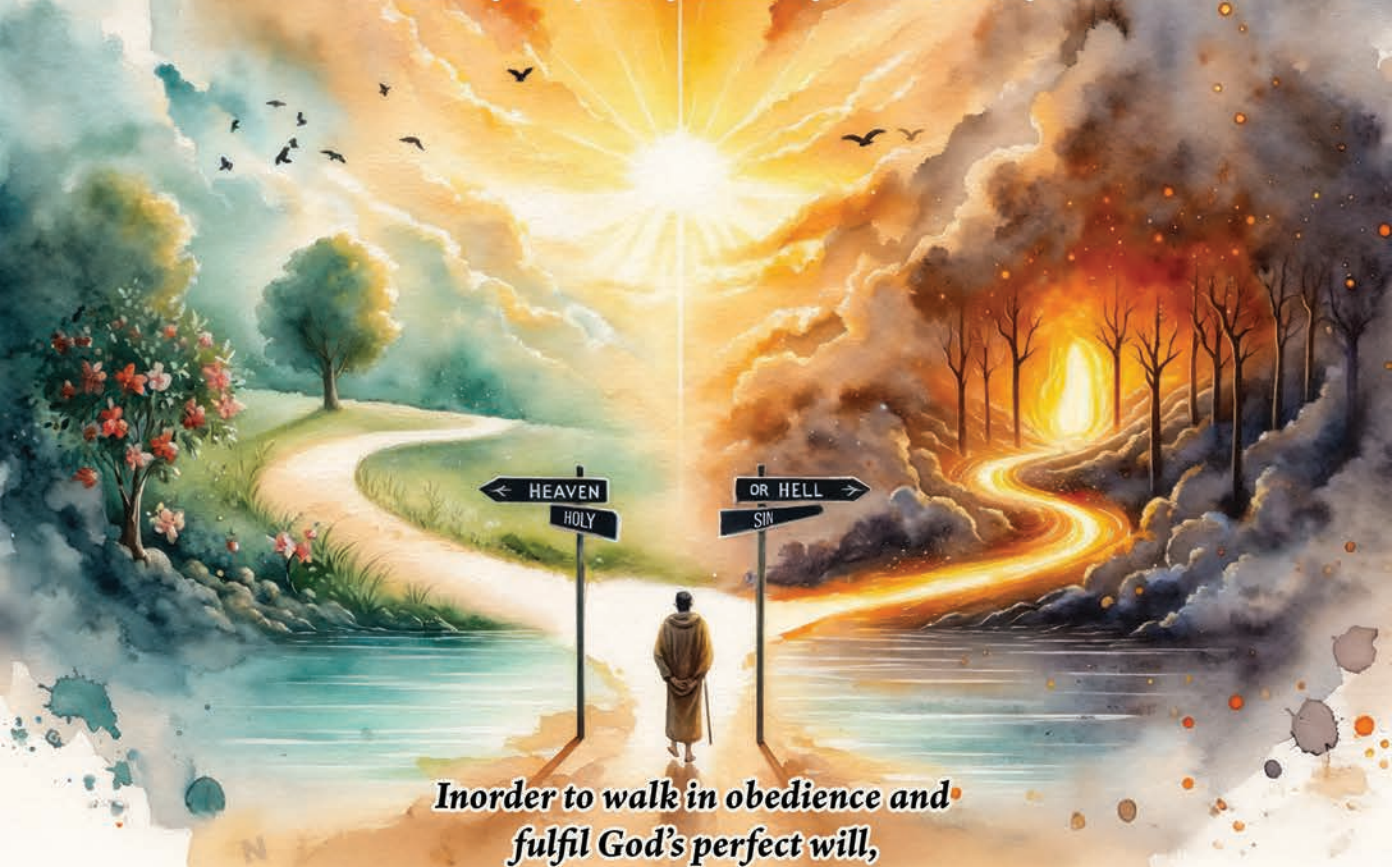




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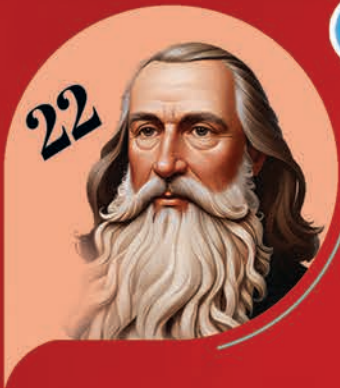


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FOREWORD

Dearly beloved young friends,

Greetings to you in the glorious name of Jesus!

The Bible declares that you, young people, are strong. Yes, the Lord has a beautiful plan designed just for you. When a person surrenders to that divine plan and chooses to obey it, their life begins to radiate divine excellence. But those who hesitate to walk in the direction God points out often find themselves entangled in unnecessary confusion, pain, and danger.

Many times, worldly wisdom becomes a barrier to fulfilling God's perfect will. When the word of the Lord came to the prophet Jonah, instructing him to go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim the message of God, Jonah wasn't pleased with either the plan or the direction. So, instead of submitting to God's command, he went his own way. That disobedience led him into storms, trouble, and deep distress. Only when he repented and realigned himself with God's will did he complete the mission he was originally given.



God's plans and wisdom are beyond human comprehension. If He were to reveal it all in a single moment, we wouldn't be able to grasp it. That's why He leads us step by step—as we obey, He continues to reveal more.

God is seeking young people who will wholeheartedly obey His will and walk in the direction He shows. You can be that young person He is searching for! If you surrender, you too will witness His marvelous guidance in your life.

Every apostle who obeyed God's call and followed His lead became a mighty vessel for revival in cities and nations. Let that same fire burn in you. Rise up with determination, choose His direction, and run zealously with the message of Christ. Our nation needs to know Jesus!

India—a land filled with thirsty souls and heavy hearts—is waiting for modern-day Timothys who will rise up and show them the way back to God.

So rise up, young man! Rise up, young woman!
You are the Timothy that God is searching for today!

In Christ's Mission
 Mohan C. Lazarus



Redeemed Identity!

Born into a family in South Tamil Nadu that had no knowledge of Jesus Christ, enslaved by sinful habits, and heading toward death, this young man was rescued by God. Today, he passionately preaches the gospel to many. Shall we hear how his life turned around?



Tell us about your family and your childhood.

My name is Nambirajan. I was born as the first child to deeply devout Hindu parents in Tirunelveli district. I have a younger brother and a sister. My father works as a driver, and both my siblings are employed in private companies. I currently work as a plumber and electrician.

We were a family rooted in religious traditions. From a young age, I had my head tonsured four times as a temple offering. We followed many rituals, including Tuesday and Friday pujas. Every year, we would visit our clan deity's temple as a family. I was deeply religious and held strong faith in the gods.

In fact, I disliked Christians. During the sacred Tamil month of Margazhi, I would rise at 5 a.m., mark my forehead with sacred ash, and head off for the bhajan procession. This was the pious upbringing I had from my early years.



Testimony: William

Your upbringing was filled with devotion. What about your education?

Academically, I was always an average student. Each time my report card arrived, I would receive beatings and scoldings from my father. He would often say I was only fit to graze cattle. I struggled with studies so much that I forged his signature on my report card out of fear and got punished even more for it.

I barely passed my 10th grade, which itself was a big milestone. I decided to stop schooling and started working. At that time, a brother suggested, “Why don’t you study IT? It would help you a lot.” So I enrolled in an IT mechanical course for a year. But even then, I couldn’t cope with studies. That was my teenage phase.

You struggled in your studies... What happened next?

After my training, a friend of my father got me a job at his workshop. I worked there for about a year and a half. My boss was a chain smoker. Watching him smoke stirred a curiosity in me, though I didn’t try it at first.

