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*Stirring up an individual to preach the  
good news of the Gospel is the insatiable*

# THIRST...!



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# Foreword

## Insatiable Thirst

My beloved young people! Loving greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ! There is no doubt that God, who created you, is moulding, strengthening, and shaping you youngsters for a great purpose. I could sense that each month brings with it new challenges. There are people who rise above those challenges and triumph over them, and there are others who are overpowered and worn out by them. Remember that you are not just coping teens; you are achieving teens as well. Have faith that, like Elijah, you are the ones who demonstrate that "the Lord is God." No matter how many times Satan tries to tempt, undermine, and destroy you, don't forget that Jesus is there to watch out for and defend you.

Nowadays, a lot of young people have a variety of desires and thirsts. They hunt for it and encounter numerous hardships in their lives. As God's children, however, you can see supremacy if your thirst and desire are for God and carrying out His plan.

*William Carey, a young man from England, worked as an ordinary shoe mender. But bringing the gospel to India was his unquenchable thirst. Even at his workplace, he would spread out a map of India and pray. He devoted himself to the mission of preaching the gospel amidst many hardships and losses. In addition to sharing the gospel with the people of India, he translated the Bible into several languages, including Bengali, Oriya, Marathi, Hindi, Assamese, and Sanskrit. He also translated some parts in 29 languages. William Carey's unquenchable passion for God was the reason he accomplished tremendous things for God.*

*His motto was "Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God."*

**Many people offer themselves to God because they are thirsty for him.**

**Continue to be a thirsty warrior on that list,**

**to rise up, and to strive for the revival!**

**You could be the next William Carey God is looking to use!**

**Pray and begin to act!**

# THIRST

**Water is as important as food for human survival. The average percentage of water in a person's body is around 60%. When the body experiences a drop in this quantity, thirst occurs. Just as water quenches the thirst of the body, only Jesus, the living water, can quench the thirst of the soul. So he said, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink" (John 7:37). The river of life will flow into anyone who yearns for Jesus, the living water. Prosperity will follow him everywhere.**

Elisha had an insatiable thirst to receive the anointing that was within his master, Elijah. When Elijah's days of ministry were over and he was about to be taken up to heaven, Elisha decided to follow Elijah wherever he went, hoping to somehow receive the anointing of his master. Knowing this, Elijah tried to stop Elisha from following in order to test him. But Elisha went after Elijah relentlessly. At last, the two stood on the banks of the Jordan. "When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied. "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not" (2 Kings 2:9, 10).



Even though Elijah and the sons of the prophets forbade Elisha, the thirst and desire for the anointing did not diminish in him, so when Elijah was taken up in the whirlwind, Elisha followed, saw him, and received a double portion of the spirit that was in him.

Elisha received the anointing and arose fervently for God despite the hurdles in his path because he had an unquenchable hunger for the gospel.

If you too have been patiently waiting for God's anointing and blessings, don't give up. Ask the Lord with thirst, just like Elisha

did, and you will get. He who said, **'For I will pour water on him who is thirsty,'** will pour forth His Spirit, anoint you, and use you as He promised.

Born and raised in Germany, Reinhard Bonnke had an insatiable desire to serve in

Africa. He started his mission work in Africa in 1967 and initially encountered a lot of struggles and protests. When he was disheartened, God comforted Bonnke by showing him a vision of “blood-washed Africa” and by making the phrase “Africa will be saved” resound in his ears. After this, Bonnke’s spiritual thirst, which was quenched by circumstances, rekindled, and he began to intensify his work in Africa.

In the beginning, just a few hundred people showed up for his meetings, but as the days went by, lakhs and lakhs of people started participating and accepting Jesus as their personal saviour due to his fervent prayers and spiritual thirst. Through him, there was a great revival on the continent of Africa. About 83 million people were saved by the Lord through him.

Just as God poured out His Spirit and anointed Reinhard Bonnke, who had a thirst to minister on the African continent, God will use you too. There is only one thing you need to do for this. Ask earnestly, **‘Lord! Give me the thirst for souls’** and then you will receive soul-winning gifts.



Jesus Christ had a thirst for perishing souls to receive eternal life. When we meditate on the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman, we can understand the spiritual thirst within him. Jesus understood the thirst of the Samaritan woman’s heart and said to her, **“Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life”** (John 4:14). Jesus quenched the Samaritan woman’s spiritual thirst, and through her, he met many souls in the city of Samaria and quenched their thirst too.

*My dear young people, the Lord Jesus Christ is within you as the living water that quenches the thirst of every soul in the world. “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water” (John 7:38). Go out to the thirsty people in your community and start acting as vessels that satisfy their thirst, just like the Samaritan lady did. Jesus will bring a bountiful harvest through you! ■*



Counsel: Avi

# SEDUCED LOVE! SHATTERED MARRIAGE!

Heart Beat  


I am currently in the 12th grade. Everybody says that falling in love is wrong. But most of the arranged marriages often end in divorce. We can go for a love marriage instead. I believe that love marriage is preferable to arranged marriage since it allows us to understand each other better even before marriage. Why do you call it wrong and strive to separate us? - **Karthika, Krishnagiri.**

Dear sister Karthika, Although your argument seems right, if you analyse deeply, you will understand many truths. It is true that many arranged marriages end in divorce. At the same time, it is well known that most love marriages end in conflicts, disputes, or suicide. The reason is that many people fall in love as early as sixth or seventh grade. The love or attraction at that age can be regarded as a momentary pleasure.

Moreover, 6th and 7th grade students do not have the maturity or patience to choose their life partner. That's why they make the wrong choices. They lack the maturity and clarity to choose a relationship that has to last for 60 or 70 years. So within 3 months, or at most 9 months, their love turns sour, fades, and the relationship breaks, eventually leaving only wrath, irritation, and stubbornness in the marriage.

What does a high school student know about marriage? Marriage is not just love, songs, and romance as depicted in films and media. Beyond that marriage is the union of two souls,

- Understanding one another's emotions.
- Expressing true love.
- Respecting each other's opinions and feelings.
- Living in virtue without regard for other ladies or men.
- Being loyal both mentally and physically.
- Accepting new responsibilities with patience.



- Sharing each other's burdens.
- Giving in to each other.
- Tolerating each other's imperfections and running the course of life smoothly.

**Marriage is enriched with many such qualities and virtues.**

However, the 'D or A culture' has spiked in recently.  
**D: Divorce; A: Abandonment**

- Things didn't go as I expected, so divorce.
- She/he is not as I wanted, so divorce.
- She/he didn't listen to me, so divorce.
- There is no self-respect, so divorce.
- I don't like you anymore, so divorce.
- I earn, so everything should go my way, so divorce.
- I like him/her more than you. If you like, stay; otherwise, leave the house.



