



Youth Trends

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A person is running away from the viewer on a road that leads into a large, glowing clock face. The clock face is the central focus, with numbers 9, 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, and 3 visible. The person is running towards the 12 o'clock position. The background is a bright, hazy landscape with mountains under a sunset or sunrise sky. The overall scene is dramatic and symbolic of time and opportunity.

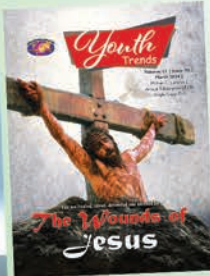
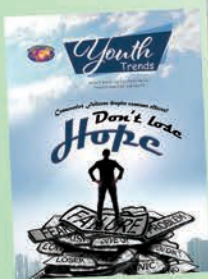
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Foreword

Rapidity!

A huge bridge in Baltimore, Maryland, called the Francis Scott Key Bridge, was blown apart by the malfunctioning Dali cargo ship on March 26, 2024. The bridge collapsed as the container vessel, which was the size of three football stadiums, collided with it. There were a lot of vehicles on the large bridge. Baltimore's citizens were saved from imminent doom despite the extreme danger they faced. The authorities in Baltimore and the 22 crew members on board the Dali ship were the reason for this great salvation. As soon as the crew realised the ship was out of control, they alerted Baltimore authorities and steered clear of vehicles that were passing on the bridge. With timely information, they took swift action and prevented numerous deaths. It's astounding that no lives were lost even when the Maryland Bridge collapsed, and all of the individuals were spared.

My beloved youth! Comparably, there are several occasions in your life when sin, fatigue, anxiety, and unfamiliar obstacles overwhelm you and cause you to become unsteady. In these situations, you have to follow the guidance provided to you and act promptly to avoid being impacted. Just as the officials on the shore quickly carried out the mission with the precise information from the 22 crew members on that ship, when you pay attention to the guidance that the Spirit provides you and act in obedience without delay in your life,

- Holiness, which is your strength,

- Faith, which is your breath,

- Prayer, which is your weapon,

- Scripture meditation, which is your treasure,

All these can be kept up. You must nurture, fertilise, and revitalise them day by day and eventually become a revival hero.

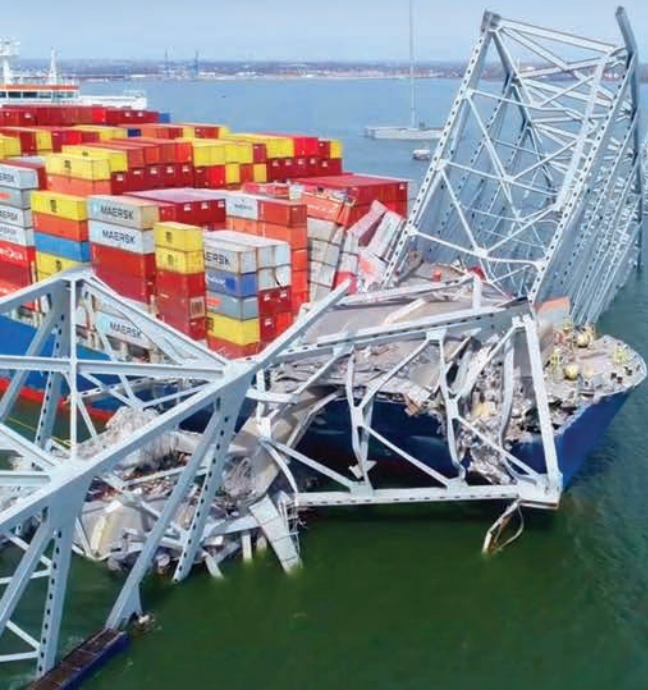
Young man! Don't waste any of the moments you have!

Young woman! Make the most of any chance that comes your way!

Because these days are evil, wait at the feet of the Lord, strengthen yourself, and get ready to soar!

"It is you that God trusts in this end-time revival."

In Christ's Mission
Mohan C. Lazarus





Redeem

the time!

Everybody's head is racing with ideas such as "What to do this summer vacation? Where should I go?" as soon as May arrives. Tourist sites are unavoidable in the summer, despite the abundance of options. Celebrations apart, it matters a lot how we spend our summer. You will have to shed tears if you don't live, knowing the value of time. Even if we waste money in our lives, we can get it back. Time wasted cannot be regained. As the proverb goes, 'Don't cry over spilled milk,' there is no point in regretting the things we missed doing. So we should act with the thought that the days spent will never come back. The social media and cell phones we carry around these days not only waste our time but also drive us to immorality and addiction.

The Bible cautions us about David, who squandered his time and fell into sin. "In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem" (2 Samuel 11:1). David didn't make good use of his time. David, who had to spend his time in the field of battle, neglected to do so, fell into lust, committed a series of sins, and grieved God. If David had assessed the situation and acted wisely, he would not have had the chance to commit such a flagrant sin.

Most of us don't act by analysing the time and season. Time waits for no one.



"There is a time to gain and a time to lose" (Ecclesiastes 3:6). Thus, utilise your time as efficiently as possible. This summer, instead of wasting time on social media and cell phones, start organising your time and making the most of it. Never give up your time to people who want to take advantage of you. It's your time, not theirs, to spend. Invest your time in achieving your goals. Perhaps waiting for higher education or a job, think about what to do next. Never postpone anything for "tomorrow," and remember that the moment you are in is yours.

As the apostle Paul acted by knowing the value of time in his life, "Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God" (Acts 9:20) in

many towns and villages. Apart from this, his period from 45 to 57 years is very important. During this period, he made three missionary journeys and glorified Christ. Above all, he used the time God gave him to write 14 epistles out of 27 books in the New Testament. He completed his run successfully, as he worked diligently throughout his ministry days. Take a look at your life. How much time have you wasted on worldly pleasures? You have to, at least, try to use the time that is available. Don't forget that time and seasons are moments of grace that God gives you. Take advantage of these summer vacations and do whatever ministry you can, either in your church or in some other ministry. "Redeem the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 5:16).

Jesus was well aware of the value of time. The days of his ministry on earth were three and a half years. The scriptures teach us how quickly he worked and ministered during this time.



"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work." (John 9:4).

He separated time into day and night in order to emphasise to everyone how vital time is. Daylight refers to days of grace. In these days, we must win as many souls as we can. Because there comes a time when there is nothing anybody can do.

Remember that there is nothing we can do in those days.

My dear youth! You pass through this earthly life only once. You can never go back and retrace your steps. Thus, make an effort to make good use of the time that is available. Our days and time here on earth are being observed by the Lord. Thus, make the most of your time here on Earth and earn eternity from it. Grow in the knowledge of Christ. You will be blessed forever if you make the most of each day and develop your skills ■

YOUTH REVIVAL MEETINGS

In Tirunelveli...

