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*Warm regards to the  
dear young hearts!*

**He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide aces. He was despised, and we held him in low esteem.**

**Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted** (Isaiah 53:3, 4). Ashok was doing very well with his college studies. He wanted to throw a dinner treat for his friends on his birthday.

He invited them, and they accepted his invitation as well. Ashok said to his father, "My friends are coming home for my birthday. So please don't embarrass me by showing your horrible face." He was so harsh while saying this. His father sadly agreed as well. On his birthday, as Ashok and his friends were cutting the cake, Ashok cut his finger accidentally. Out of love, his father came out of his room to help him. On seeing his father's gruesome face, his friends denied Ashok's dinner treat and left. Ashok got furious and yelled at his father, "Why did you come out and humiliate me in front of my friends.

That's when his father started telling Ashok about the tragic story behind his horrible face. "When you were a baby lying in a cradle, there was an unexpected fire accident at our house... I had no choice except to get into the burning house to save you. That's how I got these scars. I lost my charm while protecting you," said his father with tears. Ashok was devastated when he heard this. He embraced his father and kissed his distorted face.



***My beloved friend, Jesus was wounded for your sins to save you and to give you a beautiful and blessed life.***

**He bore wounds in place of all mankind!**

**By his wounds, you are healed!**

**By his stripes, you are freed!**

**By his wounds, you are saved!**

**By his wounds, you are comforted and embraced!**

The wounds and scars that Jesus endured got a purpose. Every young man who sprang forth by His wounds is a blazing star for Him!

How about you, who his wounds have freed and redeemed?

***"Enough of thinking; act! Enough of tumbling and falling back. Strengthen yourself!"***

*In Christ's Mission*  
Mohan C. Lazarus



Testimony: Benita

# Triumph Over Failure

*This testimony is of a sister who was born into a non-Christian family, was disobedient to her parents, and had a string of academic setbacks. However, she is currently serving the Lord and working for a government firm. Let's discover Sister Dhanam's success formula from her.*

## **Tell us a little bit about yourself and your family.**

My name is Dhanam. I was born in a village called Vadikottai in Sankarankoil Taluk of Tenkasi District, in a traditional and pious family that did not know Jesus. I am the second child of my parents and the only one saved in my house.

## **Could you describe your early years to us?**

Since I was the last child in my family, I was much pampered. Though I was born into a farmer's family, I was ignorant of the poverty in my family as I grew up. I was very adamant about getting what I wanted, least bothered about my family's financial status. Due to this, my parents suffered a lot. I have brought them to tears many times. As I grew up, I started hitting and hurting them. I was a child who was very rebellious, disobedient, and never respected elders.

## **Alright! So, how were you saved?**

My salvation is connected to my education. My friend would tell me about Jesus when I was in school. However, I ignored her words and was indifferent to what she shared. But she keeps telling me about Jesus. I only used Jesus when I was in need or during exams. Subsequently, in the year

2018, while studying a shorthand typing course, a series of failures started happening. I was very much affected by this and became depressed. That is when I remembered the words of my friend about Jesus. I surrendered my life to Him and accepted Him as my personal Savior. It was then that my heart was engulfed in divine peace.

## **Wow Jesus gave you peace! All right, but what about your academics?**

I love going to school. But my school life started to become miserable when I felt that some subjects were hard for me. I began hating my studies. I would struggle a lot when reading Tamil and make so many spelling errors while writing. Regarding English, I found it to be a subject as unpleasant as a bitter gourd. I had a terrible time reading English, and I also spelled things wrong a lot.

At least I could manage reading the Tamil language, but in English, I couldn't do that either and was humiliated in front of the teacher and fellow students. Therefore, I began to make some mistakes. I started copying by writing down my exam answers on scraps of paper. That was also found by my teacher, which further embarrassed me. I had a history of failing in English from the sixth to the tenth grades, and this continued



until my board examinations. I have never once passed. As a result, my teachers anticipated that I would fail the board test as well in English and discredit the school.

### **Really depressing! How did you perform on your board exams?**

The fear of the board exams began to grip me. I began to panic that I would fail and be put to shame before everyone. Fear and anxiety over the day of my results grabbed me even before I took the examinations. Because of this, I started thinking a lot in solitude. In such a dire situation, I realised that neither my teachers nor my friends nor my parents could help me, but only Jesus could. Therefore, I began to study, relying on Jesus. I cried out to Him to give me success and that I should not be put to shame again. God turned my shame into joy by graciously enabling me to score 58 in English, and I got a total of 408 out of 500. Thus, the Lord Jesus lifted my head up!



I then kept relying on Jesus to help me study throughout my secondary schooling. I started writing down the definitions of the English terms I didn't know. I was therefore able to respond right away when my teacher asked me to write the answers to the questions. My teacher would think that I copied, so I will be asked to sit in front of the teacher and rewrite the answer. When I wrote the answer correctly, my teacher was surprised. Little by little, my shame began to change. I got along well with all of the teachers, and they all started speaking to me pleasantly. My time at school started to get much more enjoyable after that. My teachers also encouraged me to study well, and I prayerfully studied. As a result, in my 12th grade, God graciously enabled me to score 1039 marks in the commerce group.

### **That's incredible! What was your next step towards career?**

After finishing school, I started going to shorthand and typing classes. Until then, I, who was obedient

to Jesus, slowly started drifting away and began sinning. My prayers began to wane. The experience of relying on him started to fade, and therefore, I encountered continuous failures in my studies. It was an unending road of failure. Until I repented of my sins, the Lord did not grant me success. I studied for 4 years in the course that was supposed to take only 2 years. Finally, when I repented of my sins, the Lord gave me success in clearing shorthand typing.

### **Splendid! What are you currently doing?**

After this, I began to prepare for government exams. I never gave up praying and was regularly attending church. I wrote my exams with a prayer saying, 'Jesus, make me a government official'. God enabled me to clear those exams. I have been working in the government sector since last October (2023). According to the word "In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all" (1 Chronicles 29:12), today, God has exalted and honoured me, who was considered worthless, foolish, and looked down upon by the world and relatives.