***This is the state of many marriages today.***

### **A true incident that occurred in the year 2023:**

A girl who fell in love while studying in grade 11 dropped out of school and eloped for marriage. Now, she has been abandoned with a child and is begging for help. The boy she loved and married has gone with another girl. Now she has neither her lover nor love; her family has disowned her; and she is living helplessly on the streets with an infant.

Since teenagers give importance only to beauty, appearance, and a comfortable life during their studenthood, they overlook the inner beauty, patience, virtue, love, sacrifice, forgiveness, and humility required for family life after marriage. Hence, such divorce incidents occur.

Only when youngsters attain the ideal age for marriage will they have the right understanding and maturity about it. So after marriage, if they understand their chosen partner and live with the virtues of modesty, good conduct, love, forgiveness, sacrifice, and a sense of responsibility required for the marital bond, any marriage will be fruitful.

During the studying age, if one's full attention is on studies, they can succeed. Otherwise, their thoughts will be distracted, life will be derailed, and they will end up helpless on the streets. High school, college, higher studies—all these are the studying ages. Try to study with full concentration, without any lack of attention or wandering thoughts.

Only when you study hard and live a successful life will your life partner, too, respect you. You should be an achiever, not a loser.

**At times, what pleases our eyes and hearts is not the best thing. The Bible says, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12). So when your thoughts, actions, and abilities are centred on academics, you have the opportunity to excel in everything. Therefore, think and act accordingly ■**

# Brave Timothy

Part - 6

Hello, pals. How are you all doing? I am exceedingly glad to meet you all through this series called "Brave Timothy." I hope you find this series beneficial every month. Last month, we discussed Timothy's first responsibility and how he faithfully accomplished it. What are we going to see this month? Any guesses? Okay, come, let's get started.

While Paul was staying in the city of Ephesus during his third missionary journey, he heard about the problems in the church of Corinth. Corinth was the third-largest city in the Roman Empire, after Rome and Alexandria. Since there was a temple of the Cupid there, the number of temple prostitutes was very high in that city. Not only in the city of Corinth but also in the church of Corinth, there was immorality. The church was divided by quarrels. They were even suing one another in secular courts. There was opposition to Paul's preaching as well. Believers began to lack spiritual growth. Sins like eating foods sacrificed to idols, lusting after worldly things, adultery, and prostitution were prevalent there.

To address these issues, Paul sent Timothy there. "For this reason, I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees

## Major Problems in the Church at Corinth

- Division in the church
- A party spirit, exalting preachers
- Enamored by the wisdom of the world
- Carnality among the members
- Lack of growth
- Sexual immorality
- Lack of church discipline
- Tolerating sin in the church
- Going to law against a brother
- Marriage problems
- Confusion over marriage and divorce issues
- Eating meats offered to idols
- Sinning against weaker brethren
- Putting a stumbling block before brethren
- Lusting after evils things
- Murmuring against God
- The woman's covering and being holy
- Perversion of the Lord's Supper
- Irregularities and disorder in public worship
- Improper role of women in the church
- Contention over and abuses of spiritual gifts
- Creating confusion in the church
- Mistaken view of the resurrection
- Misunderstanding about the collection
- *There are some things that have not changed in the church!*



with what I teach everywhere in every church” (1 Corinthians 4:17). Some members of the Corinthian church even opposed Paul’s teaching.

Timothy, who was raised in godliness from a young age, must have been shocked by the debased state of the Corinthian church. It would have been a challenging task for the young Timothy! Because he had to meet and convey the words that Paul told him to people older than him and the elders of that church. While there would have been a group that accepted what Timothy said, on the other hand, there would have been a group that mocked and criticised him, saying, “He is just a young boy; why should we listen to him?”

Since Timothy was naturally of a timid disposition, Paul wrote to the Corinthian church in 1 Corinthians 16:10, “When Timothy comes, see to it that he has nothing



to fear while he is with you, for he is carrying on the work of the Lord, just as I am.”

As instructed by Paul, Timothy went to the Corinthian church and accomplished the task given to him. However, since there were self-righteous people who were quarrelling with one another and justifying their

wrongdoings, Timothy became discouraged upon seeing their condition. He was unable to bring about the significant change he had envisioned. So, feeling dejected and with a sense of failure, he returned to Paul. Nevertheless, Paul did not leave Timothy, who had returned defeated, but encouraged him and sent him with Erastus to Macedonia.

For the first time, Timothy, who had been engaged in church supervisory tasks, had the opportunity to preach the gospel in foreign places. Until then, Timothy had only gone to preach the gospel with his group. But this would have been a different experience for him. After a few days, Paul also joined them in Macedonia and encouraged his fellow workers.

To encourage Timothy, who had come dejected and with a sense of failure due to the problems in the Corinthian church, Paul included Timothy’s name along with his own in his second letter to the Corinthians. It is because all the apostles encouraged their discouraged fellow workers that those fellow workers became empowered to grow the church.

Timothy was given another responsibility because he faithfully accomplished the first responsibility given to him. However, it was challenging. Similarly, when we are faithful to the tasks the Lord gives us, the Lord will entrust us with more responsibilities, one after another. And it will be a step higher than the previous one. So, even though it is challenging, it is not meant to discourage us. Those challenges and trials are meant to strengthen us. If you are facing such a challenge, rejoice that God is training you for the next level. It is a sign that you are growing in your spiritual life.

Meet you again in the next episode.  
(Mission Journey continues...)



# PRAISE THE LORD, and you will be Exalted!

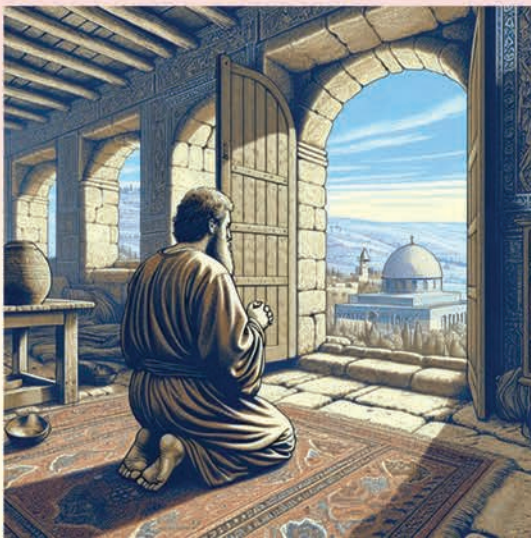
“So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, “Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you” (Daniel 6:16).