Date: **May 19**, 2024 (Sunday)

Timings: **2 PM to 5:30 PM**

Venue:

**Sarah Tucker High School,
Palayamkottai**

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In Surandai...

Date: **July 13**, 2024 (Saturday)

Timings: **10 AM to 4 PM**

Venue:

**Zion Campus,
Surandai**

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Message and Prayer:

Bro. Avinash





HAPPY MARRIAGE!!

I'm in the last year of my M.A. degree. My parents insist that I get married after completing my studies. Getting married is something I'm really afraid of. I find it scary to go into that life, as I am an introvert. Please help me get over this fear - Rekha, Tirupur.



Dear Sister Rekha, it's pretty common to have a fear like this. This is the fear of all college graduates like you. For parents, getting their children married is a big responsibility. Thus, parents begin planning the wedding. Talk to your parents kindly, and if they don't agree, try to think about how you can prepare yourself for marriage.

When it comes to marriage, the things that come to everybody's mind are a new life, a new person, a new place, a new responsibility, and many new things and new challenges.

You don't need to be afraid. But when you prepare and qualify yourself, this family life becomes lovely and joyful.

Jesus is not just the God who bestows wisdom and knowledge on those who study; He is also the God who gives wisdom to the

wise woman who builds a house. He will help you create and raise a new

family and help you grow into a mature, capable woman who will look after it well.

You may be an introvert, but your husband is definitely going to be an extrovert. What works well for you might not work well for him. In the same way, what seems negative for you will seem positive for him.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO ENSURE THE HAPPINESS OF YOUR NEW FAMILY?

ACCEPTANCE: Try to accept your family life as it is. (Avoid saying that my father does things this way; this is how we do it in our house.)

ACCOMMODATE: You might have lived in a comfortable place. If the husband's house is lacking in comfort or needs, try to adjust to that and live happily.

AVOID BLAMING: It is better to avoid blaming and zooming in on each other's flaws. Admitting a mistake and apologising immediately makes relationships blossom and flourish beautifully.



COMPLIMENT OFTEN: Make an effort to acknowledge and appreciate any positive deed. Words of praise hold greater influence in a married relationship than gifts.

DON'T DAMAGE: Never insult, talk down to, or degrade your spouse in front of others. This will ruin the marriage.

Try starting today to manage these things better.

After being a good daughter to your parents up to this point, you now need God's grace and wisdom to handle the many great responsibilities of being a good wife, then mother, and a wise woman who builds the house. Take a prayerful approach. Jesus will help.

HAVE NO FEAR! I WISH YOU A BRAVE START TO YOUR FAMILY JOURNEY ■



Colour is no barrier!!

Why am I fat? Why am I dark? Actually, I don't mind being like this. But this world worries me because of my appearance. What do I do?

- Ramalakshmi, Tiruvarur.

Ramalakshmi, you are absolutely correct. Even if we don't think about our problem, the world criticises it and worries us. But the world's claim is wrong.

"Black is an abomination" is the perception of our society. If you think that 'I should not

live because I am dark', what about the people of Africa? And it's also a wrong thought that being dark is not beauty. Black is also a beautiful colour.

How I see myself matters more than how other people perceive me. And their predictions and opinions cannot diminish or destroy the power and skill in me. But when I think lowly and meanly about myself, my downfall begins.

So, Ramalakshmi, never get swayed by the opinions of the world or the words that discourage you. They are to be driven away. The world can comment on anything about your appearance. But the Bible asserts that the loving God who created you has made you beautiful in His own image and likeness. You are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14).

Thus, Ramalakshmi, don't let the opinions of others around you depress you; instead, see what the God who created you says about you. Colour or beauty is not a barrier to your achievement and progress in life. Get over the obstacles.

A catamaran or a ship that goes beyond the tide can go deep and net a lot of fish. Don't get stranded ashore by paying heed to the words of the world! Go beyond it! Go for the gold. May the journey towards success continue!! ■



Mission Journey: Jenifer

Brave Timothy



Hey pals, how are you all? It's great to meet you again in the Brave Timothy series. I hope everyone had a happy Easter. Isn't it a glorious thing that we worship the God who was born for us, died for us, and rose again? Yes, the scriptures clearly tell us that "blessed are the people who have the Lord as their God." Yes, we really are fortunate. Do you know why? We are worshipping a God who died and rose again. So aren't we blessed indeed? All right, then how can we demonstrate that our God has risen? Can we also get into action like Timothy?



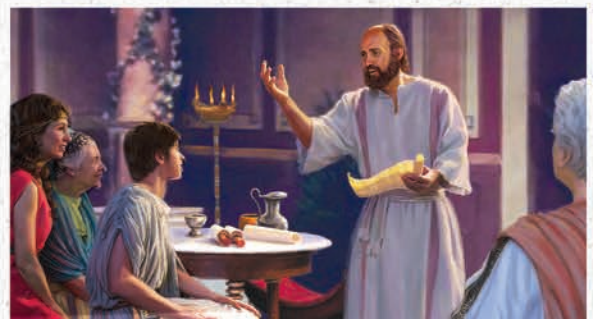
standing and pleading for him to come over and help them (Acts 16:9). They concluded that the Lord had called them to preach the gospel and immediately, together with Timothy, sought to go to Macedonia (Acts 16:10).

Last month, we discussed 'how Timothy was called to the ministry and the congregation's rapid growth'. Did Timothy just experience growth as he went into ministry? Not only do we observe progress when we start anything, but we also encounter setbacks and obstacles. Today, shall we discuss 'what really happened in Timothy's life and 'what are the struggles that he faced'? Come, let's get started.

After Timothy joined the Apostle Paul's group, they went to places like Phrygia and Galatia, as directed by the Holy Spirit, where they preached the gospel. They did not go to places forbidden by the Spirit. One night Paul had a vision of a man from Macedonia

On a sea voyage, they arrived at the city of Philippi in the country of Macedonia. There they sat by a river and preached the gospel to many women. After hearing the good news, Lydia and her family were saved and baptized. Timothy was overjoyed. Isn't it true that heaven celebrates with us when we evangelise someone and they get saved and baptised?

That's what the Bible says, too. When Timothy began his ministry, churches



expanded on the one hand, and many people were saved as a family on the other, but this was not always the case. One day they met a woman who was a fortune-teller, and she cried out that these men were the servants of the Most High God.

Paul was quite annoyed when he saw that she had been doing this for many days, and drove the spirit of divination from her. When her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul, Timothy, and others and dragged them to the authorities in the marketplace. They accused them of preaching the gospel.

The people who heard this rose against them, tore their clothes, beat them, and tortured them. Paul and Silas were put in jail. Timothy had this terrifying experience on his very first journey. At the same time, he also saw how the Lord miraculously saved them from prison. This strengthened his faith.



