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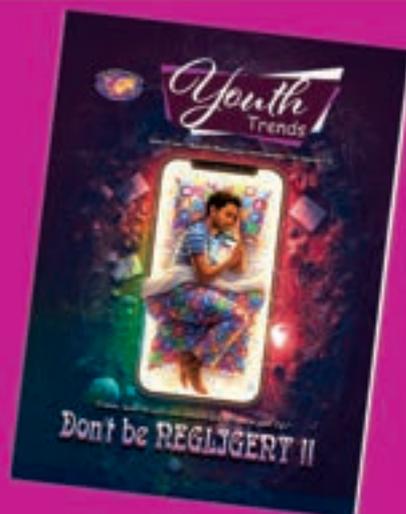
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# Foreword

Resurrection day greetings to my beloved young hearts in the precious name of Jesus Christ!

As young people, you are vessels chosen by God. Every day, I rejoice in the Lord as I see how God is using you. In the days ahead, God desires to strengthen you even more, empower you, and use you mightily.

Why? Because there is a huge crowd of young people who do not know Jesus, sitting in pain and tears, wondering: "Will I ever find freedom in life? Will this battle with sin ever end?"

At the same time, there are also many Christian youths who know about Jesus but have never experienced true salvation. They live only as nominal Christians, trapped in struggles, confusion, and hidden battles.

## Who will go searching for such a generation?

In the Bible, we see a similar story. In the town of Sychar in Samaria, a woman came to Jacob's well carrying the pain of failure, disappointment, sin, and silent tears. But Jesus intentionally went looking for that one soul. He wiped her tears, transformed her pain, set her free from sin, and spoke life into her spiritually dry heart by giving her the Living Water of His Word.

Even today, many young people are standing with that same thirst and longing, desperately searching for freedom from sin and bondage.

You — the **IGNITERS** — who have received the power and gifts of God, must rise with passion and reveal God to them through your lives.

- ◀ **When you pray, God will break the chains of sin that bind these young people.**
- ◀ **When you pray, God will shatter the strongholds of sickness.**
- ◀ **When you pray, the works of unclean spirits that keep youth in deception will be destroyed.**

Your prayers can bring real change. Your prayers can bring true freedom. So be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Step forward and act with bold faith!

*May the grace of God be with you!*

*Your brother,  
Nathan C.L.*



# Not Luck. Just Jesus!



Testimony: William

Born into a medical family in Tenkasi, in the southern part of Tamil Nadu, Irwin Joash grew up with a dream—to become a doctor himself. But life threw unexpected challenges his way. Struggling with memory loss and fits, he still pursued his studies in the state board system and, against all odds, cracked NEET on his very first attempt. Today, he is training to become a doctor. Let's hear his story in his own words.

## *Can you tell us about your family and childhood?*

I was born in Tenkasi to Dr. Meshak Peter and Dr. Sheeba Magdalene. Both my parents are doctors, and my elder sister is currently in her final year of MBBS. Growing up in a Christian family, I was introduced to Jesus from a very young age. I never missed church, read the Bible regularly, and even won prizes in Bible quizzes. I was brought up in a



disciplined, godly environment. From childhood, God blessed me with talents like singing and playing instruments like keyboard and guitar. My parents guided me to use these gifts for God's glory.

## *So, you must have had a deep love for Jesus and lived passionately for Him, right?*

Not really. I followed everything because of my parents' discipline, not out of a personal relationship with God. Even though I went to church regularly, I had no real connection with Him. Since I lived a very decent life like I didn't party, didn't mess around with the wrong crowd— I just tagged myself as a "good Christian." But I didn't even understand what salvation truly meant.

During the COVID season, through the "Come Let's Pray" program, I heard through Mohan Uncle that salvation is something everyone needs.



That's when I personally experienced Christ, repented, and accepted Jesus as my own Savior. Only after that did I truly begin to pray and read the Bible sincerely.