Message: Mohan.C. Lazarus

Daniel was brought as a prisoner from a foreign country to Babylon. Despite being brought in as a slave, God raised him up and gave him authority over the entire kingdom. Many officials in the country were jealous of the authoritative powers bestowed on Daniel. They said, “He is from a foreign country, but he holds a high position in our country, so we have to destroy him.” They searched for ways to expose Daniel’s shortcomings and ensnare him.

But they were unable to find any fault with him. They could not trap Daniel because he was an honest man who lacked corruption or negligence. In this situation, the officials tricked the king into signing a decree so that they could trap Daniel. The decree enforced that anyone who prays to any god or human being, except the king, for the next thirty days should be thrown into the lions’ den. Despite knowing that the decree was signed, Daniel went home and, in his upper room, opened the window, knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.



The jealous authorities went as a group and found Daniel praying three times a day and giving thanks to his God. They rushed straight to King Darius and reported, “Daniel is not paying attention to the written decree; he is praying to his God three times a day.” But Darius was fond of Daniel and did not want to kill him. He tried his best until the evening to prevent Daniel from being thrown into the den. But according to the law, even the king cannot revoke his decree. Darius issued the order to cast Daniel into the lion’s den because he had no other choice.

That night, Darius could not sleep and was saddened by thoughts about Daniel in the lion’s den. At the first light of dawn, the king hurried to the lions’ den and called out to Daniel with a lamenting voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve, continually been able to rescue you from the lions? Daniel replied to King Darius from inside the den, “Your Majesty, the Lord sent His angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not harmed me.” King Darius was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. There was not a trace of a single wound on Daniel when he was brought out of the den.

There was not a trace of a single wound on Daniel when he was brought out of the den. This story is reported in the sixth chapter of the Book of Daniel in the Bible. This historical episode displays Daniel's unwavering devotion to the Lord, as he was constantly thanking and honouring Him (Daniel 6:10, 20).

"I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalm 34:1). The above verse has two elements. First, we must thank the Lord; second, we must always praise Him, which requires us to thank Him on a continuous basis. We could see both of these features in Daniel's prayer.

To bless the Lord at all times is to thank God, just as we thank people who help us. It is by God's grace that we are still alive. It is by His grace that the Lord leads us each day and answers our prayers. For all these blessings, we have to thank God.

Secondly, His praise shall continually be in my mouth. 'To praise God' is to glorify the Lord. We can honour God by praising His name, awesome might, and marvellous works. We can praise God by saying, 'Lord, You are good, You are mighty, You are holy, You are a wonder-working God, You are a miracle-working God, You are El-Rohi, El-Shaddai, and Jehovah Jireh'. In this way, we can praise Him by glorifying and magnifying His name. Both of these features are essential and should be a part of our prayers.

God calls out to you today, saying, "My children, my dear ones, if you too praise and worship me like Daniel, you will be delivered and emerge victorious." Worship the Lord always. Praise Him and give thanks to Him. Then you will experience miracles in your life today," promises the Lord.

***"Indeed, it came to pass when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to***

***be heard in praising and thanking the Lord, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music and praised the Lord, saying, "For He is good, for His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God."*** (II Chronicles 5:13, 14).

It was a historic moment when the house of the Lord was built in Jerusalem and the church was being dedicated. The priests gathered together and lifted their voices with the trumpets, cymbals, and instruments of music. They sang, praised, and thanked the Lord together. The people also gathered together and worshipped the Lord, singing, '**The Lord is good, and His mercy endures forever**'. When they sang and worshipped together, the house of the Lord was filled with a cloud. What does it signify?

When we sing and praise the Lord, the Holy Spirit descends to fill us because our body is the temple of the Lord. When we sing and praise the Lord, the Holy Spirit fills us. It is imperative that we be filled with the glory and might of the Lord. When we sing and worship the Lord every day, we will always be filled with the glory of the Lord. As we continue to be filled with the presence of the Holy Spirit, we overflow with His holiness.

In the early days, when the people sang, 'God is good and His mercy endures forever', the glory of the Lord filled the church. Today, we are the church of the Lord, and we have to praise and worship the Lord with songs to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Then the glory of the Lord will fill each one of us, and we can become vessels of blessing to others. Those who see us can feel the glory of God dwell within us.



**Dear youth! The Lord seeks young people who can praise and worship the Lord always. Praise Him even if you are in a lion's den! The Lord, whom we worship, is mighty enough to deliver us from every situation! ■**

# Emotions

## Worry?



# WORRY

We youngsters today are living in a quite competitive world. The obstacles we encounter each day are numerous. According to those challenges, we express our emotions in various ways. Especially if you experience negative

Emotions: Getzi Clarwin

**Gone are the days when the elderly were the only ones who worried. Even kids and teenagers worry a lot these days.**



Worry about their physical appearance

Worry about hair loss



Worry when crossing the marriageable age

Worry about finding a job that aligns with their education



Worry about family background, financial status, etc.

### Are you one of those youths who worries about many such things?

Dear youngster! Gaze up at the flying birds. Although birds have many everyday requirements, such as food and shelter, just like humans do, have you ever seen one sitting anxiously and asking itself, "Why was I born?"? As creatures made in the image of God, how are you doing if birds can live contentedly without worrying about anything?

### Effects of Excessive Worrying

- ◀ Disturbs mental peace and causes anxiety.
- ◀ Causes loss of appetite and insomnia.
- ◀ Leads to physical problems like headaches, stomach aches, and chest pain.
- ◀ Lack of concentration in work and studies.
- ◀ It triggers irritability for no reason and increases the stress hormone cortisol.
- ◀ Leads to unhealthy behaviours like overeating, alcohol consumption, or drug abuse.



**The root causes of why so many people become entangled in a web of anxiety are:**

- When things don't happen as expected,
- When things don't happen within the expected time

You might be familiar with Martha and Mary, two sisters from Jesus's time on earth (Luke 10:38–41). In this incident, while Martha was preoccupied with serving Jesus, who had come as a guest to her house, Mary sat at Jesus' feet, listening to him. What do you think about Martha expressing her worry to Jesus that Mary didn't help her?

### Does Martha's worry seem appropriate to you?

If you look closely at this incident, while Martha is indeed serving Jesus, Mary realises 'this is my time with Jesus' and prioritises the relationship. Jesus himself makes this clear when he says, "Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

### Simple Biblical Solutions to Overcome Worry

- Don't overthink anything; in particular, don't grumble (perplexity disappears).
- First, let the Lord know the things that are troubling you and give thanks for them (God's peace will fill your heart).
- After giving thanks, make a request to the Lord about the matter and have complete faith that everything will be taken care of in

His mountain (the burden that weighs your heart will be removed).