The Jews revolted against Paul even at Thessalonica, starting a riot. There was a similar circumstance at Beroea as well. Thus, Paul was sent away by sea, and Silas and Timothy chose to remain in that town. They would have confronted the rebels alone if not for the apostle Paul, who stood like a fortified wall. Wouldn't this experience have given Timothy the attitude and faith to overcome opposition?

The Bible says, "No one, having put his hand to the plough and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62). According to the situation, he equipped himself in Christ. He was not well received everywhere he ministered. On the contrary, he had to face insults and hardships in some places. But he persisted in serving Christ bravely and passionately.

Isn't it commendable that Timothy had the ability to move forward in the face of obstacles, like counter-swimming in such a large wave at such a young age? Young people often have a strong sense of dignity. Could he have carried on with this ministry if he had been more concerned with his dignity, where he was humiliated? Or could Lydia, Cornelius, the jailer, etc. have been saved if they had retreated in fear? Or could he have gotten the benefit of that? Timothy was timid by nature, but even in those hard times, with the help of the Holy Spirit, he moulded himself into a courageous person.

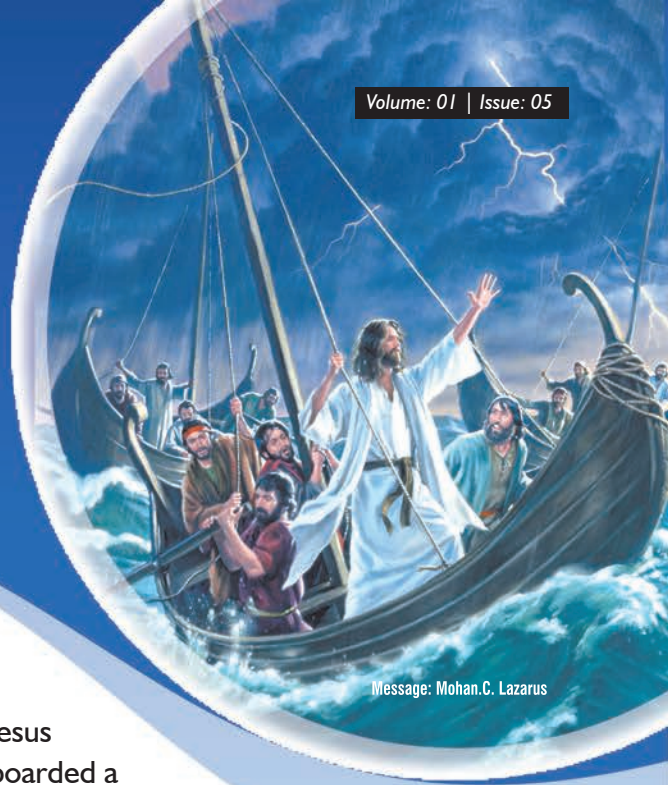
Perhaps some people's hurtful remarks during your ministry career discouraged you from carrying on. Or you might have encountered several challenges and obstacles. Do not be worried if this has caused you to become dormant. Be committed like Timothy; who knows, God could have chosen you as a tool to lead great rulers and officials into salvation.

- Mission Journey continues...

Where is your faith?



“Now it happened, on a certain day that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, ‘Let us cross over to the other side of the lake.’ And they launched out. But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, ‘Master, Master, we are perishing!’ Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. But He said to them, ‘Where is your faith?’ And they were afraid, and marvelled, saying to one another, ‘Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!’”
(Luke 8:22-25).



Message: Mohan.C. Lazarus

Jesus boarded a boat with his disciples and went in it.

He slept out due to exhaustion while travelling, as He was used to rising up early in the morning for prayer and continuing it into the evenings. At midday, He ministered to the people. So he used the time he had while travelling to catch up on his sleep.

When He was sleeping, a cyclone erupted around them, causing water to enter their boat. When the disciples failed in their efforts to remove water from the boat and safeguard themselves, they shouted, “We are all going to die here as you are fast asleep,” and woke up Jesus.

He looked at the winds and ocean and rebuked them, saying, “Do not make noise; stay quiet!” And immediately, they turned normal.



When He looked at sick people and commanded the sickness to leave them, they were cured. When He asked the crippled to get up and walk, they walked at once, and the evil spirits fled away hearing His words. His disciples were astonished that even nature obeyed Him and turned silent, listening to His words.

Jesus looked at His disciples and asked, **“Where is your faith? Why were you afraid? Why did you scream that we were drowning? Why were you in distress?”** And they replied, “The Sea was raging, and we were scared that we would drown.” And this was when Jesus asked them, “Where is your faith?”

Is debt threatening you like a heavy wind? Is the cyclone of sickness affecting you? Are you worried about the oscillations in your marriage? Or are you weakened by poverty? Jesus points out at you and asks, “Why are you scared? Why are you worried? What is the reason behind your distress? Where is your faith?”

Why did Jesus ask that?

No matter what your struggles are and how big the waves are, when you are faithful, you can overcome them. Faith will safely take you to the shore. Knowing that faith is the foundation for everything, Jesus asked, “Where is your faith?”

Can't the God who fed 30 lakh people in the wilderness for 40 years and led them safely give you a job? Can He not give you a business? Can He not make your children



study? Everything is possible for Him! But God says, “You haven't received because of your unbelief. You are scared of your situation and have failed to seek me; that is why you are sinking.”

Do you know the reason why most people are distressed? They cast their faith in their education, business, and job. This is the reason why they face layoffs in the office and losses in business.

The ones who put their faith in their kids are abandoned by them. We must learn to stand, relying only on Jesus. Your faith must be in Him, and then He will take you ashore. He is not a God who lets us sink. When Jesus is a sailor in your boat, travel with faith. He will surely take you ashore safely.”

My dear youngsters! Are you distressed about the problems, troubles, and pressures in your life? Trust in God. When you trust God, you will receive miracles and experience freedom. The faith you have in Christ will bring you blessings! Strengthen your faith, and you will witness a miracle soon! ■

Emotions

Fear

As youngsters, we live in a very competitive world. It is true that we have to face many challenges day by day, and in those situations, we exhibit our emotions in different ways. Especially when you are a person who suffers from fear, loneliness, anger, hatred, or depression, then this segment is especially for you.



Emotions: Getzi Clarwin

Emotions make humans unique because they are not given to animals or other living beings. Therefore, it is good to handle these invaluable emotions with caution because if you don't have your emotions in control, they will control you and bring depression, suicidal thoughts, inferiority complexes, etc., and lead you to an empty and chaotic life.

Dear youngster who is reading this, are you ready to understand your emotions and to handle them well with the help of the Holy Spirit?

This month, the emotion that we are going to look into is "fear."

HOW TO HANDLE FEAR?

The abbreviation for fear is given as follows:



It's an illusion of the truth. Satan is a liar, and he is the father of lies.

If you see in the scriptures, the Lord says "do not fear" to His children repeatedly.



There are many reasons that youngsters fear. Some of them are:



Fear regarding exams, results, and interviews.

