7). Knowing that he has been deceived, Esau is on a murderous rampage. Under these circumstances, at the age of 40, he obeyed his parents' word and left Beersheba, the town where he

grew up for 40 years. He goes to the land of his maternal uncle Laban, Pathan Aram, which was about 150 kilometers away.

He didn't argue with his parents saying, "I will stay here. What can Esau do? Let me see what happens". Instead, he who grew up in his mother's embrace, separated from his beloved parents who loved him dearly left the house of his birth, the town where he grew up, his relatives, obeyed the word of his parents and left with a staff in his hand. Passing many lonely nights with none to guide him, he continued his journey alone towards his relatives whom he had never seen before. Even though, Jacob was a deceiver, we can read in Genesis Chapter 32 that, God blessed him incredibly as he obeyed his parents' word and went with just a staff in his hand.

My dear children! Do you obey your parents? Our Lord says, "My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother" (Proverbs 1:8) and "...keep your father's command..." (Proverbs 6:20). Your father and mother are the only two beings who truly live

for you in this world. Sometimes the advice they give is a little hard to listen at this age.

But, why do you pour out words like, "Why did you give me birth? You are the man of old times! What do you know? Are you a mom? Why did I come from you?" You throw such hard words! Some youngsters insult and dishonor their father by saying words like, "Look Mom, Ensure your husband doesn't cross my line!" to their mother. Dear son, no matter how educated and intelligent you are, the scripture says that you are a fool if you despise your father (Proverbs 15:5), "Woe to the one who says to a father, 'What have you begotten?' or to a mother, 'What have you brought to birth?'" (Isaiah 45:10) And it is written, "... the father of a fool has no joy" (Prov. 17:21) Are your parents happy because of you?

My dear youths! If you disobey your parents, it will continue to be a curse in your life. You certainly cannot be a blessing.

It was Jacob's obedience that he who went with a mere staff in his hand, returned to his hometown after about 20 years (Gen. 31:38), not as beggar, but as a baron. Obey your parents like Jacob. You will have a bright future ■

Compilation:
Helena

Loose the Knots

THE COLOUR WITH NOTHING TO HIDE!

Find answers for the following questions significant of a colour quoting the bible reference:

1. Among the Israelites, which official's garments were made of white linen?
2. Who had a vision of a heavenly being with white hair and white clothing?
3. According to Isaiah, which colour sins would God change to white?
4. Where was Jesus, when his clothes became radiantly white?
5. In Revelation, what did the rider on the white horse bring to the earth?
6. Which church was told to buy white clothes to cover its nakedness?
7. Which servant of a prophet had his skin turned white as snow?
8. White hair on the skin was often considered a symptom of which loathsome disease?
9. Which prophet spoke out several times against, "Whitewashing"?
10. The last white thing mentioned in the Bible is the ___ of God?

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

Last Month's
Winner:
Sis. Keren
Graciya

Chit chat: Viola

Coffee with Reporter

Among those whose name is not mentioned in the Holy Bible, but known by the name of their nation, the young girl of the nation of Israel is notable. Even though she was a young girl and was imprisoned as a slave, this little girl was the reason for a great miracle to happen in the life of Naaman, the commander of Syrian king's army! Below is a fictional conversation with this little girl mentioned in 2 Kings Chapter 5.

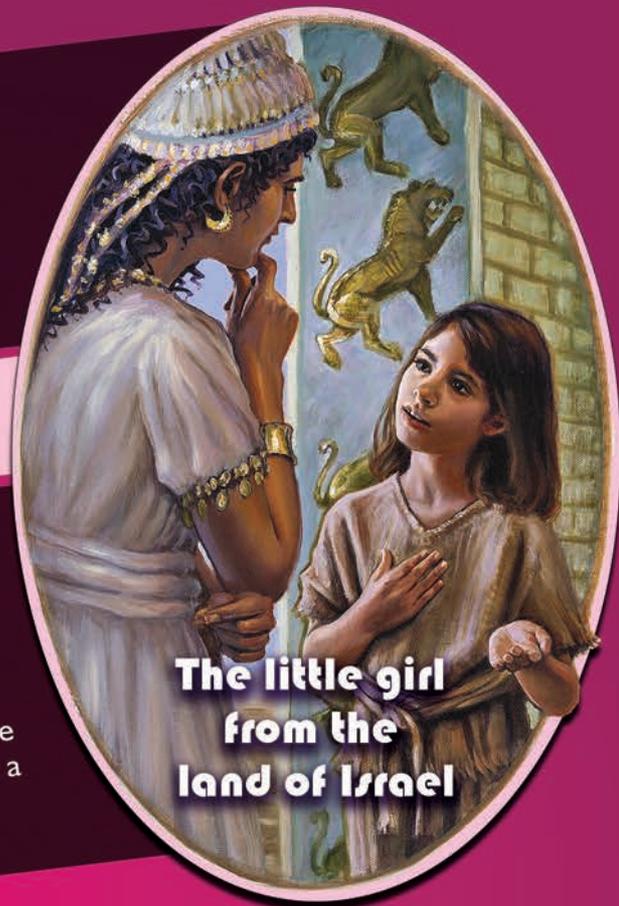
Reporter: Greetings young girl!

