



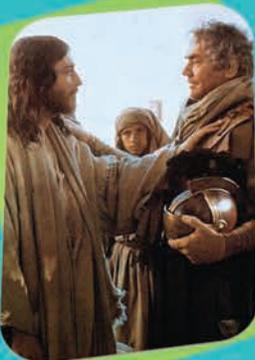
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Foreword

Loving greetings to the beloved young hearts!

Japan was the nation that experienced total loss and devastation during the Second World War. However, after 60 years of toil, it has become a great country after excelling in many areas, strengthening, progressively boosting its economy, increasing innovations, and producing outstanding accomplishments. The most expensive city in Japan is Tokyo. The government of Japan presumed that if the economy of the Japanese people doubled, it could increase trade. It strove hard, and doubled the country's economy in ten years. The performance of Japan is first-rate in all fields like Education, Military & Economics, and today it is a superpower Country. Even when the whole country was destroyed, they stood up and started building it. Today, Japan is a superpower.

Similarly, you can experience a fall, a sag, a stumble, or a collapse in your spiritual life. But the Lord says, "Arise! Be courageous! I will perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you." The enemy knows the anointing and calling upon us and attacks us. Every time we rise, he makes us fall, fearing that we will rise up like a tower.

But you who have fallen, take courage!



Because you will rise again! You will accomplish mighty things for God! The same God who made Zerubbabel strong and courageous that day, looks at you today and says, "Be of good courage! Do the Lord's work!" He says that "the work you are about to do for your God will be more glorious than the work you have done before. **Arise youth! He has strengthened you to do His mission with renewed strength!**

In Christ's Mission
Avinash





Bro. Abhishanth

In this edition, let us see the testimony of Bro. Abhishanth, who was caught in the addiction of cinema despite being born into a Sri Lankan Christian family. Though he derailed due to a lack of right fellowship, God met and delivered him and is now using him as a prayer warrior for the revival of Sri Lanka. Here is the interview with him.

Tell us about your family.

I was born, raised, and currently reside with my family in Sri Lanka. My mother teaches in a government school, whereas my father owns a business. My older brother is in his final year of engineering. Recently, my younger brother took his board exams. I'm in my last year of studying software engineering. Being a Christian, my mother often took us to church and prayed for our family's salvation every day. In 2014, my mother's prayers were

heard, and we attained salvation through an uncle. Even after that, we did not have a great prayer life. Our only interaction with God was through family prayer.

You told us about your lovely family. How were you during your teenage years?

I used to watch 4–5 films each day. My friend catches it first and then passes it on to me. I used to stay up watching films till 4 am. Whenever a new film was released, we used to compete to watch it first and discuss the plot with one another after watching it. We



Bro. Abhishanth with his family

solely discussed films and nothing else.

How did God deliver you from this movie addiction?

Let me tell you... I participated in the World Revival Vision Camp in 2022. Even before going to that camp, I downloaded a list of films that I could watch to pass the time. I told myself, "If there is no prayer in the night, let me start watching films." But God spoke to me through every single word at the camp. I initially thought, "How am I going to survive here when the place is filled with sounds of prayer?" But the words transformed me, and I gave myself up to the Lord and asked him to deliver me from this addiction. Jesus spoke to me during the prayer and delivered me.

I wasn't able to comprehend how God had delivered me from this bondage. When I went to bed that night after the camp, I had no thought of picking up my phone. I had a different phone that I used just for watching films, but I stopped using it after that day and stopped watching films across all media. Soon, I realised that God had touched my heart that day.

Great, the Lord came looking for you and redeemed you... How is your spiritual life now?

Now I spend an hour and a half every day in prayer for my country. I prayed for Sharukshan,



a friend with whom I used to watch films, to be freed from his addiction as well. God graciously heard my prayer and redeemed him too when he attended a meeting in Sri Lanka and prayed.

Now both of us are praying and reading the Bible together. Now all our conversations have drifted towards the gospel and prayer.

Super! God saved your friend Sharukshan too. Shall we talk to him about his transformation? Sharukshan, can you tell us about yourself and the recent changeover?

Greetings, I'm Sharukshan. I live in Mattakalappu, Sri Lanka. My father is an auto driver, and my mother is a homemaker. I have a younger sister. Abhishanth and I have been friends for 18 years. I am a traditional Christian who was baptised at birth. However, I was a namesake Christian who only attended church on occasion.

I also used to watch 4 to 5 films a day. Except for the time I sleep, I spend the rest of the hours watching films. I also share the movie links with everyone and ask them to watch them. Abhishanth used to go to sleep only after watching the films I send him. I wasn't engaged in my academics because I was a film and phone addict, and finally I was unable to continue my education.



Friend Sharukshan

Well, after your friend accepted Jesus as his saviour, did you also have the urge to accept Christ as your personal saviour?

Yes, I was able to notice a significant difference in him after he got back from the World Revival Vision Camp. Upon seeing him, a desire arose within me to talk to God as well. I longed for peace and deliverance. During this time, I heard of a fasting prayer in Sri Lanka and attended it with great enthusiasm. I felt the touch of Jesus on the very first day and was filled with the Holy Spirit. I had also downloaded films on my mobile to watch while before going to the three-day-long prayer camp. But I had no intention of watching. I, who doesn't pray even for a minute, am now praying for 1 1/2 hours every morning and night on my knees. Apart from that, we are praying for the nation together as a group.

What message do you have for the young people reading this?

If we live our lives in sin, thinking, "Only in my youth can I enjoy everything, so let me relish it now and seek God when I am old", we will be abandoned by God. Your day of salvation has come; now is the time to turn from your sins and submit to God and He shall embrace you, saying, "Oh, my loving child!" Come to Jesus without any further delay!

Dear youngsters! If God can redeem Abhishanth and Sharukshan from Sri Lanka and turn them into determined prayer warriors, praying for the revival of their nation and world, He can set you free as well from the strongholds and use you mightily in revival! ■

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Loose the Knots

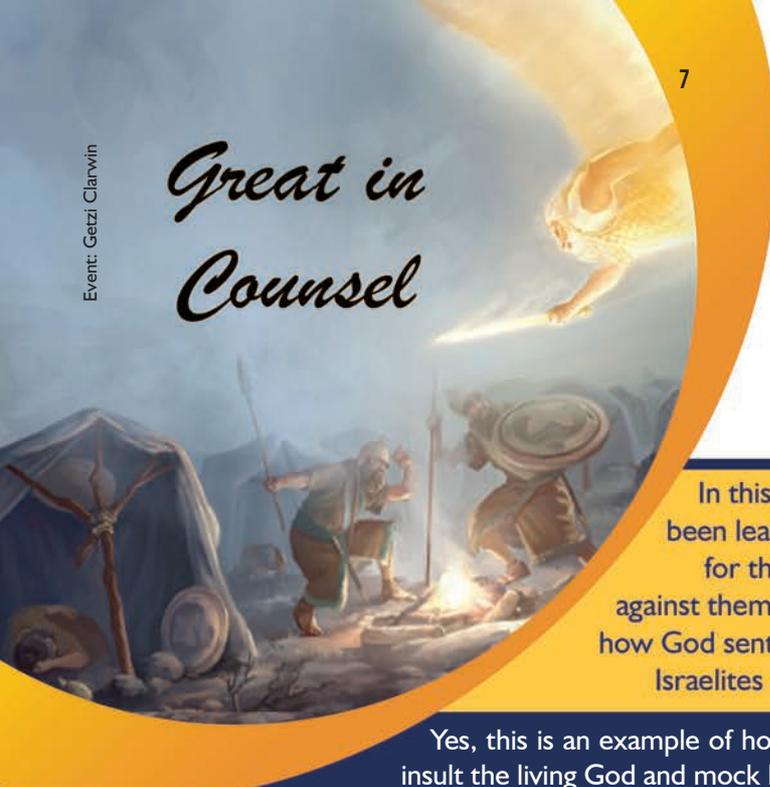
ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FROM THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH, QUOTING THE BIBLE REFERENCE.