Fear if they would get a job or if they would sustain the current job.



Fear regarding their future.



Fear about marriage.



Fear if they would live up to the expectations of their parents or others.

Fear about being ignored.



ARE THERE ANY SUCH FEARS THAT YOU EXPERIENCE DAILY?

When you patiently think, you can understand that fear does not come from God but rather from Satan. 2000 years ago Jesus Christ won over this Satan on the Cross of Calvary, and today, won't you be able to overcome the fear that is given by the defeated Satan?

A FEW TIPS TO OVERCOME FEAR

- You should first desire to come out of fear.
- You should believe that only with the help of the Lord can you be delivered from fear.
- Through the word of God and prayer, you can surely face your fears.
- When you face such situations, try to come out of the spirit of fear by confessing the below-mentioned scriptures. Have complete faith that the Lord will help you.

SOME SCRIPTURES TO OVERCOME FEAR

- "Do not be afraid. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today." Exodus 14:13
- For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, "Fear not, I will help you." Isaiah 41:13
- For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." Romans 8:15
- For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7

Dear young people! As we heard people saying, "Get used to living with Corona," never get used to living with this deadly fear. Our Lord desires to deliver you from all your fears. What course of action do you intend to take? ■

YOUTH REVIVAL MEETING

In Anaimalai, Coimbatore...

Date: **May 19, 2024** (Sunday) **Timings: 4 PM to 7 PM**

Venue: Sulochana Wedding Hall, Sedhumadai Road, Opp. Highways Department Office, Anaimalai

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

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NEXT LEVEL

Warm greetings to all youngsters. The journey of life isn't an easy one. It is a battle zone. Even a mobile game demands that you cross several levels to reach success. So in life, you should overcome failures, problems, and disappointments to gain victory. We present to you the journey of one such victor, who crossed all the obstacles and succeeded in life.



Achievement: Suma

Yashvasvi Jaiswal was born into a humble family in Uttar Pradesh. She was drawn to cricket from a young age. She dreamt of undergoing formal training and becoming a big cricketer. But his family's poverty prevented her from doing it. Since he had five other siblings at home, his parents were barely able to provide for their education. Though his financial situation limited him, she never stopped dreaming about becoming a cricketer. When he was 10 years old, he went to Mumbai to pursue his dream.

He started working in a milk shop, stayed there, and pursued cricket training in parallel. Due to the hectic practice schedule, he was unable to work long hours at the shop and was eventually forced to leave. Not knowing where to go or what to do, he ended up residing in a tent on Mumbai's Azad Ground. Then he started selling pani puris to meet his expenses. He stayed on the ground for three years and undertook his cricket practice. While he was suffering for his livelihood on one end, on the other, he was struggling to find an opportunity to showcase her talent. Hundreds of children come to Azad ground

every day with the sole dream of becoming cricketers, and it is no easy feat to stand out in that massive crowd.

One day, Jwala Singh, who was running a cricket academy in Mumbai, spotted Jaiswal's talent and was stunned by it. Aside from deciding to coach him, he promised to give him food and accommodation. Jaiswal honed his skills well with the help of the support he got. He scored 319 runs, defeating the opponent team with a 13/99 difference in the school-level Giles Shield tournament, and this became the first major success step for Jaiswal. This record found a place in the Limca Book of Records. Later, he started playing for Mumbai's under-16 and 19 teams in the upcoming years. In 2018, he got selected for the Under-19 Indian team because of his consistent hard work.

He gained the attention of everyone by becoming the man of the series in the U-19 World Cup of 2020. Then, when he was 22, he got 500 runs in a test match and became the second Indian to achieve this feat. He used every opportunity he got wisely, gave his fullest, and has reached his current status as a star cricketer.

Dear young achievers, though poverty stood like a mountain obstructing his dreams and numerous problems came his way, Jaiswal boldly faced everything and gained the attention of everyone through his talent. Today, he has fulfilled his dream. So, if we wish to realise our dreams, we should keep rising to the next level. If we keep advancing despite the path being hard, we will reach success for sure! Are you ready for the next level? Believe in yourself, and you will be unstoppable ■

Gems to be cherished

EPAPHRAS



Dear youths, glad to meet you all in the series “Gems to be cherished.” This month we are going to see about the man of God named “Epaphras.”

This Epaphras should not be confused with the Epaphras found in the Philippians. They are two distinct individuals. A lot of people will be curious to know, “Who this Epaphras was?” He was the one who was imprisoned alongside Apostle Paul during the time the epistle to the Colossians was written. He is from Colossae, one of the three Christian communities situated near the border of Asia on Lucia’s Riverbed.

In Colossians 1:7, the apostle Paul presents Epaphras the genuine servant of Christ. He was a prayerful person. He was a prayer warrior who wrestled in prayer for those in prison.

According to Paul, Epaphras was much concerned for the people of Colossae, Laodicea, and Hierapolis (Colossians 4:12, 13). Like his master, he prayed for the people even while he and Paul were imprisoned in Rome.

Epaphras means a prayer warrior and a real Christian. In every circumstance, he prayed for other people. He is a man of God who thinks about people who are in Christ. In a nutshell, he is a dear person (Colossians 1:7), a fellow worker (Colossians 1:7), a faithful minister (Colossians 1:7), an instructor (Colossians 1:7), a kindhearted person (Colossians 4:12), and a prayer warrior (Colossians 4:12). God desires us to wrestle in prayer through every circumstance we face. Let’s take the testimony of Epaphras as an example ■

Prayer Guide

May 2024

WATER BODIES

It is estimated that there are 24,24,250 water bodies in the country. 97.1% of them are in rural areas, and 2.9% are in urban areas. Among the total water bodies in the country, the states of West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Assam have the largest number of water bodies. A study has revealed that the groundwater level in India will decrease drastically by 2080. Depletion of groundwater threatens the livelihoods of one-third of India's 1.43 billion people.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Pray for uninterrupted availability of water in India's 24.24 lakh water bodies, like ponds, springs, and lakes.
2. Pray that there will be no harm caused by sunstroke due to the increase in summer heat.
3. Pray for uninterrupted access to drinking water.
4. Pray for the water bodies to be renewed and renovated.

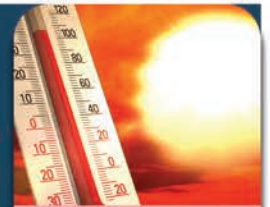


HEAT STROKE

Global warming is a major problem not only in India but worldwide. 2023 is the second time India has seen its hottest temperature in 123 years. Temperatures are expected to increase this year as well. Due to this climatic change, 2,376 people died in the year 2023 alone. By 2027, the average temperature of the earth is likely to increase by more than 1.5 degrees Celsius, a rise of 66%, according to researchers.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Pray for less heatstroke and climate change this year.
2. Pray that God will prevent any deaths caused by heat.
3. Pray for God's control over our people so that diseases and infections caused by heatstroke will not affect them.
4. Pray that God will shower blessed rain so that agriculture will not be affected by the heat.



