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His love for me is still an*

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Foreword

Warm regards to the dear young hearts!

The only thing that springs to mind when people think of love is that of a man and a woman. Through many generations and ages, this love has been expressed in many ways. Although all this love and affection brings many painful results, even today, it is this human love that is spoken of as superior, admired, and praised. There is a love above all of these loves. It is an amazing, unfathomable love.



That love is amazing is because...

IT DOESN'T KNOW

- ◀ That love doesn't know to forget—no matter how many times I forget his love and go away, it remembers me and is intent on me.
- ◀ That love does not know how to humiliate me; no matter how presumptuously I ignore him, wallow through sin, stumble and fall in my holy life, and rise again, that love covers my nakedness, lifts me up again and again, and makes me continue my run.
- ◀ That love does not know to ignore me—even when the world rejects or discards me as worthless, it picks me up from the ash heap and dust and uses me.

IT KNOWS

- ◀ That love knows to forgive—the greatest sin in the world is the sin of adultery. No one forgave the woman who did that. Rather, that love knew to give forgiveness with its hands and restoration with its word when people took up stones to kill her.
- ◀ That love knows to break and make: With the might of his hand, he breaks and makes countless unyielding hearts that resemble rocks, strengthen them, and transform them into fresh, sharp instruments and polished arrows.
- ◀ That love knows to raise and exalt you—that love knows to raise and exalt you by preparing a feast and anointing your head with oil in front of your enemy, who eagerly awaits your downfall.

Such an incredible love is the love of Jesus Christ!

My dear youth! This incredible love is waiting for you today with outstretched arms...

- *To forgive and give you a new life,*
- *To make and use you as a weapon,*
- *To lift and exalt you.*

There are millions of young people who have not yet known, felt, or heard this love.

You need to proclaim this true love to the world.

You need to spread this amazing love to every town and city.

Forget not that you are an active participant in these revival days unlike being just a spectator!

Proclaim this amazing love to the whole world, earnestly and eagerly!!

In Christ's Mission
Avinash

The Never-forgetter!

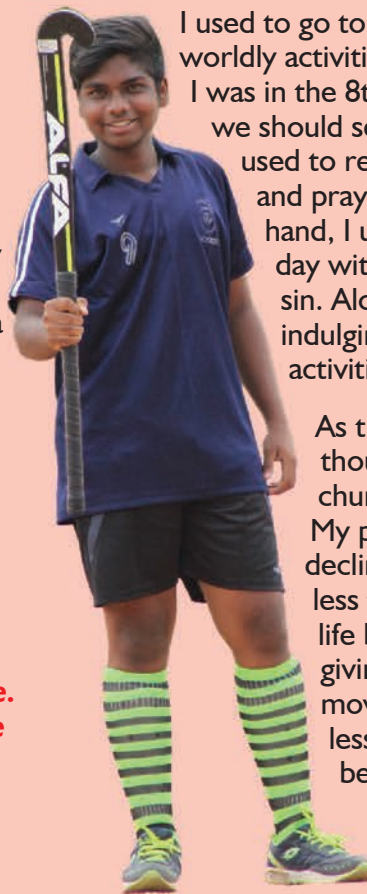


Though Bro. Joel was born into a Christian family and had a good relationship with God from a young age, as he grew up, the connection with God severed, and he lived a life with no connection to God. Shall we ask and learn from him how God drew him closer to Himself?

Can you tell us about your childhood and family?

I was born in Coimbatore to parents who are prayerful and zealous in their faith. I completed my schooling there, and at present I am doing my 3rd year of B.Sc. My dad is working in the government office, and my mom is working as a teacher. My grandparents, from a very young age, encouraged me to take part in all church-related activities, made me attend Sunday school, and Vacation Bible School, and made me memorise Bible verses. I grew up with the habit of seeking God.

It's good to know that you grew up seeking God from a young age. How was your life when you were a teenager?



I used to go to church and get involved in worldly activities like watching movies until I was in the 8th grade. I was not aware that we should seek God with a whole heart. I used to read the Bible, go to church, and pray every day. On the other hand, I used to watch movies every day without realising that it was a sin. Along with my friends, I began indulging in various sinful worldly activities in the 9th grade.

As the days went by, I had the thought, "Why do I have to go to church?" It's not necessary...!" My prayer life also began to decline. When I began to spend less time in prayer, my worldly life began to flourish. I began giving first priority to watching movies. I began seeking God less. As the days went by, I began reading one Bible verse

or just glancing at Psalm 23 or Psalm 91 before going to school. I lived a life that had no connection to Jesus. He was just a God from my point of view. I did not invite him into my life.



Pathetic.... How did you accept Jesus when you were addicted to social media?

We had lockdown in the year 2020 when I was preparing for my

Your life took a drastic turn. Ok, did you accept Jesus after that? Or did you continue to lead a sinful life?

I continued living a sinful life. In 10th grade, I started indulging in a lot of sinful activities (lust, watching movies, mocking Jesus, roaming around with wicked friends). My aim was to enjoy life. As I began to backslide, I started scoring less in my studies. As I began wasting my time with unwanted friends, I had to face a big blow in 10th grade. I was a bright student, but I could get only 73%.

I did not expect to get such low marks, but by God's grace, I had cleared the exam. I was told that I could not get my desired group for my further studies. As I entered the 11th grade, I began sinning even more. I could not live without my phone. I began spending a lot of time on social media, TikTok, and online games. To show that I am popular, I would post a lot of things on Facebook, Instagram, Whatsapp, and TikTok. I used to go to church regularly, but I had no relationship with God.



11th exam. I used to spend time on my mobile and laptop, as we could not leave our houses. I used to spend the entire night watching things on my mobile. My parents would watch and also ask me to watch the 'Come, Let Us Pray' programme that is being telecasted on Sathyam TV. Without choice, I used to leave my mobile and laptop for charging and watch the programme with them. My parents and grandparents would pray for me with great burden during prayer time. That was when I realised it and started thinking about the condition that I was in. In one "Come, let us pray" programme in April, Mohan Uncle spoke about the importance of prayer. He spoke about 'How should a Christian pray?' The words touched my heart and made me

think. From that moment on, I had the small urge and desire to pray. "Jesus, help me get up early in the morning. I desire to pray, but I do not have the habit of getting



up early and praying," was the small prayer that I made before sleeping. Jesus woke me up exactly at five in the morning. I prayed fervently for 25 minutes. I was a person who

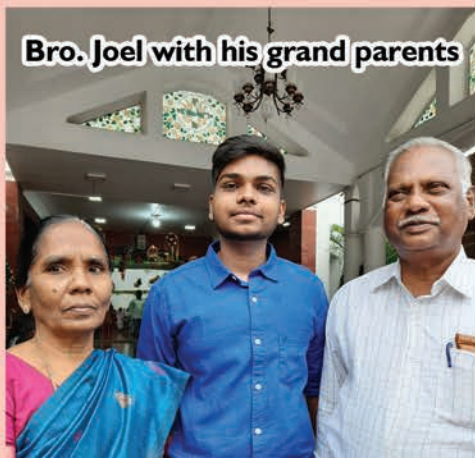


Bro. Joel with his Parents

wouldn't spend 5 minutes in prayer, but He made me pray for 25 minutes. That was the day I was saved. 2020 was the year when God graciously came in search of me, touched me, saved me, and showered His love on me. When I began searching for God, he forgave me, delivered me from my sinful habits, and made me His child.