### **What would you like to tell the youngsters reading this?**

A minute is all it takes for God to lift us up. But what he expects from us is obedience. Commit yourself to obeying his word. Work as hard as you can. The Lord will give you success and make you stand as a witness.

**Dear youngsters! Do you, too, experience failures and social humiliation? Despite the difficulties, Sister Dhanam relied on God and obeyed Him. Today, God has exalted her by placing her in a high position. Even though we are neglected by society, God will draw us close to Him according to His eternal purpose. All you have to do is obey Him. Commit yourself to Him today, and He will change your life forever! ■**



# Fear

My name is Kanchana.

I am in the 12th grade. I'm very scared about my board exams. The closer the exam days get, the more terrified I am. Eventually, that fear develops into depression. And I could not pass all the subjects. I'm in the Commerce Group, and I failed four of the six subjects I was taking. Thus, I'm not in the mood to write the exam. Everyone makes fun of me. My total is just 120 out of 600. I also get a lot of reprimands from my parents at home. My mother, who is constantly arguing, is on the one hand, and my dad, an alcoholic, is on the other. I go through a lot of distress. I don't even feel like studying.

While my family is in an unpleasant situation, I am always plagued with worry about failing and the future. Sometimes I hear a voice saying, 'There is no one to love you, and you are neither skilled nor wise to study; what's the point of living? So kill yourself'. I don't know what to do. I couldn't clear the exam or progress in my life either. Please help me. – **Kanchana, Tirupur.**

Dear sister Kanchana, Your letter was very painful to read. The constant failure in studies, the tragic family environment, and the fear of exams that repress you are well understood. Kanchana, your fear is what keeps you from progressing.

When this fear leaves you, you will be able to function normally. You can easily get rid of this fear when you handle it properly. Your prior failures are the source of your worry, particularly on examination days. Failing a few times does not mean that you cannot pass those four subjects at all.

When Thomas Alva Edison invented the electric bulb, a journalist once asked, "How does it feel to fail ten thousand times?" To which Thomas Alva



Edison very emphatically replied, “I have not failed 10,000 times—I’ve successfully discovered 10,000 ways that will not work.”

When people fail, even for the first time, they usually lose heart. But despite failing 10,000 times on the path of his invention, Edison never gave up and tried again, eventually making a breakthrough and illuminating the dark world



### **KANCHANA, HERE ARE SOME POINTERS TO HELP YOU SUCCEED**

- First, develop a “can-do” attitude.
- No matter how many successive failures you have, you must have faith that “you can” and keep trying.
- Try adopting a fresh attitude of “I can do” when you study the four subjects that you find hard.
- Take advantage of the help of your teachers and the cooperation of studious friends.
- Try studying at your school or any other safe public location (such as a friend’s house, the library, or a terrace) if you are unable to study at home.
- Decide firmly that your family’s circumstances cannot limit your future.

Kanchana, for many students like you who were on the verge of failure, Jesus Christ has given them new hope and strength to build up their fallen lives. “For God has not

given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Tim. 1:7).

- First, the strength he bestows upon you will instil a renewed sense of self-assurance and the ability to act with an “I can” attitude even after many consecutive failures. You will get new power to process your studies.
- Second, the ‘will’ he gives. The reason you haven’t studied yet is because you don’t want to. When you willingly start studying because Jesus gives you a fresh passion to study, success is guaranteed.
- Thirdly, He endows you with a sharp mind as well. Many a time, you are confused about what to study and how to study. But now that Jesus has given you a clear understanding, you will be able to think and process everything clearly.

**So don’t get weary, Kanchana. Do not listen to the voice of the devil, who speaks in your ears. Jesus is the God who makes you live. He will surely help you to live successfully. So don’t be afraid. When your faith in Jesus is firm, you can overcome your fear, gain strength, have a sound mind, and live a successful life. All the best! ■**

Cover Story: Sathish



# The Wounds of Jesus

It is obvious that minor cuts and scrapes on our body heal on their own in a matter of days with little to no effort. But when incurable wounds, weaknesses, and diseases occur in our body, they can take a huge toll one after the other. Such injuries can be cured by medicines found around the world. But when we have wounds and illnesses that this world cannot heal, “We are healed by His (Jesus’) stripes.” (Isaiah 53:5).

As Jesus gave himself up to carry the cross and be scourged, the wounds of Jesus, who came after the wound caused by the transgression of the first man, Adam, were healed. Jesus offered himself on the cross to replace the sickness and weaknesses caused by our sin and iniquity so that the scripture “I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard” (Isaiah 50:6) could be fulfilled. Whipping doesn’t mean beating with a normal lash or a belt. In ancient

Rome, whipping was a frequent method of inflicting severe corporal punishment on individuals, resulting in the rending of flesh and the loss of blood. Imagine the heights to which every strike on Jesus’ body would have ripped his flesh. ‘His back became like a plowed ground’ (Ps. 129:3). Jesus revealed God’s justice by bearing so many wounds and pains on the cross so that we could live comfortably.

Wounds in our body cause pain for a few days and then disappear. But wounds in our hearts can affect our eternal lives. If a broken mind is not healed, a man will become a walking corpse, and he will suffer throughout his life. Zacchaeus, who had all the wealth and status, must have had some kind of wound in his heart. His heart must have been deeply wounded by the anguish and desire of being alone with no one to love and care for. His heart ached to witness that, for that reason: “What kind of person is Jesus even though all of the people despise and hate me?” Jesus “saw him and said, Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house” (Luke 19:5) in an attempt to mend his broken heart. This word not only made his heart merry, but it also healed his hardened and broken heart and granted him eternal life. Jesus mended the broken heart of Zacchaeus according to the scriptures: “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds” (Psalm 147:3).