I made many friends during this time. We roamed the streets together, wanting others to be feared and respected in our area. My friends used substances such as cigarettes and marijuana, often offering them to me as well. When I refused, they’d taunt me, saying, “If you don’t try this at your age, then when will you?” It was difficult at first, but once I started,

I began to enjoy it. I didn’t realize the terrible consequences that awaited me.

Oh no... So your life changed after substance use?

I became heavily addicted. Eventually, I lost my job. I started stealing from home to fund my habits. I even began buying drugs for my friends. My addiction to drugs had pushed me into such deep mental turmoil that I found myself on the verge of making a devastating choice. In a final moment of desperation, I decided to share my pain with a trusted aunt, thinking I should speak to someone before ending my life. Instead of judging me, she took me to Nalumavadi, offering me a lifeline I never expected.



That day, Uncle Mohan spoke about sin—how dangerous and destructive it is. It felt like the message was directed right at me. During prayer time, Uncle declared, “A young man has come here today planning to take his life once this meeting ends, but the Lord is going to set you free and give you a new life.”

Suddenly, a bright light touched me. Though I was sitting at the back, I unknowingly rushed forward and fell at the altar. In that moment, the unclean spirit that was tormenting me left. I became a new man.

Wonderful... What changed in your life after that transformation?

From that day on, I had no desire for sinful habits. God blessed me with a job. My life began to flourish under His hand. In 2022, during a youth camp at Nalumavadi, Mohan Uncle and Vincent Uncle spoke about the urgency of evangelism and the power of prayer.



When I heard about the spiritual needs of the nation, I surrendered myself to share the gospel whenever I could. During holidays, I joined hands with other youths in the Tirunelveli area to do evangelistic work. By distributing tracts and sharing the good news, many souls were turned to Christ.

That's amazing! Did any miracles happen while you were evangelizing? Could you share one?

Yes! Once, our team went for village outreach. In one particular village, there was a signboard saying, "No entry for outsiders." Our team left us behind, and the place looked deserted. As we walked further, we found two elderly women sitting on a porch and chatting. We approached them, handed them gospel tracts, and said, "Jesus loves you." Just then, the brother with me felt the Holy Spirit prompting, "Pray for the sick." So, we asked the women, "Is there anyone in this village who is sick? We'd like to pray for them." They pointed to the last house in the village and said, "Someone there has been bedridden for many days." We found the house and spoke to a lady at the entrance, who led us in. Inside was a man lying with a urine bag attached. I shared my testimony—how I, too, was saved from a family that didn't know Christ. We both prayed for him.

As we were praying, the Holy Spirit gave a vision and said, "Tell him to get up and walk." Holding his hand, I said, "Get up and walk!" To our amazement, he stood up and walked. He hadn't spoken a word until then, so I told him, "Open your mouth and say 'Jesus'." He immediately shouted, "Jesus!" When we checked on him a week later, he had fully recovered and was back at work. Today, his entire household believes in Jesus and attends church.

What would you like to say to young people?

My dear young friends, during our youth, Satan will present evil things as though they are good to trap us in sin. If we want to escape his snares, we must meditate on God's Word and hide it in our hearts. It is only through Scripture that we can overcome the devil. Also, we must trust in God. Only then can we be protected from Satan's traps. God will use us in this end-time revival.

**Dear young people,
Bro Nambirajan, who was born into a non-Christian, devout family and raised in idol worship, was rescued by Christ from the grip of sin and given new life. Today, God is doing mighty things through him.**

Are you overwhelmed, feeling like there's no one who can rescue you from sin? Look unto Jesus. He will deliver you, make you His child, and turn your life into a blessing for many.



Anecdote: Kamal Ebenezer



Steadfast ***Disciples of*** ***Christ!***



This month, under the theme “Steadfast Disciples of Christ”, we reflect on the remarkable life of Sadhu Sundar Singh.

Born in the town of Rampur in the state of Punjab, Sundar Singh was raised in a devout Sikh family. His parents held deep adherence to the Sikh faith and were strong opponents of Christianity. They even incited others to throw stones and mud at Christian missionaries.

Raised with intense religious zeal, Sundar Singh was deeply devoted to the teachings of Buddha. Yet, at one point in his youth, he found himself in a state of deep confusion, tormented by a restless heart and a soul yearning for peace. In that desperate search for truth, he cried out in prayer, “If there is a true God, reveal Yourself to me. Show me the way to salvation and grant me peace.”

In that very moment, a radiant light filled the room, and within it, he saw the image of Jesus Christ. Stretching out His nail-pierced hands, Jesus said to him, “I am your Saviour.” That divine encounter filled Sundar’s heart with unspeakable joy and marked a turning point in his life. From that day on, his entire life was transformed—forever committed to walking with Christ.

When Sundar decided to follow Christ, his entire family were shaken with shock. In their outrage, they cast him out of the house. With no food to eat and no shelter to stay in, Sundar found refuge beneath a tree. After a few days, he was allowed back into the house—but not fully welcomed. He was made to eat outside, away from the family. Yet, with a heart full of joy, he bore every hardship patiently for the sake of Jesus Christ. Eventually, he was poisoned and once again driven out, falling gravely ill and nearing death. But the Lord, who dearly loved him, delivered him from the clutches of death.

Sadhu Sundar Singh wholly surrendered himself into the hands of Christ. With nothing but bare feet and a New Testament in hand, he set out on a journey for the One who had captivated his soul. The verse, **“May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world”** (Galatians 6:14), was not merely a Scripture to him—it was the guiding banner of his life.

“He often used to say, ‘Just as Jesus Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice because of His love for me, I too must offer myself out of my love for Him.’ Even in times of severe suffering, in countless ways, he remained joyful and patient. Witnessing this, many were drawn to embrace the Gospel he preached.

Like Sadhu Sundar Singh, who stood steadfast for Christ, let us also live for Him—driven by our love for Jesus, no matter our circumstances. May the name of the Lord be glorified through our lives as well. Amen.”



IPS

Dear Brother,

From a young age, I had a clear goal—to become an IPS officer. With that dream burning in my heart, I studied with full dedication. I am now 24 years old. I've attempted the UPSC exam twice and failed both times. Deeply discouraged by those setbacks, I started spending time with my old college friends. But each time, the same painful thought would return to haunt me—"I dreamed of becoming an IPS officer, and that dream has failed." Under a friend's suggestion, I eventually abandoned my original goal and took up a different job. The disappointment of not succeeding despite putting in 5 to 6 hours of study each day led me to drift off course. I've now become enslaved to harmful habits. A life that began with high ideals is slowly spiralling downwards. My parents, who once looked at me with pride, now grieve over me. I don't know what to do. I feel utterly lost, broken, and defeated. Can I rise again? Does life give second chances?

Please, help me rise.

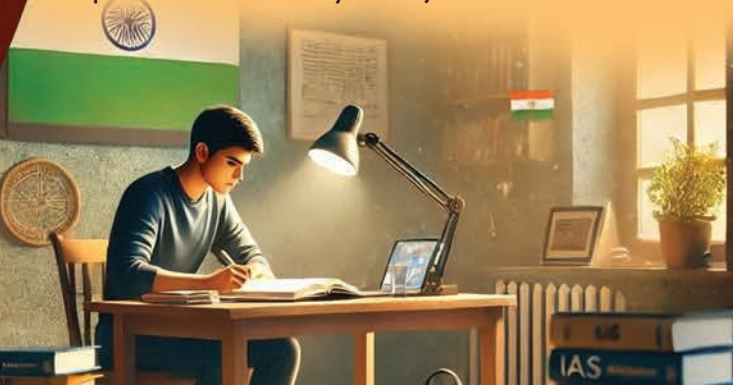
- Sarath, Krishnagiri

Dear Sarath,

My dear younger brother, I truly understand the pain in your heart. You studied with hope and discipline, trusting that hard work would bring results. But instead, you were met with failure—and with it came disappointment and emotional pain. I can feel how much it hurts to see yourself as an IPS officer over and over in your dreams, only to watch that dream crumble in reality.