1. Who is the father of Nehemiah?
2. To which king did Nehemiah bring the wine?
3. Who was the keeper of the king's forest?
4. Who repaired the "Fountain Gate"?
5. Who built the fish gate in Jerusalem?
6. Who was the prophetess who prophesied against Nehemiah?
7. Who was the commander of the citadel?
8. Who was appointed in charge of the storerooms of the house of God?
9. A prophet who prophesied against Nehemiah because he had received money from the enemies?
10. Name the high priest who rebuilt the Sheep Gate?

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



Great in Counsel



The Fall of Assyrian Kingdom

In this series "Great in Counsel", we have been learning about God's powerful strategies for the Israelites when wars were fought against them. In continuation of that, we shall discover how God sent an Angel and created confusion to help the Israelites defeat the powerful Assyrian kingdom.

Yes, this is an example of how God displays His might against those who insult the living God and mock His people. (2 Kings 18, 19).

- ◀ Are you facing struggles in school or college because of being a witness for Christ?
- ◀ Are you the target of criticism for standing firm for Christ among your relatives who aren't believers yet?
- ◀ Are you ridiculed because of debt, disease, or poverty?

If you are going through such battles, be patient! Because, the God who is fighting for you is Great in Counsel and Almighty. Do not forget that! In this incident, during the time of King Hezekiah, who lived according to God's commandments, the Assyrians came to war against the Jews and criticised them because of their pride in their past victory.

Do you have similar hurtful experiences? Don't worry; the Almighty God is on your side. Do you know what the Jews did in the face of such persecution?

"...But the people held their peace and answered him not a word" (2 Kings 18:36) Yes! Whoever speaks scornfully of you, keep silence, and make no reply, as the Jews did. Only then the battle will belong to the Lord.

Moreover, the Assyrians boasted, "Has any of the gods of the nations saved their land from the hands of the king of Assyria?" Do you know what the Lord gave in return for the Assyrians' pride?

"And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the Lord went out and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead." (2 Kings 19:35)

Yes! God destroyed the entire pride of the Assyrians with just one angel of the Lord. God was especially supportive of His people, the Jews, because of their patient endurance and silence.

"God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5:5) ■

Practice & Effort

Heart Beat

I am working as a teacher at a private school. I don't have a father, and my mother is sick, so I have to take care of her and rush to school every day. I'll be at school from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. My home is a bit far, so I reach home by 7 p.m., and only then am I able to take care of my mother. I take tuition at home, as the salary given by the school is not enough. Due to the heavy workload at school and home, I couldn't take proper care of students in school. As the students don't have a good impression of me, they have raised complaints about me with the principal. So, the management has asked me to resign. I'm highly depressed because of this. This is the only source of income for my family. How should I handle this?
- Shekar

Dear Brother Shekar, I could understand your hard work as well as your heavy workload. You are overwhelmed by the sadness and pain that you are unable to take care of your mother and are not able to do your teaching work well.

I can understand your agony in this helpless situation where you are oppressed with workloads such as family burden, school in the morning, and tuition in the evening. You are on the verge of losing your job when you were looking for a promotion that would solve your problems.

Shekar, you can surely come out of this oppressive situation! For that, you need to put in some effort and do some exercises. You can certainly get the outstanding teacher and first-class teacher titles in the same school where you couldn't teach properly.

FIRST, YOU SHOULD REALISE THE SUPERIORITY OF YOUR WORK!

- A teacher is not only the one who teaches but also the one who identifies the talents and potential of his students, takes them from the dust, and turns them into gems.
- A teacher's discipline and supervision can make a student a better person.
- A teacher's character and encouragement can turn a student into a scientist or an astronaut.
- A teacher is a great sculptor who designs many such great sculptures.
- A teacher is not only the opener of a student's eyes of knowledge, but a coach who incessantly feeds into those eyes a light and a feeling of running towards the pinnacle of ascension.
- Many teachers today are suffering because they do not understand the need, excellence, power, and strength of such teaching. They torment the students as well.

Efforts to be taken

**You should have a good understanding of your students.
Here are a few strategies to find out their mindset.**

- In a class of 50 students, 20% of students hate studying.
- 20% of students trouble the teachers.
- 10% of students have a cat on the wall mindset.
- 20% of students have an interest in learning.
- 30% of students have the potential to improve with compliments and appreciation.
- 10% of students have huge ambitions to graduate and become adults.

Exercises to do

Once you know the mindset of the students, you should start approaching them accordingly.

- Think about the methods used to pique interest in those 20% who don't want to study.
- What responsibilities can be given to those 10% of students who trouble you?
- Monitoring and being strict with those 10% with a cat on the wall mindset
- How do you motivate those 20% who want to learn?
- How and when to encourage those 30% who need to be encouraged
- How to sharpen and help the learner progress.

In this way, when you get to know all the students in your class and teach them the lessons and traits that suit them, it will make a difference among the students. Those who rejected you may want you again.

When you put in some effort and practice like this, you have a chance to become a great teacher. There is a verse in the Bible that says, "Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; He will not stand before unknown men" (Prov. 22:29). If you are diligent and act truthfully (Prov. 22:29) and skillfully, you will not be terminated. On the contrary, you will get promotion after promotion. Try to do smart work instead of hard work. You will succeed, for sure!

And if taking tuition pressurises you, take a few days off and pray for your sick mother and watch over her with love. As you pray for your mother and spend quality time with her, you will see an improvement in her health.

According to the word of God, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6, 7), the Lord will strengthen you and make you live in peace. Pray and act!



Be of Good Courage!

During World War II, even in the Nazi extermination camps, people slept peacefully. When asked about the faith that brought them this sleep, their firm belief that “tomorrow will surely be a good day” kept many alive.

There is a Chinese proverb that says, ‘Get up once rather than fall down’. While running towards your dream, some setbacks and failures occur. If you don’t get weary of it, brace your heart and start running towards the goal undeterred, you will surely succeed.

In every street of India, in the corner of every cricketer’s heart, there is the thought and dream of joining the Indian cricket team. Thangarasu Natarajan started his cricket journey with such dreams.

Born in to a poor family in Chinnappampatti, Salem district, whose father was a power loom worker, and mother who runs a roadside food stall, he was determined to run towards his dream. With rigorous training, he made the most of all the opportunities he got and played in the Ranji Trophy for Tamil Nadu, garnering everyone’s attention.

When he was heading towards his goal with huge dreams, his cricket life was put on hold for a year, stating that his bowling style was wrong. But he did not give up and strengthened his mind, engaged in rigorous training and started moving towards his cricket dream again.



He caught everyone's attention in the IPL matches and became the first Indian cricketer to debut in all three internationals in a single tour by being included in the Indian team. After that, despite not getting regular opportunities in the Indian team, he did not get weary or discouraged and created a cricket ground in his own village and is now producing good quality athletes.

When our dreams and plans are not fulfilled, our hearts become weary and weak. We lose our strength and confidence to the point where we can't think about what to do next. Don't lose heart when you are surrounded by various struggles, conflicts, financial problems and future fears. Be strong and believe in Jesus who said, "...in the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). He will make things happen for you.

The team sent by King Cyrus to build the temple in Jerusalem, led by Zerubbabel, traveled about 900 miles and began the construction of the temple in Jerusalem. When the adversaries heard the news that the foundation of the church was being laid and that they were building a temple for the Lord, "the people of the land tried to discourage the people of Judah. They troubled them in building", (Ezra 4:4) and did things to frustrate their purpose.