Regardless of how nice we appear to be on the outside, He does not turn away the broken heart that realises its true condition and the soul that cries out to Him with a broken spirit. After one of Jesus’ chief disciples, Peter, denied Jesus thrice, “Jesus turned and looked at Peter” (Luke 22:61). With that one look, Peter realised his





mistake and sobbed bitterly, 'I have done as Jesus said; I have done what I said I would not do.' He left the courtyard heartbroken with guilt: "My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise" (Ps. 51:17). After the Resurrection, Jesus went in search of Peter and healed his wounded heart.

*Dear Youngsters, the medications and treatments of today are capable of treating the sickness that exists inside of us; they cannot provide a long-term cure. "But when you have that conviction that "I believe in Jesus crucified" and "His shed blood heals my body and my broken heart," you will certainly be healed! ■*

# Youth Revival Meeting

In Aurangabad, Maharashtra

**Date:**

**6th April 2024  
(Saturday)**

**Timings: 9 a.m.  
to 4 p.m.**

**Venue: will be  
announced later**

**Contact: 9004882470 |  
8082410410**



**Message and Prayer:**

**Bro. Sam Jebaraj**

# Youth Prayer Conference

In Mumbai

**Date:**

**7th April 2024  
(Sunday)**

**Timings:  
4 PM to 9 PM**

**Venue: Morning Star School,  
Ashok Mill Compound,  
Sion Bandra Link Road,  
Opposite Saheel Hotel  
Dharavi, Mumbai**

**Contact : 9004882470 |  
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Achievement: Suma

# UNEXPECTED JOURNEY

My heartfelt wishes to the youngsters. Many would tell us, 'You cannot achieve'. Their harsh words bring a spontaneous, challenging response from us, stating, 'Watch and wait, for one day I shall succeed.' Our tough remarks begin to fade as the days go by and we deal with guilt and failure. Are you in such a situation today? Relax! It's time to keep your word. Here is the story of an achiever to boost you.

Maria Conceicao, from Portugal, was born into a poor family. Due to Maria's mother's extreme poverty, Maria was adopted by a woman called Maria Christiana. Despite having six children already, she decided to raise Maria as her seventh child. She was a cleaner. Maria learned from her to be kind and considerate to other children. After completing her schooling, Maria began working for Emirates Airlines. Maria's job was to serve coffee, tea, and breakfast on the flight.

One day, the flight that she was working on landed in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Maria made the decision to take a tour of Dhaka because she had plenty of time before the aeroplane left. Maria's life was drastically altered by this event. All she observed in Dhaka were people living in terrible poverty and starving children. After speaking with each family personally, Maria vowed to lift 600 children out of poverty before she left the area.



She couldn't stop thinking about how she was going to keep her vow. She decided to quit her job as a flight attendant because she didn't think the money she was making would be sufficient to keep her word. Since a few people told her that she would get huge financial support if she achieved something great, she started striving intensively with full confidence and accomplished the following:

- She set a record by climbing the Kilimanjaro peak in Tanzania.
- She was the first Portuguese woman to climb Mt. Everest.
- In just six weeks, she participated in seven marathons on seven continents.

She accomplished a lot of similar things. She used the money she received from her Guinness record to fund the education of the underprivileged children in Bangladesh. She runs the Maria Christina Foundation in her



adopted mother's name. Initially, the service that she started with 39 children is now funded for 600 children. She is now regarded by everyone as a remarkable woman and achiever.

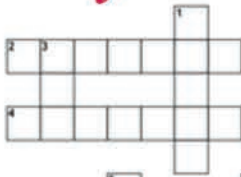
**My dear friends! Maria was not brought up as a sports personality. However, she was able to set ten Guinness records because of her vow to raise 600 children.**

**You, too, would have made many promises that you would surely achieve someday. Have you fulfilled your promise? Or have you forgotten it? Successful people won't fall behind, citing lame reasons. An achiever will keep moving forward under any circumstances. Now is the perfect moment to put in the brave effort necessary to keep your word! ■**

Compilation: Helena

## Loose the Knots

### Women of the Bible



Find the names of the women from the Bible corresponding to each crossword with Bible reference.

#### ACROSS

2. A very wise judge
4. Had twins
8. Watched over her brother in Egypt
9. Had two sons .... Joseph and Benjamin
11. Had to glean grain in a field to feed herself and her mother in law
12. Went against her husband's wish to save him from certain death
13. Lost her husband and 2 sons
15. Killed a man

#### DOWN

1. was very old when she bore a son
3. Made from a man's rib
5. First wife of King David
6. Gave her son to God
7. Her two sons were killed by the Gibeonites in the days of harvest
10. Had a daughter named Dinah
14. Slept with her father in law

Your answers are expected to reach us on or before 15th of Every Month

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# THE CROSS!



Message: Mohan.C. Lazarus

“Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28).

Any human being born in this world would absolutely say, 'I want to live'. But only Jesus said, “I came into this world to give my life.” Just as he said, he gave himself up to die on the cross of Calvary when He was 33 ½ years old.

“And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center” (John 19:17, 18). Jesus carried the cross through Jerusalem to the mountain named Golgotha, where He was crucified on the cross. Both his hands and feet were nailed and bleeding. His face was covered in blood as He was forced to wear a crown of thorns. He hung like a thief between two thieves and gave his life on that cross.

## WHY SHOULD GOD, THE CREATOR, DIE LIKE A THIEF?

Just as England once ruled many countries in the world, the Roman Empire enslaved and ruled the nation of Israel. Anyone who resisted the Roman government or acted against them was given the most brutal death penalty, known as crucifixion. It was considered a terrible punishment and created fear among the people. People trembled and

feared the dictatorial Roman rule. It was customary that a person subjected to crucifixion would be whipped 39 times while undergoing severe torment. It wouldn't be an ordinary whip. It has iron balls on its tip and spikes in the middle, like bait spikes. A single blow on the back tears the flesh. Jesus was whipped 39 times this way.