Sarath, pursuing the UPSC and aiming to become an IPS officer is a beautiful and noble ambition. Not all students or young people dare to walk that path. Some lack the passion; others shy away because the path demands intense effort, sleepless nights, and extraordinary perseverance. That's why many don't even glance toward it.

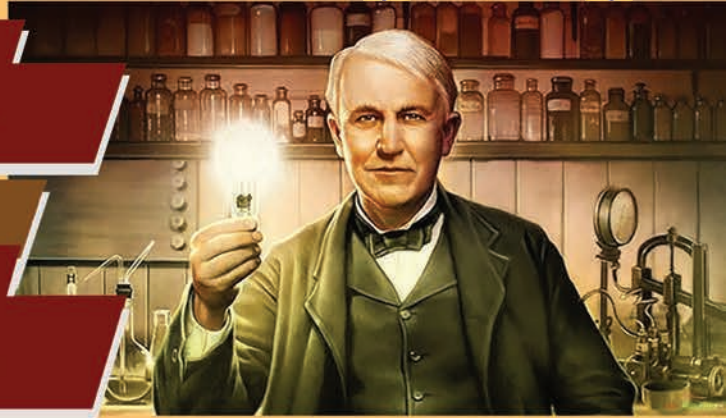
You chose the right goal, but you may have failed to create a structured plan to reach it. Believing that failing twice means you've failed in life—that was the real mistake. Didn't you know that depending on your eligibility and background, the government allows you to attempt the exam several times? Why stop at two? Why not try four more times? How can you expect to seize victory after just two tries?



Abraham Lincoln became President of the United States only after facing numerous failures.

Thomas Alva Edison, after countless failed experiments, finally invented the electric light bulb and changed the world.

Steve Jobs faced devastating setbacks but went on to establish Apple, one of the most successful companies in the world.



And the list goes on...

Giving up after just a few failures will naturally bring discouragement and despair. But never forget—if you run with persistence and self-belief, success is inevitable.

Things to do...

- ▶ **Return to your original dream** of becoming an IPS officer. Get back on track.
- ▶ This time, don't stop with two attempts. Make a strong, unshakeable decision: **"I will keep trying until I succeed."**
- ▶ You've already realised that even after studying 5–6 hours daily, it wasn't enough. Now ask yourself—how will you increase your study time? You'll need to prepare for at least **10 to 14 hours a day**.
- ▶ Like Edison, who said, "I haven't failed 10,000 times—I've just found 10,000 ways that don't work," you must develop a strong mind and unbreakable will.
- ▶ Don't let failure distract you or lead you to change your goal. Never turn back. **Never settle for less.**
- ▶ Sarath, your heart must carry this fierce determination: **"I won't rest until the IPS badge sits proudly on my shoulder."**
- ▶ The same parents who now suffer in sorrow because of you—make them proud. Study so diligently, succeed so gloriously, that they're left speechless with joy.

Things to Avoid...

- ▶ You left behind toxic habits and unhelpful friendships for a reason—**never return to them**. Avoid going near them or back into their circle.

- ▶ The same failure that once made you retreat—if it shows up again, **don't surrender**. Instead, say boldly, **"I'll try one more time!"** and push forward with renewed strength.

Sarath, once there was a man named **David**. He lost everything—his people, his strength, his peace. He was overwhelmed with despair. But the Lord strengthened him, helped him fight again, pursue his enemies, and restore everything he had lost.



That same Jesus, who made David rise again and gave him victory, will lift you up too. Do not be afraid. Move forward with hope. This time, God will strengthen you.

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." Isaiah 40:29

All the best, Sarath; you have the potential to become a future IPS officer.

Keep moving forward. Your second chance is waiting!

Exaltation through Affliction!



“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

For those who love Jesus Christ, everything ultimately works together for good. The God who turns evil into good is ready to transform the troubles in your life into blessings. Often, when students receive poor exam results, they make impulsive decisions. But even in failure, there is hidden goodness—if only we could see it. When a child of God faces defeat, the outcome will still lead to goodness. When a child of God walks through loss, they must not lose heart but believe that the Lord will turn that loss into gain.

If you, as God’s child, have endured mockery,

hardships, and tight situations, know this—tomorrow you will be honoured in the very place where you were once shamed. You will be lifted up. This assurance is not mere hope—it is a promise from the Lord: “All things work together for good.” Whatever struggles you are facing today, the Lord is about to turn them into good. The ending will be beautiful.

Joseph’s Promotion through Affliction

Read: Psalm 105:17–22

Joseph, the son of Jacob (Jacob, a wealthy man chosen and blessed by the Lord) was deeply loved by his father, especially since Joseph was one of his youngest sons. At the age of 17, God gave Joseph a vision: “I will elevate you above your brothers.” While he anticipated good things, everything in Joseph’s life took a turn for the worse.

Consumed by jealousy, his own brothers sold him as a slave to traders, who then brought him to Egypt and sold him into the house of Potiphar, a government officer. Imagine that—Joseph, raised in a wealthy household, suddenly reduced to a mere slave in a foreign land.





Still, Joseph did not despair. Though the vision said God would place him in a high position, here he was, a slave. But he held on to hope and remained joyful in the Lord. Soon, more troubles followed. Falsely accused by a woman of a crime he didn't commit, Joseph was thrown into prison.

Bound in chains, he found himself locked away in jail during what should have been the prime of his youth. He might have thought, "My brothers sold me into slavery, and now I've landed in prison for something I didn't do. Is this how my life ends?" But Joseph never gave up on God's promise. For 13 long years, even amidst suffering and sorrow, he did not grumble, question God, or walk away from Him—because Joseph knew that the ending would be good.

While Joseph was in prison, the king of Egypt summoned him to interpret his dream. When Joseph did, Pharaoh said, "I have never seen a young man so filled with the Spirit of God. You shall now take charge over this entire land and oversee it during the time of famine." And thus, Joseph was made the Prime Minister of Egypt.

The very brothers who sold him as a slave now had to witness God exalting Joseph as ruler over a nation. Joseph knew the vision would come to pass. He believed in the promise. And in the end, everything turned out for good.

I once met a brother who worked in a prominent office in Chennai. He looked very downcast. When I asked him why, he replied, "They gave the promotion I was waiting for to someone who joined after me. I was so sure it would be mine. I've been waiting so long." I assured him that the Lord always does what is good, but he couldn't find peace in his heart. I shared a verse, prayed with him, and sent him on his way.

A few days later, he came back to me, beaming with joy. "What happened?" I asked. He said, "The man who got the promotion was transferred to North India! I was spared because I didn't get it. If I had, I would've had to move away from my family." Two months later, the same brother received a promotion—this time, without leaving Chennai.

The Lord always does what is best. But at that moment, it may be hard for us to accept or even understand it.

Are you currently being falsely accused at home, at work, in business, or by the community around you? Are you burdened by false blame and unjust criticism? Don't be shaken. Don't lose heart—the ending will be for your good.

Dear Young People,

Are you standing all alone today, feeling like everyone around you hates or avoids you?

Do not be discouraged!

The same God who exalted Joseph will also exalt you. He will lift up your family.

