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My beloved young people!

Greetings to you in the gracious name of Jesus Christ! I offer my heartfelt thanks to God, who has protected you as the apple of His eye for the past month. In our current world, self-centredness seems prevalent. People often think only of themselves, neglecting to consider the needs and suffering of others. We live in an era where we rarely pause to understand or enquire about the pain of those around us.

Yet, our God is different. He asks, "How are you doing? What can I do for you?" He deeply understands our circumstances and offers His assistance.

 ✓ When He saw Hagar wandering like an orphan in the wilderness, He enquired, "Where have you come from, and where are you going?" Despite her status as a slave, He provided her comfort, heard her cries, and showed her a new path.

• When blind **Bartimaeus** called out from the roadside, Jesus stopped and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" Even while others tried to silence him, Jesus heard his cry of faith from afar and healed him, restoring his sight.

✓ For 38 years, a man forgotten by society and abandoned by his family lay by the pool. Jesus sought him out and asked, "Do you wish to be made well?" Despite the man's many moments of despair, Jesus' question brought him liberation and a new beginning.

Dear young readers, do you often find yourselves yearning for someone to care for and to show you love? There is a God who understands your deepest sorrows and has beautiful plans for your life, filled with blessings and victories.

When you commit to living a life relying upon Him, you can become a blessing to many.

Jesus, who sought you out and lifted you up, now calls you to seek out His people!

Many people will find comfort because of you. Rise up and take your place!

> In Christ's Mission Mohan C. Lazarus

George's Sporting Adventure

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Hello George! Can you tell us about your family and childhood?

Absolutely! I was born and raised in Mumbai as the second son of Mr. Spurgeon Kumar and Mrs. Kalarani Kumar. I have an older brother who runs his own company. My hometown is Tirunelveli. My father moved to Mumbai for work before his marriage and settled here. My

upbringing in a traditional Christian family instilled Christian values in me. Every Sunday, we would go to church together as a family. As children, our parents would teach us Bible verses and make us memorize them. From a young age, they encouraged me to participate in all church events. I was also an excellent student in school and well-regarded by my teachers.

Great to hear about your family. Did you have an interest in sports from a young age?

Yes, definitely! I have had a tremendous passion for sports since childhood. I used to play indoor games like chess and carom. Additionally, I participated in athletics, winning many medals in 100m and 200m races. In the seventh grade, I began playing football with my buddies and became really interested in the game. Coaches intensified my training, leading to my selection at the state level. Through this, I have won numerous awards and played with great passion.



Wow, that's fantastic! Could you tell us about the awards you have won?

I have received more than 250 certificates in academics and sports. Most of my medals come from 100m and 200m races, as well as long jump events. Besides this, I have received many certificates for extracurricular activities. I won a trophy for excellent performance in school and a "Best Student of the Year" trophy based on evaluations from lower classes to the 10th grade. I have mostly received shields and certificates for football. Gradually, I rose to the national level and represented India twice at the GYLS (the Global Youth Leaders' Summit) in San

Diego, California, USA.

You are certainly an outstanding athlete to have won so many medals and certificates! Injuries are common in football. Do you have any unforgettable injury experiences?

In sports like football, injuries are inevitable. Usually, my small injuries heal with prayer and medication. However, in February 2023, while playing at the club, the defender hit me, injuring my ankle. Thinking it was a usual injury, I treated it myself, but the pain didn't subside after a week. My ankle began to swell, and I couldn't sleep at night due to the pain. I could only walk with others' help. When I saw a doctor, an X-ray revealed that I needed six months of medication and physiotherapy, and I had to keep my leg immobile for it to heal. I was very depressed, as I was unable to play.

Did the medication and physio help? How did you recover from this?

After 10 days of medication and physio, the pain didn't subside. Seeing my condition, my parents encouraged me to participate in the "Come, let's pray (Jebikkalaam vaanga)" program. In May 2023, we watched the 'Miracle Festival,' as a family which is telecasted on the last Sunday of every month. During the prayer, Mohan Uncle

mentioned my name, "George Abraham," and spoke about my illness, proclaiming that Jesus Christ was healing me at that very moment. That prayer not only filled me with immense encouragement but also sparked a new hope within me. My heart overflowed with boundless joy. Three days after that prayer, I began walking to the nearby store



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without any assistance. A week later, I found myself on the football field, running and playing with more vigor than ever before, even more than before my leg injury. Now my leg is completely healed, and I haven't needed any medication since. The doctor, who had advised six months of medication and rest. was astonished to see me fully

recovered in just one month. I can confidently declare that this miracle was made possible only through Jesus.

Awesome! What are you doing for the Lord, who has performed such a huge miracle for you?

My relationship with the Lord has deepened. My friends were amazed at my quick recovery, so I began sharing my testimony with them. I participate in many camps and continue to grow spiritually. I also engage in small ministries. I studied BE C.S. in Mumbai and worked there before moving to Bangalore, where I work as a data engineer. I am also a member of the Leo Club on Carter Road in Mumbai.

What would you like to say to the youth?

Today's generation wants to achieve everything from home, which is a mistaken approach. To strengthen your body, you need to play outside. Playing at home differs greatly from playing outside. Going outside teaches patience and keeps you energetic. Those who don't play

outside tend to be lazy. So, playing outside is very beneficial. Similarly, to spread the gospel, you can do small ministries. Sharing your testimony with others will glorify the Lord's name. Jesus will give you grace. Be enthusiastic and go out!