Little girl: Greetings!

Reporter: Can you tell us a little about yourself?

Little girl: I was born in the land of Israel. Our nation was a prosperous nation flowing with milk and honey. A land inhabited by blessed people who have God as their Lord. From this country I was taken as captive to the land of Syria.

Reporter: Can you tell us about your parents?



**The little girl
from the
land of Israel**

Little girl: My parents love the Lord with all their heart, strength, and soul. Keeping the commandments of God in their hearts, they will not only follow them, but also teach them to us as children. Besides this, they would talk about the commandments of the Lord, while we sit, stand, lay down or walk in our house. They would write them on the doorposts of our house and on our gates. To this extent, my parents were pious.

Reporter: I believe that you have been the cause of an entire nation knowing and glorifying the Lord's name through the upbringing of such pious parents. Well... Why did you ask your master to go to the prophet?



Little girl: In ancient times, if anyone in Israel wanted to inquire of God, they would go to the prophet. Elisha the prophet from Samaria performed many miracles, such as making iron float, healing the bad water, raising the Shunammite's son to life, and many more. So thinking that if my master goes to him he will be healed, I told him to go to the prophet.

Reporter: Weren't you angry with those who imprisoned you?

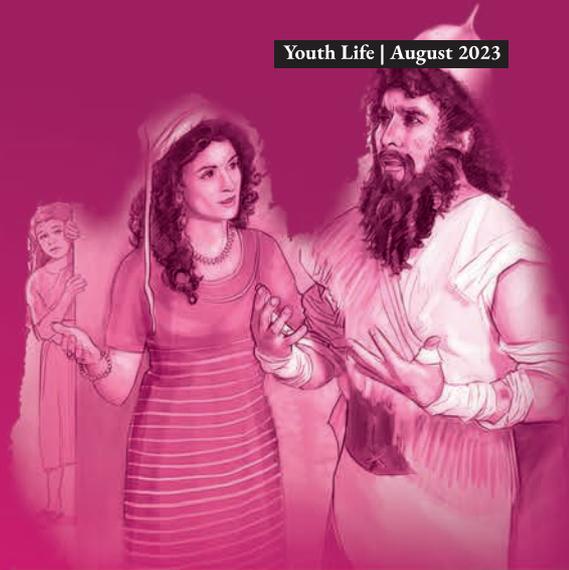
Little girl: Initially I was sad and afraid of them. No matter how much I pleaded them to leave me, they never bothered to give ears. I stayed calm knowing that neither my anger nor my efforts would avail before the power of the warriors. But I couldn't let them suffer. Isn't it the nature of God to do good to those who do evil? My heart longed for the cure of my master Naaman's leprosy. So, I requested him to go to the prophet Elisha in my country. They didn't ignore my words saying "She's just a little girl" and immediately left to the land of Israel.

Reporter: How did you feel when your master was cured?

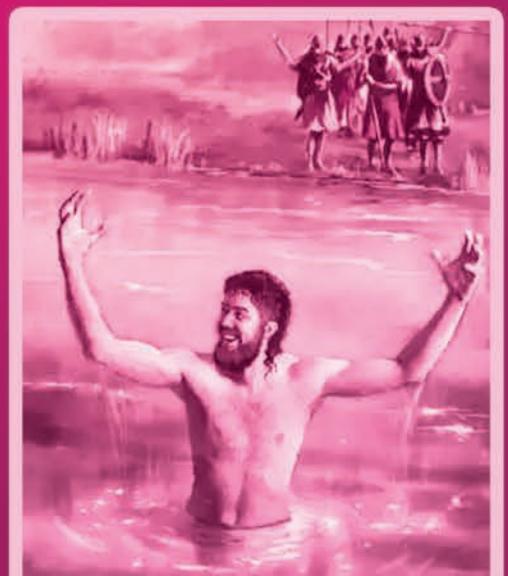
Little girl: I have seen my master's body stinking with sores. When he returned from the land of Israel, I was amazed and delighted to see that his body was like the flesh of a little child. I praised the Lord thinking of His mighty works. 'My master declared that there is no other God on earth except the God of Israel. He also said that he would no longer offer burnt offerings and sacrifices to foreign gods and serve only the God of Israel. My joy was beyond measure when I heard these words.

Reporter: I praise the Lord for His name being known and glorified by you in the whole Syrian land at this young age. Thank you sister!

Little girl: Thank you, goodbye!



My dear young brothers and sisters! This little girl has proved that age is never a barrier to proclaim God's name through words or deeds. You too leave behind all excuses like "I'm too young, I can't speak well, I don't have much knowledge, this is the work of the servants of God" and start proclaiming the name and greatness of God not just to those who do good to you, but also to those who do evil and those who hate you, with your words and deeds. Will you, do it?





NEWS

415 MILLION INDIANS CAME OUT OF MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY IN 15 YEARS, SAYS UNDP STUDY

The UN report noted that deprivation in all indicators declined in India and “the poorest States and groups, including children and people in disadvantaged caste groups, had the fastest absolute progress.”