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, present your requests to God with thanksgiving, and the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)**

*Dear teenager who is reading this! It is true that in this fleeting world we live in, the struggles and problems we face every day can cause us anxiety at times. But a relationship with God is essential so that we don't drown in worries. David says, "If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction" (Psalm 119:92). As we consume God's word more and more, it will melt away the mountain-like worldly worries like snow and fill us with joy and peace. Remember! If you make it a habit to read God's word and present everything to Him with thanksgiving, like King David, neither sorrow, grief, nor worry can overcome you. ■*

IN KARAIKUDI...

## REVIVAL ALL NIGHT PRAYER

Date: **19 July** 2024, (Friday)

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

Venue: Venue: CSI Church of  
Divine Glory, Kottaiyur

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

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# Revival Igniters Refreshment Camp

May 30 and 31, 2024



Revival Igniters Camp for the youths of Tamilnadu and Pondicherry was held in 4 batches: the 1st and 2nd batches on 14, 15, 16, and 24, 25, 26 dates of January in the year 2021; the 3rd batch on 21, 22, 23 June in the year 2022; and the 4th batch on May 3, 4, and 5 in the year 2024.

A total of 6257 young people took part in this. God, who promised to raise and use seven distinct generations, is raising and using them as he promised.

God is pouring forth all four types of anointing (prayer anointing, warfare anointing, prophetic anointing, and





evangelistic anointing) without measure and them in the revival, as he promised to do.

The Lord stated, "I will bring the best gems selected from these camps held in four divisions." Accordingly, a Refreshment Camp was held for two days on May 30th and 31st, 2024, during which the Lord brought around 1087 gems and renewed and revived them.

Those who were brought by God gained a fresh anointing and power to employ in the revival, and they left with zeal.

Bro. Mohan C. Lazarus and Bro. Sam Jebaraj delivered inspiring God's words and prayed for the youth to serve more effectively. The Lord has performed numerous amazing signs through Igniters.

Glory to God!





# INSPIRING FOOTSTEPS

Achievement: Suma

My loving greetings to young achievers. Life's journey is full of excitement. Some days, our expectations are met, while others end in disappointment. But keep in mind that this universe is constantly operating for us. Achievers are those who bravely tackle hurdles in a challenging life. Today, an achiever's life serves as an example for you.



Gaurav Chopra from Delhi worked as a shoe designer, collaborating with popular footwear brands like Bata, Hush Puppies, Puma, and Benetton. Realising customers' preference for open-toe footwear (flip-flops), he became keenly interested in manufacturing them. However, he found that these footwear brands did not invest much time and attention into creating innovative designs.

In November 2018, Gaurav, along with consumer brand experts Sumant Kakaria, Vikram Iyer, and Aprajit Kathuria, started a company called Sole Threads to cater to the demand for branded flip-flops.

Although flip-flops were popular in India, Gaurav aimed to carve out a permanent, premium place in the organised market for such open footwear. The brand's mission was to create innovative designs that appealed to youth.

Starting small with a low investment, Sole Threads was launched on major e-commerce platforms in December 2019 and received an

overwhelming response and consumer traction. Within just four months of its launch on Amazon, Sole Threads crossed Rs. 50 lakh GMV and was recognised as an emerging brand on the e-commerce platform. "Overall, it generated Rs. 1 crore in revenue within seven months of inception.

Sole Threads is made exclusively in India. Instead of simply manufacturing any style of footwear, it employs a variety of approaches, like graphic design, PVC straps, and so on, to distinguish each one. Sole Threads currently sells on e-commerce platforms such as Amazon, Flipkart, and Myntra, in addition to its own website.

While Gaurav's life journey may seem easy to achieve, launching a new brand involves a lot of hard work and effort to attract customers. Only then can one succeed. In a short period of time, these buddies banded together, worked hard with their skills, recognised client needs at the right time, and responded in a new way, propelling themselves to success today.







*Dear friends reading this, you must lead a fascinating life. Prepare yourself for an adventurous life. Your footsteps could inspire many others on their journeys! ■*

Compilation: Joyline John

# Loose the Knots

**Test Your Biblical Wit with These Simple Riddles.**

1. A little town of great fame, a manger, and a star's aim; in me, a Savior's birth came to claim. What am I?
2. On stone, they were etched, high upon Sinai's crest; ten rules by which all lives are blessed. What am I?
3. Afloat on water for many a part, I saved the species, both clean and not. What am I?
4. Through plagues and sea, I set them free, with a staff in hand and faith so grand. Who am I?
5. From pastures green to royal sheen, a giant fell by my simple means. Who am I?
6. To Joppa's port, I sought to flee, swallowed whole, spit by the sea. Who am I?
7. For silver, I gave a treacherous kiss, sealing my fate and His. Who am I?
8. Among predators, I knelt unscathed, my faith kept me unafraid. Who am I?
9. Wisdom mine, like none before, my temple's splendor—lore galore. Who am I?
10. A wayward child once lost, now found; celebrated with joy that knew no bounds. Who am I?

**LAST MONTH'S  
WINNER**  
**Jebitha Subhash**  
Mulund, Mumbai

Q&A

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

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# Prayer Guide

## Department of Education

In India, there are 14.8 lakh schools, 43796 colleges, 1133 universities, 95.07 lakh teachers, 15.15 lakh professors, and 33 crore students. It is observed that about 25 crore people in India do not have standard educational qualifications. 65 lakh graduates pass out every year. Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan is currently serving as the Education Minister.

### Prayer points

1. Pray for God to protect students studying in schools and colleges, and bestow good wisdom upon them.
2. Pray for awareness about education among students in our nation.
3. Pray for teachers and professors to have good wisdom and provide them with good teaching skills.
4. Pray for God's authority over them, keep them safe, and surround them with His presence to prevent accidents.



## Juvenile Crimes

As per the NCRB report, juvenile crime is increasing every year. 76% of the criminals are between the ages of 16 and 18. More than 1885 juveniles have been arrested in sexually linked POCSO cases.

Prayer : Benital

### Prayer points

1. Pray for an end to rising juvenile crimes in India.
2. Pray that the arrested youngsters will be properly counselled and freed.
3. Pray for the repentance of thugs who force minors to commit crimes and for the destruction of the works of the evil spirit working behind them.
4. Pray for the salvation of all juveniles in India.



# July 2024

## Alcoholism

In India, there are about 16 crore alcohol addicts. Among them, 7.5 percent are women. Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are the states with the highest number of liquor addicts in the country. Statistics show that more women consume alcohol in Arunachal Pradesh. 24% of girls over the age of 15 drink alcohol. In our country, 1.50 crore women are addicted to alcohol.