Dear young people! As Proverbs 13:4 says, "The soul of the sluggard desires and gets nothing," it is not enough to just wish for success. Strive like Brother George! Don't allow little setbacks and injuries to depress you. Endure the pain, overcome laziness, and move forward. The Lord will help you!

YOUTH REVIVAL MEETING

IN DELHI....

Date: September 14, 2024 (Saturday) Time: 10 AM to 4 PM

Venue: ECI, Faith Cathedral C2/15, Janakpuri, New Delhi

IN HYDERABAD...

Date: September 21, 2024 (Saturday) Time: 10 AM to 3 PM

Venue: House of Jesus 1st Floor, Assumption House Building, Opp. Lane to Millennium Methodist Church, S.D Road, Secunderabad

Message and Prayer: Bro. Avinash

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Handle your phones sensibly!

Greetings, friends! It brings me immense joy to reconnect with you through this enlightening piece titled "Handle your mobile phones sensibly." In this whirlwind of technological advancements, our mobile phones, these tiny marvels that place the world at our fingertips, offer a treasure trove of benefits but also come with their own set of pitfalls. I am excited to guide you through this article, showing you how to dodge the time-stealing traps and instead unlock the immense potential these devices hold.

Though our mobile phones enable us to accomplish a multitude of tasks, these days they are primarily in the realm of social networking. Platforms like Orkut, Facebook, Twitter,

Instagram, and Threads evolve relentlessly, capturing our attention and time. While these



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platforms often serve as mere entertainment hubs, some social networking sites can significantly aid in our personal and professional growth. One such invaluable platform is LinkedIn.

LinkedIn, a beacon for job seekers, is a meticulously crafted website designed to connect you with your dream job. You can explore countless opportunities tailored to your skills and aspirations. On this platform, a multitude of companies and their Human Resources (HR) departments are actively seeking talent. By creating a robust profile and showcasing your credentials, you open the door to potential interviews and job offers. LinkedIn allows you to target key companies that align with your educational background and career goals and apply directly through the site.

In today's digital age, the journey from job searching to securing employment is often

navigated through LinkedIn. Moreover, HR professionals from various organizations scrutinize candidates' Linked LinkedIn profiles before extending interview invitations, ensuring they identify the most qualified individuals. Whether you are a fresh graduate or a seasoned professional, it is crucial to keep your LinkedIn profile updated. Your profile is a digital reflection of your professional persona and the yardstick by which potential employers measure your capabilities.

Beloved youth, those of you reading this article might be navigating the uncertainties of job

hunting or dealing with the loss of employment, feeling lost and unsure of your next steps. Do not despair. The Bible offers this profound reassurance: "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). Entrust your worries to Jesus, and lift them up in prayer. Instead of wasting precious moments on trivial pursuits with your

mobile phone, channel your time into meaningful endeavors like this. Trust that the Lord will hear your prayers and shower you with His blessings Youth Trends September 2024

The Cost of a Glimpse Heart Beat

Counsel: Avi

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Dear Anna, I am currently employed as a software engineer in an IT company. Despite my best efforts, I find myself unable to resist the temptation of watching blue movies on my phone. This sinful habit consumes hours of my time, leaving me unable to focus on my work, which has led to a significant decline in my performance. Consequently, my job is now at risk. My parents are unaware of this struggle. I'm caught in a cycle of immoral cravings, work issues, and a guilty conscience. I'm deeply entangled in these problems. Please guide me on how to break free from this. - Selva, Chitoor.

ear Brother Selva, I understand your pain and the torment you are experiencing. The agony of doing what you detest instead of what you desire is evident. Selva, you can climb out of any abyss if you really want to. It's the same with this wicked bondage. Despite your distress, this habit ensnares you in four stages:

Stage I - Slip

An initial misstep. If you had managed to control it at the initial stage or cried out for divine help, you could have escaped the sin.

Stage 2 - Symptom

It becomes a recurring habit.

Stage 3 - Sin

It takes root as a sin.

Stage 4 - Stronghold

It establishes itself as a permanent stronghold in your life.

Only once we've gone through all of these phases does sin settle in permanently. We can initially overcome sin in our thoughts, but when we allow it to infiltrate our minds, we tend to slip back.

Over time, this slip becomes habitual, and the thought of viewing inappropriate content frequently arises. Eventually it takes hold as a sin and, in the end, impairs us.

How to overcome this sin?

• Avoid solitary moments. Whenever possible, try to be in a group or with friends.

• Resolve not to use your phone for any purpose after 9:30 PM, and switch it off.

• Avoid reading all messages and watching videos on WhatsApp during the day, as these can affect your thoughts.

• Even when reading newspapers, try to avoid sections that might trigger inappropriate thoughts. Even small images and snippets can create unnecessary thoughts in your mind.

• While travelling in a vehicle or bus, avoid looking around aimlessly. Keep your eyes focused, and your thoughts will stay aligned.

• Above all, pray for your eyes and thoughts. God will help you overcome these lustful thoughts. The devil knows how to bring you down in solitude, but Jesus can protect you and grant you victory in the same situation.

Quote verses from the Bible and gain victory

For your eyes

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"The eye is the lamp of the body" (Matt. 6:22-23; 5:28). "I made a covenant with my eyes" (Job 31:1).