All the flesh on his back was torn. After this agony, Jesus had to carry a very heavy cross on his shoulders (the cross



he carried weighed 180 kg. It was 15 feet long and 8 feet wide).

Jesus was battered, torn, and covered in blood, tottering and carrying the heavy cross. The religious leaders humiliated and abused him. Those who were jealous of him sneered and ridiculed him.

When Jesus was brought to Golgotha, they stripped him of all his clothes, laid him on the cross, nailed and hung him. History tells us that a healthy man can survive such an ordeal on the cross for almost 11 hours. But the Bible says that Jesus died within 6 hours on the cross.

### **WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO ACCEPT THIS HORRIBLE DEATH?**

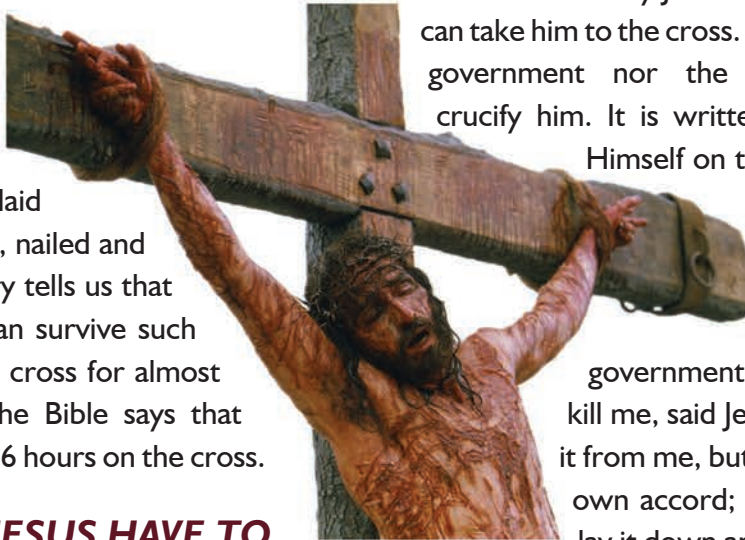
It was necessary for him to die and rise again. A Roman governor named Pilate was authorised to impose the death penalty. The religious people who were jealous of Jesus brought him before the governor, making false accusations and plotting to kill Him.

Pilate heard the entire case but publicly declared, "I have examined Him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against Him. He has done nothing to deserve death." But the people revolted against Pilate and cried out in one voice, "Away with this man, or else you will lose

your position." The Bible says that Pilate gave in and surrendered Jesus to their will because he was threatened by the crowd.

### **WHY WAS JESUS CRUCIFIED EVEN AFTER HE WAS PROVEN INNOCENT?**

No one can crucify Jesus. No judicial decision can take him to the cross. Neither the Roman government nor the religionists could crucify him. It is written that 'Jesus gave Himself on the cross just for us and for our sins' (Galatians 1:4). "No authority can take my life; no government has authority to kill me, said Jesus. "No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord; I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again" (John 10-18). Just as He said, Jesus gave His life on the cross, rose again on the third day, and lives today. Even today, if you go to Jerusalem, you can see the place where Jesus was crucified and the tomb in which His body was kept. But on the third day, he conquered death and rose alive. He is still alive today.



**Dear youth! Jesus, who knew no sin, gave himself up to die on the cross. You may or may not be a Christian, but remember that Jesus gave Himself up to die on the cross for every man born into this world. Are you ready to receive our almighty God, who conquered death and rose alive into your heart today? ■**





# Achievers

2024

*A special prayer for exam going students*



On January 26th, last Republic Day, Achievers meet was held at the Tabernacle of God, Nalumavadi, for the students appearing for the exam. More than 3200 students participated in this meeting. The attendees were enlivened by singing, worship, exam tips, and live testimonies of achievers. The testimonies of achievers who attended the Achievers Meet in the past years created a new hope in the minds of many. Bro. Mohan C. Lazarus delivered God's word on the topic 'God who helps in the examination' and prayed and blessed the students. Many people who came with fear and anxiety about the exam got rid of their fear and confusion and went away with the confidence that "I can do it" and the resolution of 'I too will testify next year'.







Achievers



## Online Debt

More than 5,000 cases have been filed across the nation for suicides triggered by online debt in the last three years. Since the money is loaned through websites and apps, it is called online debt. When a person reaches a point where he is unable to pay it back, this debt ends up becoming their strangling rope. These organisations lure their customers by saying that they give loans with less percentage interest or no interest at all initially. But after paying a few installments, they charge an unreasonably high percentage of interest.

### Prayer Points:

1. Pray that customers who are planning to get loans online realise the sin involved with it.
2. Pray that these apps exploiting people digitally should be banned.
3. More than 5000 people have died of suicide, triggered by the stress of these loans. Pray that this state will change.
4. Pray for awareness among people and government intervention in regulating these companies demanding high interests.

Prayer : Benital

# Prayer Guide

March 2024

## Violence against women

According to UN statistics, more than 20 thousand women are subjected to violence in India every year. 39 rape cases are reported every hour. 2, 78,886 cases have been registered in the last 10 years alone. In Delhi, which is home to 75.8 lakh women, more than 13,000 crimes have been registered. Statistics say that 182 out of 1 lakh women are affected in Delhi.

Research has revealed that 85 million, 20 lakh girls worldwide have been subjected to sexual harassment since the age of 15. Globally, 1 in 4 girls between the ages of 15 and 25 (25%), or about 641 million girls, experience sexual or physical abuse by the time they reach their 20s, according to the study.

### Prayer Points:

1. Pray for the deliverance of women going through such sexual harassment.
2. Pray for the protection of women living in India and for their freedom from all forms of abuse.
3. Pray that God should intervene with women who went through abuse at a very young age.
4. Pray for the awareness and vigilance of women in our country against such harassment.