That's Wow... How was your life after being saved? Did you do anything for Christ?

After being saved, God helped me pray with my friends for the nation for 1 hour or 2 hours through a conference call. After my 12th grade, He helped me join B.Sc. IT at a college in Covai. He filled my heart with the burden of souls during my college days. During the Christmas season in December 2020, with the burden of preaching the gospel without any prior experience, along with 2 to 3 friends, we managed to distribute tracts and chocolates wishing 'Happy Christmas' to people in an area in Coimbatore. I was ecstatic about it. I had the desire to do much more for God in the year



Bro. Joel with his grand parents

2021, and I participated in the 'Igniters Camp' at Nalumavadi. God anointed and strengthened me there. After this, I joined the Covai Igniters team and prayed with great burden for the city to turn back to Jesus, and God filled our hearts with the burden to pray for the 11 taluks in Coimbatore. On this basis, in 2023, we visited one taluk each month and prayed. God enabled us to have all-night prayers in the 11 taluks. We, as a team, are fervently praying and sharing the gospel for the revival of Coimbatore district and for the salvation of youth. God is using me in many places for His glory.



Great..! Through your testimony, we learned that God can use anyone. What do you desire to tell our youngsters?

God came looking for me, who didn't even know how to pray for even 5 minutes. He revealed His love to me and is using me, who had no vision at all, by connecting to a great vision. If He is able to use me like this, he will certainly do the same to you to accomplish great things if you commit yourself fully to Him.

Dear youngsters! Are you too in a situation like Bro. Joel, in the clutches of sin without anyone to deliver but with the desire and longing to get closer to God but unable to because of your sins? Commit your life into God's hands completely today. The God who delivered, saved, and is using Bro. Joel for His great mission will definitely make you a channel of blessing to many and will lift you up! ■

Strive to plant the victory flag!

Achievement: Suma

My warm greetings to the dear young achievers. Every tiny effort we make in life leads to great achievement. The most costly mistake we commit is giving up on the difficulties we face. When we focus on the victory that lies beyond the struggle, the challenges we face become worthless. Here, we would like to present to you the epic success journey of the brothers who journeyed towards success.



Both the brothers, G.B. Sundarrajan and Soundarrajan, were not well educated. They had only completed their schooling. But they had their lands and started cultivating vegetables on them. But they couldn't see any profit out of it. Since there was no profit, the debts started to pile up. So, they started working for a company. But their ultimate wish was to start a business of their own. So, with a humble investment of 5000 rupees, the brothers started a small poultry farm called 'Suguna Foods' in 1984.

This wasn't easy, either. So they started thinking about raising chickens on a contract basis. In 1990, Suguna adopted the "Contract Farming Model" which went on to revolutionise the Indian poultry industry. No one was able to understand the idea behind their business and made fun of them. They didn't pay much attention to this. However, they used the jest as motivation and came up with an idea called 'Integrated Chicken Farming'.

Here, they offered all the necessary things to rear chickens, like vaccination, food,

medicines, and equipment, through the 'Suguna group'. This way, 'Suguna Industries' created a benchmark for poultry farming. To everybody's surprise, it earned an income of 7 crores in just a few years.

Looking at this, they decided to expand the brand and start exporting to other countries. Today, more than 8,000 employees are working in four African and Pacific Asian countries. And more than 40,000 farmers attribute their stable livelihoods to Suguna Foods. They also own 80+ hatching centres and 60+ fodder mills, and they research advanced vaccinations and premixes. What started with a 5,000-rupee investment has grown to be an industry that has a turnover of crores.

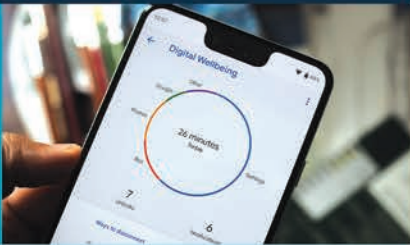
Dear future achievers reading this! Suguna Foods may appear to have prospered in the short term. However, there had been a lot of struggle every step of the way to establish themselves. Our lives are not going to be challenging throughout, but whenever you face one, be courageous and ready to deal with it. Success is yours! ■

Tech info: Godwin

TEC - 1

Handle your phones sensibly

Young people today are glued to gadgets and technology. While some people utilise it responsibly, many others fall victim to this trap and lose their lives. Through this tech article, every month from now on, you will learn about the evolution of technology and the ways to overcome its traps using the same cell phones we use.



Alright! This month, let's get started with the feature 'DIGITAL WELL BEING'. Are you someone who is addicted to mobile phones? Are you struggling to get over it? This tool will help you.

In general, even if we utilise a lot of necessities in our daily lives, things become harmful when they are used excessively. There is a proverb that goes, 'Too much of anything is good for nothing'. So is the use of this mobile phone. Though it is useful for us, using it excessively puts us at risk.

When Facebook was launched, many signed up with the intention of making a big circle of friends. Over the course of days, people ended up sharing their personal information with unknown people and were trapped.

Some people these days say they use Facebook to keep up with current events, but they don't realise how much time they really spend on it.

The same thing happens with YouTube as well. A few years ago, many youngsters tried to exhibit their talents and reach great heights through an app called Tik Tok. Sadly, there are more people who are depressed than successful since they didn't receive the number of views and likes they had hoped for. Many young people who used internet gaming

as a kind of leisure have lost a great deal of money in addition to their time.

Okay, do you think using a phone is the reason for all these problems? Not that! Using too much of it is the problem. Since we are so engrossed in it, unaware of the time, we fall into Satan's trap. This feature called Digital Well-Being serves as a great solution for this problem. Through this, you can set a time period for how long the mobile should be used. You need not download any applications for this. Every mobile phone has an option called Settings. You can check the time of your every-day mobile phone usage by enabling the DIGITAL WELL-BEING and PARENTAL CONTROLS options in your phone settings. The weekly report shows how much time you have spent on each application throughout the week.

Likewise, with the SCREEN TIME GOAL, all you have to do is specify how long you want to spend on your phone; if you use it for longer than that, an alert will sound.