SUICIDE OF STUDENTS

Around 13,000 students committed suicide in 2021 alone (i.e., 35 suicides daily). Among the states where student suicides are most common in India, Maharashtra ranks first, Madhya Pradesh ranks second, and Tamil Nadu ranks third. In 2017, 4711 students committed suicide. But in 2021, it increased to 5693. According to the report by the Ministry of Education, 122 people have died of suicide in central educational institutions like I.I.T. and N.I.T.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Pray for the deliverance of students who have suicidal thoughts.
2. Pray against the spirit of suicide that drives students to commit suicide.
3. Pray that God will protect the students who are waiting for the exam results from making any wrong decisions.
4. Pray that students who are struggling to keep up with school get some aid.



SCHOOL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

India has 14, 89,115 schools, more than 97 lakh teachers, and more than 26.5 crore students. As schools open, the school education department comes up with programs to identify and enrol students who do not attend school. The school education department has issued a report to give special attention to students who are not able to pay school fees, are forced to earn, have health problems, etc. to enrol in school.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. Pray for the safety of all teachers and students in India.
2. Pray for the government to identify the reasons for students not going to school and create opportunities for them to re-join schools.
3. Pray for the government to identify the students who cannot go to school due to financial crises or poverty and give them financial assistance to continue their studies.
4. Pray for God's wisdom for the students and for them to focus on their studies.

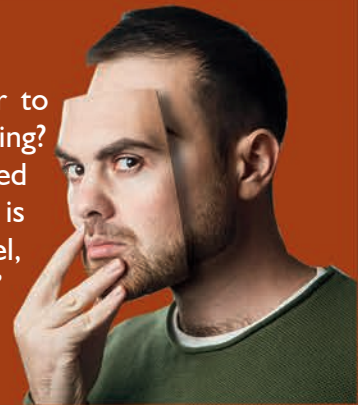


Ticket to HELL!

Hello Friends, Sin is the devil's trick to get us into hell. We learned clearly last month about covetousness as one of its tricks. This month, we are going to learn about another tactic Satan uses: lying.

LIE

A lie is something that alters the truth in order to deceive others or to escape punishment. You may ask, "Why do we need a definition of lying? Simply saying the word will be enough. How much would we have lied throughout our lives?" Lying is not only about manipulating the facts; it is also about concealing the truth. When God asked Cain, who killed Abel, 'Where is your brother?' Cain lied, hiding the truth, saying, 'I do not know' (Gen. 4:9).



In the society we live in, no one considers lying a sin. There are many people who justify their lies by saying, "Is lying a sin? A proverb states that a thousand lies can be spoken for a marriage to happen. So, there's nothing wrong with lying if it leads to something good, right?"

In this era, from youngsters to the elderly, everyone lies without any age limit.

- **When the mother asks the child whether he or she did what she told 'not to do', the little child lies, as it is afraid of the mother.**
- **Students studying at school do not do homework and lie to the teacher, saying, "I had a headache and stomach ache" for fear of being beaten.**
- **Teenagers studying in college lie, bunk off class, and go to the beach, park, theatre, etc. working people, when the manager asks them why they are late to the office, they lie that the train or bus is late or traffic is bad.**
- **Many youngsters lie to their parents, saying, 'I'm going out with friends or group study, and go to meet their boyfriend or girlfriend. Businessmen and entrepreneurs lie to customers to advance their businesses or make more money.**
- **Advocates employ false witnesses to win their cases. Some people lie to make others happy. Some lie out of pride.**

We could say a lot more like this.

What does the Bible say about lying?

Levi. 19:11 and Col 3:9 say, “Do not lie to one another.” In Eph. 4:25, the scripture advises, “Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor.” Moreover, one of the 10 commandments given by God is to not bear false witness (Exodus 20:16; Deuteronomy 5:20). Scripture says that false testimony that proceeds from a man’s heart will defile him (Matt. 15:19, 20). A liar will perish (Prov. 19:9). Look, Gehazi lied to Naaman that Elisha had told him to come and get the reward, and he got the reward, and then when Elisha asked him, “Where did you come from?” he lied and said, “I did not go anywhere.” As a result, he became a leper. His life was ruined (2 Kings 5:25). Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Spirit and died (Acts 5:4, 5).

Why does God command us not to lie?

The Lord hates and abominates a lying tongue and lying lips (Prov. 6:16–19; 12:22). Our God never lies (Heb. 6:18; Titus 1:13). He is not a man to lie (Num. 23:19). He is holy. He hates lies. God wants us to be like Him, who never lies.

Who are liars?

Liars are not just those who lie.

- **Anyone who claims to know Jesus but does not keep his commandments is a liar (1 John 2:4).**
- **Whoever denies that Jesus is not Christ is a liar (1 John 2:22). A group of people in our country accept only Jehovah as God. They don’t accept Jesus as God.**
- **Those who are caught by religious extremists, fear for their lives, and deny that Jesus is not God are also liars.**
- **If anyone says he loves God but hates his brother, he is a liar (1 John 4:20). Some are saved, anointed, and even speak in tongues. They come to the church and worship so piously. However, the scriptures state that**

people who fail to demonstrate love to those around them are lying.

Such liars deserve the punishment of Hell.

Well, from whom does this sin of lying come?



Do you know who lied first in this world? God commanded Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, “Do not eat of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, for in the day you eat of it, you shall surely die.” But the devil, the serpent, came to Eve and lied, saying, “You will never die; the day you eat this, your eyes will be opened, and you will know good and evil and be like gods.” Hence, the devil is the perpetrator of this sin of lying. He is the doer behind all lies. ‘The devil is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44). Scripture says that all who lie are Satan’s followers (Revelation 3:9).

The sin of lying does not affect us only when we live in this world. It has the power to take our souls to hell in the afterlife. All liars shall have their part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Rev. 21:8). Moreover, they cannot enter the holy city, the New Jerusalem, adorned by God. Everyone who loves and practices lies will be outside the city (Rev. 22:15).

Young brothers and sisters reading this! The devil is relentlessly striving to get us into hell by making us commit the sin of lying. We don’t consider lying to be a serious sin because it happens so frequently in our daily lives. Realise that lying is a sin, repent, and escape the punishment of hell.

Next month, we will learn about another sin that leads to hell ■



Monthly Fellowship

EVERY 1st SUNDAY (5th May)

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 (11th May)

BANGALORE (3PM-5PM)

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

MADURAI (3PM -5:30PM)

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

EVERY 2nd SUNDAY (12th May)

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

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!

THANJAVUR (3PM)

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

KOVLIPATTI (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
(19th May)****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
(25th May)****PERAMBALUR (5PM -8PM)**

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

**EVERY 4th SUNDAY
(26th May)****THIRUVALLUR (3PM -5:30PM)**

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

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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TECH - 4

Handle your

Pick up the phone

phones sensibly!