For almost 16 years, the construction of the temple was ceased. Due to this, many who started the construction work on the temple got weary and gave up. They were stuck, not knowing about the next move, and were waiting thinking that "the time has not come to build the temple of the Lord". Then the Lord, through the prophet Haggai, strengthened Zerubbabel's heart and hands so that he

could not abandon hope and restarted the construction of the temple.

Zerubbabel did not give up despite the oppositions, struggles and intrigues of men that befell in his life. He stayed strong and built the temple according to the Lord's word: "He

will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord" (Psalm 112:7).

There is no doubt that the Lord Jesus Christ will definitely do whatever He decides to do with you. When struggles and tribulations come in your life, don't grow weary, be vigilant and courageous. As you move forward with unwavering faith that the Lord is with me, and don't let your heart weaken you will surely succeed.

My dear youth! Don't fear the future with your present. Look unto the words and promises of God who is mighty to change your predicament. "Be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!" (2 Chron. 15:7), says the Lord.

When negative things took place in Zerubbabel's life, he did not lose hope, but trusted God and turned things around. Don't get discouraged by your circumstances, "Behave courageously" (2 Chron. 19:11) The Lord will be with you and give you victories! ■



Gideon

Read: Judges chapters 6 - 8

After Joshua, God raised up many judges such as Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, and Deborah. We have seen about 4 judges in the last 4 months. This month let us look at Gideon, the 5th judge.

Introduction

Gideon means 'great destroyer'. He belongs to Ophrah. His father's name was Joash. He was renamed Jerubbaal by his father when he cut down the grove of the Baals. He was very humble during his call. Despite his fear, he obeyed the Lord and destroyed Baal's altar and cut down the grove overnight. By asking for a sign from God, he dedicated himself to save Israel with his own hands.

VIRTUES

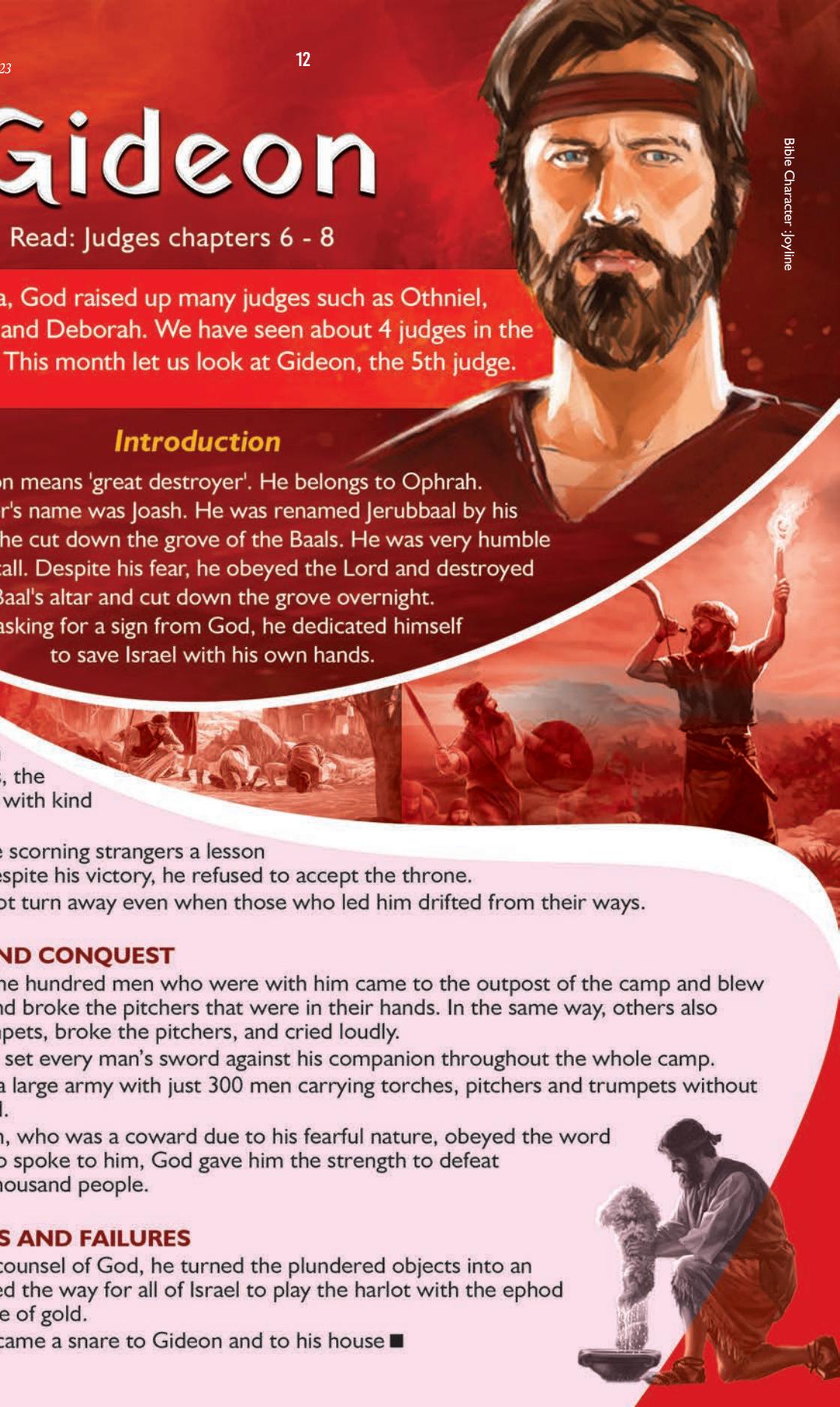
- He dealt with the Ephraimites, the troublemakers, with kind language.
- He taught the scorning strangers a lesson with thorns. Despite his victory, he refused to accept the throne.
- Gideon did not turn away even when those who led him drifted from their ways.

INVASION AND CONQUEST

- Gideon and the hundred men who were with him came to the outpost of the camp and blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands. In the same way, others also blew their trumpets, broke the pitchers, and cried loudly.
- And the Lord set every man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp.
- He defeated a large army with just 300 men carrying torches, pitchers and trumpets without a sword in hand.
- When Gideon, who was a coward due to his fearful nature, obeyed the word of the Lord who spoke to him, God gave him the strength to defeat 1 lakh and 35 thousand people.

WEAKNESSES AND FAILURES

- Without the counsel of God, he turned the plundered objects into an ephod. He paved the way for all of Israel to play the harlot with the ephod which was made of gold.
- This thing became a snare to Gideon and to his house ■



A start with 50 paise!

Loving greetings to the young achievers! Life is loaded with a lot of hurdles. It is impractical to live life without obstacles. Every hurdle that we face in our lives teaches us some lessons that we should learn. Each of those lessons motivates us to achieve. Here is the life of an Achiever who faced a lot of hurdles and achieved through the lessons that she learned.

Patricia Thomas had a happy childhood. At the age of 17, she married a person named Narayan. The marriage, which was sweet in the initial stages, turned sour in a few years. She was deeply distressed to learn that her husband was a drug addict. As a result, she did not have sufficient money to meet the needs of her family, nor did she have the support, education, or skill to do any kind of job.

When she was perplexed as to what to do in such a situation, she began making pickles and jams at home and started selling them. The business grew and flourished. So in 1982, she started selling tea, coffee, fritters, and samosas in a small pushcart in the Marina. On the first day, there weren't enough sales. She got a profit of just 50 paise. Undaunted by this, Patricia continued to work hard.

Through her hard work, the pushcart turned into a canteen in many places. She began to progress gradually. While Patricia's life was going on happily,

unexpectedly, her daughter and husband died in a tragic accident, which shattered her life. After a short period of time, she pulled herself up and moved into the field as before.