### Prayer points

1. Pray for the liberation of more than 16 crore people who are addicted to alcoholism.
2. Pray for school and college students who are addicted to alcohol.
3. Pray that God will protect them from becoming addicted to alcohol in their childhood and from losing their education, which will affect their future.
4. Pray that God will work in the lives of women who drink so that they will be transformed into witnesses for Him.

## People in queue for government jobs

There are 53,74,116 registered candidates awaiting government employment. 10,69,609 school students are under 18 years of age. 23,63,129 college students are between 19 and 30 years of age. The Tamil Nadu government has released information that there are 16,945 people between the ages of 31 and 45.

### Prayer points

1. Pray that God will provide good jobs to those who are looking for job opportunities.
2. Pray that God will protect the unemployed youth from making the wrong decisions.
3. Pray for the right job opportunities that fit with their education.
4. Pray for the unemployed graduate families and ask God to lift them out of poverty and grant them blessings.





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### EVERY 1st SUNDAY (7th July)

#### 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 | 9442979556

#### TIRUPUR (4PM – 6:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
#62, 2nd Floor,  
Benny Kumaran Main Road.  
9442885315

#### 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 | 9786212103

#### TIRUPATI (3PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
Unlimited Show Room (Opp.)  
7989295442 | 9488938305

### EVERY 2nd SATURDAY (13th July)

#### 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  
9750955548

### EVERY 2nd SUNDAY (14th July)

#### 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

#### POLLACHI (3PM TO 6PM)

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

#### THANE (5PM - 7:30PM)

R.P. Mangala High School  
(Near Railway Station),  
Room No.10,  
Opp. Bank of Maharashtra,  
Thane (East)  
9004882470

#### THANJAVUR (3PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
Near Balaji Nagar Bus Stop, 18B,  
TPS Nagar, MC Road  
9489775075 | 9444381971

#### KOIVLPATTI (2:30PM -5:30PM)

St. Paul's Matriculation School  
(Parking area Building)  
9677858766 | 9787322334

#### ALANGULAM (2:30PM)

D. No. 5/2, Vaanjinathan Street,  
North side of TPV Mill, Thuththikulam  
Road,  
9750955548 | 9965377427

#### THENI (2:30PM – 5PM)

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

#### SURANDAI (2:00PM)

Jawaharlal Middle School  
9443962141 | 9750955548

#### SIVAKASI (3PM -5PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
HOREB Complex,  
1st Floor, P K N Road,  
(Near Rathna vilas Bus Stop)  
9677858766 | 9442906567

#### SATHANKULAM (3PM -5:30PM)

Hendry Matric Higher Secondary  
School, Mela Sathankulam.  
9442885315 | 9786212103

**CHENGALPET (3PM – 5:30PM)**

Reheboth Church, Near old bus stand,  
9710809626 | 9488475315

**VILLUPURAM (3PM – 5:30PM)**

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

**ERODE (4PM – 6:30PM)**

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

**EVERY 3rd SUNDAY (21st July)**

**TIRUNELVELI (2:30 PM)**

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
Shah Complex, #43/R4,  
Rajendra Nagar, Trivandrum Road  
9750955548 | 9047480484

**COIMBATORE (4 PM)**

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
#90, 1st Floor, Arts College Road,  
Near Charan Tower,  
9894399599 | 9442885315

**TRICHY (3 PM)**

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
22A, 1st Floor Thennur High Road,  
Near KMC Bus Stop, Thennur.  
9489775075 | 8344119000

**JEBAMALAI (2 PM)**

Keelamathapuram,  
Kadaiyam (via) Tenkasi Dist.  
8300131000 | 9750955548

**CHENNAI (3 PM)**

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
# 5, Gandhi Irwin Road,  
Egmore, (Opp. Railway Station)  
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

**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

**CHITTOOR (3PM TO 6PM)**

World Revival Prayer Centre  
Kamlambal Street, Readspet,  
Kangareddy palli,  
9487734603

**EVERY 4th SATURDAY (27th July)**

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

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

**EVERY 4th SUNDAY (28th July)**

**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

**PERNAMPET (3PM TO 6PM)**

Revival Prayer centre, VK Road.  
9442885315

**DHARAPURAM (3:30PM – 6PM)**

2nd Floor, MK Arcade,  
Near Bus Stand,  
8248283373 | 9442885315

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# Ticket to HELL!

Part - 6

Hello Friends, The tactic that Satan uses to send us to hell is sin! We learned about the sin called drunkenness in the previous month. Now, let's focus on another sin that Satan uses against us.

## SLANDERING

According to the Bible, the meaning of slandering is “spreading false news about a person with the evil thought of spoiling their reputation. This can also be called false accusation, despising, backbiting, and defamation. We can see this sin prevalent in all places. Some individuals resort to malicious practices like slandering their colleagues and their superiors to tarnish their reputations. Others fabricate false accusations about their peers to hinder their career advancement. Even within families, daughters-in-law backbite their mothers-in-law to their husbands, and mothers-in-law gossip about their daughters-in-law to their sons. Some businessmen and industrialists spread misinformation to ruin others’ businesses or

industries, causing them to lose their reputations. This sin of slander is rampant in politics. One party defames and belittles another party, and one politician slanders another during press conferences. And when elections come, they attack and abuse others in the name of campaigning. The media plays a significant role in this sin.

It is common to see and hear people being insulted and defamed in print media, social media, and television media. Some even go so far as to accuse and defame organisations and their employees, spreading false news through the media to tarnish their reputations and even make money from it.

Speaking ill of someone behind their back is considered backbiting. In villages, some women get together and gossip about what’s happening in other people’s homes to pass the time. And if four old women in the village start talking together, the whole village will be divided.

The irony is that after backbiting and gossiping about others, these people will say, ‘Why should we indulge in such gossip?’ We can go on telling many such incidents. Such people who defame, badmouth, and despise others are referred to as slanderers in the Bible.



## What kind of people are these slanderers?

These are individuals who engage in harmful and unethical behaviours that can cause emotional pain, damage reputations, and create divisions within people. The Bible declares that a slanderer is a fool (Proverbs 10:18). What will this fool do? He will despise others (Proverbs 11:12). The one who despises others commits a sin by doing so (Proverbs 14:21). Slanderers reveal the secrets that others have confided in them (Proverbs 11:13). There is a saying that 'birds of the same feather flock together'. Similarly, backbiters love those who backbite like themselves (Romans 1:30, 32). The reason this sin is rampant is that we are living in the last days. The Bible says that in the last days, people will have 19 evil qualities. One of them is being a slanderer (2 Timothy 3:1–5).