You may feel small and insignificant right now—but the final chapter is one of elevation. In Genesis 41:41, Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, says, **"Joseph, you shall take charge of the whole land of Egypt."** The Lord is going to lift you up in the same way. But remember—you must be willing to endure trials and shame. Hold fast to the vision God gave you. Keep thanking Him, even in pain. And in due time, you will be exalted!



Set your

Course

Who doesn't desire success in life?

If you are determined to live as a victorious person, your life's journey must move in the right direction.

If not, like a ship that strays off course, your life will drift into confusion and disaster.

That's why, in this vibrant season of youth, choose the right path and pursue it with passion. Success will surely follow!

"What should I do next?" This is a question that troubles many hearts.

If you find yourself wondering the same, do not be anxious. The Lord will lead you in the right direction.

He promises, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My loving eye on you" (Psalm 32:8).

When Lot separated from Abraham, he failed to determine the right direction.

The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah appeared to him like the lush gardens of the Lord, resembling the fertile land of Egypt. Only after moving there did he realise the tragic truth: "Now the people of Sodom were wicked and were sinning greatly against the Lord" (Genesis 13:13). Lot chose what seemed pleasing to his eyes without pausing to seek God's counsel. Had he taken a moment to think carefully, he might have avoided this grave mistake.

Moreover, when God decided to destroy those cities, He mercifully instructed Lot and his family:

"Flee for your lives! Don't look back, and don't stop anywhere in the plain! Flee to the mountains or you will be swept away!" (Genesis 19:17).

Yet, because Lot did not follow the direction the Lord pointed out but instead pursued his desires, he and his family faced severe consequences.

As Scripture warns, **“There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death”** (Proverbs 16:25).

Even if the people around you — your friends, classmates, or colleagues — choose paths that seem good in their own eyes, do not follow them blindly. Seek the Lord and determine the right course under His guidance. Then your steps will be firm, and your journey will be blessed.

From the life of Jonah, we also learn about the Lord’s great mercy, compassion, and steadfast love.

Jonah was unwilling to go to Nineveh, the city God commanded him to warn.

Instead of travelling the 500 miles east to Nineveh, he boarded a ship heading 2,000 miles west to Tarshish — the complete oppo-

site direction! Because he chose his own path over God’s, he encountered enormous troubles.

Many of us face similar outcomes today. When we refuse to walk in the direction God shows and stubbornly choose our own ways, we invite confusion, loss, and wasted opportunities. Ignoring God’s plans and failing to trust His guidance brings about unnecessary hardship.

Dear young friends, today, are you travelling in the direction God points to?

Or have you neglected His voice and found yourself in distress?

Pause for a moment. Examine your ways. Set right your path and your actions.

When you trust in Jesus and walk in the way He reveals, you will clearly sense His hand leading you.

“In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight”
(Proverbs 3:6).

Youth Revival Meetings

In Kalvarayan Hills, Salem District...

Date: Sunday, June 8, 2025
Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Venue:

**Sri Lakshmi Ammal Marriage Hall,
Near Prabhavathi School,
Salem Road, Karumandurai**

Message: Bro. Sam Jebaraj

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In Villupuram...

Date:

Sunday, June 8, 2025
Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Venue:

**World Revival Prayer Centre,
H.H. Complex, 1st Floor,
Opposite "Nam Nadu Textiles"**

Message: Bro. Avinash

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THE TABERNACLE

Every month, we've been learning about the Tabernacle of God and the various elements within it. This month, let's explore the most important ministers who served in the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle was also known as the Tent of Meeting. Priests and Levites were appointed to minister within it.

THE LEVITES

Levi was the third son of Jacob's twelve sons. His descendants were called the Levites. The name "Levi" means joined (Genesis 29:34). True to this meaning, the Lord separated the Levites from the rest of the Israelites and joined them to Himself. They were appointed to assist the priests in their ministry.

THE CHOOSING OF THE LEVITES (NUMBERS 3)

Instead of claiming the firstborn from every Israelite household, the Lord chose the tribe of Levi for Himself. "They are mine," declared the Lord (Numbers 3:12). The Levites were wholly given over to Aaron the priest and his sons to serve them.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LEVITES

- They safeguarded the Tabernacle and its furnishings.
- Only the Levites were permitted to camp around the Tabernacle of Testimony to protect it.
- Outsiders were strictly forbidden from coming near; if they did, they would be put to death.



- During the wilderness journey, the Levites were assigned to carry the holy items and materials of the Tabernacle.
- Only Levites between the ages of 30 and 50 were allowed to serve in this capacity and carry the loads.

THE SONS OF LEVI

Levi's sons—Gershon, Kohath, and Merari—each headed families assigned to specific duties related to guarding and carrying the Tabernacle's elements.

THE GERSHONITES

They were responsible for the outer coverings of the Tabernacle: the entrance curtains, the courtyard hangings, and the ropes used in its setup. These items, belonging to the outer structure, were loaded onto two ox carts for

transportation. The Gershonites camped to the west, behind the Tabernacle.

THE KOHATHITES

They camped to the south of the sanctuary. Their responsibilities were the most sacred: carrying the Ark of the Covenant, the table of showbread, the golden lampstand, the altars, the inner veil, and all related items used for worship in the Holy Place. Unlike others, they were not given any carts; everything had to be carried on their shoulders. The Kohathites' ministry involved the holiest objects. When the camp set out, only Aaron and his sons were permitted to go in first and cover the sacred items. The Kohathites were not even allowed to look at or touch these holy objects—doing so would lead to death. Within the Kohathite clan was the family of Amram, from whom Moses and Aaron were born—a lineage of special distinction.

Think about this: They were forbidden even to see or touch the sacred things. Yet, we are invited to “come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16). What a privilege!

THE MERARITES

They camped to the north of the sanctuary. Their duties included transporting the structural components of the Tabernacle: frames, crossbars, posts, bases, pegs, and ropes, as well as the posts and bases of the courtyard. These items were carried in four ox-carts.

Because of this strict arrangement, no outsider could come near the Tabernacle. The Israelites themselves were not allowed to camp near it. Levites could not enter the Holy Place, and priests could not enter the Most Holy Place. Only the High Priest could enter the Most Holy Place, and that too, only once a year.

But we, who were once outsiders by birth—Gentiles, far from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, strangers to the covenants of promise—have now been brought near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:11–13).

SO, WHO WERE THE PRIESTS?

Not all Levites were priests. Only the descendants of Aaron among the Levites were permitted to perform priestly duties (Numbers 3:10).

The book of Leviticus, though named after the Levites, is actually about the regulations and duties of the priests. It is rightly described as the Manual of the Priests. Despite their important service, Levites were never anointed.

But we have been anointed—by God Himself—with the Holy Spirit and fire (Matthew 3:11).

So, who exactly were the priests? What were their responsibilities? Let's delve deeper into these questions in next month's study...

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The Fig Tree Revived

Hello, dear friends, Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...! It is a joy to meet you through this historical reflection, titled "The Fig Tree Revived". This month, we turn our attention to the rebirth of the nation of Israel—a prophetic fulfilment we can clearly observe through this reviving fig tree.

Scattered across the globe, the Jews—also known as the Israelites—lived as refugees in many nations, often facing immense hardship, oppression, and even annihilation. Yet, deep in their hearts, one burning desire remained: to return and live in their own homeland. They strove tirelessly to make this dream a reality.

"This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord... I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land." (Ezekiel 37:12–14)

This divine promise prophesied the return of the dispersed Israelites to their own land.



THE ZIONIST MOVEMENT AND A NATIONAL DREAM

In 1897, the Zionist movement was founded by the Jewish people with the mission of reuniting the scattered Israelites and establishing them in their own nation. As a result, in 1901, the Jewish National Fund was created to collect financial contributions from Jews worldwide, which were used to purchase land in Israel. By 1909, Tel Aviv—the first modern Jewish city—was established.