## Online Lust

India ranks third on the list of countries consuming porn. Out of that, 30% are women, and 44% of them age from 25 to 34 across genders. On average, 46% of Indians use the Internet daily. Kids who spend a lot of time online are more likely to get addicted to porn as they grow up. In the years 2020–2021, cybercrimes increased by 12%. Even though the government has taken steps to ban these sites, they are very much within reach of the common public.



### Prayer Points:

1. Pray for the redemption of everyone stuck with the practice of consuming pornography.
2. Pray that the government should take active steps to block porn websites that are still functioning using proxy links.
3. Pray that people should realise that watching porn is a sin and must get delivered from it.
4. Pray that the kids who are undergoing sexual abuse because of these films are delivered.

## Election

Since India became an independent country, 17 parliamentary elections have been conducted. India has 543 constituencies.

The tenure of the current Lok Sabha members is coming to an end on June 16, 2024. India has 28 states, 8 union territories, and 91 crore eligible voters. In the 2019 elections, 267 members were selected for the first time. The 28 states in India have 524 constituencies, and 8 union territories have the remaining 8 constituencies.

### Prayer Points:

1. Pray that God's authority should be over the 2024 elections and that only God chosen candidates should win.
2. Pray that the eyes of the hearts of 91 crore people will be opened to select the right candidate.
3. Pray for the vigilance of the Election Commission and the police to prevent fraudulent voting.
4. Pray that parties preparing for elections do not engage in any illegal activities.

## TECH - 2

# *Handle your phones sensibly!*



***Hello friends! Last month, we learned about screen time and app timers in the digital wellbeing option. I hope it was helpful to you. I know many of you have used it to stop wasting time and start using it more wisely.***

Alright, are you all set to learn about a new feature this month too? We all have setbacks from time to time in our lives. When we attempt to live a holy life, Satan tempts us. He tries to tempt us or to make us stumble, either through people, through circumstances, or through nature.

When we are about to do something productive, Satan brings discouragement through people's actions and words, and as a result, this wears us out and makes it impossible for us to finish what we started.

Jesus once said, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!" (Luke 17:1). Circumstantial obstacles: Just when we are ready to embark on an endeavour, something at home occurs—a sudden physical ailment, a quarrel, etc. Then obstacles exist, even in the form of nature. For example, unexpected rain when you have to go somewhere.

In our tech-driven society, there are numerous things that might prevent us from working, but for many youngsters, using a cell phone is their greatest obstacle. Even through unnecessary apps and unnecessary advertisements, young people are stumbling in their holy lives. Sometimes, even if we do not indulge in dangerous sins, the notification on our mobile phone





often prompts us to keep it close at hand. There is a way to escape this slavery. Go to **SETTINGS** -> **DIGITAL WELLBEING AND PARENTAL CONTROLS**, there you will find 'focus mode and bedtime mode'. Focus Mode: It enables you to disable unwanted applications and notifications while you are studying and working. Let us examine ourselves and maintain a holy life, as the scripture says in Galatians 6:4, "Let him examine his own deeds." Bedtime Mode: It enables you to sleep peacefully without any distractions.

Alright, pals! I hope you found this month's Tech info useful. We'll get back together with another piece of information next month. Bye! ■

Biblical Person: Suma

## Gems to be cherished

*In this series this month, let us know about Phoebe. The Bible has just two verses mentioning*

### Phoebe

*(Romans 16:1, 2). The name Phoebe means bright or radiant. As the name implies, she shone for Christ. Phoebe hails from Cenchreae, a village in Greece. Though the Apostle Paul did not speak much about Phoebe, the Epistle to the Romans could not have reached the Roman Church without her. Because Phoebe's role in the ministry was to take the Roman Epistle from Cenchreae safely into the Roman Church. In short, Phoebe has worked as a postwoman. You might think, what's so great about being a postwoman? But during that period, without any means of proper transportation, a woman has faithfully done her work for Christ.*

It is not easy to be appreciated by the Apostle Paul, who stood zealously for the Lord. But Paul saw Phoebe as his spiritual sister. She was not just a sister to Paul, but her true ministry has elevated her to the list of saints. Furthermore, Phoebe remained to provide assistance to everyone, particularly to the apostle Paul. That's why Paul calls her a servant of the Church of Cenchreae.

We would never have learned about "the love of God, the wages of sin, the condition of the spiritual man, etc." from the book of Romans if Phoebe had not offered to undertake her little mission. Phoebe was a virtuous lady who carried out her ministry with diligence.

***My dear youth who are reading this, no matter how tiny your mission is, do it faithfully and cheerfully like Phoebe and shine for Christ! ■***





Revival  
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## Monthly Fellowship

### EVERY 1st SUNDAY (3rd MARCH)

#### 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 (9th March)

#### 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 (10th March)

#### 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

#### KOVIIPATTI (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  
(17th March)**

**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 March)**

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

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

**EVERY 4th SUNDAY  
(24th March)**

**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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# Train Journey

(Vignesh is waiting in the usual waiting spot for his friend Andrew; they are friends who've been commuting together to the office for years.)

Chennai Nungambakkam railway station.

**Vicky:** 'Why is he taking this long? He would be the one to arrive first every day. What happened today?...' Vicky thought as someone caressed his shoulders from behind. He turned around to find out who it was. Yeah, that was Andrew.

**Andrew:** Hey, Vicky, Sorry for the delay. Did I scare you?

**Vicky:** Yeah, dude, what happened? Why are you late?

**Andrew:** That's a long story. Ah, here's the train; let's get in and secure a seat for ourselves first. I'll tell you the story after that.

They got in and resumed talking. A person who was sitting next to them was watching an AI-generated video where politicians were singing movie songs. This caught their attention.

**Vicky:** Hey Andrew, things went upside down after this AI, didn't they?







**Andrew:** Totally! Who knows what else is gonna happen in the future?

**Vicky:** (laughing sarcastically) What makes you sound like a boomer? You know how many positive developments artificial intelligence (AI) is bringing about? I've read up on it.