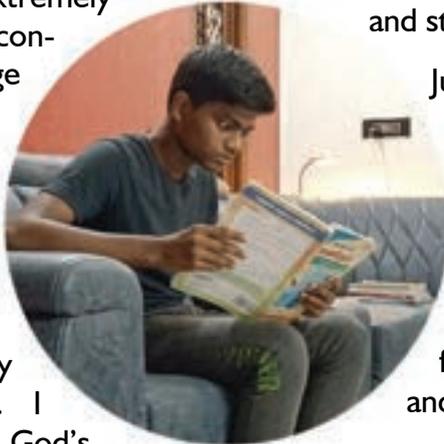
***That's powerful! Now tell us about your studies.***

By God's grace, I was always a top student in school. After my 10th board exams, I chose the Bio-Computer group because I wanted to become a doctor. But during 11th and 12th, balancing school exams and NEET preparation was extremely tough. I was constantly confused about how to manage my time—how much to study, what to prioritize.

On top of that, I was dealing with fits and had to take medication daily. It made me feel very sleepy, and I couldn't stay awake for long hours. I prayed about it, and by God's grace, I stopped the medication during my 12th grade. Now I'm completely fine. However, I had another major struggle—poor memory. Memorizing facts, names, and numbers was extremely difficult. Even after repeated revision, I would forget things. Still, I prayed boldly: "Lord, I want a government medical seat in my very first NEET attempt. Even if my 12th marks are low, it's okay."

***With all these challenges, were you able to achieve your dream?***

In 2025, during a prayer session at the Jeb-amalai Achievers gathering, a word was



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shared: "God will not let you be put to shame." My mother held onto that promise and started praying over it.

Just like God gave Solomon not only wisdom but also riches he didn't ask for, God gave me both—what I prayed for and beyond. By His grace, I scored 593/600 in my 12th board exams, securing school first. I got centum in Physics and Computer Science.

In NEET, I scored 522/720, and God blessed me with a seat in a government medical college. I'm currently studying at the Government Medical College in Thoothukudi. Many people said, "State board students can't crack NEET." "Even if they do, not on the first attempt."





Those negative voices tried to create fear. But I prayed: “Lord, I won’t study another year. Give me a seat in my first attempt.” And God did exactly what I asked. He made me rejoice!

***That’s amazing!***

***What would you like to tell students preparing for exams today?***

First—give God the time and honor He deserves. Don’t skip prayer or church because of “special classes.” Second—don’t waste your study time on TV or social media.

When you combine sincere prayer with hard work, God will definitely give you success beyond your expectations.

***Dear students, maybe you’re waiting for your results right now. Maybe you’re dreaming of becoming a doctor.***



***Put Jesus first in your life and in your studies.***

***He will surely help you—and take you further than you ever imagined!***



# The Power of Inner Vision!

Dear young achievers, warm and heartfelt greetings to you!  
True achievers are not defined by a life without obstacles, but by their refusal to surrender their dreams in the face of adversity. They are the ones who keep moving toward their purpose with relentless determination. Here is the inspiring story of one such individual who refused to be limited by his circumstances and instead rose to remarkable heights through courage and perseverance.

Satender Singh was born into a humble farming family in the Amroha district of Uttar Pradesh, India. At just one and a half years old, he was struck by pneumonia. Tragically, due to a medical error in treatment, he lost his eyesight completely. What could have become the end of hope became the beginning of extraordinary resilience.

Though he grew up without physical sight, he never allowed his inner vision to fade. With remarkable self-confidence, he chose courage over despair and determination over self-pity.



He pursued his education at a Government Higher Secondary School for the visually challenged, mastering the Braille system and excelling academically. His disability did not define him — his discipline did.

His next big challenge came when he joined St. Stephen's College in Delhi, where the medium of instruction was English. Initially, this became a major hurdle. But instead of being intimidated, he treated it as a challenge to overcome. Through intense dedication and consistent effort, he gained strong command over the language within just one year. He later went on to complete his M.Phil. degree at Jawaharlal Nehru University, one of India's most prestigious institutions.

Even while working as a teacher, he dared to dream bigger. He set his eyes on the UPSC Civil Services Examination — one of the most competitive and demanding examinations in the country. Preparing for such an exam is challenging even for those with full physical abilities. Yet Satender prepared as a visually impaired candidate using screen-reader technology, proving that limitations can be turned into tools when determination leads the way.

Though he faced failure in 2016 and again in 2017, he refused to let disappointment define his destiny. Instead of quitting, he refined his preparation, strengthened his mindset, and attempted again in 2018. This time, his perseverance paid off — he secured an All India Rank of 714, establishing himself as a true example of grit and achievement.