Any particular app that you wish to use less of can have a timer set in the app timers section beneath it. If you utilise the app beyond the set timer, the app closes immediately. That app will only be available to you the next day. You may quickly overcome your addiction to mobile phones if you establish self-control measures like these.

Apostle Paul says, "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is

beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything" (1 Corinthians 6:12), and see how well it suits the current-day scenarios! We have the right to use mobile phones, but we should not get addicted to them.

Okay, pals! I hope you found this information helpful. I'll see you again next month with a different piece of tech information.



LOVE IS PATIENT

True love does not breed bitterness. It is self-restraint, not retaliatory or punitive.

LOVE IS MERCIFUL

True love is not only patient but also kind. Kindness inspires the positive aspects of the other person.

LOVE DOES NOT ENVY

It doesn't express jealousy when it doesn't have something that others do. Rather, in spite of its incapacity, it inspires others.

Friends Over Dream?

Heart Beat




I have completed my college education and started preparing for IAS coaching. Serving the public as an IAS officer is my goal. I almost missed the post in the last exam by a few points. I'm working hard to study this year so I can ace the test. My friend and I started preparing together. Initially, we studied with great interest. As the days passed, our focus turned to chatting, social media, and entertainment. Instead of studying together, we started to waste time by chatting and playing online games. I failed the tests conducted by the coaching centre. Yet, I think her friendship is more important. I'm clueless on what to do. My parents trust me a lot. If I don't clear the exam this time, they will be dejected. What should I do?

– Aruna, Trichy.

My beloved sister Aruna, I can sense your anguish through this letter. Moreover, the fear has taken over you and stopped you from moving forward. Aruna, firstly, I admire your intention. In a world where everyone wants to gain money, fame, and popularity, your intention to help poor people and do service to your native people is appreciable. A lovely beginning! However, you have now unintentionally created room

for distractions to take over. This kind of distraction can never give you victory. Friendship is a good thing. But that friendship should help you reach your goal; instead, if that becomes a distraction, you should have a second thought about whether to keep the relationship going.

Aruna, this friendship is keeping you from reaching your destiny. It would be better if you could sense the distraction and keep yourself away from it.

A few tips for you to achieve your dream of becoming an IAS officer



Decide to yourself that you won't talk to your friend until your IAS exam gets over.

Let your friend know about your decision in a way she understands. Tell her this friendship will spoil both of your dreams and future.

Avoid using social media. Make an effort to use your phone less.

If possible, change your timing in the coaching centre and try to go in the batch when your friend doesn't come. If not, change the coaching centre itself.

Make a firm resolution that 'I will not lose my dream for anything'.

It is better to uninstall unnecessary apps (Facebook, Instagram, SnapChat, game apps, etc.) from your phone that distract you until the IAS Prelims and Main Exam.

Enable Digital well-being and set a timer for YouTube and apps that consume most of your time.

Try allocating adequate time for each topic in your studies, just like you did with the timetable previously.

When you discipline yourself this way, there is a high chance of success.




THE LOSS YOU MAY FACE WHEN YOU FAIL TO FOLLOW THESE TIPS


- ◀ If you keep up your friendship with her because you believe it's crucial, your IAS dream will never come true.
- ◀ It will lead you to a shameful end.
- ◀ You would suffer failure and reproach, instead of living a prestigious life by becoming a collector.
- ◀ The same friend you prioritised over your goal may accuse you, saying that you ruined her life.
- ◀ Because of you, your family could experience extreme sadness and embarrassment.

*If you pray with faith, saying, "Jesus help me," he will make you triumph and lift you high! According to the verse, **"FEAR NOT, FOR I AM WITH YOU; BE NOT DISMAYED, FOR I AM YOUR GOD. I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU. YES, I WILL HELP YOU. I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND"** (ISAIAH 41:10). God will strengthen you and help you achieve your goal! ■*

THE AMAZING LOVE OF JESUS!



Message: Mohan.C. Lazarus




Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short, he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.
Luke 19:1-4

When Jesus arrived at a town called Jericho, he came across a man named Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector, who lived in considerable wealth but without inner peace or a sense of fulfilment. Upon hearing that Jesus was passing through, Zacchaeus, though physically short, eagerly wanted to catch a glimpse of him amidst the crowds that surrounded Jesus. Due to his height, he couldn't see over the crowd, prompting him to run ahead and climb a sycamore-fig tree to get a better vantage point. Sensing Zacchaeus's anticipation, Jesus looked up and told him, "Come down quickly; I must stay at your house today." Overwhelmed with disbelief, Zacchaeus descended from the tree with great joy and welcomed Jesus into his home.

The residents of that town scorned him, declaring, "He is a man of wrongdoing; he acquires wealth unfairly, accepts bribes, and, as a government official, deceives the public in tax collection. He unlawfully seizes the possessions of others." They hated him because of his sin. He lived without the affection of anyone and was disregarded by all. An inner void persisted, as he lacked the love of others.

At that moment, Jesus encountered him and extended an invitation to visit his house. This gesture resonated with him as if Jesus had conveyed, "Zacchaeus, even if others don't love you, I do; even if no one visits your home, I am coming." A profound comfort filled his injured soul. With immense eagerness and curiosity, he wanted to discover the nature of Jesus. Eventually, he realised that Jesus was incredibly affectionate, leading him to the understanding that Jesus is a loving Lord who cares even for sinners.



In Matthew 15:32, there's an account of an incident where the crowd had been engrossed in listening to Jesus' teachings for three days straight, neglecting their need for food and rest. Then the Lord said to His disciples, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way. Jesus was

very keen that a miracle should be done for them. Then the Lord blessed five loaves of bread and two fish, multiplied them, provided them with a fulfilling meal, and sent them away with joy.

What prompted Jesus to enact this miracle? His intention was not to showcase and declare, "Witness my power, people." Instead, Jesus performed miracles driven by love and compassion upon recognising the needs of the people. Our God is a benevolent Lord who entered this world in human form solely to manifest that love for us on Earth.

In Matthew 9:10, Jesus was having a meal at Matthew's house when a multitude of tax collectors and sinners joined him and his disciples. Observing this, the scribes and Pharisees, who believed they were the most devout and closest to God, questioned Jesus' disciples with irritation, asking, "Why does your teacher dine with tax collectors and sinners?"

They accused Jesus of associating with individuals whom society deemed sinners and outcasts. When Jesus heard this, he said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I desire mercy, not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." According to Matthew 11:19, the scriptures affirm that Jesus is the companion of sinners. Jesus associated himself with those in society labelled as sinners and those considered of low caste.