AI can make our lives easier. It minimises human error, and it can work round the clock, allowing robots powered by artificial intelligence to go places where humans can't for research in the deep ocean and on other planets. Vicky finishes his long speech about the AI.

**Andrew:** (with a gentle smile) Whatever you said is true. But that's just one side of the coin. In the future, this will turn us into lazy beings who may lose our capacity of critical thinking. We might become totally reliant on the machines. AI has also led to the creation of degrading videos featuring the faces of women. Forget about all these, they're even thinking about incorporating this technology in your workplace, aren't they?

**Vicky:** Yeah, so what?

**Andrew:** Well, then start looking for a new job soon...

**Vicky:** Why would you say that? I have a secure job.

**Andrew:** You can say that. But AI is going to replace the jobs of millions of humans, and that could result in high rates of unemployment. As of 2023, 37% of leaders have agreed that they switched from hiring humans to adopting artificial intelligence (AI). I'll send you a QR code on WhatsApp that you can scan and verify if you still don't trust it.



**Vicky:** Oh, my god! I wasn't aware that we had so many problems behind this. What is the solution to all of this, by the way?

**Andrew:** The only thing you can do is pray. Because Jesus has said, 'I'll protect you from all harm'. You can pray to him.

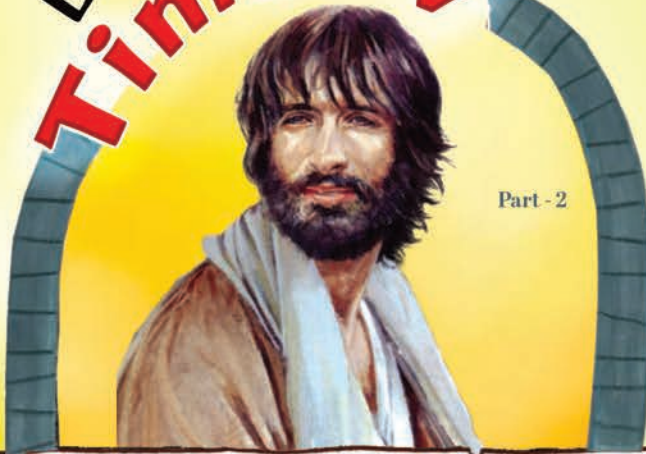
**Vicky:** I knew it! You won't miss a chance to talk about Jesus. We'll see what your God does. See you tomorrow," said Vicky as he had to get off at his stop.

(Vicky is an atheist, whereas Andrew is a born-again Christian.)

Their conversation continues...



# Brave Timothy



Part - 2

**Hi Friends! How are you all doing? It is a pleasure to see you again in this series. This series' previous month addressed Timothy's early life, including how well he picked up the commandments at a young age and how he continued to adhere to his mother and grandmother's faith in Jesus Christ.**

Did the love of Jesus that was kindled on Timothy in his teenage put-off in his youth? Or did he ever stumble at his decision to follow Christ? No!

It wasn't an emotional decision, was it? It was a decision made after tasting the love of Christ, who was intimately connected with him. It pushed him to do something for Christ, even in his youth.

No matter how fervently a person pursues Christ in his teens, at some point, at least in his youth, the need to indulge in worldly wants seems to arise. However, our Timothy is a little bit unique. Come on, let's explore a bit more.

## **CONSTANT DEVELOPMENT**

If a seed is sown, well watered, and nurtured, it will develop into a healthy tree and bear delicious fruits. In the same vein, Paul's seed in Timothy was well-tended to, flourished, and

began to bear good fruits known as virtues.

Paul found Timothy to be a saved believer on his first missionary trip to Lystra; nevertheless, when returning a second time, he discovered Timothy to be an earnest disciple (Apostle 16:1). A believer is someone who expects something from God with faith. But a disciple is one who dedicates himself to





God, learns, and puts what he has learned into practice.

Whoa! How very different a believer and a disciple may be from one another! Timothy had become a good disciple who fulfilled his obligations to God without seeking anything in return.

Just take a peek at his spiritual growth, my dear friends. Timothy possessed all the traits of a good disciple. He was naturally fearful (1 Corinthians 16:10). Nevertheless, he dared to pick up his cross as Jesus taught, despising the world and himself. “Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24).

Let’s think about us. How long have we been saved? But how is our spiritual growth? Are we just believers or true disciples like Timothy, who hated the world and geared himself to carry the cross?

### **TIMOTHY SERVED AS A RELIABLE WITNESS**

In general, young people have self-imposed role models. We are greatly influenced by them, so we have a strong urge to wear and style our hair just like them. Eventually, some individuals start to reflect them in their lives.

Timothy was also deeply impacted by Jesus Christ. He started to reflect Christ in his life at a young age. No one could criticise his youth. In Acts 16:2, we read, “The believers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him.” Earning a good testament in one’s hometown is no easy feat. But Timothy earned it in Iconium and

Lystra. Impressed by his testimony, Paul kept Timothy with him in the ministry.

What does our testimony look like today? What opinions do others around us have of us? What do our families say? Gaining a good witness at a young age is a difficult task. Because the eyes of the whole world are on us. People will point to one wrong act as a black mark throughout our lives, making it look like a permanent blemish. If we have a good testimony, no one will despise our youth. Everything we lose in life is easily regained. However, reputations are exceedingly hard to regain once they are lost.

How was it possible for Timothy to live that way?

Timothy could have lived according to his will if he wanted to. But only because he was a devoted Christian, a God-honouring person who put God first, is he an inspiration to many young people like us today.

***Are you ready to live as a good disciple like Timothy, who surrendered himself to the Lord who created the world, restraining his five senses?***

***Are you ready to bravely say Bye to the sins that say Hi to you, reflect Jesus Christ in your lives, and live as a good witness?***

In the upcoming series, let’s see a lot more fascinating facts about Timothy.