## What are the harmful outcomes of despising others?

- Despising others is a sin. When humans commit sin, they lose their blessings.
- Let's look at Michal, who despised David as he danced before the Ark of the Covenant (2 Samuel 6:16). The blessing of having children is a gift from God, but Michal lost this blessing because she despised David in her heart (2 Samuel 6:23).
- Moreover, the Bible declares that backbiters deserve death (Romans 1:30, 32) and that God will destroy those who secretly slander others (Psalm 101:5).
- The Bible also warns that those who secretly slander and accuse others will be cursed: "Do not slander a servant to their master, or they will curse you, and you will pay for it" (Proverbs 30:10).

- Some people even go a step further and despise the Lord. Those who despise the Word of God will be destroyed (Proverbs 13:13). **The word is God** (John 1:1). Therefore, those who despise the Lord will be destroyed. Look at Numbers 16:30–33, where the earth opened its mouth and swallowed alive those who despised the Lord.



This sin of 'slandering' not only affects us while we are alive, but it also has the potential to subject our souls to hell after death. The Bible says that despisers, backbiters, and slanderers cannot enter the kingdom of heaven (1 Corinthians 6:10; Psalm 15:1–3).

Dear young brothers and sisters who are reading this! In the times we live in, the sin of "despising others" has become so common that many people fail to recognise it as a sin. Perhaps you are wondering, "I have been despising others for so long without realising it was a sin. How do I conquer this sin?" Today, commit yourself to God and pray: "Jesus, forgive me for my sin of slandering others. Prevent me from committing this sin again and grant me the grace to overcome it." Jesus will forgive your sin, set you free, and protect you from the punishment that comes with it.

**Dear youngsters, the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking to lead us to hell through the sin of "slandering." Therefore, be vigilant and escape the punishment of hell that comes along with this sin.**

*Okay, friends, next month, let us learn about another sin that leads to hell ■*



# Train Journey

## Part - 4

Andrew's phone rang while he was in the office. It was Vicky. Andrew couldn't attend the phone call as he was busy with a team meeting. But Vicky kept calling Andrew multiple times.

The next day on the Tambaram-Beach train...

**Andrew:** Hey, Vicky.. What's the matter? You called me several times yesterday.

**Vicky:** I just called you to ask if we could go out. What were you so busy at that you couldn't pick up the phone?

**Andrew:** Ufff! It was indeed an important meeting. Company executives came from all over India. Due to the wars going on all over the world, there was a big economic impact, and our company was also affected. Just to discuss it...

**Vicky:** Hmph... The same news surfaces everywhere! Israel-Gaza war, Russia-Ukraine war, recently Israel-Iran war... all these have greatly affected the global economy and export-import Andrew.

**Andrew:** Apart from this, many other countries are preparing for war. Currently, there is a situation where 10 wars will take place in Middle Eastern and Southeast Asian



countries. A cold war is going on between China and the US.

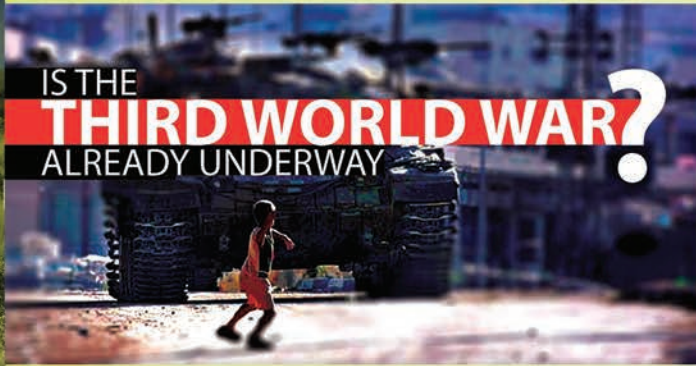
**Vicky:** On seeing all these, it seems there are high chances of a third-world war. I have no idea what's going to happen. This time, there are reports that many nations own nuclear weapons, which is alarming.

**Andrew:** Nuclear weapons are dangerous. They bring huge devastation. It is too terrifying to even think about...

**Vicky:** Wars cause a lot of life losses, famine, starvation, and death... Why does no one think about all this? The planet has reached the point of destruction.



## IS THE THIRD WORLD WAR? ALREADY UNDERWAY



**Andrew:** Let me tell you the truth, Vicky. Jesus had said about this 2000 years ago in the Bible (Matthew 24).

**Vicky:** What did he say?

**Andrew:** Jesus said, “During the last days, the love of most men will grow cold. You will hear war and rumors of war. But when all this happens, do not be alarmed.”

**Vicky** (really reflecting): Everything that is taking place aligns with what you said.

**Andrew:** During this time, wars are predicted to occur, and news about them will be heard. Since one of the primary indicators of Jesus’ second coming is this, Jesus, however,

commanded us to watch and pray at the same time.

**Vicky** (rethinking): There is a hint of plausibility in what you say.

(Andrew praised God in his heart, thinking, “So far, if I talk about Jesus, he would shut his ears; but now he starts listening. It seems like my daily prayers have begun to yield results.”)

**Andrew:** Just look at everything that is happening in the world and think. You will understand.

**Vicky** (stepping off the train): Don’t forget to come to the turf ground tomorrow evening at 4 p.m. All our friends will also be there.

**Andrew:** Okay, sure. (He waved his hand and said bye.)



*Their conversation continues.*

# YOUTH REVIVAL MEETING

## IN SURANDAI...



Date:

**July 13, 2024 Saturday**  
Timings: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Venue: **Zion Campus,  
Surandai**

Message and Prayer: **Bro. Avinash**

Contact: 9750955548,  
9443962141, 9443971759

## IN VELACHERY...

Date:

**July 14, 2024 (Sunday)**  
Timings: 4 PM to 7 PM

Venue: **Advent Christian High  
School Campus, Gandhi Road,  
Velachery, Chennai - 41**

Contact: 9488475315,  
9884410258



Since last month, we have been meditating on the obstacles that the enemy brings when a child of God makes efforts to find a life partner according to God's will. This month too, we are going to meditate on the topic of "self-will." Every individual has a will or wish for his life. According to that, they choose their stream of education, profession, education, and lifestyle. This will also pertain to their choice of life partner. There is nothing wrong with aspiring for these things, but it shouldn't be the case that one thinks life is not worth living if it is not going according to one's will.

A nice young girl was about to get engaged to a young man who was a teacher. But, out of nowhere, she got a proposal from an affluent family. The young girl's parents were leaning more towards the proposal from the young teacher, knowing that they are well-known and devoted to God. But the daughter was attracted to the amenities that come with the wealth.