Are you familiar with the final miraculous act that Jesus performed? In the Garden of Gethsemane, the religious leaders who were jealous of him came to arrest Jesus in order to crucify him. Simon Peter, one of the disciples of Jesus who had a sword, reacted impulsively as they apprehended Jesus, slicing off the right ear of the high priest's servant in a fit of anger. His ear fell off in pieces and was bleeding. Despite the volatile situation, Jesus reached out and touched the injured man's ear, miraculously restoring it to full health. Jesus demonstrated his divine love by directly

intervening to heal the wounded servant who came to arrest Him.

In Matthew 26:50, Jesus directed his gaze towards Judas, who, despite being with him, had schemed to betray him for monetary gain. Surprisingly, Jesus addressed Judas as 'friend', refraining from viewing him as an enemy. This compassionate act illustrated Jesus' profound love, as he did not regard even the one who planned betrayal as an enemy.

During my school years in Chennai, I used to deride Christians who spoke about Jesus, considering them foolish and promoters of a false deity. I openly mocked Jesus and dismissed those



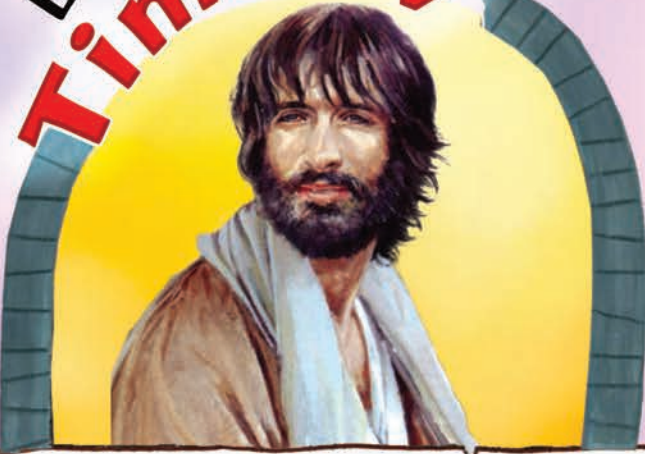
who tried to share about him by posing numerous questions and ridiculing them. My disdain for Jesus was intense. However, at the age of 14, when I found myself unable to walk, breathe, speak, eat, or even drink water, lying on my deathbed, abandoned by everyone, Jesus, whom I

had despised, sought me out and performed a miraculous healing. Despite my deep-seated hatred, a touch from Jesus, whom I had criticised, transformed my deathbed into a place where I could walk, curing my lameness. My swollen heart returned to normal. The source of my present happiness is attributed to the love of Jesus. Even now, I struggle to comprehend this amazing love of Jesus.

Beloved youth, if there's an extraordinary love in this world, it is the love of Jesus. He is a kind Lord who deeply cares for us and desires to perform miracles in our lives. All you need to do is have faith in Him. He is gentle, compassionate, and truly amazing.

Just uttering the name of Jesus brings immense joy to our hearts. He sacrificed himself and rose again for us. Embrace him, experience his goodness, and your heart will be overflowing with boundless joy! ■

Brave Timothy



Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ to my dear youngsters, who are a chosen generation to create a new era for the Lord in this season of revival.

Hello friends, how are you all doing?

I hope everyone had an amazing New Year's Eve. It's likely that many of you made certain resolutions and found it difficult to stick to them in barely a month. However, as a source of inspiration, we will see in months to come the story of a courageous young man who made the decision to follow Jesus during his early years and how he went about living that out.

I can hear you say, "Ah, who is he who endured to keep up his resolution till the end when we struggled to keep up ours just for a month?" Friends, continue to read to get to know him.

Know the Scriptures, and you will be known. As that young boy knew the scriptures from his childhood, he has been known approximately for seven thousand years. The flame of faith was stoked by his grandma, further fueled by his mom, and kindled within this young man. That fire is still burning all over the world.

Who is that valiant young lad who renounced a life of luxury and exquisite clothing, had a brave heart, faced no fear, and was filled with an intense desire to do something for the Saviour who gave His life for him?

It's Timothy. He was born in the 17th century AD. He was a native of Lystra in present-day Turkey. His name itself is special. Perhaps you're wondering what makes it unique. Let me tell you more.

The meaning of the name Timothy is one who honors God and one who is honored by God. He lived up to his name. His father was a Greek, and his mother, Eunice, was a Jewish woman. His grandmother was Lois. When Apostle Paul and Barnabas came to Lystra on their first missionary journey, this family was saved. Timothy would have been in his early 20s. It was the age wherein worldly affections would stick to the hearts of young people. But Timothy forsook all worldly things, accepted Jesus as his saviour, and committed his life to serving the Lord.

The reason for his transformed life is not only



the teachings of Paul, but along with them, his mother and grandmother were like two pillars in his life. Timothy obeyed them all.

Timothy was influenced by the strong prayer habits and unwavering faith of his mother and grandmother in the Lord, and he aspired to have similar qualities.

We too go to church every Sunday, participate in many prayer meetings, surrender to God, and take many decisions there. But how many days do we have the same mind and run our race with the same focus? How many days do we keep up with the words spoken there and the resolutions that we have taken?

How many times have we disregarded our parents' instructions to pray and read the Bible in our homes? Many times, we tell them to pray instead of us, saying, "This generation is different from yours; we need to enjoy our youth," and so on, isn't it?

At a young age, which is full of fantasies, our hero Timothy committed his life to the Lord. He meditated on God's word spoken by the apostle Paul and decided to live for Jesus. He shook off all the worldly pleasures for Jesus



and had the zeal and courage to achieve something for the Lord. He progressed in his spiritual life by obeying his grandmother and mother.

Dear youth, shall we be firm in our decisions, obey the advice of our parents for the advancement of our spiritual life, and bravely set out to do great things for the Lord like Timothy?

- Mission Journey will continue...

In Valparai...

Date: **11th February**
(Sunday)

Timings: **3 PM to 6 PM**

Venue: **Parish Hall,
Holy Trinity Church,
Valparai.**

Message and Prayer:
Bro. Sathish Kumar

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A special prayer for exam going students

In Sivakasi...

Date: **11th February**
(Sunday)

Timings: **2:30 PM**

Venue: **Gateway of Heaven
Prayer house, Sivakasi.**

Message and Prayer:
Bro. Joel Asir

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February 2024

UNEMPLOYMENT

2, 61,847 people lost their jobs globally In 2023. 1,000 people were laid off from Paytm last month. Last year, 2,141 people were laid off. A total of 450 people lost their jobs at Dunzo last year alone. Share-Chat has given 600 layoff notices to its employees. These companies have laid off 90,000 people in India in 2 years.

Prayer points

1. Pray for the 261,000 people who have lost their jobs worldwide to get new jobs.
2. Pray for young people who are suffering from job loss not to make wrong decisions and have faith in them.
3. Pray for layoffs to be stopped in the year 2024.
4. Pray for increased investment in IT companies that are declining, generate good returns, and increase employment opportunities.