Since she lost her daughter in the accident owing to a lack of ambulance assistance, she started an ambulance service in the same area where her daughter met with an accident and died. In memory of her deceased daughter, she started a restaurant named 'Sandeepha Restaurant'. The restaurant provides employment for 200 people. Her business, which started with a profit of just 50 paise, is now earning more than 2 lakhs per day. In 2010, she was awarded the Best Entrepreneur Award by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

Dear young readers! Patricia's life wasn't a bed of roses; it was a bed of thorns. But she fought and turned it into a path to victory. Challenge the struggles in your life with courage and seek victory. Life is to be lived! ■



happy

REJOICE IN THE LORD!

“I know there is nothing better for them than to be rejoice, and to do good in their lives” (Ecclesiastes 3:12), says Solomon. While a man lives in this world, being happy and doing good are the good things that God has for him!

You must be happy! God wants you to be happy and joyful in all you do. This is the good thing that God has for you. While addressing the youth, the Bible says, **“Rejoice, O young man, in your youth”** (Ecclesiastes 11:9).

Message: Mohan.C. Lazarus

God wants us to be happy, so He made man in His own image.

Happiness is God's gift to us! **Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!** (Philippians 4:4). God has bestowed His happiness upon us by redeeming us from sin and making us His children.

How many are happy today when they say “I am saved and anointed”? If you talk to people personally, we find that most of them are unhappy and say, “What sort of a life is this? Who is there for me? Why should I live in this world?” Very few people say, “The Lord has kept me happy, and I lack nothing”.

What happens when you are happy?

YOU WILL SEE MIRACLES!

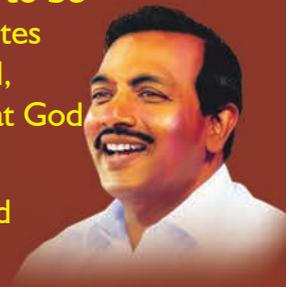
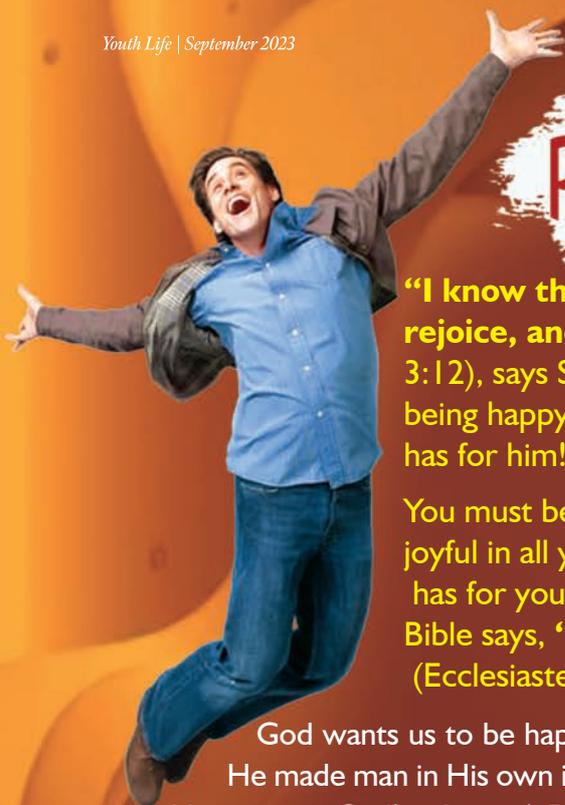
“Fear not, be glad and rejoice, for the Lord will do great things” (Joel 2:21).

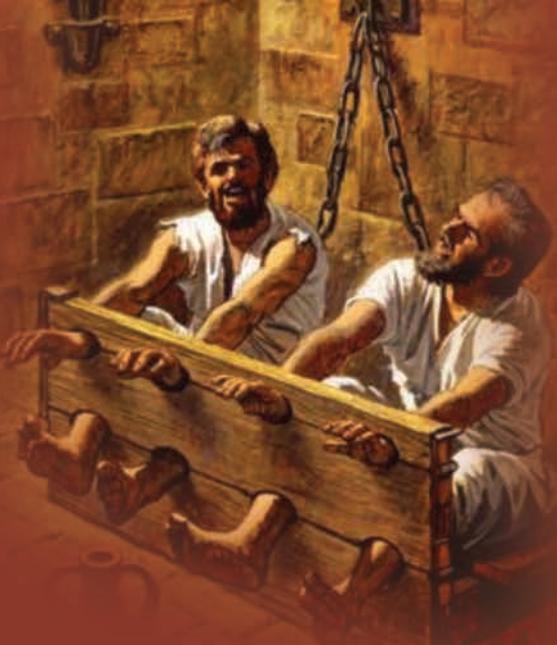
The Bible does not tell us that the Lord will do great things for you and then you should rejoice and be glad. Instead, the Bible says, first “Rejoice and be glad, and the Lord will do great things for you.”

Why does God say, “Rejoice and be glad, and then I will do great things?” When we rejoice and be glad in the Lord in the midst of problems, struggles, and sicknesses we reveal our faith in God. And that is true faith.

Paul and Silas were in jail, beaten and flogged with their hands and legs tied to a tree, and were unable to move. Yet, even in the middle of the night they prayed and sang praise to God. They did not offer a prayer of tears or a prayer of supplication in prison. They sang praises to God. One can sing with joy only if there is joy in the heart.

When Paul and Silas were imprisoned, they firmly believed that, “Jesus Christ is also





in prison. He is with us". That is why they could sing happily and it was the reason the chains that bound them became loose and they saw miracles. You should also rejoice and be glad in the Lord. The joy and happiness that "Jesus Christ is always with us" must fill your hearts too. And then you too can witness miracles.

DESIRES WILL BE FULFILLED!

"Delight yourself in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4).

If you want the Lord to grant you the desires of your heart, first of all, practise being delighted in the Lord.

The Bible tells about a certain woman named Hannah who prayed weeping with anguish for a child. Eli who was in the church blessed Hannah saying, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him.". Hannah went away, and her face was no longer sad, as mentioned in 1 Samuel 1:17, 18. After Hannah prayed to the Lord and cast her burden on the Lord, she did not remain



sad. It means that Hannah would have rejoiced in the Lord with the faith that the Lord would surely give her what she prayed for. So the Lord granted her request.

Even today, we find that there is no joy in the hearts of many of God's children. The reason is that they do not sit in the presence of the Lord and talk to Him like Hannah. Learn to seek God's presence and pour out your heart's desires to Him. And He will fill you with happiness. If you delight in the Lord, he will do what you desire.

Speaking to God is similar to a conversation between a father and son. God is not seated far away on a throne and controlling you like a puppet. He is near us and speaks to us like a loving father. He wants to keep us happy always. Sit at the feet of the Lord and enjoy talking to Him and He will talk to you! He will grant you the desires of your heart and make you happy.

Dear young people! "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10), says the Bible. In this earthly life, we may come across worries, difficulties, disgrace, shame, and humiliation, which the devil brings to destroy our happiness. But when we always rejoice and delight in the fellowship of the Lord, He is sufficient to fill us with His divine strength and uphold and guide us with His righteous hand ■

Youth Revival Meetings

(Nagapattinam, Mayiladudurai,
Chengalpattu, Thiruvengadam,
and Trivandrum)

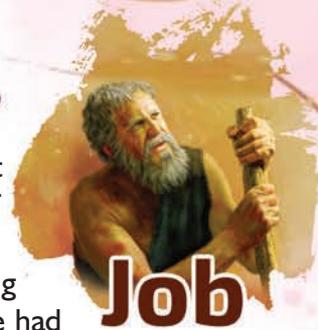
By the grace of God, we have been conducting Youth revival meetings in every district, taluk, and village to raise a group of youths to spread the gospel in order to fulfil the vision of God. Meetings were conducted every month in different districts to encourage the youths to pray and preach the gospel. Last July and August, about 1,596 youths participated in the Youth meetings held at Nagapattinam, Mayiladuthurai, Chengalpattu, Thiruvengadam, and Trivandrum and received divine guidance and anointing to pray and evangelise with the Revival vision. Apart from that, they have received about 32,000 tracts and have gone to their respective villages with the vision of winning souls by doing tract ministry. To God be the glory!