For your heart

"Guard your heart with all diligence" (Prov. 4:23).

For your mind

"We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5).

Declare these verses aloud and pray to gain victory over this sin. The Bible clearly states, "He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy" (Prov. 28:13). Selva, God will grant you a permanent and lasting deliverance. Embrace the miraculous deliverance that the Lord provides, and continue to work for Him. When you overcome sin and live a holy life, your life will be filled with elevations and victories instead of chaos. Warmest regards on your path to prosperity and freedom! May God's grace be with you!





The Prince of Peace!

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Message: Mohan.C. Lazarus

"I leave peace with you; My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27)

Today, we find ourselves in a world where peace seems elusive. Whether at work, in business, or in the lives of our children, peace has become a rare commodity. Even a single mark lost in an exam can shatter our children's peace, leading to confusion, stress, and even thoughts of despair. A mere headache can disturb the peace within a household, causing turmoil. But why is this so? It is because true peace has not yet taken root in our hearts. Divine peace has yet to reign within us. Seeing us in this state of unrest, Jesus Christ calls out, "My dear children! I give you My peace, the peace of God."

What kind of peace does Jesus offer?

When Jesus was on a boat with His disciples, a severe storm arose, and the waves threatened to engulf the boat. Yet Jesus slept peacefully amidst the chaos. The disciples, in their panic, woke Him up. Jesus saw the storm and the raging sea, but He was not afraid. He asked them, "Why are you afraid? Where is your faith?" Then He commanded, "Peace, be still!" and the sea became calm. While everyone else trembled in fear, Jesus stood serenely and asked, "Why are you afraid?" This is the peace that Jesus possesses. He came into this world to bestow the same peace upon us.

If Jesus came to grant us peace, why then do we lack it in our hearts? Why is there no peace within our families? We constantly witness a world devoid of peace. What is it that disrupts our peace?

Sin

Some hidden sin may be tarnishing your heart, or perhaps an ongoing sin is stealing your peace today. The Bible says, "There is no peace for the wicked" (Isaiah 57:21).

During Jesus' time on earth, a sinful woman fell at His feet, weeping (Luke 7:37–50). She washed His feet with her tears. She remained silent, and without words, her heart shattered and brimming with sorrow. She was a woman so engulfed in sin that people wondered how she could dare to touch Jesus. But His gaze pierced through her,





recognising that her sin had brought her misery, robbing her of peace. Jesus then said to her, "Go in peace; your sins are forgiven," giving her a lasting peace. As

long as sin dwells in our hearts, our peace will be continually disrupted.

Sickness

"And He said to her, 'Daughter, your faith has healed you. **Go in peace and be freed from your suffering**" (Mark 5:34). This woman had suffered greatly for twelve long years from an illness known as flow of blood, which left her frail and without peace. When sickness strikes, peace is often the first casualty, affecting not just the individual but the entire family. Yet Jesus looks at you and says, "I will heal you and fill you with peace." No matter the ailment, He has the power to change your circumstances. All you need to do is believe that "Jesus will perform a miracle for me."

Fear

"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, **'Peace be with you'** (John 20:19). Fear had shattered



their peace. They were terrified, locking themselves inside, fearing the Jewish leaders who had crucified Jesus. "If they could kill Jesus, what will they do to us?" they wondered, gripped by the fear of death and the uncertainty of their future. But when the resurrected Jesus appeared and said, "Peace be with you; why are you afraid? I am alive," their fear vanished, and their hearts were filled with peace and joy.

Dear ones, is something causing fear in your heart today? Is it a fear of wicked people, a fear of death, a fear of the future, a fear of unmet needs, a fear of debt, or a fear of circumstances? Is fear tormenting your heart and robbing you of your peace? Jesus says, "I leave My peace with you." When this divine peace enters our hearts, no storm or wind, no matter how fierce, can disturb our inner calm. Why should we fear? Why should we be troubled? Why should we lament? Jesus is with us, isn't He? ■

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IN KAIKATTI -THIRUVADANAI TALUK

Date: September 29, 2024 (Sunday) Time: 3 PM to 6:30 PM

> Venue: Gate of Heaven, Near Water Tank, Madurai Road, Kaikatti,

Message and Prayer: Bro. Avinash

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IN TINDIVANAM...

Date: September 7, 2024 (Saturday) Time: 9 AM to 1 PM

Venue: Aadhi Lakshmi Marriage Hall, Marakkanam Road, Indira Nagar, Tindivanam

Message and Prayer: Bro. Sathish Kumar

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Mission Journey: Jenife

Hello friends, Greetings in Jesus' name. How are you all doing? It's a pleasure to meet you again through this month's edition of "Brave Timothy." So, how did you all celebrate Independence Day? Isn't it wonderful to think about how our country, once enslaved by the British, is now flourishing among the list of developing nations?

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Eliminating false teachings

In Ephesian the church. people like Hymenaeus and Alexander were spreading strange teachings that didn't align with the doctrines of Jesus and the Apostles, provoking controversies and undermining some people's faith. Timothy was entrusted with not just dispelling these myths but also advising the believers to

ust as our nation was freed from the shackles of colonialism, isn't it even more glorious that God has set us free from the bondage of sin and marked us as children of the King of the Jews? Not only should we celebrate the independence of our nation, but also the freedom that God has bestowed upon us. But is it enough if only we are free? Isn't it our duty to proclaim this freedom to those who still need it?