Air pollution and cancer

The incidence of cancer has been increasing due to the escalating levels of air pollution in Asian countries. In India alone, out of 12 lakh individuals, 9.3 lakh have succumbed to this disease. China, India, and Japan are the top three countries with the highest number of cancer patients and fatalities in 2019—a staggering total of 94 lakh people affected and 56 lakh deaths recorded. Cancer is triggered by various factors, such as smoking, alcohol consumption, and environmental pollution.



Prayer points

1. Pray that God provide comfort to those afflicted with cancer so that they may lead long lives.
2. Let us pray that no one loses their life due to this affliction.
3. Pray for the complete eradication of cancer-causing agents from our nations.
4. May we seek divine intervention for the absolute removal of air pollutants from our country's atmosphere?

Election 2024



Out of the 28 states of India, there are 8 Union Territories. There are 543 constituencies in India. 91 crore voters will vote. The ruling party, the BJP, contests elections in alliance with 38 parties across the country. The opposition Congress is contesting the elections along with 26 other parties.

A state with more parliamentary constituencies in India Uttar Pradesh.

Prayer points

1. Pray that there be God's rule and will in the parliamentary elections to be held in the year 2024, and pray for God-chosen candidates to be selected.
2. Pray for the parties preparing for the election to not engage in any illegal actions.
3. Pray for God's protection in the 10 lakh polling booths operating across the country.
4. Pray that there should be God's protection for election officers and the police department.

Natural disasters

Due to the floods that hit Libya in recent years, more than 4,000 people were killed and 10,000 people disappeared. More than 880,000 people were evacuated due to the Shayuni cyclone, which struck China.

Thousands of people died in the earthquake that struck Morocco. There were great disasters. More than 4,300 people have died as a result of the storm and flood in eastern Libya.



Prayer points

1. Pray that God will protect the country from natural disasters.
2. Pray that disasters caused by earthquakes, landslides, and floods will be prevented.
3. Pray that mass deaths due to natural calamities should not occur and be prevented.
4. Pray for God's authority and protection over the nation.



Cover Story: Sathish



AMAZING LOVE

All living things on the planet, including humans, yearn for love.

Love is the very basis of all human existence.



When people feel lonely and helpless, they need love. People need love when they feel helpless and lonely. Not everyone has the same kind of affection for everyone all the time.

When we graduate from high school or college, the affection we had for our friends throughout our time there ends. It makes us realise how illusory the love of the world is.

When children get enough love and affection from their parents, it helps in their overall development. But in today's modern

world, due to various reasons, parents are not able to shower love and affection on their children. When the love and warmth of the parents tend to cease, children find comfort when they connect with someone who seems affectionate in the place where they work or study, and eventually fall prey to hypocritical worldly love.

The innate nature of sexuality and love combine to create an attraction to people of the other sex that eventually turns into love. Nowadays, a lot of college and school kids fall victim to this kind of love and lose track of

their education and future. Even godly children experience this kind of worldly love and grieve Jesus. The Bible says, "Do not love the world or anything in the world.

If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world." [1 John 2:15, 16].

Samson, who was chosen to protect the people of Israel, disregarded his parents' love and warning and "went to Timnath, and found a woman there among the daughters of the Philistines" (Judg. 14:1) and fell in love with her. "She was pleasing to Samson's eyes" (Judg. 14:7). He who fell into the love of the world and the lust of the eyes gradually was drawn into the lust of the flesh and drifted away from God's call and vision.





Finally, the Lord turned away from him, and the man who had posed a serious threat to the Philistines became a laughing stock. In the same way, when we despise the love of God and the guidance of our parents, our lives become funny as well. Even when Samson went astray from God and the vision He had for him, the Lord's love for him did not change.

When Samson called to the Lord, saying, "O Lord God, remember me; I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may, with one blow, take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes." (Judg. 16:28), God revealed his love by restoring him the strength he had lost by sinning, thus showing how amazing His love is.

When we make mistakes, we usually lose our loved ones' warmth and affection. Our God, on the other hand, is unending in His love. God will love us for as long as we are on this earth, even if He loved us more while we were sinners.

Everyone thought that Peter would head the ministry after Jesus since he was such a

significant figure. However, Peter, who was that close to God, not only betrayed Jesus and returned to his previous fishing venture, but he also took others with him and defied the whole plan of God.

But Jesus went looking for Peter, who had betrayed him after his resurrection, and said, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me?" (John 21:17). Beyond that, when Jesus said "shepherd my sheep," restoring and giving him a second chance to accomplish the great mission, the amazing love of Jesus for Peter was made evident.



My dear youth, Human love is contingent upon specific conditions. But God's love is astounding. He loves us unconditionally. As much as the Lord loved Peter when He called him, his love was the same even when Peter betrayed. Jesus' love never changes or diminishes under any circumstances. Likewise, know that His love for you will never change! ■

Arresting Emotions!

LONELINESS

Dear Youths, I am glad to meet you all with a new article called Emotions. Youngsters nowadays deal with a variety of issues in our modern environment, due to their inability to appropriately manage their emotions. Therefore, in the days to come, it would be beneficial if you acquired knowledge on a different emotion every month and the coping mechanisms. This month, let's get started with 'Loneliness'.

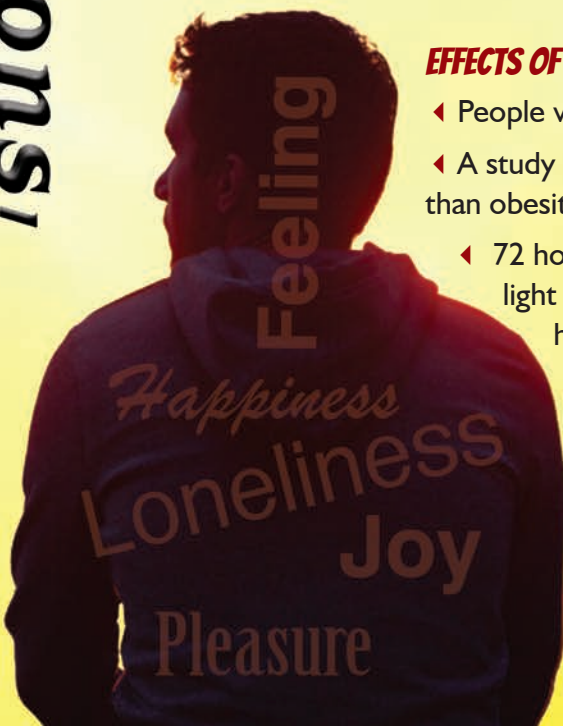
Loneliness is the worst thing in the world, according to studies. It is important to remember that loneliness is a mental condition rather than an innate emotion. People who isolate themselves or are isolated by others suffer from this illness. According to the World Health Organisation, nearly 4.5 million people experience "extreme loneliness." No matter how many friends they have in their family and on social media or how much they own in life, some people still experience loneliness. Let's examine the Instants, effects and solutions of loneliness in this article.