Hello Friends

I'm very happy to meet you all again through this article. Every month, you get to know a new technique for handling the mobile phone. This month, we shall see another useful feature.

We are living in a fast-paced world. In such stressful situations, we tend to forget certain things and write them down. Sometimes we panic about losing the diary or the paper on which we wrote down those important things. There are a few mobile apps that help us out in such situations. Let's discuss them.

Through the "Notes" app, we can make a note of those things on our mobile instead of writing them on paper. Few people don't even know that they have such a facility on their mobile phone. Generally, most mobile devices have 'Notes' as their default app. We can specifically note down the daily routine in the app. While entering the notes, you can attach the relevant photos to them. By using the "check box" tool, we can create a checklist for the to-do list and tick it one by one when it's done. Few note apps

have "sticky notes" facilities in them. By using this facility, you can pin important notes to the home screen of your mobile, so you may not forget them. But when we note it on our mobile phone, sometimes it may run out of charge, or we may switch from an old mobile to a new phone. This may make us think it's a waste of time to note it on our mobile phones. This is why we have this cloud storage feature on all mobile devices.

Do you wonder what cloud storage is? The notes that we enter in the app get uploaded through the internet to the respective company's server. At your desired time, you can access your information from anywhere, through any computer or mobile device, just by logging in with your email ID and password.

Alright, if you wonder, does the Notes app have such a facility? The answer is yes. If you download "Google Notes" (keep notes) and enter your information in it, you can



access it from anywhere and on any device. Even if you change your mobile phone, all the notes can be retrieved by logging your email ID on the new device. By doing so, you can avoid forgetting the important things in your life and keep all the tasks up-to-date.

God has given divine knowledge into the lives of youngsters so as not to forget things in their lives. Proverbs 7:1–3 says, “Write them on the tablet of your heart,” which means we ought to memorise the Bible verse at this young age.

After 40 days of fasting, Jesus was tested by Satan. Jesus used verses as the spiritual sword to defend him. The reason is written in Luke chapter 2, where Jesus sat amidst the church priests and had biblical conversations with them. Through this, it is clear that he has set an example for us to know the scriptures deeply at this very young age. So, let us engrave the scriptures on the board of our hearts and receive the power to overcome Satan.

See you again next month with another TECH information.

Loose the Knots

locate each of the following items in the Bible and provide a reference to where they may be found.

1. Talking donkey
2. Floating axe head
3. Crown of thorns
4. Colourful coat
5. Golden calf
6. Fiery furnace
7. Man eating fish
8. Forbidden fruit
9. Budding rod
10. Hangman's gallows
11. House on the sand
12. Seven seals
13. Dewy fleece
14. Chariots of fire
15. Prison earthquake

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



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Info series: Caleb



Train Journey

Chennai Nungambakkam railway station.

Andrew suddenly shook and woke up Vicky while he was having a sound nap after his exhausting day of work on the train that travels from Tambaram to Beach Station.



Andrew: Hey Vicky, Only you can sleep peacefully, just like sleeping in your bed. Ridiculous...!

Vicky: Yes, dude. I've been working a lot over the last two days. I just finished them. Alright, every day you take the 6.15 train, right? Why are you late today?

Andrew: I too had a tiring day today, and I'm worried about my pending tasks. I just need to pray about it.



Vicky: Better that we both go to America and get the chip implanted in our brains.

Andrew: Are you talking about the NI chip invented by Elon Musk's company?

Vicky: Yes, after inserting the chip, it is believed that if we just think about a task, the computer will complete it automatically.

Andrew: I too heard about it; it's quite astonishing. It looks like in a few years they might begin to use this technology.

Vicky (bewildered): Imagine if we could effortlessly finish all of our tasks...!

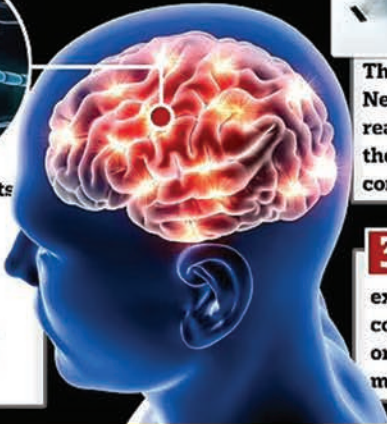
Andrew: It seems nice from one angle, but every invention has two sides; if it looks amazing on one side, it will also be deadly on the other.

Vicky: They believe it will be extremely beneficial for physically

HOW DOES THE NEURALINK BRAIN CHIP WORK



1 The brain consists of special cells called neurons that transmit signals to other cells in the body, like our muscles and nerves.



2 The electrodes of the Neuralink chip are able to read these signals, which are then translated into motor controls

3 This could control external technologies, like computers or smartphones, or bodily functions, like muscle movement



dangerous? Apart from this, it is said that the inserted chip can cause infections in our brain as well. But now this is in the trial phase.

Vicky: Are there really many risks in this? It appears that we will need to analyse every technology.

Andrew: Not just this... (He reluctantly ceased speaking.)

Vicky: You were about to say something but abruptly stopped. What is the matter?

Andrew: Forget it. Anyway, you are not going to listen to what I say.

Vicky: Common dude, it's okay tell me...

Andrew: I actually wanted to say that it is mentioned in the Bible that such things will happen in the last days.

Vicky (bored): Even if I say no, you will not stop saying it. So tell me. (Andrew explained a few things from the Bible, and as they were discussing it, they reached their destination.)

Their conversation goes on...

challenged people, such as the blind, deaf, and dumb. Apart from that, whatever problem occurs in the body, it will be found immediately; they keep stacking up so many benefits like this.

Andrew: People claim that it does not take a lot of time to insert the chip. If the person goes in the morning, they will be back in the afternoon with the chip. We can download the app from the Play Store on our mobile device and connect it to the chip through Bluetooth. In the future, as technology advances, if they link it to the internet, we will not have to look for anything on Google, but if we think of a matter for which we need information, the data will be stored directly in our brains through this chip. However, there are some issues with it.

Vicky: I knew it... I was just wondering how you could talk in such a nice tone. Tell me...

Andrew: Vicky, every technology has two sides. For example, you can use atomic energy to generate electricity, but at the same time, you can use it to create an explosive. Many nations now have atomic weapons, don't they? It's precisely the same way.

Vicky: Okay, but what is the danger in this?

Andrew: Vicky, hackers easily hack into computers, mobile phones, and software, isn't it? In the same way, if someone hacks the chip in a person's brain, the hacker will have complete control over the man. Won't this be



Finding a life partner in accordance with God's will and the blessings that follow!