As a devout follower of Christ, Timothy developed spiritually over time, first as a disciple and subsequently as a church leader. As we saw in the earlier editions, Apostle Paul commissioned Timothy to address issues in the Ephesian church.

After sending Timothy, Paul wrote him a continuous series of letters, which we readin the Bible as the First Epistle toTimothy. What then was written in those letters by Paul? What reforms did Timothy have to implement as the leader of the Ephesian church? Let's explore.

disregard such deceitful doctrine.

Raising up Prayer Warriors

Timothy was assigned the task of encouraging the church members to offer prayers, petitions, and intercessions for all people, including the rulers in Rome, and for the peace of the city.

Advising Men and Women

Timothy had the crucial duty of guiding the men and women of the church on how they should conduct themselves, offering advice and leading them accordingly.

Appointing Leaders

Timothy had to choose a group of moral, godly people who maintained good ties in their families and designate them as elders and overseers in order to handle the affairs of the Ephesian church.

Correcting False Doctrines and Teaching the Truth

False teachings had derailed the lives of those in the congregation, and for them to grow in faith, it

was crucial to appoint Timothy as their leader, not only to be a role model through his own life, but also to provide counsel and take beneficial actions. Thus, in I Timothy 4, Paul emphasises to Timothy the importance of leading an exemplary life.

False teachers claimed that marriage and eating certain foods were unclean, misleading the people. The task of teaching the truth about these matters to bring clarity fell to Timothy.

Caring for the elderly and widows

Timothy also had to show concern for widows and lovingly care for the elderly, respecting and guiding them to good deeds.

Preparing the Church for Eternal Life

Timothy was to counsel believers on how to respect their masters and conduct themselves honorably. He was also entrusted with the task of guiding the Christians in the Ephesian church to be rich in virtues and generosity and to



lead them towards the abundant life of eternity.

The First Epistle to Timothy presents a vision for how a church should be, detailing the conduct of men, women, elders, widows, masters, servants, and overseers within it.

Timothy was assigned to carry out this mission. In carrying out his responsibilities—advising, instructing, removing false teachings, and preaching the truth—he dealt with people of various backgrounds, ages, and experiences with patience and grace, successfully fulfilling the grand vision of the church with the grace of Jesus Christ.

> Even today, we young people are entrusted with a similar mission to fulfil the church's vision. Shall we dedicate ourselves to this mission with the same testimony and faithfulness as Timothy? May the Lord grant us grace for this task.

The brave epoch continues...)



Revival IGNITERS!

Tirunelveli

(MIRACLES OF THE EARLY APOSTLES ARE CARRIED ON TODAY BY THE IGNITERS)

Once on a ministry visit, we went to a village in the Tirunelveli district. Upon arrival, we noticed a board that read, "No entry for outsiders." Our team members had already left us behind. The village seemed utterly deserted, with not a soul in sight. As we walked a bit further, we noticed two elderly women sitting on a porch, deep in conversation. When we approached them and handed them a gospel tract, saying, "Jesus loves you," the brother who came with me suddenly felt the Holy Spirit urging him to "Pray for the sick."

We right away enquired, "Is there anyone sick in this village? We would like to pray for them." They promptly pointed to a house at the far end of the village, saying, "There is someone who has been ill for many days in that last house."

We headed for the house with determination. When we approached a woman there, she guided us directly to the patient's house. Inside, we found an old man bedridden with a urine bag attached. We started preaching the gospel by sharing my testimony and explaining how Jesus saved me from a family that did not know Him. After that, we both prayed for the man.

As we were praying, the Holy Spirit descended upon us, granting a vision. "Tell him to rise and walk," the Holy Spirit instructed me. Grasping his hand, I firmly commanded, "Rise and walk!" To our amazement, he stood up and began to walk. As we were urging, "Open your mouth and say 'Jesus,'" the man, who had been mute, immediately proclaimed, "Jesus!" loudly.

A week later, we checked on him, and to our delight, we learnt that he was fully healed and had returned to work. Today, the entire family has accepted Jesus and regularly attends church. Glory be to the holy name of God. Amen!











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In today's fast-paced world, even family members find it difficult to meet or check on one another. Many parents are abandoned in old age homes, and children are left uncared for in orphanages. This harsh reality reveals that there is often no one to love or care for those who are neglected by society. While the people we love might ignore us, there is one who always cares—God. He watches over all our affairs and responds to our needs.

By the Pool of Bethesda, a man afflicted with illness for almost 38 years was abandoned by his family, relatives, and friends. He longed for love and care but found none. When Jesus saw him lying there, he understood that was how he had been for a very long time. Jesus asked him, **"Do you want to be made well?"** (John 5:6). Even though the man did them, she wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba, not knowing what to do next. Nobody was there to comfort her or make a plea on her behalf. But the angel of God called out to Hagar and said, **"Do not be afraid; God** has heard the boy crying as he lies there. Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation"

not seek Jesus, Jesus sought him, cared for him with empathy, forgave his sins, and healed him from his affliction. Just as Jesus changed the condition of this abandoned man, He will come to you, love you, and change your circumstances when you feel like there is no one to care for you. (Genesis 21:17–18). God lovingly attended to Hagar and changed her situation, relieving her burden of worrying about her child's future. People around us may forsake us, but Jesus, who promised, "I will not leave you as orphans; I will

One day, Abraham sent his maidservant Hagar and her son away with some bread and water. This unexpected decision of Abraham might have raised many questions in Hagar's mind. Feeling abandoned by the one who once loved **come to you"** (John 14:18), will never abandon us. Are you feeling helpless, thinking there is no one to assist you? Jesus is there to care for you, so do not worry.