***- Mission Journey continues...***

# NISUIN BERIYTH

(Marriage Covenant)

Part - 2

Wedlock: Viola

Today's younger generation considers marriage as normal as a job contract or a house rental contract. They think that they can break or change their relationship whenever they face a difference of opinion. A marriage covenant is a holy covenant that both husband and wife make with God in church in the presence of God, saints, faithful believers, and family as witnesses. It is a covenant between two people who live on earth and make a covenant with God in heaven, who created and united them. They promise that they will be 'so and so' in all of the circumstances they come across in life. Listen carefully!

This is the agreement between heaven and earth.



If so, realise how important the marriage covenant is. Never forget the vow you make when you take your spouse's hand in marriage and swear to cling to it for the rest of your lives, for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, to obey, and to cherish till death do us apart. These vows are not just words, a dream, or an accident. One cannot say they made these vows out of ignorance. The preacher warns, "Do not be quick with your mouth; do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. Do not let your mouth lead you into sin. And do not protest to the temple messenger, "My vow was a mistake" (Ecclesiastes 5:2, 6).

Do you wonder why mere words from the mouth matter a lot? We know that in the Bible, Esau pledged his birth right (Gen 25:33). There was no judge, lawyer, or registrar to witness this, nor were any paper documents. It was fulfilled just as it was said from the mouth. Though Esau was the firstborn and many witnessed it, he was unable to inherit the blessings of his birthright. Later, as you know, though he wept, sought anxiously, and desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected (Hebrew 12:17). Look at how crucial word-of-mouth is. Furthermore, formal agreements are not necessary if they are uttered in God's presence.



There are many people who fear that married life may become difficult and unviable. Thus, Nisuin Beriyyth aims to ensure that none of our young people who are getting married should experience this kind of anxiety.

### **Choosing your Partner:**

There is no doubt that when you entrust the responsibility of choosing your life partner to the God who created you, God will bless you with a rich, prosperous, and happy family life. While finding a life partner on your own, you may find it in a small circle, like in the street, in the office, or in the church. However, when the task is entrusted to God, He has the power to bring a compatible spouse from any nation and continent, exceeding human imagination and aspirations. Even in the scriptures, the responsibility of 'choosing' the place of residence



was placed in the hands of Lot in Genesis 13. Even though his brother's son was younger than him, Abram was altruistic, saying if you go to the right, I will go to the left, and if you go to the left, I will go to the right. But Lot didn't seek counsel

from Abram, who was like a father to him. Nor did he desire to consult God for guidance. Instead, he lifted up his eyes and chose for himself the well-watered cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. The city he chose was burned down because of the people who had no fear of God, despite its rich natural

resources. A ruined family life and a cursed generation were the end. Therefore, always prioritise God first when choosing your Partner.

***Nisuin Beriyyth will continue with many more Biblical incidents and guidance...***



## Happy Womens Day (March 8)

### **Mary Kom (Boxer)**

She is a boxer from the Indian state of Manipur. He received the Padma Vibhushan Award in 2020. She is the only woman to win the World Amateur Boxing Championship six times, the only female boxer to have won a medal in each one of the first seven World Championships, and the only boxer to win eight World Championship medals. It is notable that Mary Kom is a mother of three.



### **Anna Rajam Malhotra (India's first woman IAS officer)**

She is India's first female Indian Civil Service officer. He was born in Niranam, Alappuzha District, Kerala, to Mr. Ottavelil O. A. George and Anna Paul. In 1949, she obtained her master's in English literature from the University of Madras. She passed the civil service examination in 1950 and became the first woman IAS officer in independent India ■





Alert Note: Joyline John

# Ticket to HELL!

Hello, dear friends! Last month, we learned a lot of interesting facts about hell, right? Like, what is hell like? Who created it? For whom was it created? So from this month on, let's study the things that Satan tempts us to do and plots to turn us into sinners and take us to hell. The Holy Bible says, "The soul that sins shall die." The Bible provides us with a big list of sins that kill our souls and lead us to eternal hell. Let's start this month by discussing sexual sins.

## Sexual Sins

Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, homosexuality (LGBTQ), masturbation, animal mating, etc. The scriptures say that those who commit such sins cannot inherit the kingdom of God (heaven). (1 Cor. 6:9, 10; Gal. 5:19–21)

Pre-marital sex is fornication. Many young people these days leave home to pursue their studies or careers and, with or without the knowledge of their parents, stay in a live-in relationship before their marriage with the person they love. At nightclubs, bars, and friend parties, some people get high on alcohol and satisfy their sexual cravings with friends or complete strangers.



Many others go to another extent of having friends with benefits and defile their precious youth lives. In addition, the sin of homosexuality (LGBTQ) has become more

prevalent in modern society. Annually, there is a rally called Pride Paradise. This is a sin that angers and grieves God and is an abomination to Him. It was this sin that caused the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Having an extra-marital affair is adultery. Before getting married, a lot of young people fall in love, have fun roaming with them, then break up for some reason and marry someone else. Later, through social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram, they revive their long-lost relationships after getting married.



Starting with chatting, audio calls, video calls, and secret meetings, they gradually



strengthen the bond, finally breaking the marriage covenant and betraying their life partner, committing adultery. Due to this, one has to face big problems in family life (doubts, quarrels, divorce, etc.) Scripture says, **“Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled”** (Hebrews 13:4).

The primary cause of all these sins rising among youngsters is pornographic websites. Many young people commit numerous sexual offences and degrade their own bodies upon watching this. The Bible says, **“All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body”** (1 Corinthians 6:18).

You may take these sexual sins lightly. You may even think, “Have I done something that no one else in the world has done?” But the consequences are dire. The memories of the past relationships you had with someone before marriage will be etched in your subconscious and cause you to carry a sense of guilt for the rest of your life after you marry someone else. You will not be able to lead a normal family life with your life



partner, which eventually may end in divorce. Not only that, but these sins also lead to many physical diseases (HIV, STDs, syphilis, gonorrhoea, and hepatitis B). Many suffer from mental illnesses too.