INSTANTS OF FEELING LONELY

- ◀ When we are hated and rejected by everyone, or by our loved ones.
- ◀ When we are worthless or unproductive to anyone.
- ◀ Some feel lonely when no one is around.
- ◀ When there is no one to share our feelings and thoughts with.
- ◀ When people are jobless or do not get married for a long time.
- ◀ People who have experienced love failure and those who have lost their spouse.

EFFECTS OF LONELINESS

- ◀ People who are isolated have more health issues.
- ◀ A study has revealed that loneliness kills more people than obesity.
- ◀ 72 hours of solitary confinement in a room with no light or noise can lead to psychosis, such as hallucinations.
- ◀ A high degree of loneliness has a negative effect on a person's social and personal life.
 - ◀ Loneliness causes headaches, tension, resentment, and depression.
 - ◀ Prolonged loneliness can lead to suicide.



SOLUTIONS TO GET RID OF LONELINESS

Loneliness may be prevented by engaging in activities such as spending time with nature, playing with pets, talking out your heart to trusted people, painting, enjoying music, reading books, writing, cooking favourite foods, cleaning the house, and spending time with friends and family.

Avoid being alone and keep yourself occupied in the above-mentioned activities to get rid of loneliness.

BIBLE-BASED SOLUTION

Everyone experiences loneliness, regardless of ethnicity. In the scriptures, the psalmist David has also cried many times, feeling lonely and not knowing what to do (Ps. 25:16). At that time, David strengthened himself in the Lord (1 Sam. 30:6). So he got everything, as we read in 1 Sam. 30. The Holy Spirit is always there to support, console, and shield us from loneliness when we are right in our connection with God, reading the Bible, and praying. So strive to strengthen your bond with God this year. God will be your greatest companion, a trusted friend and guide. With him, you can definitely get rid of loneliness!

- See you next month in another segment on emotions...



In Nalumavadi..!

A great opportunity for the youth of Tamil Nadu to rise and shine in the upcoming revival!

Age: 15 to 30 years (both male and female)

Date: 3rd May 9 AM (Friday) to 5th May 1 PM (Sunday) (3 days)

Venue: Tabernacle of God, Nalumavadi



Trainers:

Bro. Mohan C. Lazarus
Bro. Vincent Selvakumar

To register: revival.jesusredeems.com



Note: Participation in this camp is restricted to youngsters who have previously attended one of the three Igniters camps.

Only selected people are allowed.

Contact: 9750955547 / 04639-353535

Last date to register: March 30



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!

EVERY 1ST SUNDAY (4TH FEB.)

MUMBAI – DHARAVI (5PM – 7:30PM)

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 (10TH FEB.)

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
Byepass Road,Madurai - 18
9750955548 | 9344759316

EVERY 2ND SUNDAY (11TH FEB.)

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 - BHANDUP (4PM – 6:30PM)

Bright High School, Village Road,
Bhandup (W), Mumbai – 400078
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., Shanthi Theater Rd
8870517324 | 834411022

**EVERY 3RD SUNDAY
(18TH FEB.)**
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
(24TH FEB.)**
PERAMBALUR (5PM -8PM)

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

**EVERY 4TH SUNDAY
(25TH FEB.)**
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

MUMBAI-MALAD (4PM – 6PM)

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

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ON 25th February (4th SUNDAY)
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Ticket to HELL!

Hey pals! We are super excited to meet you with a new article this year. Did you feel like a little jerk when you saw the title? Upon hearing and reading this word, many feel a sense of dread and disgust. However, some claim that "hell is a myth" and refuse to give it any thought.

Individuals have different conceptions of hell. Some people claim that scorpions, snakes, worms, and other insects torture humans in hell. Indeed! However, let us examine what the Holy Bible has to say about it.

- ✦ *It is a fiery lake of burning sulfur. (Revelation 21:8)*
- ✦ *It is eternal fire. (Matthew 18:8)*
- ✦ *The worms do not die, and the fire is not quenched. (Mark 9:44)*
- ✦ *There is no death. Even if you want to die, you can't.*
- ✦ *It is a land of darkness and the shadow of death, without any order, from which anybody shall not return.' (Job 10:21,22)*
- ✦ *There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13:42)*
- ✦ *There will be day and night torment forever and ever (Rev. 20:10).*

"Eek! Is hell that horrible? If so, why are you scaring us with such a horrible place?" you may ask. It is not our intention to terrify you. Scripture says, "The soul who sins shall die" (Ezekiel 18:20). Our adversary, the devil, is quite crafty. He entices us with earthly pleasures in an attempt to divert our attention from the noble purpose that the Lord has for us. He also says, "There is nothing wrong with doing all these; everyone does it," and eventually deceives us to take us to the eternal grave of hell.

Many Christian youths who are ignorant of this neither fear God nor pay any heed to the scripture "Remember your Creator in your youth days" and live under the attitude that "youth days are for enjoying the pleasures of the world; if not now,

then when." The purpose of this article is to make them aware by illuminating the scriptures for them.

Those who live holy lives according to the scriptures and die go to heaven, and those who die sinning go to hell. Just as heaven is real, hell is 100% real. You may look up on the internet that several scientists have examined and found proof of the existence of hell.

Some people argue that if God is so compassionate towards humans, why did He create hell for them? Our kind and merciful God is so immensely fond of us. Of course, it was God who created hell. But He did not create it for humans. He made it for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41).

Before God created the earth and humanity, he dwelled solely in heaven with the angels. Then Lucifer, an angel, sinned against God and took on the form of Satan. Several angels who followed him became devils as well. Hence, hell was a place made for them and not for mankind. God does not like his people going to hell, whom He created in His own image and likeness.

"Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? Rather, am I not pleased when they turn from their



ways and live?" (Ezekiel 18:23), he asks, breaking down in tears for every person heading to hell.