A total of 415 million people moved out of poverty in India within just 15 years from 2005/2006 to 2019/2021, the United Nations (UN) said on July 11, highlighting the remarkable achievement by the world’s most populous nation.

The latest update of the global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) was released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) at the University of Oxford.

It said that 25 countries, including India, successfully halved their global MPI values within 15 years, showing that rapid progress is attainable. These countries include Cambodia, China, Congo, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Serbia, and Vietnam.

In April, India surpassed China to become the world’s most populous nation with 142.86 crore people, according to UN data. “Notably, India saw a remarkable reduction in poverty, with 415 million people exiting poverty within a span of just 15 years (2005/6–19/21),” the report said.

- *The Hindu*, July 12, 2023



UN WARNS ITS DEVELOPMENT GOALS FOR 2030 ARE IN TROUBLE AND 575 MILLION PEOPLE WILL REMAIN VERY POOR!!

In a grim report, the UN warned Monday that at the current rate of global progress 575 million people will still be living in extreme poverty and 84 million children won’t be going to school in 2030 - and it will take 286 years to reach equality between men and women. The report on progress in achieving 17 wide-ranging UN goals adopted by world leaders in 2015 to improve life for the world’s more than 7 billion people said that only 15 per cent of some 140 specific targets that experts evaluated .

- *The Economic times*, Jul 11, 2023

ALERT

THESE ARE THE LAST DAYS...!!!

Special Article: Joyline John

“What kind of world is this? Are these people really humans? Forget about humanity, is the human nature still alive?” is becoming questionable these days. Recently I watched some news and didn't get any sleep for two days. Let me share a few of those news, I am sure you also would have heard about them.

◀ A man who lived with his wife for 10 years in Mumbai, cut her into pieces. Since he did not know how to dispose her body, he grinded the pieces in mixer and grinder and kept them in his house for many days before feeding them to the dogs. The main highlight of this story is that he had ordered two big saws for this purpose.

The next incident is even worse...

◀ A 16-year-old girl fell in love with a 20-year-old boy and later broke up with him and fell in love with another boy. Once the boy heard that she had got committed with another boy, he acted like an angry maniac, bought a big knife, and stabbed her more than 25 times in a marketplace where the girl had gone with her friend. Even when the girl fainted and fell, his anger did not subside, so he took a cement slab lying nearby and smashed it on the girl's head. Some say that the girl's head was smashed into 4 pieces. From the CCTV footage, it was found that this incident was going on for almost one and a half hours. But the painful thing is that not one person came forward to save the girl.

When we see this, we find that what had been told in the Holy Bible is being fulfilled. It is said that **“But know this, that in the last days, perilous times will come: For men will be unloving, without self-control, brutal, traitors and headstrong.”** (II Timothy 3:1-5)

Look... Because the people around us do not know the living God, they have become headstrong, unloving, and brutal.

A lot has been written similar to this in Luke 21 also. **“Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”** (Luke 21:36)

The Lord says that we should watch out and pray, so that we may escape these cruel incidents and not let similar situations happen in our family, home, town and streets. It is also very important for us to watch out and pray so that such cruel things do not happen in our country, and those who do it are freed from the clutches of the devil, and that the blood of Christ covers and protects us.

When we pray like that, God will fill us and the people of our country with His divine love. **“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; does not behave rudely, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, endures all things...”** (I Corinthians 13:4-7)

Dear young readers, in these last days where lawlessness is abounding and love is growing cold, the devil is eagerly waiting to use someone to do these cruel things. To escape from the vicious traps of the devil, it is imperative that we spend our time in the Lord's presence by praying everyday.

“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.” (I Peter 5:8) ■

HAPPY
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Friendship Day!

Every year in India, the first Sunday of August is celebrated as Friendship Day. People who talk to us well are not our best friends but good friends are those who take us to the next level of life. Although there are many people around us, we wish to stay with our friends. Here are the few qualities which your friends should have.



SUPPORT

True friends stay along with you in your ups and downs. They will not let you suffer alone.

NON-JUDGEMENTAL

Good friends may question the decisions you make or disagree with your decisions. But they will never judge you by these things.

LOYALTY

Loyalty is a prominent factor in friendship. When you know your friend is loyal, you know they're reliable. You can trust them, and that they'll always have your back. It's what sets your true friends apart from the rest of the pack.

GOOD LISTENERS

True friends tend to hear your side of the story and try to understand your feelings patiently. The ones who pay attention to your words keenly when you speak are your best friends.

BEST CRITICIZER

A person who always supports what you do cannot be a good friend, rather the one who points out your mistakes and being a good critic of your actions is your good friend.

In the Bible, Abraham was a good friend of God because of his obedience (Gen. 22:1-14).

Jesus referred to Lazarus as his friend (John 11:1, 5, 11).

"Do not be deceived; Evil company corrupts good habits." (1 Cor. 15:33).

Friends sometimes tend to teach bad habits. When you spend more time with bad friends you tend to become like them is the meaning behind it.

"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." (John 15:13).



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