People who were courageous...

Job, who endured many hardships and losses in his life, never lost his trust in God. In addition to losing his ten children at the same time, he lost all of his fortune in a single day. His entire world fell apart in the span of a single moment. He was plagued with boils all over his body and was seen scraping himself with a potsherd. His wife reviled him, and his friends said that he had committed fatal sin. But he remained steadfast in his integrity, saying, "Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" Job disregarded the advice of men. As he had a personal relationship with God, he did not grow weary. In the scriptures, we can read that Job received double blessings in the end. (To read: Job 13:15–18; 23:8–17.)



Job

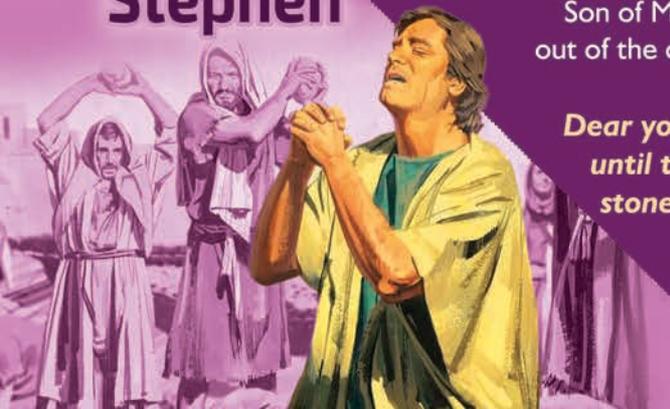
Dear youths! Even though Satan subjected Job to numerous hardships in an effort to wear him down and discourage him, he put his trust in the Lord, endured everything with courage, and received blessings. Have you also lost everything, like Job? Trust in the Lord, and He will strengthen you!

Stephen, empowered by the Holy Spirit, boldly proclaimed the Gospel, and all who heard him began to accept Jesus and

Christianity began to grow rapidly. But some spoke ill of him. They secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God."

The people believed in it and Stephen was seized and brought before the council. The people in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel. When the high priest asked Stephen about the accusations brought against him, Stephen recognised that this was his chance. He seized the opportunity and used the occasion to give them a great sermon in which he explained many things from the Scriptures. When the people heard him reprimand them for being impudent, they were enraged and began to gnash their teeth at him. When Stephen said that he saw the heavens open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God, they cast him out of the city and stoned him. (To read: Acts 6:8–15; 7:1–60)

Stephen



Dear youths! Stephen continued to preach the gospel until the very end despite knowing that he would be stoned to death for doing so, and he died a martyr. Do we preach the gospel with the same tenacity and courage as Stephen did?

People who were not courageous

The 10 Spies

From Mount Sinai, the Israelites travelled through the wilderness of Paran to a place called Kadesh. God told Moses, 'Choose one from each tribe and send 12 of them to spy out the land of Canaan. I will give that land to the Israelites.' Moses chose 12 people and sent them, including Joshua and Caleb, to spy on and know about the city and the people living in that land, whether they were strong or weak, few or many. After 40 days, the spies returned and reported to Moses. 10 of them gave a hopeless report that, although it was a good land, the people there were strong like giants, there were great walls around the cities, the inhabitants of Canaan are enormous, resembling giants, and we felt ourselves like grasshoppers in front of them. The Israelites were terrified upon hearing this, and decided to select a leader and return to Egypt, as they did not want to lose their lives in the land of Canaan. However, Joshua and Caleb had faith in the Lord, and they gave a positive report about it saying "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." But the people did not listen to them. They decided to stone and kill Joshua and Caleb. The people who did not obey the Lord and grumbled were not able to enter the Promised Land, as God's anger was upon them. (To read: Numbers 13, 14 chapters)

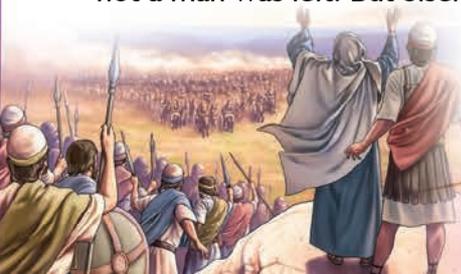
Dear youths! As the 10 spies were not courageous and did not trust the Lord, they could not inherit the Promised Land. Are you also fainthearted, like these 10 spies? You will gain courage when you put your faith in the Lord!!

Barak

Deborah the prophetess, told Barak that the Lord had told him to gather 10,000 men and go to the river Kishon to fight there against Jabin's army, and that the Lord would deliver Sisera, the commander of Jabin's army, into Barak's hands. When Barak heard this, he was afraid to go alone and said to her, "If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go!". She then assured him that she would accompany him; nevertheless, she said that there will be no glory for him in the journey he is taking, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.

Barak and his 10,000 men descended from the mountain to battle Sisera's great army. The Lord routed Sisera and all his chariots and army by the sword, and Sisera got down from his chariot and fled on foot. Barak and his men pursued the chariots and defeated Sisera's army; not a man was left. But Sisera was killed by a woman called Jael. (To Read: Judges 4)

Dear youths! God did not deliver Sisera into Barak's hands, as he disobeyed God's word by putting his faith in Deborah rather than trusting the Lord who had promised him ■



A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART!

DAVID'S HORN OF OIL ANOINTING!

My dear youth! Greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Last month we meditated on the early life of King David. Continuing this month, let's meditate on the anointing that God gave to David.

The Hebrew word Mashach means 'oiling' or 'to anoint'. The purpose of God sending Samuel the prophet to Bethlehem was to anoint David as king. But David, who was tending sheep in the wilderness, was neither informed nor invited to such a sacrifice. We saw that, David, the last child, was neglected by his parents and siblings to that extent.

The sacrifice was prepared in the temple of Bethlehem. But before the feast, Samuel the prophet called David's father Jesse and said "Send your children in order." Jesse lined up his 7 good-looking sons and sent them in order, starting with his eldest son Eliab and ending with Ozem. Samuel was deceived by their appearances. But the Lord said, "I do not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. I refused these seven." Samuel was so confused as if that were a test for him.

Then he looked at Jesse and asked, 'Are these all the sons you have?' Then the father remembered David, the last son, who was tending the sheep, forgotten, neglected and lightly esteemed by them. He said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." Even then, he didn't feel like saying, 'I will send someone and call him.' On the contrary, he introduced David to Samuel disparagingly, saying "He is a shepherd, he is not fit for this anointing and feasting."

When I was a small boy, there were six children in a family that lived near our house. Looking at the 3rd son, one of their relatives would often say, 'You are good at cooking, so you are fit only to cook'. In time, instead of sending him to school, he was kept at home as a cook.

Even in your home, do your parents disregard and hurt you in front of relatives, saying, "He is neither fit nor worthy of all this, he is an inept, a burden to the house and the earth"? Don't worry! David is no exception to all of these.



But Samuel the prophet looked at Jesse and said sternly: "Send someone and bring him. For we will not sit down to eat till he comes here." Then, having no choice but to send a man into the wilderness, David, the hero of the ceremony, was brought in.

The Lord said to Samuel, **"Arise, anoint him; for this is the one."** Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the midst of his brothers who despised him according to the Lord's word, **"I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him,"** (Psalm 89:20). That is why David glorified the Lord by singing, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil" Hallelujah! While David was anointed with oil, the Spirit of the Lord came upon him (Sam. 16:13).

David, who was introduced to the prophet Samuel by his family as a sheep herder, after receiving this anointing, was introduced to King Saul as "skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the Lord is with him" (1 Sam. 16:18). David who was tending the flock was brought to King Saul's palace. When David took his harp and played it, the

distressing spirit that was upon Saul departed from him (1 Sam. 16:23).