A father once brought his son to Jesus, who was possessed by a mute spirit. When the spirit saw Jesus, it convulsed the boy, and he fell to

the ground. Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has this been happening to him?" (Mark 9:21). He not only inquired about the boy's condition but also cast out the unclean spirit, healed his ears, and enabled him to speak. Jesus, who cared for and performed miracles for those abandoned by the world and people, is the same today.

Since God cares for us, He takes all our worries upon Himself. If we put our faith and trust in Him, He will never abandon us. Even if our troubles are unknown to our friends or family, Jesus takes our suffering as His own and helps us with compassion.

> Beloved youth, remember that the Lord is not only watching over you but is also ready to help you. As the Bible

says, "Cast allyour anxiety on Him because He cares for you" (I Peter 5:7). Whether it is fear of the future, illness, weakness, or bondage to sin, He will deliver you, bear all your burdens, and help you walk upright!



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Hey friends, the devil's trick for dragging us to hell is to make us fall into sin. Last month, we delved into one such trick: offense (stumbling blocks). All these months, we have been discussing the sins (the don'ts) that can lead us to hell. This month, let's explore what we need to do to get into heaven.

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BORN OF WATER AND SPIRIT

Jesus Christ said in the Holy Bible, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5).



BORN OF WATER

Being born of water refers to baptism. Baptism is something done after obtaining wisdom about salvation. When can one gain wisdom? The Bible states, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 1:7). What is the fear of the Lord? "To fear the Lord is to hate evil" (Proverbs 8:13). Baptism symbolizes dying to sin and living for righteousness. Immersion in water symbolizes the burial of the old, sinful self and the resurrection as a new individual in Christ, following repentance from sin and salvation.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached, "Repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). However, many people nowadays undergo baptism without experiencing true salvation. Because a baptism certificate is required, some do it for marriage registration.

Others comply with their parents' insistence at the age of 18, regardless of their genuine salvation. Some fearfully undergo baptism after listening to sermons asserting that baptism is a vital requirement for entering heaven. Certain churches even practice infant baptism by sprinkling water, which is contrary to biblical teaching. The Bible mandates baptism to be performed through immersion.

On the other hand, some people, despite being saved, delay getting baptized. It is essential to be baptized right after salvation. Acts 9:18 records that Saul, who later became Paul, immediately underwent baptism after his conversion. Those who are saved but not baptized will miss out on the eternal life in heaven (John 3:5). If you are saved but haven't been baptized yet, realize that God is speaking to you and get to seek baptism quickly.

BORN OF THE SPIRIT

Many people find satisfaction in affirming that they have repented, accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, and undergone baptism. However, being born of water alone is not enough; being born of the Spirit is also crucial. This entails receiving the Holy Spirit's anointing. When Jesus was about to ascend to heaven after his resurrection, he told his disciples, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now" (Acts 1:5). As He said, on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended powerfully and filled everyone, and they were born of the Spirit.

The people of the early church experienced significant changes after receiving the Holy Spirit: they spoke in different tongues, preached Christ boldly, performed miracles, lived selflessly and in unity, endured persecution steadfastly, and embarked on missionary journeys to establish new churches.

Benefits of the Holy Spirit

- When the Holy Spirit comes upon us, we receive power (Acts 1:8).
- He convicts us concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8).
- He guides us into all truth and teaches us what we need to do (John 14:26, 16:13).



• He sanctifies us (2 Thes 2:13), delivers us from all bondage (2 Cor 3:17), and gives life to our mortal bodies (Rom 8:11).

• He helps us in our weaknesses and intercedes for us (Romans 8:26).

• He fills us with the fruits and gifts of the Spirit to reveal Christ.

So, how can one receive the Holy Spirit?

• To receive the Holy Spirit, you must thirst for Him like a deer pants for streams of water (John 7:37).

- Believe in God (John 7:38).
- Ask with the confidence of a child asking a father (Luke 11:9–13).
- Obey whatever God commands (Acts 5:32).

If you have not been born of the Spirit yet, earnestly seek and receive the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us as a seal for the day of redemption.

Dear youths, in these last days, some preach that baptism and the anointing of the Holy Spirit are unnecessary and that we can go to heaven regardless of our sins. Some also preach and practice false anointing. The Bible warns us to be cautious of such teachings. The devil is very cunning, and he employs false ministers to twist the scriptures and deceive us in order to prevent us from inheriting the kingdom of heaven. Be vigilant, adhere to the truths of the Bible, and safeguard your priceless soul.

"Sin is not just doing what the Lord forbids; it is also failing to do what He commands!"

Wedlock: Viola

(Marriage Covenant) Part - 8

Dear young men and women, warm greetings to you all. Over the past seven months, this series on Marriage Covenant has provided you with valuable advice to prepare for marriage. In this article, we will discuss "Things to definitely avoid while waiting for marriage."