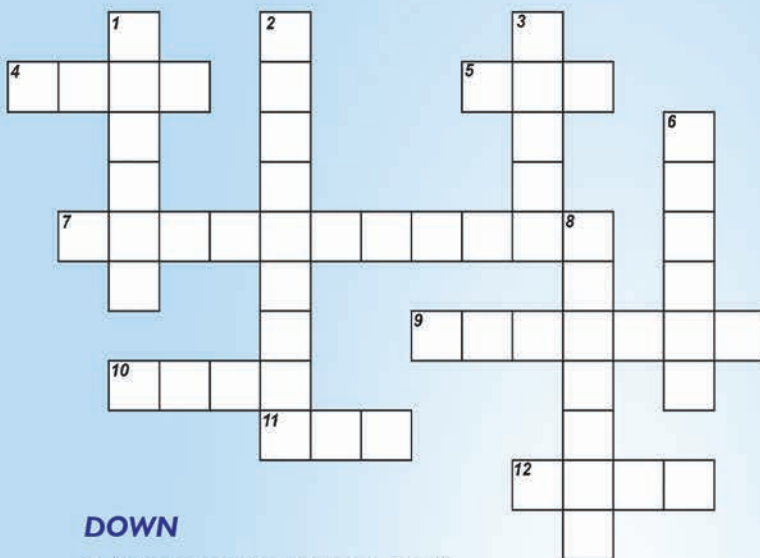
However, those who disregard God and His commands and follow Satan, consenting to his acts, will end up in the same torment as him.

Alright, friends. Over the next few months, we will continue to see in this part the list of worldly delights that Satan offers to entice, deceive, and make us sin in order to take us to hell, and how we can escape this condemnation of hell.

Loose the Knots

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Find the answers for the crossword puzzle based on the Bible reference given.



DOWN

1. A person who writes a book
2. Jesus's followers (Matthew 10:1)
3. There are sixty-six _____ in the Bible
6. Jesus came to be our _____ (Philippians 3:20)
8. The Bible has lots of good _____

ACROSS

4. All the words in the Bible are _____ (Psalm 119:160)
5. The real author of the Bible is _____ (2 Timothy 3:16)
7. What we receive when we tell God we are sorry for our sins? (Acts 2:38)
9. Who wrote many of the Proverbs? (Proverbs 1:1)
10. The Bible helps us learn about God's _____ (John 3:16)
11. When you disobey it is called _____ (1 John 5:17)
12. The more you _____ the Bible, the more you will learn about God.

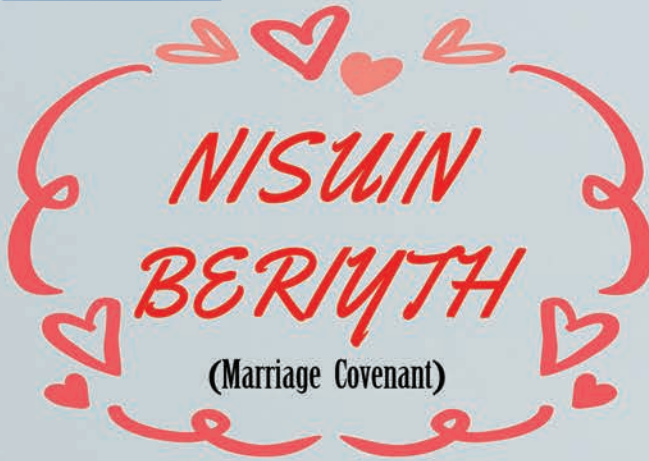
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Are you wondering what "Nisuin Beriyth" actually means?

This is the term used in Hebrew to refer to the Marriage Covenant. Marriage is a societal and legal institution where a man and a woman come together in a contract to build a family together. As you are choosing to spend the rest of your life with someone, marriage is a significant decision in everyone's life. Many couples who happily tie the knot on their wedding day don't last. In this modern age, a lot of people ruin their lives for petty reasons, failing to realise the value and gravity of marriage. Divorce has become a popular option that many make out of selfishness and ignorance of the consequences. This essay aims to shed insight into the sanctity of marriage for all of God's children who are yet to be married.

FIRST MARRIAGE

The Lord saw Adam living alone in the Garden of Eden and decided, 'It is not good for man to be alone; I will create him a partner'. (Genesis 2:18) Man, by nature, loves his own body. Perhaps if his body is injured, only he can feel the agony and pain. When it heals, he will be the one to comprehend the healing process as well. So,

God took Adam's rib and created a woman out of it (Gen 2:21–22). That is why Adam refers to Eve as "the bone of my bones and the flesh of my flesh." The Bible says they will become one flesh.

MARRIAGE: THE UNION OF TWO HEARTS

'The hand of God gave them unity' (2 Chronicles 30:12). As this Bible verse goes, when a marriage is initiated by God, his hands bring unity between the husband and the wife.

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

The major difference between Christian and non-Christian weddings is that in Christian weddings, Christ is the centre of the marriage. When the couple decides to live like Christ, it shapes them into a beautiful Christian family. As the word 'A cord of three strands is not quickly broken' in Ecclesiastes 4:12 goes, when a





husband and a wife are united with Christ, the tie is unbreakable. It is God's will that husband, wife, and both their families live happily ever after.

MARRIAGE IS DIVINE

Usually, young people's thirst for flesh and eyes makes them enthusiastic about interacting with people of the other gender. This may cause people to make decisions about their marriage without seeking advice from God, their parents, or other elders. Finally, they end up losing their peace and happiness and decide to get separated.

I know a story about a young girl who prayed to God like this: "Dear God, I'm not that wise

to choose a perfect life partner for myself! Unite me with the person from whom you took the rib to create me." She decided that whoever her parents wanted her to marry, would be God's will.

As she prayed, she married the person her parents chose. Years later, she shared a testimony with her friends that her husband is a God-sent second mother. She was able to see a mother's love in her husband. When she prayed for a job so that she could share the family's burden with her husband, God gave her a central government job. When they prayed for a child, God blessed them abundantly with twin children. Look at the multifold blessings! Their house became a tiny piece of heaven.



Let's continue to see interesting events in Nisuin Beriyth in the upcoming weeks.

Youth Revival Meeting

in Vellakovil - Tiruppur

Date: 18th February (Sunday)

Timings: 5 PM to 7 PM

Venue: SI AG Church,
Opposite Ponnusamy Wedding Hall,
Mulanur Road, Vellakovil.

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

Contact – 82483 83373 / 94422 00143



Youth Revival Meeting

(Ponneri)

By the grace of God, a Youth Revival Meeting was held at Ponneri, Tiruvallur District, on November 26, 2023. Over 1200 youths from the surrounding villages took part in it and were blessed. The youth who came committed themselves to pray and evangelize. A lot of attendees departed with renewed anointing. God used His ministers powerfully. Praise be to God!



KNOW YOUR GOD!

GOD IS OUR SHIELD

If we get the opportunity to deliver a speech about God, we will certainly get an A. We would describe and praise him in many ways, like, "He is good! Mighty! Sufficient! Refuge! Fortress!" But have we experienced God in such personalities in our personal lives?

If you say, "I have read about these many times in the scriptures but have never experienced God's work in my personal life," this article will inspire you to do just that. May God reveal Himself to you in a new dimension under a new name this year!

It was during World War II. Hitler, the dictator of Germany, was battling with other nations from 1939 to 1945. About 50–56 million people lost their lives in these wars. Let us see how God shielded a 21-year-old young man named William Devers in such an environment.