After receiving this anointing, David who was just 20-years old defeated the 10-foot-tall giant Goliath, who was the greatest threat for the Israelites, with a simple slingshot and brought a great victory to the Israelites. After all, he was made king of Israel at the age of 30. It was because of the anointing and the Spirit of the Lord that rested in him. David sings his experience as "The stone which the builders rejected has become the



chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing" (Psalms 118:22, 23)

Dear youngsters! Are you rejected by this world and your kith and kin?

Consecrate yourself today to receive this anointing. The Spirit of the Lord is ready to dwell in you and guide you. When this anointing oil of the Spirit is poured upon you, sin shall not have dominion over you because the Holy Spirit who convicts you of sin and of righteousness is with you. No sin approaches you. When the Spirit of truth comes into you, you will feel him guiding you into all truth.

This anointing of the spirit teaches you concerning all things and brings everything to your remembrance. You shall receive power when this Holy Spirit comes upon you. Infirmities disappear. This fullness of the Spirit will make you a witness to the world. No man can stand against you. You will receive blessings like never before in your life. Commit yourself to receiving this helper called the Holy Spirit today.

PRAYERS

September 2023

1 Every year in India, nearly 4 lakh female infants are aborted after their gender is diagnosed through prenatal gender testing. Let's pray to stop such abortions.

2 The United Nations has declared that female infants are being aborted because they fear dowry when they grow up. Pray for this situation to change completely.

3 Around 35,493 women were killed for dowry from 2017 to 2022. Pray that the spirit of dowry be eradicated from our country.

4 For each hour, one woman falls victim to dowry harassment. Let's pray for this situation to change.

5 Every 4 seconds, a woman falls victim to dowry abuse. So let us pray for the protection of women.

6 Pray for the bridegroom's family to be aware that taking dowry is a sin.

7 Many people commit suicide out of frustration because they are unable to pay their dowry and get married. These incidents are on the rise. Let's pray for this to change.

8 In the year 2022, 250 million people worldwide have died due to a lack of food. Pray for food supplies for needy people.

9 The growth of 14.8 crore children is affected due to a lack of access to nutritious food products. Pray for good nutrition for the children.

10 Pray for people around the world who are suffering to get even a single meal per day. Let's pray for them to get the adequate amount of nutritious food they need.

11 Pray for the wastage of food, as one third of the food produced each year (130 crores) goes to waste.

12 One in nine dies due to starvation and hunger. Pray for this situation to change.

13 Pray for God's rule over the 67 million internet users in India.

14 60% of students use the internet. Pray for God's protection over our children so that it does not affect their studies and future.

15 Boys and girls between the ages of five and 18 spend hours on cell phones. Pray for the deliverance of children who are addicted to cell phones.

16 Pray for the deliverance of children suffering from mental illness due to cell phone addiction and pray for the establishment of counselling centres to help these children.

PRAYER GUIDE



17 Pray for good sanitary conditions in government hospitals across the country.

18 Pray for the government to provide modern equipment in government hospitals and for development plans to be made.

19 Pray for those who work in hospitals to act with a spirit of service and sincerity, thereby avoiding carelessness.

20 Pray for a complete change in the unjust acts like child abduction, theft, and violence in government hospitals for the sake of money.

21 Pray for doctors with good medical skills to come forward to work in government hospitals with a spirit of providing service to needy people.

22 Incessant rains have claimed many lives in northern Indian states. Pray for God's protection so that no more deaths occur due to natural calamities.

23 Pray for God to create perfect weather conditions and command blessed rains throughout our nation.

24 Pray for the rising prices of essential commodities in India to be curbed.

25 Pray for the livelihoods of the poor and needy people who are affected by the price hike.

26 Pray for peace in the state of Manipur and for an end to the riots there.

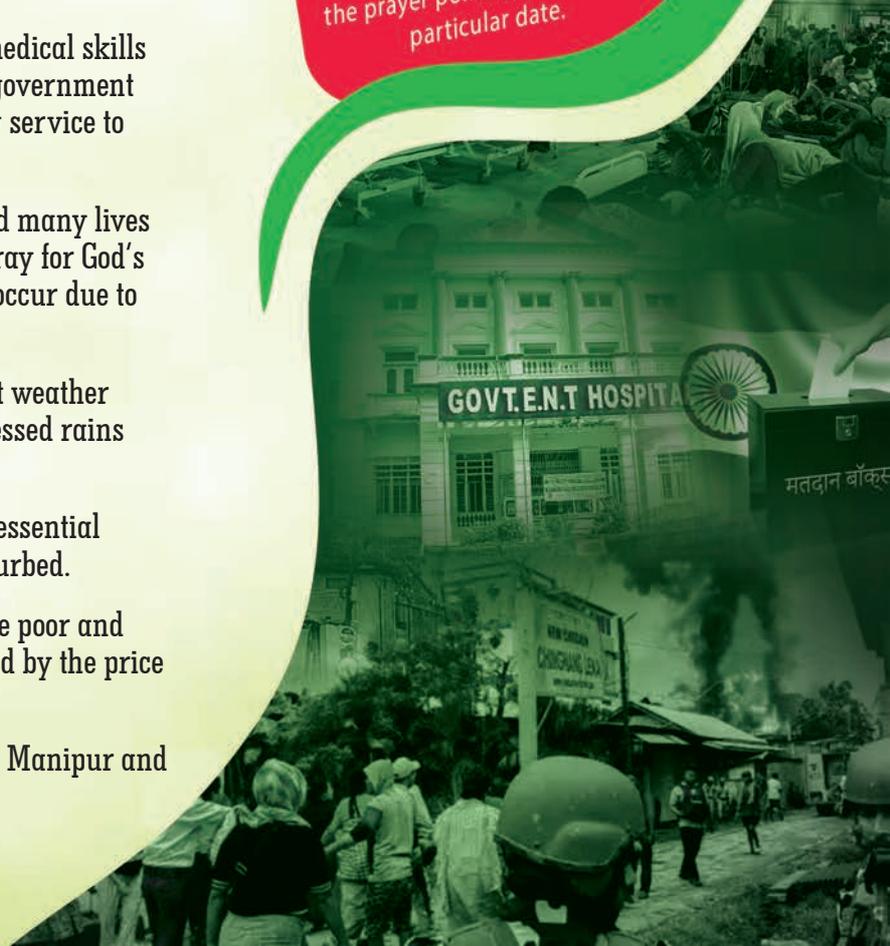
27 Pray for the protection of over 12,000 people who have migrated to neighbouring states due to riots.

28 Pray for the comfort of people who have lost their homes and belongings.

29 Pray for God's dominance in the parliamentary elections to be held in 2024, and let God's chosen leader be elected.

30 Pray that the parties preparing for the elections do not engage in any illegal activities.

Take a minute daily to pray for the prayer points given in that particular date.





Igniters Youth Fellowship is a place where young people ignite their spiritual lives, discover the profound truths of the Bible, and find strength in praying for the country as a group. You are welcome to join in on this fellowship and grow stronger. Come on! Strengthen yourself, and get ready to fortify others!

Igniters Monthly Fellowship

EVERY 1ST SUNDAY (3RD SEP.)

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 (9TH SEP.)

BANGALORE (3PM-5PM)

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

MADURAI (3PM -5:30PM)

Devanukae Mahimai Church,
Nearby MGM Plaza,
[Theekadir Busstop]
41, K.Salai pudur Bypass Road,
Madurai - 18
9750955548 | 9344759316

EVERY 2ND SUNDAY (10TH SEP.)