She thought that if she were to marry the wealthy groom, she could become the owner of that expensive car she always wanted to have, and since the groom's job demands that he travel abroad, she would get opportunities as well. So, she decided to go ahead with the wealthy groom,

irrespective of her parents' concerns. She had a grand wedding. And she indeed travelled in that luxurious car she always wanted to, and she even visited a foreign country once. But only after some days did she learn about the husband's drinking habits and short temper. She had money and people to take care of things around her, but she had no happiness or peace of heart. Instead, she always lived in fear, thinking that her husband was going to come home drunk and fight with her. And then she realised the consequences of her self-will.



In another family, a young man wanted his future wife to be well-educated and well-earning. He thought such a wife could share the family burden with him, and

they could have a posh life. Keeping this in mind, this young guy denied all the proposals and finally married a girl who fit his criteria. But later, he realised all the money she earned wasn't enough for her own expenses. Amazon people keep coming home every day, delivering expensive clothes, accessories, footwear, etc. Not only that, she called her husband by name, saying "You and I earn equally," but also refused to fulfil her responsibilities as a wife. The husband was heartbroken and later regretted his decisions.

Let such incidents be a warning to those who are seduced by the external appearance of the bride or groom—high education, job, wealth, status, foreign passion, comfortable life—and stubbornly set up their married life. I'm not saying it's wrong to be wishful about things, but share your wishes with God and pray for a partner with values. Sometimes God might say yes,



sometimes no, but whatever it is, put your trust in God and be happy with what you get.

In the Bible, King David knew in advance that he would rule Israel because of the anointing done by the prophet Samuel. When David heard the news that King Saul and his sons had died in the war, who wanted to drive him out and kill him, even though David wanted to live in his motherland, Judah, he made it known to his God and inquired, 'Can I go to one of the cities of Judah?', and only when the Lord said, 'Go', did he take his wives with him (2 Sam 2:1). Later, he came to the throne and ruled for 40 glorious years. But, during the period of Judges, because there was a famine in the city, Elimelech left his land to live in Moab without inquiring with God and never returned (Ruth 1:1, 2).

**Dear children! When you surrender yourself to God's will before doing anything, God will create a blessed life.**

*See you next month with another Nisuin Beriyyth!*

# YOUTH REVIVAL MEETING

## IN VELACHERY...

Date:

**August 15, 2024 (Thursday)**

Timings: 10 AM to 4 PM

Venue: **CSI ALL ST. CHURCH,  
Parish Hall**

Message and Prayer:

**Bro. Avinash**

Contact: 94860 37586,  
94878 56205

## IN MADATHUKULAM - TIRUPUR

Date:

**July 21, 2024 (Sunday)**

Timings: 4 PM to 7 PM

Venue: **Open Bible Church,  
Madathukulam**

Message and Prayer:

**Bro. Satish kumar**

Contact: 99427 80243, 98659 19658,  
82483 83373.





**Bro. Godwin**

# TECH SCIENTIST!

Testimony: Joyline John

Born into a Christian family and nurtured in a spiritual life, despite his lack of interest in academics, he pursued his passion for computers with great zeal, and today he stands as a successful technology entrepreneur. Let's listen to Brother Godwin narrate his journey.

## ***We see you as a successful entrepreneur today. Were you studious in school, or did it evolve over time?***

From a young age, I struggled with my studies. From 6th to 12th grade, I faced continuous failure. However, I would somehow pass the annual exams. I still don't understand how I passed 7th grade after first receiving a "fail" grade. Somehow, the Lord guided me through each phase. Studies never really worked out for me.

But I had a strong desire to achieve something with computers. So I used to spend most of my time on it. Because of this, in 10th grade, my computer was hidden at home, so I couldn't use it. This made me determined that the day I finished my exams, I would buy a new computer. Studies were very difficult for me.

## ***Can you share some of the challenges you faced in your studies?***

From a young age, subjects like math and science were difficult for me. No matter how much I studied or attended classes, success seemed unattainable. During those times, my mother's frequent words, "Hold on to God," comforted me. I firmly held on to the verse, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

## ***Okay, how did you get through the difficult academic journey with your mother's advice and the Lord's help?***

For the 10th grade public exam, everyday tuition started at 6 a.m. and went until 10 p.m. I was always engaged. I would return home only at 10 p.m. Apart from that, there were no leaves for academically recessive students. We had special classes from morning

until evening at school. I studied everything at school. When I went to write the public exam and saw the question paper, I couldn't recall anything I had studied. Everything was forgotten. Somehow, I finished writing the exam and was relieved. The night before the results, I was gripped by fear: "Jesus, what will I do if I fail?" The results were out, and to our astonishment, I passed miraculously. The Lord incredibly helped me complete 10th grade. Though my scores were low, I was overjoyed.

***Wonderful...! So you somehow completed 10th grade. How did you study for 12th grade?***

Just like I attended tuition for 10th grade, I did the same for 12th grade. After writing the exams, I enjoyed the vacation. The night before the results, I couldn't sleep, thinking about whether I would pass or not and what marks I would get. On the result day, since there was no internet, I couldn't check my results. My principal's son, who studied with me, had checked my results and called my house. When my mother answered the phone, she exclaimed, "Praise Jesus." That's when I felt alive. I was exceedingly glad that I had passed. After clearing 12th grade, I got admitted to college. Since I had a great passion for computers, I pursued a B.E. in computer engineering in college. The Lord led me through many changes in college.



***Exciting...! What were the changes you experienced in college?***

In my 3rd year of college, during the vacation when I went home, my father asked me to develop software for his friend, who was a doctor. I told my father that I was still studying and didn't know how to do it. But he insisted that since I knew computers from 12th grade, I should be able to do it. So I took the order from the doctor and

promised to deliver it in 2 months, taking an advance payment. I had no idea how to develop the software. I tried various things. After a month, I hadn't done anything. One day, sitting in front of the computer, confused about what to do, I searched for any IT friends who could help but found none. Then, through extensive Google searches, God helped me to programme more than what the doctor had asked for. When I completed it and delivered more than he expected, his wife also asked for a programme, which God helped me complete. This was my first project.

***Fabulous...! You became a software developer while still in college. Did you continue studying after that? Can you share about your career?***

After completing computer engineering, God blessed me to pursue a Masters in Information Technology from Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. During my studies



there, God gave me wisdom and grace to excel in the IT field and learn various technological aspects.

Even while I was studying in Australia, God helped me form a team in India, and they were developing various software. After completing my studies, I came to India, established the team, and started a business. One day, my father again asked me to develop “streaming software”. By God’s grace, I was able to complete that as well. Gradually, based on customer requirements, we innovated and developed many advanced software solutions. This is how the business grew.