Corporal William Devers, a young US Marine, considered himself to be an agnostic. He resisted any ideas about God from their chaplain or from his fellow soldiers.

In their first battle, many of his comrades fell, including their chaplain. But before the chaplain succumbed to death, he called out to William. He pleaded to take the Bible in his pocket and that William should keep it.

"Last night I had a dream. In the dream, an angel appeared and told me that I had to make you take the Bible with you. Take it, son, please," the chaplain said. William took the Bible to appease the chaplain and put it in his shirt pocket.

Minutes later, William's squad faced another wave of attacks. William was shot. He thought he was going to die as he felt the pain in his chest. But to his surprise, there was no blood. The Bible in his pocket absorbed the bullet, saving William's life. When he took the Bible, he saw the bullet end on Psalm 91:7, which says, "A thousand shall fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you."

The scriptures he hated protected him like a shield. He got another chance to live again that day, accepted Jesus as his saviour, lived until he was 83 years old, and led many people to the Lord through his testimony. William's testimony also rings true for today's generation.

In Scripture, we see how God shielded David in 2 Samuel 22:1–4. The God who protected David, the God who protected William Devers, will surely protect you under His wings. God himself will be a shield and protect you from all the fiery darts the adversary Satan flings at you. Let us keep the scriptures on the tablets of our hearts, read them daily, love them, and confess them. May God protect you and your family!

TO REFLECT:

Have you looked to Jesus in your dangerous times?

The chaplain, on the verge of death, saved a life by giving his scriptures. Have you told your friends about this living word?



NEWS

India records 9.3 lakh cancer deaths, 12 lakh cases, the second-highest in Asia!



According to a new Lancet study, India became the second-highest contributor to the cancer burden in Asia in 2019.

India recorded approximately 12 lakh new cancer cases and 9.3 lakh deaths in 2019, making the country the second-highest contributor to the cancer burden in Asia that year, according to a new Lancet study.

Published in The Lancet Regional Health Southeast Asia journal, the study, conducted by an international team of researchers, including experts from the National Institute of Technology

Kurukshetra and All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Jodhpur, and Bathinda, compared cancer data across 49 Asian countries from 1990 to 2019.

The study highlights that, alongside China and Japan, India played a significant role in the growing cases of cancer threats in Asia, where a staggering 94 lakh new cases and 56 lakh deaths were reported in 2019. China contributed the most, with 48 lakh new cases and 27 lakh deaths, while Japan reported about 9 lakh new cases and 4.4 lakh deaths.

Among the key findings, tracheal, bronchus, and lung (TBL) cancer emerged as the predominant cancer in Asia, causing an estimated 13 lakh cases and 12 lakh deaths.

Cervical cancer ranked highly among women, highlighting the importance of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in preventing this type of cancer.

The study also identified smoking, alcohol consumption, and ambient particulate matter pollution as dominant risk factors for cancer across Asia.

"The rising cancer burden due to increasing ambient air pollution is concerning in Asia," they wrote, especially in countries with high levels of ambient particulate matter, such as India, Nepal, Qatar, Bangladesh, and Pakistan.

The study also found the prevalence of smokeless tobacco (SMT) such as khaini, gutka, betel quid, and paan masala in South Asian countries like India, contributing significantly to oral cancers.

India alone accounted for 32.9% of global deaths and 28.1% of new cases of lip and oral cavity cancer in 2019.

The study found the need for addressing the factors contributing to the rise in cancer cases, including industrial growth, urbanisation, migration, and increased motor vehicle usage as well.

- India Today, Jan 3, 2024

Gems to be cherished

Numerous virtuous individuals are well-known to us from the Bible. There are still a few that we might not know. Let's have a look at them every month in this article.

We don't find many references to Epaphroditus in the Bible. Only 6 verses in the book of Philippians, chapters 2:25–30 written by Apostle Paul in the New Testament make reference to him.

He was named Epaphroditus after the Greek goddess. Bible scholars believe that Epaphroditus, being a gentile, must have known Jesus Christ through the Apostle Paul's preaching.

The book of Philippians was written while Paul was imprisoned in Rome. After travelling 800 miles, Epaphroditus brought Paul the offering that the Philippians had given to make up for Paul's deficiency. Paul wrote in Philippians 2:26, 27 & 30 that "having travelled many miles without proper sleep and proper food, he became very sick in the body, almost to death."

Paul testifies about Epaphroditus, stating, "He is not just your representative but my brother, fellow worker, fellow soldier, and the one who ministered to my need." Even though his work was small, Epaphroditus was faithful to it. He endured through everything for the cause of Christ, despite the fact he was on the verge of death, and he carried out his appointed mission flawlessly.

The good deeds that you do for others may go unnoticed by others. But do it faithfully to Christ, like Epaphroditus. He was a disciple who brought honour to his mentor. The Bible makes no mention of his preaching anywhere. He might not have been well-known to many people that day. But today, the Lord has made his true love and ministry available for many to talk about.

My dear young readers, the Bible has very few verses mentioning Epaphroditus. But he was beloved by God and his master as a faithful servant. In the same way, God desires us to be as obedient as Epaphroditus, regardless of the size of the job ■



A special prayer for exam going students

In Thanjavur...

Date: **4th February** (Sunday)

Timings: 2 PM to 5 PM

Venue: **Parish Hall,
Opposite Blake High School, Thanjavur**

Prayer & Counselling: **Bro. Avinash**

Contact: 9489775075, 9444381971, 9942449888

In Bengaluru...

Date: **10th February** (Saturday)

Timings: 3 PM to 5 PM

Venue: **Telugu Church Hall, Nethaji Road,
Opp. Bwssb office, Frazer town.**

Prayer & Counselling: **Bro. Joel Asir**

Contact: 9962085523, 9591077110

In Kovilpatti...

Date: **11th February** (Sunday)

Timings: 3 PM to 5:30 PM

Venue: **St. Paul's Matriculation School**

Counselling and Prayer:
Pastor Saravanan (Chennai)

Contact: 9677858766 / 9787322334

In Jebamalai...

Date: **18th February** 2024 (Sunday)

Timings: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Venue: **Jebamalai, Keela Mathapuram**

Prayer & Counselling:
Bro. Avinash

Contact: 8300131000 / 9750955548



Bro. Avinash



Ps. Saravanan



Bro. Joel Asir

In Namakkal...

Date: **25th February** (Sunday)

Timings: 4 PM to 7 PM

Venue: **Kavin Kishore Hall,
Near Ulavar Sandhai, Namakkal.**

Prayer & Counselling: **Bro. Avinash**

Contact: 9962085523, 9489301237, 9488618305

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Do you not remember what you read?
Disbelief? Jesus will set you free!*

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