Selfishness in marriage

Many young people prioritize their own happiness, choose their life partners on their own, and leave their parental homes. This often leads to the loss of irreplaceable family happiness, unity, and good reputation.

In a family living near us, there were three daughters. The father worked as a peon in an office, and the mother sewed clothes for people in the neighborhood. They worked hard to raise and educate their three children with their modest income. The eldest daughter was in her second year of college, while the other two were still in school. The parents hoped that with just one more year of struggle, the eldest daughter would complete her education, secure a good job, and share the family burden. However, the eldest daughter, disregarding her family's situation and her father's struggles, left a note stating that she had chosen her own life partner and that no one needed to worry about her. She then left with a man. The entire family was plunged into sorrow. For three days, no one left the house, ate, or slept. For nearly three months, the house echoed with cries of distress. The home became a living hell. There were no smiles, only tears and anguish. The parents were devastated upon hearing the criticisms from their neighbors, colleagues, and relatives.



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Years later, when the family seemed to have recovered and resumed a normal life again, a suitor's household came to see the second daughter. After the usual formalities, they expressed their interest but then mentioned, "We heard that the elder daughter ran away. We are from a respectable family, and we do not want a girl from this family." The anguish and tears of the parents as well as those of the remaining daughters knew no bounds.

Dear children, this young girl, through her reckless actions, condemned her parents to a life of scorn and disgrace, while also jeopardizing the future of her siblings. Can such a life bring any true happiness? Answer this for yourself. The scripture says, "If anyone returns evil for good, evil will not depart from his house" (Proverbs 17:13). Marriages tainted by selfishness can never truly prosper, as selfishness will overshadow any potential goodness.

Living Together

Living together, or cohabitation, is an arrangement where two individuals of opposite genders live together like a married couple despite not being legally married. Marriage is a strong, unbreakable bond meant to last a lifetime. In stark contrast, cohabitation is a practice that originated in Western



moment. People often cohabit for convenience, saving money, or work-related reasons for the sake of convenience, financial savings, or professional obligations, but this arrangement often leads to the sin of fornication. It directly contradicts the marriage covenant established by God. When a person tries to live against the commandment of the Creator of heaven, earth, and the universe, who can save them?

Young people seeking work in other states or countries should act with caution!

The NISUIN BERIYTH series will continue with other things to avoid while waiting for marriage...



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I Can!! Eveny Goal is Within Reach!

My heartfelt felicitations to all the young achievers out there! We don't need wealth or the support of others to achieve our goals. All you need is unwavering determination, self-confidence, and the belief that "I can do all things". Let's look at the remarkable journey of a young achiever who exemplified the power of will.

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Anand Megalingam was born into a humble family in Chennai, where his father worked as a tractor driver. Despite his modest beginnings, Anand harboured big dreams. After completing his schooling, he pursued a degree in Electrical and Electronics Engineering. However, the path was far from easy. Anand failed all his subjects in the first semester, leading to his expulsion from college. Two years passed without progress, but his passion for sports earned him a spot in a private college under the sports quota. This time, he chose Aeronautical Engineering and began to thrive.

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During his studies, Anand's fascination with flight led him to craft gliders and paper planes, winning numerous

competitions. The prize money from these victories fuelled his passion for innovation, allowing him to create even more projects. Anand's relentless pursuit of excellence earned him over 500 certificates and the prestigious Young Scientist Award, presented by the Chief Minister of Pondicherry under the APJ Abdul Kalam International Trust.

Anand graduated with a B.Tech in Aeronautical Engineering, achieving an impressive 9.8 CGPA. He then pursued a Master's in Anti-Drone Technology, a field that presented numerous challenges. Despite the obstacles, Anand's determination never wavered. In 2021, alongside his father, he founded Space Zone India—a firm dedicated to rocket development, learning, and teaching.

Space Zone India's mission is to advance space technology and promote the value of education among schoolchildren. The company gained national recognition when the Prime Minister of India commended their achievement of launching 100 satellites from Rameshwaram in 2022. A year later, they successfully launched the first hybrid rocket from Chennai.

Today, Space Zone India boasts a team of 28 graduates and Ph.D. holders specialising in aeronautics and rocket technology. The firm operates with dedicated departments for research and development, rocket manufacturing, and testing.

Dear young readers, remember that Anand's journey was not easy. From academic struggles to overcoming numerous obstacles, persistence was key to reaching his goals. If you believe you can't do something, you'll never succeed. First and foremost, believe in yourself. With that belief, not just the sky, even the space will be within your reach!



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10. The healing of Peter's mother-in-law

(Matthew 8:14-15, Mark 1:29-31, Luke 4:38-39)

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(They continue talking while sipping tea.)



Andrew, drenched from the rain, climbs into the train. As he takes his seat, he checks to see if his laptop or other contents in his bag have become wet.

Vicky: "Oh man, it looks like you got soaked in the rain," he says, helping Andrew sort out his bag.

Andrew: "It's impossible to predict the weather these days. One moment it's sunny, and the next, it's pouring."

Andrew: "In the Pacific Ocean, there's always a trade wind blowing. This wind keeps one side of the Pacific warm and the other side cool. This wind determines the climate in America and South Asia."

Vicky: "Hmm... so what's the problem?"