### ***Glory to God! God has abundantly blessed and elevated you in your career. How was your married life?***

In 2010, God gave me a beautiful and prayerful spiritual wife named Sunitha. However, we waited 12 years for a child. That period was the most difficult time of our lives. Our faith was tested in unexpected ways. The societal pressures, doubts about life, and waiting for God’s promise were not easy. The verse “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, continue steadfastly in prayer” (Romans 12:12) guided us.

The encouragement and support from the church, family, and close friends helped us immensely. The years we waited for a child strengthened our faith and taught us many things. After 12 years, true to His promise, on January 17, 2023, God gave us a beautiful baby boy, taking away our disgrace. Praise be to God, who removed our reproach.



Bro. Godwin with his Family

### ***Hallelujah! Seeing what God has done in your life is truly amazing. So, currently, what do you do?***

In 2016, God helped me start my own US-based software development company (Altrosyn Technologies Private Limited). We now have over 25 skilled developers creating new technological software solutions. God has helped us complete over 2000 projects. Additionally, God has also given me another Indian-based IT company, CD TECH INNOVATIONS PRIVATE LIMITED, which He is helping me manage.

### ***What would you like to say to the youth?***

God has transformed me, who faced continuous failures in studies and was deemed good for nothing, into a Tech Scientist through His infinite wisdom, enabling me to do unimaginable things. No matter how difficult the path, remain steadfast in hope and persevere in prayer. Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy. Have faith in God’s plan for your life. God’s promises will surely be fulfilled. No matter what disgrace, reproach, or struggles come your way, if you remain in the Lord, He will accomplish everything perfectly.

***Dear beloved youth! Are you also like Brother Godwin, lacking academic progress but desiring to achieve something? The Lord will surely open doors for you as well. All you need to do is wait, believe in His promises, and pray. You, too, can attain great heights!! ■***

# NEWS

## GAZA WAR MAY LAST TILL END OF 2024, WARNS ISRAEL AMID RAFAH OFFENSIVE

Israel warned that the war in Gaza may last for seven more months as it intensifies its offensive in the border city of Rafah. After sparking global outrage for its airstrikes in Rafah, Israel has warned that the war in Gaza may extend for at least seven more months.

Tzachi Hanegbi, Israel's national security adviser, indicated that 2024 had been designated a "year of combat" by Israel's war cabinet. "We are now in the fifth month of 2024, which means we expect another seven months of fighting to deepen our achievements and achieve our goal of destroying the military and governmental capabilities of Hamas and Islamic Jihad," Hanegbi stated.

These remarks by the top Israeli official come as military tanks were seen advancing towards the Rafah despite mounting pressure on the country to halt its operations amid global outrage. The Israeli government earlier said that entering Rafah would mark the final stage of its war with Hamas. However, the intensifying offensive in the south Gaza city has claimed dozens of civilian lives so far. After Israel's most recent airstrike in Rafah, 45 civilians including children died and over 200 were left injured.

The shelling and airstrikes led to multiple casualties in a refugee shelter in Rafah, where people were residing in outdoor tents. Footage from the Tal al-Sultan camp depicted scenes of horror, with charred bodies extracted from rubble and a man holding the headless body of a child amidst raging fires. Despite earlier considerations for a ceasefire-for-hostages deal with Hamas, a faction of Israel's war cabinet advocated for proceeding with the Rafah offensive, prioritizing the destruction of the group over the return of hostages believed to be in Gaza.

Israel commenced its series of attacks in Gaza after Hamas' unprecedented attack on October 7, resulting in approximately 1,200 casualties and the abduction of around 250 individuals. Israel said that around 125 people are still being held hostage by Hamas, most likely in Gaza.

In response, Israel launched a devastating offensive in Gaza, claiming the lives of over 36,000 people, according to Palestinian officials.

- *Hindustan Times*, May 30, 2024

## 'GREAT DAMAGE WAS DONE TODAY':

ELON MUSK SPEAKS OUT ON DONALD TRUMP'S HUSH MONEY CONVICTION'



Tesla CEO Elon Musk came out in support of Donald Trump hours after he became the first US president to be convicted of a crime on Thursday when a New York jury found him guilty of falsifying documents to cover up a payment to silence a porn star ahead of the 2016 election.

The 12-member jury pronounced Trump guilty on all 34 felony counts he faced. A New York court set sentencing for July 11, just days before the Republican Party is scheduled to formally nominate Trump for president ahead of the Nov. 5 election. Trump, however, has denied wrongdoing and is expected to appeal.

"Indeed, great damage was done today to the public's faith in the American legal system. If a former President can be criminally convicted over such a trivial matter – motivated by politics, rather than justice – then anyone is at risk of a similar fate," the Tesla CEO said in a post on X.

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# Handle your phones sensibly

Dear youths, my loving greetings to you in the sweet name of Jesus Christ. We learned about cloud storage last month, and how Google Sheets and Docs are interoperable with it. Let's take a look at Google Photos this month, which works with cloud storage.

It's commonly believed that memories are the only things that last in this world. Nowadays, photos have a significant impact on reliving our past. Prior to the invention of mobile phones, photos were just printed sheets; they would be preserved in an album. After the invention of mobile phone photography, everyone started taking photos on mobile phones. However, all data and pictures will be lost if the phone unexpectedly malfunctions.

Losing some important photos would hurt worse. As a solution to this, we have cloud storage to help in such a situation. Numerous websites that save images in the cloud include Drop Box, Microsoft One Drive, iCloud, and Google Photos. Almost all websites offering cloud storage have a usage fee. We will examine Google Photos this month.

- ◀ Unlimited storage for photos up to 16 pixels and 1080p videos. (You can store as much as you want.)
- ◀ If you want to upload photos in original quality, you can use up to 15 GB.
- ◀ Works with both iOS and Android smartphones. Using a web browser, you may also access the website <https://www.google.com/photos>.

◀ Google Photos has machine learning technology, so photos can be organised easily. For instance, if you type in "cars," it will only show you the pictures you have already taken of cars. If you search for a place name, it will show you all the photos you have taken at that place.

◀ If you register names based on faces, you can filter and find a specific person from all the photos you have uploaded so far.

◀ Sharing captured pictures is simple. (Without downloading) Thus, Google Photos helps us recollect our memories anywhere and anytime easily without getting lost.

*Dear youth! If man, endowed with God's knowledge, is capable of creating such exquisite technology that can remember and save our stuff from destruction, how certain is it that God, who created us, will preserve us in His memory? Scripture says, "Behold, I have drawn you on the palms of my hands; your walls are always before me." You are engraved in the palms of the Almighty God and are always remembered by Him. No one can take you away from Him or erase you from His memory!*

Okay friends, I'll be back next month with another tech update. Goodbye!