Dear young friends,

Satender Singh never accepted the statement "I can't." Instead, he chose to ask a far more powerful question: "How can I?"

Despite his blindness, he chose focus over frustration, learning over limitation, and persistence over pressure. He mastered education, overcame language barriers, and conquered one of India's toughest examinations.

**Let his story challenge you today:**

**Do not turn your obstacles into excuses. Turn them into stepping stones.**

**Keep moving forward even when progress feels slow. Success may sometimes be delayed, but sincere effort is never wasted, and perseverance never returns empty-handed.**

**Dare to try. Dare to persist. Dare to prove what you are capable of.**

**Strive — and show the world what God can do through a determined life.**



## When Parents Make the Plans!!

I am studying in 10th grade. I have many dreams and goals. I want to score good marks, choose the Computer Science group in 11th grade, join a B.Sc. Computer Science program in college, get placed in an IT company, and later specialize in Data Science.

After my 10th exams, I thought I could relax and enjoy a few days. But my parents are saying that I must attend VBS throughout May. They say I must first become spiritually strong, build my relationship with God, and have a personal encounter with Jesus.

When I hear this, I feel irritated and angry. Because of this, we are always arguing. I have even stopped talking to my father. Most of the time I just sit alone in my room. Why can't my parents understand me? Do I always have to listen only to their plans? Why can't they listen to my plans too?

- Akash, Trichy

### Dear Brother Akash,

I am truly happy to see your dreams and goals. Especially in a time when many students finish their higher secondary education without knowing what they want to do next, without any clear direction, you have already planned what group to take in +1, what degree to pursue, and what courses are trending now. This shows clarity and focus. I appreciate you for that.

At the same time, I can understand your disappointment that your May holiday plans seem to be taken over because of your parents insisting that you attend VBS.

Even today, the reason for many conflicts, misunderstandings, and emotional distance between parents and children is simple: seeing only one side of the coin. We often fail to look at the other side.

First, let us try to understand what their expectations are. Then we can decide how to respond.



## A Christian Parent's Expectation

### A Christian parent usually desires:

- ▶ That before their son enters Higher Secondary, he should have a personal relationship with God.
- ▶ That he should understand God's purpose for his life.
- ▶ That to succeed in studies and to live a disciplined life in this world, he needs spiritual strength (and this strength comes only through daily fellowship with God).
- ▶ That he should learn to guard his heart and develop the habit of staying away from sin.
- ▶ That he should reach the beautiful future God has planned for him and live as a testimony that glorifies God.



### What you might be thinking:

- ▶ "Don't I know how to live my own life? God has given me intelligence. I know what to do and what not to do."
- ▶ "I have willpower. I can overcome any temptation during my +1, +2, and college life. I can easily achieve my goals."
- ▶ But this is exactly where many young people make mistakes. They believe they can succeed in their own strength. They try. They struggle. Many fail. And slowly, they drift away from God's purpose.

### Consider these examples:

**Samson:** He believed his physical strength was enough. But he could not overcome the desires of the flesh and eventually fell.

**Cain:** He allowed his wrong thoughts to grow into anger. That anger led him



into sin against his own brother and separated him from God's presence.

**Gehazi:** His desire for worldly gain cost him a powerful prophetic ministry and distanced him from God.

Those who believed they could stand in their own strength eventually fell and moved away from God's presence.

That is why your parents desire that you build a relationship with God so you can truly succeed and shine in life.

### A simple suggestion

*Why not attend VBS just this once? Use this one month to prepare yourself spiritually and then step confidently into your academic journey. God will be with you and strengthen you.*

*"The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned away... there is no one who does good, not even one."*

*(Psalm 14:2-3)*

**“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.” (1 Corinthians 15:3-5)**

According to Jewish custom, the body of Jesus was wrapped in linen cloth and placed in a tomb carved out of rock. A massive stone was rolled across the entrance. During His time on earth, Jesus had clearly declared, “I will die, be buried, and on the third day I will rise again.” Exactly as He promised, He conquered death and rose to life.

Even today, the tomb in Jerusalem where Jesus was buried stands open, silently echoing the powerful truth: “He is not here; He has risen!”