During this period, the global Jewish population was around 17 million, and the numbers

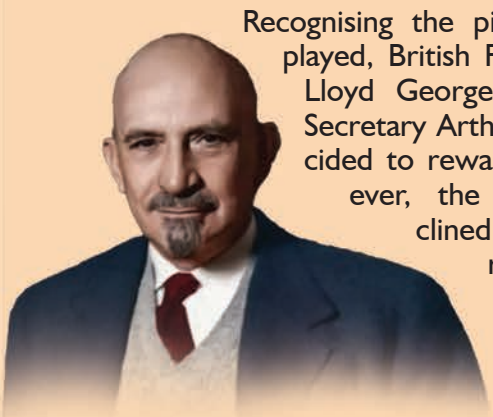


continued to grow. However, during World War II, approximately six million Jews were massacred by Hitler in Nazi Germany. The Jews faced horrific persecution and unimaginable suffering as displaced people across the earth.

A DIVINE TURN OF EVENTS

In 1914, war broke out between Germany and Britain, leading to the First World War. This conflict disrupted trade, leaving Britain without vital imports from Europe—including acetone, a chemical essential for making explosives used by the British army.

At that critical moment, a Jewish scientist named Dr Chaim Weizmann, who was serving as a professor in Manchester, England, discovered a way to synthesise acetone from corn. When the British Secretary of State for War approached him for large-scale production, Dr Weizmann successfully delivered, helping Britain gain a strategic advantage in the war.



Recognising the pivotal role he played, British Prime Minister Lloyd George and Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour decided to reward him. However, the scientist declined any personal reward and made one earnest request: "Let my fellow

Jews, who are scattered as refugees around the world, be allowed to settle in Palestine"—a land not yet marked on the world map as Israel.

In response, on December 9, 1917, Balfour issued a declaration stating that the British government had no objections to Jews settling, building homes, and establishing livelihoods in Palestine—which at that time was under British rule.

A NATION IS BORN

Between 1918 and 1948, the number of Jews settling in Palestine rose to 565,000. In 1920, the British government permitted the Jewish settlers to form a provisional government. In 1947, it was decided that Palestine would be partitioned between the Jews and the Arabs.

On May 14, 1948, British troops officially withdrew, and Israel was declared an independent nation.

"At that time I will gather you; at that time I will bring you home. I will give you honor and praise among all the peoples of the earth when I restore your fortunes before your very eyes, declares the Lord. (Zephaniah 3:20)

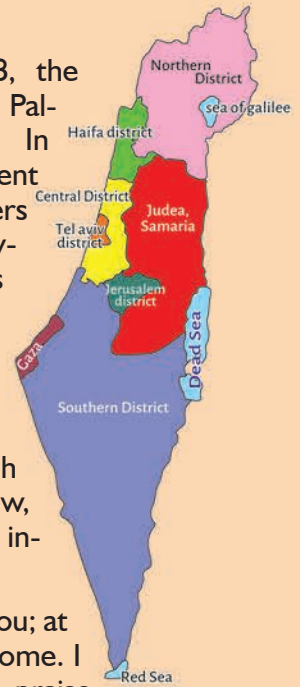
Just as the Lord had promised, a nation that had vanished from the map for nearly 1,900 years was miraculously reborn. Since then, May 14 has been celebrated annually as Israel's Independence Day.

THE BUDDING FIG TREE

"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near." (Matthew 24:32)

- The Fig Tree represents Israel
- The Tender Branch represents a King

The budding of the fig tree refers to the rebirth of the nation of Israel. The tender branch signifies the appointment of a ruler—David Ben-Gurion, the first Prime Minister of Israel. Jesus foretold that when the fig tree buds again, His coming would be near. When we compare these events with prophecy, it becomes evident that the return of our Lord Jesus is very near.



JERUSALEM: GOD'S APPOINTED CITY

In 70 A.D., the temple and city of Jerusalem were destroyed by fire. Even after Israel was re-established in 1948, Jerusalem did not become its capital. However, in the Six-Day War of 1967, the Israelites regained control over Jerusalem, though it wasn't officially declared the capital.

"Jerusalem will once again be inhabited in its own place—Jerusalem." (Zechariah 12:6)

This prophecy remained unfulfilled until 2018, when then-U.S. President Donald Trump officially recognised Jerusalem as the capital of Israel—a historic move made exactly 70 years after Israel's rebirth.

A PROPHETIC SIGN FOR ALL GENERATIONS

Dear friends, the nation of Israel—the budding fig tree—stands as a powerful prophetic sign of how accurately God's Word

is being fulfilled. The signs foretold by our Saviour Jesus have come to pass. He is at the door. Let us prepare ourselves to welcome Him—and help others do the same.

**MARANATHA!
JESUS IS COMING SOON.**

JERUSALEM—A CITY OF GREAT TURMOIL AND TRIUMPH

- **Destroyed twice**
- **Besieged 23 times**
- **Attacked 52 times**
- **Captured 44 times**



Youth Revival Meetings

**In Thiruporur,
Chengalpattu District...**

**Date: Sunday, June 22, 2025
Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

Venue:
COME Compassion Home,
Karunai Street, Mettu Thandalam,
(Near Thandalam Bus Stand),
Thiruporur

**Message: Bro. Caleb
Contact: 97108 09626**

In Valliyur...

Date:
**Saturday, June 21, 2025
Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Venue:
Maria College of Arts and
Science for Women,
Tiruchendur Road, Valliyur

**Message: Bro. Avinash
Contact: 94431 20544,
97509 55548**



Youth in action : Joyline

No Trend *My Friend*

Hello Friends, Last month, we reflected on what it means to be a model in the Spirit. This month, let's explore how we can be a model in faith.

Exemplary in Faith



There may be many reasons why people who do not know Christ hesitate to accept Him—but one of the biggest reasons is the lack of genuine Christian witness. If believers truly lived as examples of Christ, many would have embraced Him even without hearing a sermon. Mahatma Gandhi once said in an interview, “I like your Christ; I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.” In another instance, he remarked, “If Christians would really live according to the teachings of Christ, as found in the Bible, all of India would be Christian today.”

Our lives must not only be a testimony to unbelievers but also an inspiration to fellow believers. The Thessalonian church became a model to the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. Likewise, we are called to live in such a way that others see Christ in us. Let us strive to be a reflection of faith that draws people not to us—but to Jesus.

We are called to be role models in faith. But today, when others look at our faith, are they strengthened—or do they stumble? In every circumstance, we must remain anchored in the Lord. Yet, some preachers who urge others to trust God in all situations themselves turn to people when they face financial needs. That is not the example of true faith.

In the Bible, Jesus marveled at the faith of the centurion (Matthew 8:10). He praised the Canaanite woman, saying, “Great is your faith” (Matthew 15:28). Abraham believed God would give him a son even when his own body was as good as dead and Sarah’s womb was barren. That unwavering faith made him a lasting example for us.

Though we can learn from these heroes of faith, our ultimate model must always be Jesus. He trusted the Father completely, obeyed Him perfectly, and walked before us as the flawless example of faith.

Dear young friends, Just because others stumble in faith, we must not follow suit. Instead, we are called to be examples in faith, just as others grow stronger by it. As the Scripture declares, **“This is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith”** (1 John 5:4). Let us then stand firm in our faith, overcome the enemy, and lead lives that bear witness to Christ—lives that draw many towards Him.

Let us resolve today to fix our eyes on Jesus and become role models of faith for others!

Lord Jesus, help me to live in such a way that, like You, I too may be an inspiration to others in their faith.