SANKARANKOIL (2:30PM - 5PM)

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

MUMBAI-MALAD (2:30PM - 5PM)

Bethel 1st Floor
305/E, Mith Chauky, Marve Road,
Malad (W)
9664050567 | 9619996976

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

CHENGALPET (3PM - 5:30PM)

Blessing School,
Tirukazhukundram Road
9488475315

VILLUPURAM (3PM - 5:30PM)

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

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY (17TH SEP.)**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,
Railway Station Road Zion Nagar,
Near Scudder Memorial Hospital
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

PONDICHERRY (3PM TO 6PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
Kottupalayam Lawspet,
opp. Latha Steel, E C R Road.
8344433800 | 9442885315

PERNAMPET (3PM TO 6PM)

Revival Prayer centre, VK Road.
9442885315

CHITTOOR (3PM TO 6PM)

Kamlambal Street, Readspet,
Kangareddy palli,
9487734603

**EVERY 4TH SATURDAY
(23RD SEP.)****PERAMBALUR (5PM -8PM)**

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

**EVERY 4TH SUNDAY
(24TH SEP.)****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 Bazaar,
Bunglaw Street, Karur.
9489775075

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Coffee with the Reporter




The Centurion

There are many in the Holy Bible whose names are not mentioned, but they were known by their actions, character, husband's name, place of birth, the place they were brought up, or the place they governed. Thus, we have seen an imaginary collection of conversations with many people over the past months. Even in this article, let's get to know about a person who was known by his title as 'The Centurion' who served as the commander of a century (hundred men) in the ancient Roman army.

Though there are mentions of many Centurions in the Bible, here we will be seeing an imaginary conversation with the Centurion mentioned in Matthew 8:5-13 and Luke 7:1-10.

Reporter: Greetings, my Lord!

The Centurion: Greetings!

Reporter: Please share a few words about yourself so our youth can get to know you better.

The Centurion: I served as an officer who commanded a hundred army men, a fulfiller of law and order and a responsible officer of the Roman government. I lived in Capernaum, the port city of Rome. Many people like Romans, Greeks and Jews lived here. I loved the Jewish people, built a synagogue for them, and lived among my people with name and fame.

Reporter: When Jesus was not far from your house, why did you say, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof"? Won't it be a great pride to have the Lord of the Universe come to your house?

The Centurion: No... No. Jesus is the Holy One! The most high God! He is not an ordinary man, but the Son of God, the King of all Kings! I don't deserve to invite him to my house. Not only that, when multitudes of people always surround



Jesus, longing for a miracle, thinking that I should not bother Him any further, I said so.

Reporter: Lord, you told Jesus, “I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this’ and he does it.” What was the motive behind, your speaking about your authority?

The Centurion: If my words, as the ruler of only a hundred people have such authority, then how powerful would be the words of the King who created the universe by his word and rules over all. So I said, speak a word, and my servant will be healed.

Reporter: How did such faith come to you?

The Centurion: Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Therefore, since I petitioned Jesus, the God of far and near heard my request. Man sees the face, but God sees the heart, right? He saw the depth of my faith and the unshakable belief I had in Jesus and healed my servant who was dying. My heart rejoiced when I heard him say of me to the multitudes that followed him, saying, “I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!”

Reporter: Lord, What would you like to say to our precious youngsters?

The Centurion: First, ‘Believe in Jesus’ because he who believes in Him will live, even though he dies. Second, ‘emphasise the word of God’ because it is written that man shall live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Therefore, spend more time reading and meditating on the scriptures. Thirdly, saying, ‘Each of you must build a temple’ is impractical. But the heart of every individual is the temple where God resides. Therefore,



preach the gospel to everyone around you—your friends, neighbours, and relatives to let them know about Jesus and to keep their hearts holy as it is the temple where Jesus dwells.

Let them know about the miracles that God has done in your life and pray for them. Jesus will be pleased and glorified for your sake when each individual does what he can to build and keep holy the heart which is the temple of God.

Finally, love those who are subordinate to you in authority, and those who work in your house as servants. Don’t forget to let them know the greatness of the wonderful God Jesus and pray for their well-being and prosperity. Thank you

Reporter: Thank you, Lord!

Dear youth, if you have the same mountain-like faith inside you as this centurion, then you too can see miracles in your life. We’ll bring you another conversation next month. Until then, may the grace of God be with you all! ■

The Track!

Revival Race

For the past few months, through the series 'The Track', we have discussed the achievements of the marathon runners, their hard work and perseverance. We have simultaneously learned about and meditated on those who ran the race for God and for the good news. This month, by the will of God, we continue to learn how to fervently run for the coming revival.

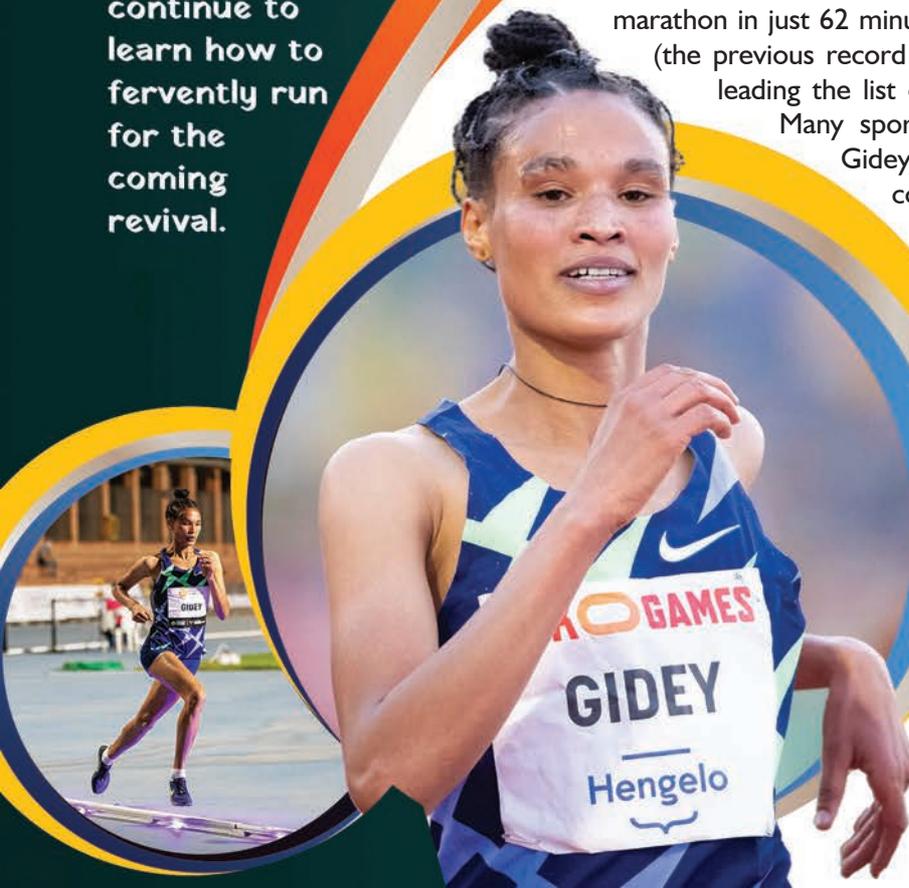
Event: Caleb



Letesenbet Gidey

So far, we have studied many older and more experienced athletes and their achievements. However, this time, we are going to take a look at a 23-year-old Ethiopian athlete named Letesenbet Gidey. She has broken the world records for both the 5,000 and 10,000 metres in women's track. After her success, Gidey's only desire was to excel in the half marathon (20 km). She trained really hard, and in the month of October 2021, in Valencia, Spain, she completed the half marathon in just 62 minutes, setting a new world record (the previous record was 63 minutes). Gidey is now leading the list of female long-distance runners. Many sports enthusiasts are hopeful that Gidey, at only 23 years of age, will continue to break records.

Reading about Letesenbet Gidey reminds us of David, who was introduced as a young man in the Scriptures. After being taunted by Goliath for 40 days, the Israelite army turned its back to retreat (including King Saul), but amidst them rose up a young David, who opposed Goliath with courage. "As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly towards the



battle line to meet him.” (1 Samuel 17:48). When everyone else was ready to pull back, why did David alone run towards the Palestinian?