**The Risen  
Jesus  
who Reveals  
Himself!**

Message:  
Mohan C. Lazarus

In the entire history of the world, only one person has died, been buried, conquered death, and remains alive forever — Jesus Christ. The apostles who walked with Him became eyewitnesses of the risen Christ. That is why they boldly testified: “You crucified Him, but God raised Him from the dead, and we are witnesses of this truth” (Acts 2:32).

There is no need to declare a dead person as God. The One worthy to be called God is the One who died and yet lives forever – the Almighty Creator of heaven and earth. In this world, that one true God is Jesus Christ alone. That is why Jesus declared: “I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore” (Revelation 1:18).

Jesus Christ alone is the God who conquered death (1 Corinthians 15:14). After His resurrection, He continued to work through His disciples. Wherever the message of Jesus was

preached, miracles followed, proving that He is alive (Mark 16:20).

Just as miracles happened when Jesus physically walked on earth, the same miracles continued through His disciples. Why? Not to glorify the disciples, but to reveal that the Jesus they preached is alive. Through these miracles, Jesus made Himself known to the world.

### ***A Young Man's Search for the True God!***

In Ludhiana, Punjab, a boy named Sundar was born into a devout Sikh family. His mother was deeply religious and raised him with strong spiritual discipline. From a very young age, Sundar showed deep interest in religious texts, especially the Bhagavad Gita. By the age of seven, he had even begun memorizing it.

But tragedy struck early. Sundar lost his mother while he was still young. Her death shattered his heart. In his grief, his soul began searching for the God his mother had spoken about – the God who could give him true comfort.

He began reading books from different religions, searching sincerely for the truth. With deep longing he said:

“There must be a God who created this entire universe. I want to see Him. Whoever He is, I must find Him. Only He can give me true comfort and peace.”

For months he searched with intense desire. Yet nothing gave him peace. Finally, in desperation, he made a life-changing decision:

“If there is a true God, let Him reveal Himself to me tonight. Otherwise, I will end my life.”

He waited through the night. Then, in the early hours of

dawn, at that final moment, a brilliant light suddenly filled his room.

In that light, Jesus appeared to him – the One who was nailed to the cross.

### ***Jesus revealed Himself and said:***

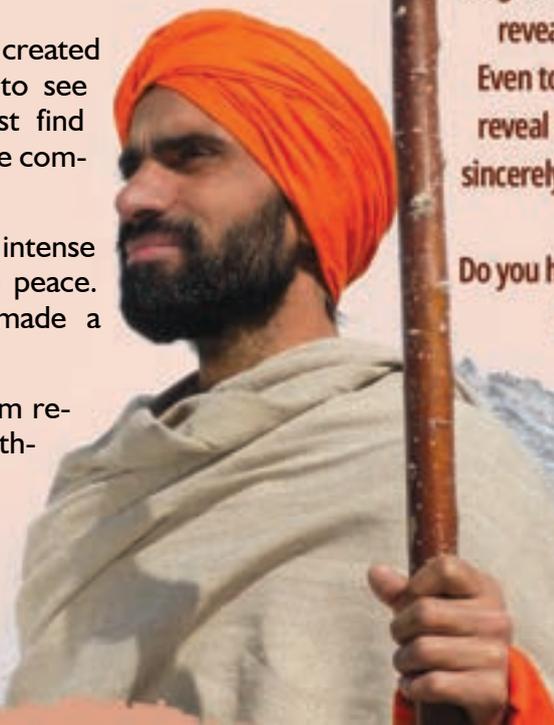
“Sundar, I am the God you are searching for – the Creator of heaven and earth. I am the One who died on the cross for you and carried your sins.”

Sundar was not expecting Jesus. He was shocked. But when he encountered the risen Christ, he surrendered his life completely to Him.

From that day forward, he chose not to marry and became known as Sadhu Sundar Singh. He travelled across India and many nations, dedicating his life to proclaiming Jesus as a servant of God.

### ***A Question for You!***

Dear young friend, Sundar's heart burned with a deep thirst for God. Because he truly longed to see his Creator, Jesus revealed Himself to him. Even today, Jesus is ready to reveal Himself to those who sincerely seek Him and believe in Him. Do you have that same thirst to receive Jesus?