The marriage that took place in accordance with God's will is mentioned in the Bible in Genesis 24:24. Aged Abraham desired to get his son Isaac married. Typically, a father searches for a beautiful, kind, and clever wife based on a variety of criteria while he is searching for a bride for his son. Nevertheless, Abraham desired his son to have a godly bride. He desired to find Isaac a bride from among his own relatives because there were no women with such attributes in the region of Canaan, where he resided.



Even at forty years old, Isaac refrained from saying, 'I shall pick my bride, whoever my eyes like.' As per God's will, he gave himself over to his father's efforts. Furthermore, Abraham refrained from saying, "I will choose for myself the best girl in my sight for my son'. He delegated that duty to his servant, who had authority over everything in his house, trusting God to work things out.

He had to travel about 1200 miles with camels to find a match for his master's son. During this journey, he was expected not just to find and speak with the bride's family but also to bring the bride along with him. Since he was from a foreign country, they should trust him and send her with him. The bride should also agree to leave the house of her birth with him. He knew very well that if all this were to happen, God would have to direct the matter. Thus, as

soon as he arrived in the town, he made a halt at a well and handed over his entire responsibility to God. He prayed to God, asking, "When I say, 'Please let down your pitcher that I may drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I will also give your camels a drink'—let her be the one You have appointed

for Your servant Isaac. And by this, I will know that You have shown kindness to my master.”

Offering a man water to drink is simple. Yet, it's not simple to water camels. Because a camel is a desert animal. It is called the ship of the desert. Its greatest trait is its ability to go for extended periods of time without water. On the other hand, it often downs 100 litres of water if offered the chance to drink.

The pitcher on Rebekah's shoulder might have been made of clay. Thus, the pitcher would have felt a little heavy on its own. Assume that it can contain ten litres of water. If so, she must have gone down the well and climbed up to draw water at least ten times just for one camel and one hundred times for ten camels. Rebekah's long-suffering, hard work, concern for animals, hospitality, and concern for the welfare of others demonstrate virtues.



God had chosen Rebekah to be Isaac's wife because she could care for the numerous

livestock, prepare a feast for the angels when they came to visit, and tend to the countless servants that Abraham, the wealthy man, had. The bride's family also enthusiastically conveyed their wish that “the thing comes from the Lord; we cannot speak to you either bad or good.” Even when Rebekah was asked by her family about her wish to go with a stranger, the fact that she offered to leave with determination and courage shows her faith in God. Isaac and Rebekah had never seen each other before. They did not choose their life partner by looking at their beauty or talent. They were integrated into family life according to the will of God and their parents.

Despite having been married for 19 years and not having children, Rebekah waited patiently for the Lord's timing, refusing to remarry her husband to someone else. When Isaac prayed for his wife, the Lord granted his plea, and they were blessed twofold with twins. When Isaac sowed in that land, he reaped in the same year a hundredfold; that means the crop was unaffected by worms, insects, or enemies. Descendant Blessing: Israel's descendants over hundreds of years have become well-known to everyone, even in modern times.

How happy it is that marriages are thus led by the Spirit, with prayer, approval, and the blessing of family members! That was the best wedding ever!!

NISUIN BERIYTH will continue...

YOUTH REVIVAL MEETING

In Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh...

Date: **June 16, 2024** (Sunday) **Timings: 5 PM to 8 PM**

Venue: **Christian Minority Hall, Church Compound, Kuppam**

Message and Prayer: **Bro. Sam Jebaraj**

Contact: **9962085523 / 94923 81258**



He Leads me wonderfully!



Hello everyone! Greetings in Jesus' name. This is the testimony of Sis. Agnes, who was very ambitious to become a doctor. Her parents, too, instilled in her the desire to become a doctor from a very young age. Come, let's hear from her about the dream adventure.

Interviewer: Hi Agnes... We are very delighted to introduce you to the readers of Jesus Redeems Youth Trends through this interview. We and our readers are very excited to get to know you and the paths you have taken in attaining your dream.

Agnes: Yeah, I am very excited to share my testimony with you all.

Interviewer: Well, Agnes, tell us about your family and your childhood.

Agnes: I was born as the eldest daughter to Mr. Kabilan and Mrs. Helen into a Christian family in Sawyerpuram, Thoothukudi district, and was brought up in the Christian tradition. I have a younger brother. Since my parents encouraged me to take part in all church activities from a very young age, I used to attend them all. But personally, I had no relationship with Jesus. My parents instilled in me their desire to become a doctor from an early age, so I studied with the dream of becoming a doctor.

Interviewer: Well, how did you and your parents get the desire to become a doctor?

Agnes: My parents named me Agnes after Mother Teresa. Apart from that, when I



was born, there was a doctor named Agnes in that hospital, so my parents wanted me to become a doctor like her. I was also very interested in doing community service.

Interviewer: Well, did you study well and fulfil your parents' wish?

Agnes: When I was in 10th grade, I used to study with the mentality that getting 450/500 marks was enough. Just like that, I got 450 marks (90%) and passed. To study medicine, I took a math biology group at a boarding school in Tirunelveli. Within a few days, I fell sick. So I joined the school in my town halfway through the 11th grade and started studying. Even then, I was in a situation where I fell sick often and was unable to go to school and study. Suddenly, a tumour popped in my hand, which made me sick further, and I couldn't study properly. When I was studying in 12th grade, I was very worried about fulfilling my dream.

Then my uncle told me that every month there is a monthly gathering called Synergia for youngsters in Nalumavadi. I and my friends attended it. It was a little strange for me initially. Then we started participating in it regularly every month.

Interviewer: Great..! So, how was your spiritual life after going there?

Agnes: When I was studying in class 10, I had a great love for the Lord. After that, I started seeking him out little by little. After attending Synergia in 12th grade, a change in my spiritual life began. I joined the Jesus Redeems youth ministry and started volunteering. I began to grow in my relationship with the Lord. Every month, I would arrange a vehicle and bring my friends to the fellowship.

Interviewer: Well, you started serving the Lord. Did you study the medical course you wished for?

Agnes: Let me tell you... When my 12th board exams were approaching, I could neither go to school nor study my lessons properly. Because of my illness, I was worried, 'How am I going to study and become a doctor?' Then I happened to listen

to the testimony of a sister, and I began to trust God like her. Since I was ministering for Jesus, I had the faith that I would definitely succeed. I prayed and appeared for my exams. When the exam results came out, I had just passed with 68% marks and therefore could not pursue my dream of becoming a doctor. But I did not grow weary. My parents also encouraged me to continue studying.

Interviewer: Oh no! You couldn't achieve your dream of being a doctor. What did you study next?

Agnes: On my mother's advice, I decided to pursue B.Sc in mathematics in college. I was poor in mathematics. However, my friend said that she was going to take the same course. So I thought that I could learn with her help. Learning math was more challenging than I expected. I also went for special tuition. No matter who taught me, it was very difficult for me to understand math. I continued ministering even while in college. One day, a programme was held at my college when the first semester exam was due.

In it, I had to do choreography for the song 'Jeythiduvan Naan Jeythiduvan'.