Andrew: "If the speed of this trade wind decreases or stops, the entire Pacific Ocean warms up, leading to drought, global

Vicky: "Yeah, the climate's been like this for months. That's why I always keep an umbrella or a raincoat in my bag."

Andrew: "This is still okay. Up north, they're dealing with water scarcity and drought on the one hand, as well as cyclones and floods on the other. It's all because of El Niño."

Vicky: "El Niño? What's that?"

Andrew: "Hold on, hot tea is coming. Let's grab two cups first. It'll be perfect for this weather."







warming, heavy rains, and floods. El Niño occurs every 2 to 7 years."

Vicky: "So, is this year an El Niño year?"

Andrew: "Yes, but scientists say that the impact of this year's El Niño is expected to be less severe than previous years." However, for India, it means reduced monsoon rains and increased water scarcity."

Vicky: "We've seen scenes of people in Delhi standing in long lines for water this year."

Andrew: "Yes, in 1997-98, the impact of El Niño was felt across all continents, causing cyclones, heatwaves, floods, droughts, and water shortages. I watched a video on it. I'll send it to you on WhatsApp; you should watch it."



Vicky: "Hmm... (Sighs) There's danger lurking around us all the time. One problem ends, and another begins. It's really scary."

Andrew: "It's true that there are dangers in this world, but Jesus is here to protect us from them. That's why I'm not afraid, Vicky."

Vicky (indifferently): "Alright, alright... You always pray so well. Pray for me, too. Let's see if your Jesus saves me."

Andrew: "He certainly will! You'll see for yourself."

He said this as he got off the train at his stop.



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Prayer Guide



Heat Wave

Heat waves affected 619 million people in India from March to June 30th this year. More than 60% of the world's population has experienced the impact of extreme heat. Up until June, 110 people had died due to the heat. The northern states have experienced unprecedented levels of heat this year. Delhi, in particular, has been severely affected by the heat wave. This heat wave has caused water and electricity shortages.

Malnutrition

Globally, inadequate nutrition stunts 181 million children, affecting their overall growth and development. 65% of these children are from 20 countries, including India and Afghanistan. In South Asia alone, 64 million children live without nutritious food. Somalia ranks highest on this list.

PRAYER POINTS

1. Let us pray that the intensity of the heat wave decreases and that our nation returns to normal.

2. Let's pray for the prevention of heat wave-related deaths.

3. Let us pray for alternative employment for those in the northern states who have lost their jobs due to the heat wave.

4. Let us pray for the government to have the wisdom to resolve the water and electricity shortages.



PRAYER POINTS

1. Let us pray for children to receive nutritious food to prevent any growth and development issues.

2. Let us pray for proper treatments for affected children so that they can grow healthy.

3. Let us pray that other countries will provide food supplies to nations suffering from malnutrition.

4. Let us pray that children in Somalia should receive nutritious food.

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Poverty

In India, 220 million people live in poverty, which constitutes 17% of the nation's total population. One-third of the world's poor reside in India. Poverty often stems from a lack of education, and even educated individuals often struggle to secure well-paying jobs. Unemployment is a significant issue in India. However, a report states that over the past nine years, 248 million people have risen out of poverty.



PRAYER POINTS

1. Let's pray for an improvement in the living conditions of those living below the poverty line.

2. Let us pray for suitable jobs and satisfactory salaries for educated youth.

3. Let us pray for the government to implement beneficial schemes and laws for people below the poverty line.

4. Let us pray that the poor in India will have access to a good education, job opportunities, and the establishment of industrial centers to provide employment.

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Approximately 4.35 million child labourers exist in India. According to a UNICEF report, 158 million children aged 5 to 14 are involved in labour worldwide, apart from household work. They work up to 20 hours a day in various sectors such as sex work, agriculture, small-scale businesses, and food sales, earning meagre wages due to their family circumstances.



PRAYER POINTS

1. Let us pray for the complete eradication of child labour in our country.

2. Let us pray for the government to take appropriate actions to rescue child labourers.

3. Let us pray that the government should provide financial assistance to families whose children are forced to work due to their circumstances.

4. Let us pray for the rescue of children working long hours in factories under harsh conditions, as well as their access to a proper education.

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Revival News: Rosy

Manipur has been engulfed in violence for over a year, fuelled by clashes between the Meitei and Kuki communities. Last month. we witnessed mass violence where thousands of people turned against each other, resulting in numerous deaths. This month, we turn our religious extremists attention to targeting Christians and persecuting churches.

Over the past several months, homes, farmlands, and commercial properties have been reduced to ashes in Manipur. This has resulted in the displacement of over 50,000 people, forcing them to flee their homes. Statistics reveal that around 400 churches have been set ablaze in this violence. Many congregations have been harassed, and hundreds of churches have been demolished to the ground.

In the mountainous regions, where many tribal people reside, there is a significant Christian population, and numerous churches stand there. During the violence, extremists specifically targeted Christian churches, ransacking and burning some to the ground. Not only have extremists targeted the churches of the Kuki community, but they have also looted and set on fire hundreds of churches belonging to Meitei Christians. What could be the reason behind all this? This is just the beginning of revival!