## Bible Exploration



Hey young world-changers! We believe understanding the background of the Bible makes your reading way more meaningful and powerful. This month, let's dive into the backstory of **Joshua**, **Judges**, and **Ruth**!

### Story Snapshot

#### Joshua

1. After the death of Moses, Joshua rises with boldness to lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land.
2. God commands him, “Be strong and courageous,” and personally leads him every step of the way.
3. The Israelites cross the Jordan and begin to take possession of Canaan.
4. In a moment that defies logic, the walls of Jericho collapse—not by human strength, but through radical obedience to God’s unusual instructions.
5. Joshua reminds the people: This victory isn’t ours—it’s God’s.

#### Judges

This is a cycle we can’t ignore.

The Israelites forget God... fall into sin... face consequences... cry out... and God raises a judge to rescue them. Peace returns—for a while. But then they fall again. It’s a repeating loop of failure and grace.

Key leaders: Deborah, Samson, Gideon.

#### Ruth

Ruth, a widowed Moabite woman, makes a bold decision—to stay loyal not just to her mother-in-law Naomi, but to Naomi’s God. She leaves everything familiar and steps into Bethlehem, working humbly in the fields to survive. There, she meets Boaz—who becomes her redeemer. But here’s the plot twist:

Ruth becomes the great-grandmother of King David... and part of the lineage of Jesus Christ Himself!

Her story proves this: Even in quiet, ordinary moments, God is working behind the scenes.

## Remember This

Joshua, Judges, and Ruth reveal three real truths about faith:

1. Faith takes courage.
2. Walking away from God leads to chaos and struggle.
3. Faith always leads to redemption.

Even when we mess up, if we choose to trust God, He continues His plan through us and in us.

Because of Ruth's one faithful decision, God prepared a legacy that led to King David –and ultimately to our Lord Jesus Christ. Your story might feel small... But in God's hands, it can shape eternity.

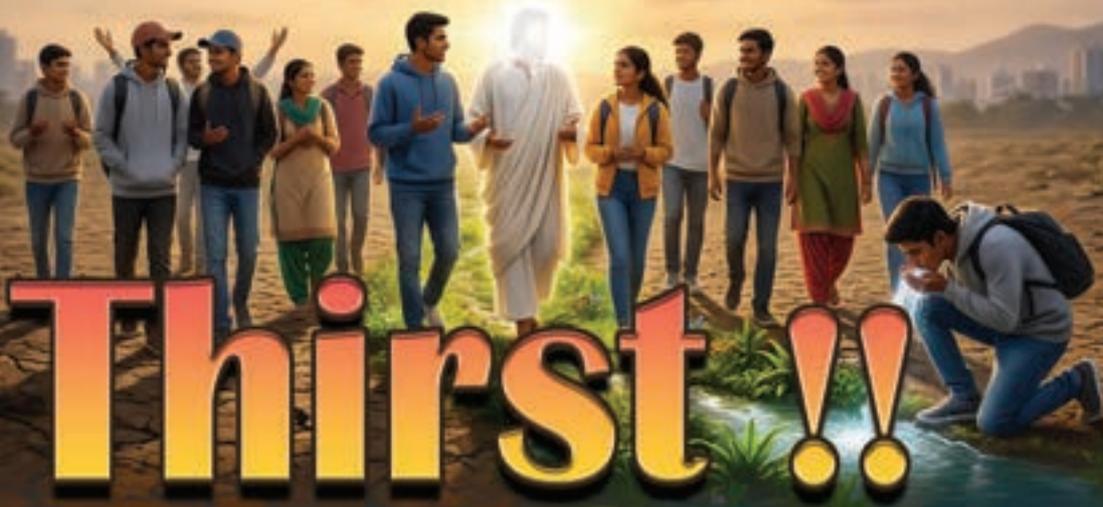


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Just as food and water are essential for the health of our physical body, hunger and thirst are natural signals of its needs. When we feel thirsty, we immediately look for water and drink until our thirst is satisfied. In the same way, to quench the thirst of our soul, we must seek God.

David sought God from his youth. He longed for a close and intimate relationship with Him. Not only his soul, but even his body desired to know God.

“O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You in a dry and weary land where there is no water; my flesh longs for You” (Psalm 63:1).