Sis. Agnes with her family

'Having arrears, how can I sing that I will win?' I thought. Yet I performed that choreo with the thought, 'everything works for good; let Jesus be glorified; I will clear this arrear in the next semester.' But every semester I was failing in one or the other subjects.

I would participate in all activities, be it in church or college. So when teachers tell me to focus on my studies, I feel a little guilty. 'My studies are a failure,' I worried. I faced constant failures. I attended an achievers meeting during my last semester. After hearing the promise that 'I will make you successful', I returned with the faith that I would complete UG this year. I wrote the exam. When the results were out, again, there was an arrears in a subject. I didn't know what to do. Then I had two options: either send for revaluation or write a speed exam. I decided to write the speed exam, went to the university, and wrote the exam. God graced me to complete my UG degree by passing first class in that exam.

Interviewer: After consecutive failures, you completed UG with a lot of struggles... What did you do next?

Agnes: After this, I did B.Ed. and God gave me great success in that. I began to grow in ministry. After completing B.Ed., I studied M.Sc. Psychology and successfully completed that too. God graced me to get the best student award at the same university where I wrote the arrear exam. I am now a Counselling Psychologist.

Interviewer: Super...how do you see yourself as a psychologist who wanted to be a doctor?

Agnes: What still amazes me today is that, in 2017 and 2018, when I attended the Senai Camp, in one of the sessions, we were divided into groups and asked to choose our preferred ministry. I just offhandedly chose counselling and got trained then. Now that has come to pass. In the beginning, I did not understand that it was my will to become a doctor and not the Lord's will. But I realised it later when the Lord chose me for this ministry, called me, and led me down a path I never imagined. Today, the Lord is helping me to counsel in many schools and colleges. God is giving me the grace to provide practical and spiritual counselling as well to the clients who come to me for counseling. He has given me many clients, not only from India but also from abroad. Today I am doing my work and ministry with great satisfaction.

Interviewer: Great...! All things work together for good for those who love God. Ok, Agnes, what would you like to say to the youngsters?

Agnes: You may wonder why failure occurs in our lives. If failure comes, we must know that the Lord is going to mould and use us. Since God knew that I should have studied math for psychology, he made me study math, which I did not like, and I came to know it later. Are you in a similar situation today? Surrender yourself to the Lord! His ways and thoughts are amazing. He will surely do things in your life that you cannot even fathom.

Dear young people! Sister Agnes, who wanted to become a doctor, has been transformed by God into a counselling psychologist according to His eternal decision and has fulfilled His will in her life perfectly. God, who said, "My thoughts are not your thoughts" will lead you beautifully according to His will. Hear His voice and commit yourself to living His will! ■

NEWS

TAMIL NADU CONTRIBUTES TO 32% OF INDIA'S TOTAL ELECTRONICS EXPORTS TILL JAN!

Tamil Nadu has continued to consolidate its position as India's leading exporter of electronic products with its value touching \$7.37 billion, a whopping 32.52 per cent of India's total export of electronic system design and manufacturing (ESDM) goods of \$22.65 billion, from April to January during the current financial year (FY24).

According to industry experts, one of the major reasons for the rise in exports is the China-Plus-One strategy of global majors like Apple, following which its contractors like Foxconn and Pegatron and suppliers like Salcomp added to the rise of Tamil Nadu as the country's electronic hub last year. Coined in 2013, China-Plus-One is a global business strategy in which companies avoid investing only in China and diversify their businesses to alternative destinations.

Compared to the export of electronic goods for the previous financial year (FY23), which was \$ 5.37 billion, Tamil Nadu has already exported electronic goods worth \$ 7.37 billion in just 10 months of FY24. The state's export of electronic goods is expected to reach the \$9 billion mark by the end of FY24.

"This achievement underscores the state's pivotal role in the national economy. Under the visionary leadership of M K Stalin, Tamil Nadu continues to shine as a prime destination for manufacturing and a hub for creating high-quality jobs for our youth. We are confident that we will keep the momentum going and set new records in our industrial journey," said T R B Rajaa, Minister for Industries, Investment Promotion, and Commerce.

The state has been making rapid strides in all areas of industrial growth, primarily due to its connection with stakeholders. Its strengths include the finest human resources, a robust ecosystem in all sectors, and inclusive growth, a government statement said.

- **Business Standard, 13 April 2024**

INDIAN ECONOMY CAN GROW AT 8 PER CENT TILL 2047: KRISHNAMURTHY SUBRAMANIAN

Indian economy can grow at 8 per cent till 2047, if the country can redouble the good policies that it has implemented over the last 10 years and accelerate reforms, India's executive director at International Monetary Fund (IMF) Krishnamurthy Venkata Subramanian said on Thursday. Subramanian further said that clearly 8 per cent growth target is ambitious, because India has not grown consistently at 8 per cent before, but it is achievable.

India's economy grew at better-than-expected 8.4 per cent in the final three months of 2023, logging the fastest pace in the past one-and-a-half years. The growth rate in October-December helped take the estimate for the current fiscal to 7.6 per cent. "And if India grows at 8 per cent, India can be a USD 55 trillion economy by 2047," Subramanian added.

He pointed out that historically from 1991 onwards, India's average growth has been slightly more than 7 per cent. Subramanian emphasised that India needs to strengthen its domestic economy as about 58 per cent of the country's GDP comes from domestic consumption. "Therefore, you know, we do have the potential if we can create enough jobs, you know, that will lead to much higher consumption," he said.

- **The Economic Times, 28 March 2024**



HAPPY Mother's Day

May 12

Mother's Day is celebrated on different days across the world. In India, we celebrate it on the second Saturday of May. This year, 2024, Mother's Day falls on the 12th of May. Mother's Day is observed to express our love and gratitude towards our mother.

To express your love and gratitude to your mom, you can...

COOK HER FAVOURITE FOOD

Cooking her favourite food and serving it will show how much you are concerned about her. If you do not know how to cook, buy her favourite food.

TAKE HER ON A VACATION

Plan a family getaway to commemorate this special occasion. Or you can take her to a mall or plan a visit to her parents or friends to spend some time together. Or you can take her to her favourite spot.

GIVING A HANDWRITTEN LETTER

This is the ideal approach to demonstrate your love for your mother. Write on a card or piece of paper how much you adore and admire her. She will treasure this present for a long time.

TAKE HER SHOPPING

If your mom loves to shop, take her shopping and buy her a gift. Your mother will be pleased, even if it is inexpensive.

BUY SOME SWEETS

If your mom loves sweets, buy her the sweets that she likes and enjoy by making her eat them.

Dear youth! According to the verse "Honour your father and mother" (Matthew 19:19), this Mother's Day is an opportunity to honour your mother. Make your mom happy by doing something she likes. Instead of limiting your love towards her just on Mother's Day, love her every day, as it is your duty and God will honour you!