Prayer Guide

June 2025

Prayer : Esther

Prayer Points!

- 1 Let us pray for the salvation of the 650,000 individuals working in pharmaceutical companies across our nation.
- 2 Pray that pharmaceutical manufacturers will produce medicines of the highest quality and integrity.
- 3 Pray for the government to identify and ban companies producing substandard medicines.
- 4 Let us pray for the salvation and protection of the 34 million fishermen living across our land.
- 5 Pray that the hard work of our fishermen will be blessed and that their livelihoods will be uplifted.
- 6 Pray for the children in fishing communities — that they may excel in education and receive favorable job opportunities.
- 7 Pray for the youth of our nation, that they may be protected from fatal road accidents.
- 8 Let us pray for divine intervention that every scheme of Satan, who thirsts for blood through road accidents, be destroyed.
- 9 Pray that the government will take strict action and cancel the licenses of those who recklessly drive under the influence of alcohol.
- 10 Let us intercede for the salvation of the 650 million women across India.
- 11 Pray that women in every corner of our nation will be protected from all forms of harm and danger.
- 12 Intercede for a mighty awakening among women that they may rise with divine purpose.
- 13 Pray for the prevention of all forms of cybercrime, as nearly 30% of financial transactions in India now occur online.
- 14 Pray for the exposure and destruction of cyber mafias that deceive people through the internet.
- 15 Pray for protection against the theft of personal data and financial information through online platforms.





16 Pray that people will be safeguarded from the effects of global warming, such as cyclones, floods, and wildfires.

17 Let us pray for a growing awareness among the public regarding the environmental consequences of global warming.

18 Pray for India to be preserved from air pollution and that the government will take firm action against highly polluting industries.

19 Intercede for the protection of people from diseases and fatalities caused by air pollution.

20 Pray for healing and restoration for those suffering from pollution-related illnesses.

21 Let us pray that the hearts of those who adulterate food, disregarding the value of human life, will be transformed.

22 Intercede that God would confront and convict government officials and political leaders who support the production of adulterated goods for profit.

23 As the new academic year begins, pray for God's blessing upon the studies of millions of students across India.

24 Pray that every student will be surrounded by safety, good health, and overall well-being.

25 Pray for a safe and positive environment in schools and that students will be shielded from all forms of accidents.

26 Pray for God's sovereign hand to cover and protect India's ports.

27 Pray for the intercepting and stopping of all drug trafficking and illegal goods through port routes.

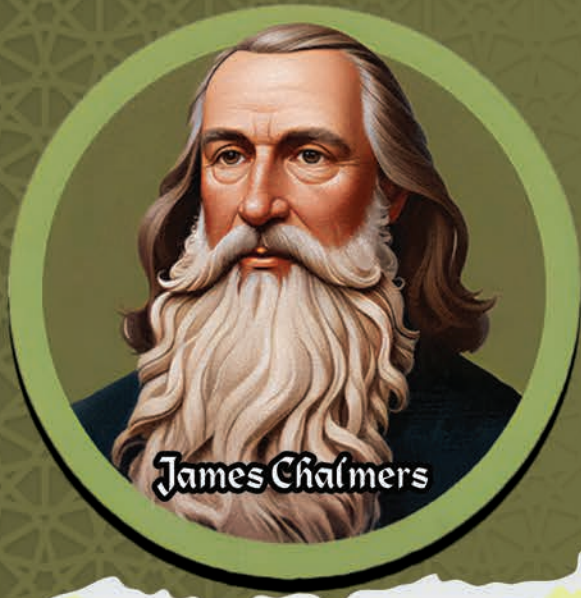
28 Pray that the government will take effective action to prevent all unlawful activities occurring at the ports.

29 Intercede that robbery and theft across India will be thwarted and prevented.

30 Pray for those who engage in such crimes to repent and come to salvation.

31 Let us pray that all those who have lost their possessions or finances will receive full restoration.





Seeds of REVIVAL

Last month, we explored the inspiring missionary journey of Adoniram Judson, who not only established 63 churches in Burma but also raised 163 pastors and ministry workers, ultimately leading over 7,000 Burmese people to Christ. This month, we turn our focus to yet another remarkable missionary—James Chalmers—and delve into the story of his life and service.



James Chalmers was born on August 4, 1841, in the quiet village of Ardrishaig, nestled in the Argyll region of Scotland. He was the only son of a stonemason. When James was seven years old, his family relocated to Inveraray, where he continued his schooling. At the age of thirteen, he spent about a year studying at a grammar school before working at a law office in the same town.

But it was at the age of eighteen, during a revival meeting held in his hometown, that James encountered the transforming love of Jesus Christ and experienced salvation. That encounter would change the course of his life forever. Grippled by a divine call, he dedicated his life to missionary service. After completing his studies, he joined the London Missionary Society at the age of twenty-six.

On October 17, 1865, James Chalmers married Jane Hercus. Just two days later, he set sail as a missionary to the island of Rarotonga in the South Pacific, a land untouched by the knowledge of Christ. Immersing himself in the language of the indigenous people with remarkable speed, he began proclaiming the love of Christ in their own tongue. For ten years, he served as a missionary

in Rarotonga, drawing people out of spiritual darkness into the light of Jesus. During his time there, he faced both trials and triumphs in the course of his mission.

In 1877, at the age of 36, Chalmers—along with his wife—moved to New Guinea, a vast island in the northern region of Australia. The tribes there were known to practice cannibalism, and they lived in a state of moral collapse and fear-some brutality unimaginable to the civilised world. Despite the immense danger, Chalmers carried no weapons. He believed that if he approached with arms, the islanders would either flee in terror or retaliate in fear, mistaking him for an invader.

With deep compassion for these tribal people, he fearlessly continued to share the love of Christ. Over time, he travelled to more than 105 remote village islands, bringing the gospel wherever he went. In nearly 90 of those villages, he was the first white man the locals had ever seen—yet more importantly, he was the first to introduce them to the love of Jesus.

One day, James Chalmers set out by boat to a remote island called “Goaribari”. As soon as he arrived, the native tribes of the island surrounded him. Realising the danger, he chose not to disembark and instead promised to return the next day. True to his word, on April 8, 1901—Easter Sunday—he completed the morning worship service and once again set sail for the perilous shores of Goaribari, this time accompanied by fellow missionary **Oliver Tomkins**, to proclaim the glorious message of Christ’s resurrection.

The islanders appeared overjoyed at their arrival and warmly welcomed them, inviting them into a ceremonial hut known as a Dubb—a place traditionally used for tribal rituals and gatherings. What Chalmers and Tomkins didn’t know, however, was that the Dubu were notorious for brutal practices where captives were forced to fight to the death and were eventually sacrificed and consumed as part of tribal customs. Unaware of the horror that awaited them, the two missionaries entered the hut, hearts full of love, carrying the message of Christ to those who had never heard it.

Around the wooden idols stood heaps of human skulls—a chilling sight. As James Chalmers

and Oliver Tomkins observed the scene, without the slightest warning, the tribal people suddenly launched a brutal attack. Within minutes, their bodies were hacked into pieces and thrown into a boiling pot of stew. On that very Easter Sunday—the day that marks Christ’s resurrection—these two men, who had come to proclaim the Risen Lord, were killed and served as food to the very people they longed to save.

Yet their sacrifice was not in vain. The bodies of James Chalmers and Oliver Tomkins became both seed and sustenance. Stirred by the news of their martyrdom, many missionaries set sail for the island of New Guinea, carrying the message of Jesus’ love. In time, multitudes from those very tribes accepted Christ as their personal Saviour.