When we seek God not as a duty but with genuine thirst, the deep thirst of our soul will be satisfied.

David clearly understood that being in God’s presence was even more necessary than water for the body. That is why he sought God early in the morning. No matter how many trials, struggles, pressures, or losses he faced, David never stopped seeking the Lord. In every situation, he chose to trust God and pursue Him.



Likewise, whatever situations you may face in your life, never stop seeking the Lord. The more your soul and body long for Him, the more strength you will receive.

“My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?” (Psalm 42:2).

Just as David thirsted for God daily, when your soul begins to thirst for God like that, you will live a victorious life even in this world.

The reason Jesus lived a victorious life on this earth was because He constantly sought His Father. When you seek Jesus, His nature will begin to be reflected in you. Just as He had a deep thirst for perishing souls, you too will begin to carry a burden and thirst for souls.

The Samaritans were hated by the Jews. Yet Jesus waited near a well to quench the spiritual thirst of a Samaritan woman who belonged to a despised community. For Jesus, spiritual thirst mattered more than physical thirst.

She came to draw water to satisfy her physical thirst. But Jesus saw the dryness of her soul and the deep longing within her heart. He introduced Himself as the Living Water who alone could satisfy her thirst. While she came to quench her bodily thirst, the Lord showed her the way to satisfy her soul's thirst.



Jesus said, **“Whoever drinks the water that I give will never thirst. The water that I give will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life”** (John 4:14).

When her thirst was satisfied by Jesus Christ, the Samaritan woman, out of her love for Him, ran back to her village. The very people who once looked down on her were invited by her to come and see Jesus. She boldly testified about what Jesus had done in her life and led many toward salvation.

At first, she saw Jesus as a Jew. Then she recognized Him as a prophet. Finally, she realized that He was the Messiah who came to save her from sin.

**“Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Him because of the woman’s testimony”** (John 4:39).

*My dear young friends! This world is suffering from a deep spiritual thirst. The most precious treasure God has given us is His Son, Jesus. If you seek God daily, even setting aside one hour in prayer, He will walk with you.*

*Like the Samaritan woman, rise with a thirst for souls and go out to quench the thirst of others! Share your testimony of what Jesus has done for you! The Lord will be with you and will use you to satisfy the thirst of many!!*