The persecution of churches in Manipur today is reminiscent of the days of the apostles, when a man named Saul tormented the early church, as we read in Acts chapter 9. Saul was responsible for persecuting Christians, causing devastation to the churches, and was also consenting to Stephan's death (Acts 8:1). However, the Lord met this Saul, and when he wondered who was speaking to him, Jesus introduced Himself saying, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" Acts 9:5. The Lord Jesus Christ confronted Saul with His radiant light, spoke to him, and, through a disciple named Ananias, restored Saul's sight, filled him with the Holy Spirit, and baptized him. After this transformation, Saul immediately began to preach that Christ is the Son of God.

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"Nation will rise against nation,

and kingdom against kingdom." (Matthew 24:7)

The Saul who once persecuted the church wholeheartedly surrendered himself to walk in obedience to Christ's command. Saul, who had tormented the church, became Paul after his conversion, and without wavering, he travelled far and wide, establishing churches and winning souls for lesus.

Likewise, today, the Lord will meet those who are persecuting the churches in Manipur, just as He did with Saul, and transform them into Pauls with His Word of Light! Furthermore, He will raise up disciples like Ananias to revive Manipur. The same change of heart that occurred in Saul will happen among the rebels in Manipur, and when many Pauls rise in that state, we will surely witness a great revival!





Railway Negligence: A Growing Concern



India boasts the fourth-largest railway network in the world, with approximately 68,525 kilometres of track in operation. Recent reports estimate that the nation undertakes 5 billion train journeys annually. The convenience of trains, equipped with amenities such as food, water, and restrooms, makes them the preferred mode of transport for the elderly, children, and the unwell. The Indian Railways, a colossal public sector enterprise, not only stands as a symbol of national pride but also serves as a significant revenue generator.

Recognizing its importance, the Union Government allocated a dedicated budget exclusively for the railways, with a separate minister overseeing the department. However, the Union Government discontinued this practice and now incorporates the railways into the general budget. The functioning of the railways has increasingly come under scrutiny, with the number of accidents and fatalities on the rise.

In a recent incident on July 30, a passenger train travelling from **Howrah to Mumbai** derailed near **Barabambo, Jharkhand**. Tragically, 18 carriages derailed, resulting in the loss of two lives. This accident occurred at the same location where a freight train had previously derailed. Unfortunately, such train accidents are becoming alarmingly common. Just last year, on June 2nd, a catastrophic collision involving three trains in **Balasore, Odisha**, claimed 293 lives and left around 900 injured. The Indian Railways Ministry attributed this devastating accident to human error.

There have been over 10 reported train accidents in just the past two months (June and July). Historical data reveals a disturbing trend: On March 20, 2015, the Janata Express derailed en route from **Dehradun to Varanasi**, resulting in 34 fatalities. On November 20, 2016, a major train accident near Pukhrayan, Kanpur, claimed over 150 lives. On January 22nd, 2017, a derailment in **Andhra Pradesh's Vizianagaram** district led to the deaths of 39 people. Such incidents continue to plague the nation.

The Union Government's decision to privatise profit-making entities like the LIC and Indian Railways instead of focussing on initiatives to bolster them poses a grave threat to progress. The Indian populace earnestly hopes that the government will prioritise the development of the railway sector, a critical transportation hub, and implement measures to reduce accidents.

– August I, 2024, Dinakaran.

Emotions



In today's fast-paced world, confusion is a common challenge, especially for young people. Whether it's about career choices, relationships, or faith, confusion can feel overwhelming. This article explores the reasons behind confusion and offers practical and biblical guidance to overcome it.

REASONS FOR CONFUSION

Information Overload: The internet and social media flood us with information, making it hard to separate truth from lies.

Peer Pressure: Trying to fit in with societal expectations can lead to conflicting emotions and uncertainty.

Lack of Guidance: Without good role models, making decisions can feel like navigating in the dark.

Life Changes: Big transitions like moving or starting a new job can create instability.

Spiritual Doubt: Questioning faith and God's plan can lead to spiritual confusion.

THE IMPACT OF CONFUSION

Indecision: Confusion can freeze decision-making, leading to missed chances.

Stress and Anxiety: Constant uncertainty can cause emotional strain.

Lower productivity: A confused mind struggles to focus, affecting work or studies.

Relationship Strain: Misunderstandings can lead to friction with loved ones.

Spiritual Stagnation: Doubt can slow down spiritual growth and distance us from God.

PRACTICAL STEPS TO OVERCOME **CONFUSION**

Seek Wise Counsel: Talk to trusted mentors or counsellors for guidance.

Pray and Reflect: Spend time in prayer, asking God for clarity.

Limit Information: Take breaks from social media to avoid feeling overwhelmed.

Set Priorities: Focus on what's most important and break decisions into smaller steps.

Stay Grounded in Scripture: Regular Bible study anchors your thoughts in God's truth.

BIBLICAL GUIDANCE

• When we attempt to do things on our own, confusion arises. Therefore, when we submit ourselves to the Lord's guidance, He will make our paths straight (Prov 3:5, 6).

- Prayer and supplication with thanksgiving will bring peace amidst confusion (Phil 4:6-7).
 - In times of indecision, when we seek the Lord and ask for His guidance, we will hear His gentle voice, guiding us on what to do (Isa 30:21).

Dear young people, confusion is a natural part of life's journey. However, in God's presence, there are answers to all of our questions. In Isaiah 9:6, He is referred to as the Wonderful Counselor. Therefore, when we bring our questions and doubts to Him, He will provide counsel and guide us! Ask, and you will receive clarity in place of confusion!