As a result, on that island—home to over 70 million people—an astounding 96% of the population has now embraced Christ. The words of Jesus echo with profound significance: “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit” (John 12:24). This simple yet deeply powerful parable reveals eternal truths in the most unassuming way.

Through the sacrificial life of James Chalmers, countless lives were transformed, and multitudes accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. Today, that very island, once untouched by the gospel, has witnessed a radical shift—where nearly the entire population now walks in the light of salvation.

Dear young people, just like that island, there are towns, villages, and nations waiting—for you.

When you yield yourself into His hands and surrender to His will, God will do mighty and unimaginable things through your life. The world is waiting; will you go?



When Dreams Soar High, Summits are conquered!



*Dear Young Achievers,
Warm greetings filled with love!
The great achievers we admire each month did not simply dream and declare, "I can succeed" and thereby achieve their goals. Rather, through tireless effort, day and night, they have become individuals whom the world now watches with awe. It is this combination—Dream + Hard Work + Relentless Perseverance—that leads to true success. Today, I present to you the inspiring life story of one such triumphant woman.*

Hailing from the Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu, **Muthamizh Selvi** completed her college education and went on to master the Japanese language. She later worked as a translator in a corporate firm, enjoying a life that was both comfortable and content. However, during the Covid pandemic, she stepped away from her job. As the desire to achieve something remarkable began to stir within her, a new dream took root: to conquer Mount Everest.

This was not a sudden impulse. From her childhood, Muthamizh Selvi had always been passionate about climbing mountains.

Determined to turn her vision into reality, she immediately immersed herself in earnest preparation. In 2021, at Sriperumbudur hill, she achieved a world record by descending a height of 155 feet blindfolded in just 58 seconds. Following this, she descended 165 feet blindfolded in only 55 seconds from a hill in Kullu-Manali, Himachal Pradesh, setting yet another record. She then rigorously trained to fulfil her ultimate dream of scaling Everest.

Had she returned defeated, saying she couldn't climb Everest, many would have casually remarked, "That's why we said—such things aren't meant for women!" Determined never to give room for such comments, she pushed herself through gruelling hardships. Despite hearing many discouraging voices along the way, she disregarded them all, firmly believing that fear has no place in the journey to success.

On May 24, 2023, Muthamizh Selvi summited Mount Everest. Not stopping there; on July 21, 2023, she scaled Mount Elbrus (5,642 meters) in Europe. Following these feats, she went on to conquer six major peaks across six continents, marking her place firmly in the annals of record-setting mountaineers.

To the youth reading this: Initially, many will oppose your efforts. But once you taste success, people will say, "I always knew you had it in you!" The world will speak in countless ways. Yet if you stay steadfast and fix your eyes on your goal, the world itself will rally behind you!

LOOSE THE KNOTS



Answer the following 10 unique Bible questions. For each answer, include the correct name/object/group and provide a Bible verse reference that supports your answer. Be specific!

1. What unusual weapon did Shamgar use to defeat 600 Philistines?
2. Which book of the Bible never mentions "God" even once?
3. Who was known for making purple cloth — and also opened her home to Paul?
4. Which prophet cooked his food over cow dung as a sign to Israel?
5. Which disciple found a boy with loaves and fish, leading to a miracle?
6. Which animal spoke human words to stop a prophet from acting foolishly?
7. Who escaped from a basket lowered through a window in the city wall?
8. What was the name of the servant who had his ear cut off by Peter — and healed by Jesus?
9. What object in the tabernacle budded, blossomed, and produced almonds overnight?
10. Which group of people "searched the Scriptures daily" to check if Paul's teaching was true?

Last month Winners

1. Jebitha subhash, Mumbai
2. Benista.B, Bangalore
3. Jerlin Jeya, Coimbatore
4. Emily Jacob, Chennai

Last month Answers

- 1) B) Profit
- 2) B) Ant
- 3) C) Paul
- 4) B) Noah
- 5) C) The virtuous woman
- 6) C) With all your heart, as for the Lord
- 7) C) we will reap a harvest at the proper time
- 8) C) The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat



Send your
Answers to



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

**EVERY 1st SUNDAY (1st June)****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 (14th June)**BANGALORE (3PM-5PM)**

World Revival Prayer Centre,
57/2 Thomasappa layout (Opp) Lumbini Garden Bus
Stand Outer Ring Road, Veerannapalaya (Nagavara)
9791444788 | 080 35 45 45

EVERY 2nd SUNDAY (8th June)**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

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spiritual lives, discover the profound
truths of the Bible, and find strength in
praying for the country as a group. You
are welcome to join in on this
fellowship and grow stronger. Come on!
Strengthen yourself, and get ready to
fortify others!*

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

KOVILPATTI (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

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

NAMAKKAL (3PM -5:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
16B Naveen Nest Apartment, Podhigai Nagar,
1st street, Salem Road, Namakkal-637001
9962085523 | 94886 18305

POLLACHI (3PM TO 6PM)

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

VILLUPURAM (3PM – 5:30PM)

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

ERODE (4PM – 6:30PM)

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

EVERY 3rd SATURDAY (21st June)**PERAMBALUR (5PM -8PM)**

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

EVERY 3rd SUNDAY (15th June)**TIRUNELVELI (2:30 PM)**

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

SIVAKASI (3PM -5PM)

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

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

CHENNAI (3 PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
Prince Kushal Towers,
7th Floor B-Wing, Adjacent to LIC Metro,
Mount Road,
9488475315

NALUMAVADI (3PM -5:30PM)

Tabernacle of God, Nalumavadi
9442885315

JEBAMALAI (2 PM)

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

TIRUVARUR (3:30PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
I.S.A. Rice Mill Complex, TTP Main Rd,
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 SUNDAY (22nd June)**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, Miith Chauky,
Marve Road, Malad (W)
9664050567 | 9619996976

PERNAMPET (3PM TO 6PM)

Revival Prayer centre, VK Road.
9442885315

THISAYANVILAI (2:30 PM TO 5:30 PM)

World Revival Prayer Centre,
Near ML Hospital, Thisayanvilai.
9487810845, 9750955548

MADURAI (3PM -5:30PM)

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

*Join us every month
without fail;
Become catalysts of a
mighty revival!*

I Am a Prayer Warrior

My dear youngsters, you must have resumed school after your vacation. I extend my heartfelt wishes to all you precious students as you step into this new academic year! Each month, under the theme "I am a Prayer Warrior", we have been exploring various types of prayer. Last month, we reflected on Intercessory Prayer. Continuing in that line, this month, we will be looking at those who fasted and prayed — who they were, why they fasted, and what we can learn from them.

Fasting Prayer

Fasting prayer is a prayer that involves sacrificing our food to seek God wholeheartedly. It is a powerful expression of humbling ourselves before God. As mentioned in Joel

2:12-16, we are called to return to God with all our hearts, with fasting, weeping, and mourning.

The Bible records numerous fasts — a 40-day fast, a 21-day fast, and a 3-day fast — undertaken by different people in unique circumstances. Each fast carried its own distinctive purpose and power.

Why Did Esther Fast?

Esther, a young Jewish woman, was brought from Susa to Jerusalem and chosen to be queen in the palace of King Ahasuerus. Haman, who had been promoted above all the officials, became prideful and de-

manded that everyone bow to him. However, Mordecai refused to bow, which enraged Ha-

man. Upon learning that Mordecai was a Jew, he devised a wicked plan not only to kill Mordecai but to annihilate all Jews throughout the kingdom. He manipulated King Ahasuerus with false information and convinced him to pass a law for their destruction. The king handed over his authority, and thus, a decree was issued that all Jews would be killed on the 13th day of

the month of Adar.