DAVID'S PERSPECTIVE

Though David was a young man who hadn't set foot on a battle field before, he wasn't afraid to fight Goliath. The reason is the manner in which David perceived Goliath. The Israelite army saw him as a giant, whereas David saw Goliath as the beast he had killed earlier.

The Israelites became weary, seeing the challenges and circumstances. But David, in the midst of everything, saw only the Lord. That is why he declared, "I come against you in the name of the Lord of hosts, whom you defied" (1 Sam 17:45). The reason we are not progressing in our spiritual life or ministry is because our eyes are set on the things of the past, the world, and circumstances. When we turn our eyes towards God and everything that is pleasing to Him, the speed of our spiritual race intensifies and will end in victory. "I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my help come from?" (Psalm 121:1)

DAVID'S FAITH IN GOD

In 1 Samuel 17:48, we read that David did not confront just Goliath but ran towards the entire Philistine army. Just imagine a young lad with no experience in battle going up against an entire nation's army singlehandedly; he must have had

unfathomable faith in his God. How did he acquire such faith? The answer was the fellowship he had with the Lord and his prayers. When we put our faith and trust in the Lord, we can overcome every challenge in our lives that rises like Goliath. "Because of you, I can run through an army; because of my God, I can leap over walls" (Psalm 18:29).

DAVID'S ZEAL FOR GOD

Another reason for David's victory over Goliath was his zeal for God. Goliath did not rebuke just the Israelites but also their God. David could not tolerate this. 'How can an uncircumcised Philistine rebuke my God?' David thought, and hence he fought against Goliath. Even today, the devil has bound our nation's people as slaves to sin and curse, which we witness through the news. But do we pray with zeal? Or act upon it? Think about it! When we praise God with zeal and take one step, the Lord will take multiple steps for us. "I pursued my enemies and overtook them; I did not turn back till they were destroyed" (Psalms 18:37)

Dear young brothers and sisters! The great revival of the world, which the heavens eagerly await, is coming soon. To be instrumental in the revival, we need to set our eyes upon the Lord, confirm our faith, and arise for God; only then can we do great things for our God and procure more souls for his kingdom ■

REVIVAL ALL NIGHT PRAYER

In Pudukottai...

Date: **September 08,**
Friday

Timings: **9 pm to 4 am.**

Venue: Christ Healing Church,
Paulraj Nagar, Keeranur,

Contact: 94897 75075
98432 61581

In Dharapuram...

Date: **September 17,**
Sunday

Timings: **9 pm to 4 am.**

Venue: Bishop Thorp College
Campus, near Bethel Church,
Dharapuram.

Contact: 82482 83373



Message by

Bro. Sathish Kumar

NEWS



13.13 lakh girls, women went missing between 2019 and 2021: Govt data

More than 13.13 lakh girls and women went missing in the country in the three years between 2019 and 2021, with Madhya Pradesh accounting for the highest at nearly two lakhs, closely followed by West Bengal. According to the Union Home Ministry data, tabled in Parliament last week, 10,61,648 women above 18 years and 2,51,430 girls below that age went missing between 2019 and 2021 across the country. The data was compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).

In Madhya Pradesh, 1,60,180 women and 38,234 girls went missing between 2019 and 2021, according to the data provided to Parliament. A total of 1,56,905 women and 36,606 girls went missing from West Bengal in the same period. In Maharashtra, 1,78,400 women and 13,033 girls went missing in the said period. In Odisha, 70,222 women and 16,649 girls went missing in the three years while 49,116 women and 10,817 girls went missing from Chhattisgarh in the said period.

Among the Union Territories, Delhi recorded the highest number of missing girls and women.

In the national capital, 61,054 women and 22,919 girls went missing between 2019 and 2021 while in Jammu and Kashmir, 8,617 women and 1,148 girls went missing in the said period.

The government also informed Parliament that it has taken a number of initiatives for the safety of women across the country, which include the enactment of The Criminal Law (Amendment), Act, 2013, for effective deterrence against sexual offences.

- *The Hindu, July 30, 2023*

Govt ratifies 8.15% interest rate on Employees Provident Fund for 2022-23



The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on Monday announced an interest rate of 8.15% for Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) accounts for the financial year 2022-23. The announcement was made in a circular issued by the EPFO on July 24, 2023. The circular stated that the interest rate was approved by the Central Government under para 60(1) of the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952.

Retirement fund body EPFO on March 28, 2023, had marginally raised the interest rate on EPF deposits to 8.15% for 2022-23 for its over six crore subscribers. As per an official order issued on Monday, the EPFO has asked the field offices for crediting the interest at 8.15% on EPF for 2022-23 into the accounts of members. The order came after the finance ministry's concurrence to the EPF rate of interest approved by EPFO trustees earlier in March this year.

In March 2022, the EPFO had reduced the interest rate on EPF deposits for 2021-22 to a four-decade low of 8.10% from 8.5 per cent in 2020-21. This was the lowest since 1977-78, when the EPF interest rate stood at 8%.

- *The Times of India, Jul 24, 2023*

All-Night Prayer Trichy, Karur, Karaikudi, and Pollachi

As per God’s plan, Youth Revival All night Prayers were held in Trichy, Karur, Karaikudi, and Pollachi in the last 3 months. About 670 youths and adults gathered to supplicate and pray the whole night. They pleaded and prayed with tears for the Revival of their districts. God poured out the anointing of prayer in Trichy and Karur districts without measure. They got 45,000 tracts from us to spread the gospel in their villages and towns.

God used Bro. Avinash, Bro. Satish Kumar, and other servants of God mightily.

During times of song, worship, and prayer, the move of the Holy Spirit was so powerful. After this prayer, God has poured out the spirit of prayer among the youth and given them the burden of supplicating and praying.

Glory to God!



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(ONE DAY YOUTH FASTING PRAYER)

Date:

November 11

(Saturday)

Timing: 9 am to 4 pm

Message & Prayer

Chennai : Bro. Wesley Maxwell
Tiruvallur : Ps. Saravanan
Kanchipuram : Bro. Lucas Sekar
Vellore : Sis. Ashley
Pernambut : Bro. Dinakaran
Villupuram : Bro. Porselvan Asir
Ranipet : Bro. Robert
Cuddalore : Bro. Jebasingh
Perambalur : Bro. Michael
Salem : Bro. Cruz Masilamani
Krishnagiri : Bro. Satish kumar
Namakkal : Ps. Godson
Erode : Dr. Anburajan
Tirupur : Bro. Avinash
Coimbatore : Pastor Benz
Nilgiris : Bro. Joseph
Karur : Bro. Jebastin
Trichy : Bro. Hein wesley
Tiruvarur : Bro. Meshach
Thanjavur : Bro. Jayakanth

Nagapattinam : Bro. Robert Walter
Pudukottai : Bro. Jayaseelan
Dindigul : Bro. David Ganesan
Theni : Sis. Anitha Banu &
Sis. Vasanthi
Madurai : Bro. John Wesley
Virudhunagar : Bro. John K
Ramanathapuram : Ps. Sajin
Jebamalai : Sis. Chellarani Appadurai
Tirunelveli : Bro. Gnanesh
Nalumavadi : Bro. Antony Dass &
Bro. Nallathambi Charles
Sankarankovil : Bro. Sutharson
Nagercoil : Bro. Rajendran
Pondicherry : Bro. David Jebasingh
Chittoor : Bro. Sam Jebaraj
Puthur : Bro. Praveen
Mumbai : Bro. John Kiltus &
Bro. Daniel Raj

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Dear youths! Come and join with us in this fasting prayer held in your region (in 36 places). Let's stand in the gap and pray for our nation!