In the Old Testament, sins like adultery, fornication, and homosexuality were considered the greatest sins that God hated. But in the New Testament, the scriptures say that a man’s mere, lustful look at a woman equals adultery.

The source of these sexual sins is the eye. When we see lustful, obscene things, they first enter through the eyes, contaminate our minds, and cause us to do filthy things one after another, ultimately having an impact on

the spirit, soul, and body of that individual. “The lamp of the body is the eye.

Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light.

But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness”

(Luke 11:34). The result of these sins we commit is soul death. The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).

The Bible says, **“Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”** (1 Corinthians 6:19). It is those who do not know this truth who commit such sins and grieve God by defiling their bodies, which is the holy place where He dwells.

Dear young people who are reading this! The Bible says, “And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell” (Mark 9:47). Indeed, there are stumbling blocks and temptations in this world we live in. The source of all sins is the devil. He is quite crafty. Satan’s aim is to somehow get you, who are running for Jesus, to commit these sins and end up in hell. So beware of such sins and escape hell.

It would be challenging for us to conquer these sins on our own. However, we can completely overcome them with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**“In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us”** (Romans 8:37).

**Alright, friends, next month, let us learn about another sin that drives us to hell ■**



# NEWS

## Child rape cases soar by 96 percent from 2016 to 2022! A shocking report!

According to an analysis, child sexual assault has seen a rise of 96 percent from 2016 to 2022.

From time to time, we hear news of children being sexually assaulted by their own family members or other people. A doubt arises as to whether the number of child sexual abuse cases has increased or whether numerous such cases have come to light.

Newspapers, television, and the increasing use of other social media channels have enabled the news of many child sexual abuse cases to come out. In India, child abuse cases have been classified under special legislation, and the category of rape must be recorded separately by the police station.

In this scenario, the analysis of Child Rights NGO 'Child Rights and You' (CRY) has revealed the shocking revelation that rape cases have seen a 96 percent rise from 2016–22.

While speaking about this, Subhendu Bhattacharjee, director of research and knowledge exchange at CRY, said “sexual abuse against children in India has increased. All forms of penetrative assaults, including those covered by the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and special and local laws, the overall increase stands at 96.8 percent from 2016 to 2022. According to the NCRB report, 19,765 cases were reported in 2016, 27,616 cases in 2017, 30,917 in 2018, 31,132 in 2019, 30,705 in 2020, 36,381 in 2021, and 38,911 in 2022.

When discussing and addressing sensitive issues like child sexual abuse, enhanced trust in reporting mechanisms has increased. There are still challenges in ensuring that there is effective investigation, prosecution, and support given to victims.

While increased awareness may lead to more reported cases, evaluating how law enforcement and judicial bodies handle these cases is crucial,” he said.

- Dinakaran, January 29, 2024.





# GOD, THE TEACHER, IS AT OUR SIDE.



If you are someone who's thinking, "Why can't I accomplish my goals? There are so many things I want to do in life, but I just can't seem to get there." This article is for you.

Born in Kathmandu, Nepal, Shriya Shah-Klorfine was raised in Mumbai, India, before relocating to Canada with her husband. Reaching the world's highest peak was her lifetime dream. Shah's obsession with climbing Mt. Everest began when she was nine years old and had a helicopter ride up the summit with her parents. The 8,850-metre-tall mountain was a lofty goal and a great target. Did she, however, achieve her dream?

Shriya planned, trained, and strived to achieve this target. She mortgaged her house to pay for the expedition, at a cost of nearly \$100,000 USD. Thus, nothing prevents her from reaching the goal.

She started climbing Mt. Everest in 2012. It was harder to climb as she went higher and higher, but she climbed with the zeal and desire to fulfil her lifelong ambition. She ascended nonstop for seventeen hours in order to reach the summit. However, the weather was unfavourable. So, many advised her to stop right there. But still, there was only a little more to go, and in a desire to complete her life's dream, she moved forward. But she suffered fatigue and altitude sickness. Strong winds struck the mountainside, making the situation worse.

In a few hours, people heard pleas for "help" from Shriya, but sadly, no one could. 33-year-old Shriya died without fulfilling her dreams. Finding her body became a huge task for the rescue team. She lost her life; she lost the house that was pledged for \$1, 00,000 USD; and her husband was weakened mentally.

***If we briefly think about this real-life incident, Shriya had,***

- ***Self confidence***
- ***Intensive training***
- ***Courage, talent, goal, and everything***

But she lacked proper planning. She could have stopped after 17 hours of continuous trekking and taken a break in the bad weather. Shriya Shah, who dreamt to 'climb up', failed to plan her 'get down'.

We also dream only about reaching heights, but we fail to plan to keep up the position. We leap to action without pausing to consider whether or not this is the right moment to do something. It was impossible for people like Shriya, who claimed that "everything is possible" and that "anything can be achieved" without proper planning. They don't exist. But nothing is impossible with God; the God who said, "Is there anything too hard for Me?" is the one who is with us.

When we plan together with him, when he sits with us and teaches us, time and seasons are beautifully taught! You will never fail!

In the Bible, we read about Noah in Genesis, chapters 6–8. It was the biggest engineering project ever undertaken. Noah finished everything by himself, with God being his manager and designer.

The God who guided Noah on 'How to do it? What should be used? When and where to do' and gave him victory is still with you. Join hands with him and plan your goal. Achieve victory! ■



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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](http://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

# Youth Revival Meeting

In Tirupati, Andhra

Date: 7th April 2024 (Sunday)

Timings: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Venue: World Revival Prayer Center,  
Opp. Unlimited Show room, Tirupati.

Message & Prayer: **Sathish Kumar**

Contact: 79892 95442 / 94889 38305