Initially, Esther was unaware of this decree. Mordecai urged her to go and plead with the



king on behalf of her people. Despite knowing that approaching the king without a summons could result in death, Esther decided to take the risk and save her people. She sent a message to Mordecai, saying, "Gather all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidservants will fast likewise" (Esther 4:16). Together, Esther, her attendants, and all the Jews fasted and prayed against the impending disaster.

Strengthened by the power of prayer, Esther approached the king and found favour in his eyes. As a result, help and deliverance came to the Jews. Haman, who had plotted their destruction, was hanged on the very gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. God honoured the broken and contrite fasting prayers of Esther and her people (Esther 4:13–16).

Throughout the Bible, many fasted and prayed. Let us look at a few notable examples:

Those Who Fasted for 40 Days

Moses: On Mount Sinai, Moses fasted for 40 days and nights to receive the Ten Commandments (Deuteronomy 9). Upon descending and witnessing Israel's sin of idol worship, he shattered the tablets in anger. Moses then fasted another 40 days and nights, pleading for the people's forgiveness and to receive the commandments again.



Jesus: Before beginning His three-and-a-half-year earthly ministry, Jesus fasted for 40 days in the wilderness. Afterward, He faced and triumphed over Satan's temptations (Matthew 4:2, 8).



Those who fasted for 3 days

Ezra: Before the perilous journey from Babylon to Jerusalem, Ezra fasted for three days seeking God's protection (Ezra 8:15-21).

Jonah: From the belly of the great fish, Jonah repented and fasted for three days, praying to the Lord (Jonah 1:17).

Paul: After his dramatic encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus, Paul fasted for three days, seeking God's will for his life (Acts 9:9).

Jehoshaphat: When faced with a massive enemy invasion, King Jehoshaphat proclaimed a fast throughout Judah. As the people prayed in unity, God caused the enemy armies to turn on each other and destroy themselves (2 Chronicles 20:22).

Daniel: After understanding God's plans for His people, Daniel set his heart to fast and pray fervently on their behalf (Daniel 9:3-21).

Nehemiah: Upon hearing the devastating news of Jerusalem's ruined walls and burnt gates, Nehemiah sat down, wept, mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven (Nehemiah 1:4).

In the Bible, fasting prayer stands out as a mighty weapon for drawing near to God. Esther, Moses, Jesus, Paul, and many others obtained divine favours through fasting. In every challenge they faced, fasting prayer paved the way to victory.

Even today, fasting prayer can provide the strength to overcome confusion, struggles, endless doubts, and fierce trials. It carries the power to move immovable mountains, break stubborn chains of sin, and accomplish the impossible.

Fast and pray – and witness God's mighty hand bringing breakthroughs in every area where you have faced barriers!

News



U.S. Plans to Expel 300,000 Indian Students Employed in American Companies



The U.S. government is reportedly planning to expel nearly 300,000 Indian students currently employed in American companies, a move that has sent shockwaves through the Indian student community in the United States. A new bill to this effect has been introduced in the U.S. Congress.

At present, there are around 1.1 million international students pursuing education in the United States. Among them, approximately 331,000 are from India, while 277,000 are from China, followed by 43,149 from South Korea. Students from countries like Canada, Vietnam, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, and Mexico also make up a significant portion of the international student population.

The U.S. issues F-1 visas to international students seeking to pursue academic programs at its educational institutions. These students are eligible to participate in the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program, which allows them to work in the U.S. for a limited period after completing their studies.

Graduates with bachelor's degrees can work for up to one year under the OPT program. Those with degrees in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields are allowed to work for up to three years at American companies.

The OPT program has long served as a gateway for hundreds of thousands of international

students—including many from India to gain valuable work experience in the United States. However, a new bill titled the "Fair High-Skilled Immigration Act of 2025" aims to eliminate the OPT program altogether.

Reacting to the proposed bill, many Indian students studying in the U.S. expressed deep concern:

"We spend close to ₹1 crore to pursue higher education here. The opportunity to work through the OPT program for up to three years allows us to recoup a portion of that investment. If this programme is cancelled, it would be a devastating blow." If passed, the new legislation will completely dismantle the OPT program, prohibiting all American companies from employing foreign students within this framework.

The bill is rooted in the belief—championed by former President Donald Trump—that international students are taking away job opportunities meant for American citizens. The U.S. administration argues that the federal government allocates up to \$4 billion annually in subsidies for the OPT program—funds drawn from American taxpayers, which, they assert, should not be spent on non-citizens.

"The OPT program disproportionately benefits foreign nationals, while American youth struggle with unemployment," a statement from White House circles noted. "To address this imbalance, the 'Fair High-Skilled Immigration Act of 2025' has been introduced and is expected to be passed into law." Once enacted, the law will send international students currently under OPT back to their home countries. This sweeping policy change could forcibly expel over 300,000 Indian students from the U.S., leaving their academic and professional futures uncertain. — Hindu Tamil Thisai, April 9, 2025.

CHRISTIANITY

Have you ever wondered how, even without the conveniences of modern transportation and technology, the Good News of Jesus Christ spread rapidly to countless people after His resurrection? And have you ever pondered why, over time, that fervent spread seemed to dwindle?

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" (Matthew 28:18-20)

Then



Now



Obeying Jesus' command to "go," His disciples set out boldly, turning many into His followers and establishing churches across regions. Even Saul, who once persecuted these fledgling churches, later became Paul and went on to plant countless churches and raise many servants of God.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, it became common for churches to extend an "altar call" inviting those who felt led to serve as missionaries. At the end of each revival meeting, numerous workers would rise up, answering the altar call, and through them, entire nations were shaken for Christ.

Today, we often beat our chests and boast about the multitude of souls within our churches. But a sobering question remains: how many workers have truly arisen from our congregations?

It is heart-breaking to see that even after 25 or 35 years of faith, many believers live out their entire lives simply as believers, without stepping into the mission field.

We who were commanded to "Go"—

Have we instead drifted far away?

Can this situation ever change?

Will this troubling reality ever be turned around?

In India, how many cities, villages, streets, and corners still remain unreached and untouched by the Gospel?

Dear brother and sister... Will you resolve to-day to reach just one of those streets?

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." (Matthew 9:37)



FATHER'S DAY

June 15

A father's role is pivotal in a child's growth and safety. There is absolutely no doubt that the place a father holds in our lives is invaluable.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO FOR OUR FATHERS?

- ◀ Just as we cherish our mothers, we must also extend the same love, honour, and appreciation to our fathers—men who have devoted their entire lives to the happiness of their children and family.
- ◀ Some people deeply love their mothers but fail to show the same affection to their fathers. A father silently endures his sorrow and pain, fulfilling his duties without complaint. Next to our mothers, it is our fathers who hold the closest place in our hearts.
- ◀ Though a father's love may not be as tender as a mother's, he is the one who strengthens us from within. That is why we must celebrate him. He swallows his sadness just to make us smile. A father leads not only with words but by example—his children follow in his footsteps. Therefore, every father must strive to be a role model for his children.

A BIBLICAL FATHER WHO SET A GODLY EXAMPLE

In 1 Kings 15:11, we read: **"Asa did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, as his father David had done."**

Asa followed in his father David's footsteps and set a righteous example for his family, drawing them closer to the Lord. Likewise, David had lived as a godly role model before Asa. Asa ruled Jerusalem for 41 years, during which his mother Maacah worshipped abominable idols and had even set up a grove for them. But Asa tore them down, removed the idols, and dethroned his mother as queen.

It's remarkable that Asa's life didn't just echo his words—his actions spoke louder. His heart was fully committed to God, just like his father David. His life itself was a powerful testimony.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!