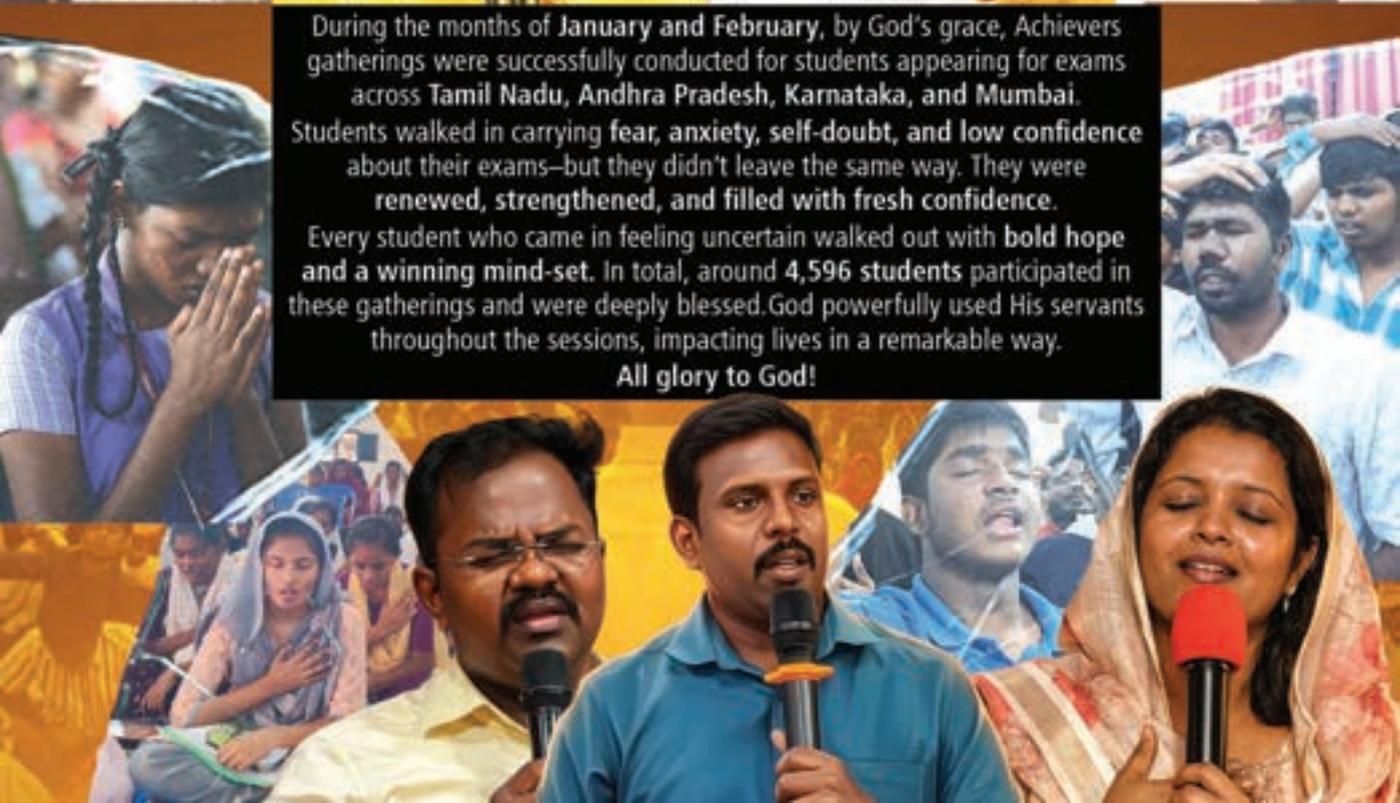
# ACHIEVERS



During the months of January and February, by God's grace, Achievers gatherings were successfully conducted for students appearing for exams across Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Mumbai. Students walked in carrying fear, anxiety, self-doubt, and low confidence about their exams—but they didn't leave the same way. They were renewed, strengthened, and filled with fresh confidence.

Every student who came in feeling uncertain walked out with bold hope and a winning mind-set. In total, around 4,596 students participated in these gatherings and were deeply blessed. God powerfully used His servants throughout the sessions, impacting lives in a remarkable way.

**All glory to God!**



# Loose the Knots

## "THE HIDDEN THIRST CHALLENGE"

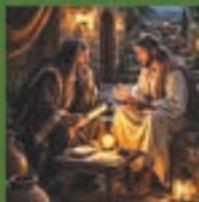
*In the Bible, THIRST isn't always about water. It often points to something deeper—like a craving for love, purpose, identity, or truth.*

**Each character in this collage is dealing with a hidden thirst. Can you figure out what they're really searching for?**

**Match each character with their deeper "thirst" from the list below.**

**Write your answers like this: (Character Name – Their Thirst)**

Example:



Nicodemus (Thirst for Truth)

1. Validation
2. Purpose
3. Justice & revenge
4. Eternal Life
5. God's presence
6. Acceptance/Love
7. Deliverance
8. Jesus' arrival



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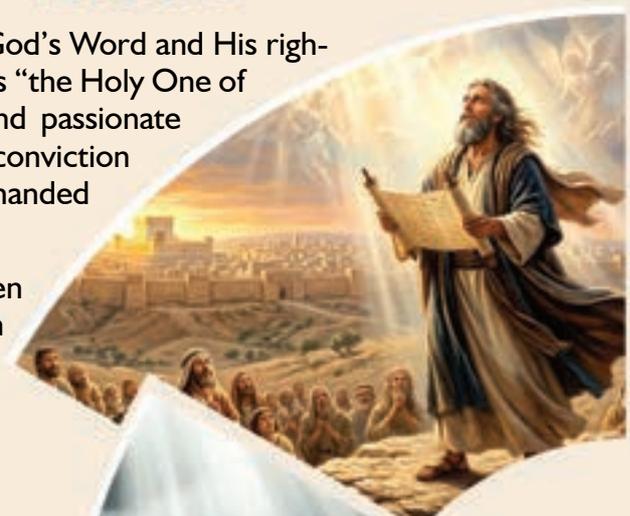
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THE SPIRITUAL THIRST THESE BIBLE HERDES HAD FOR GOD!

## Isaiah

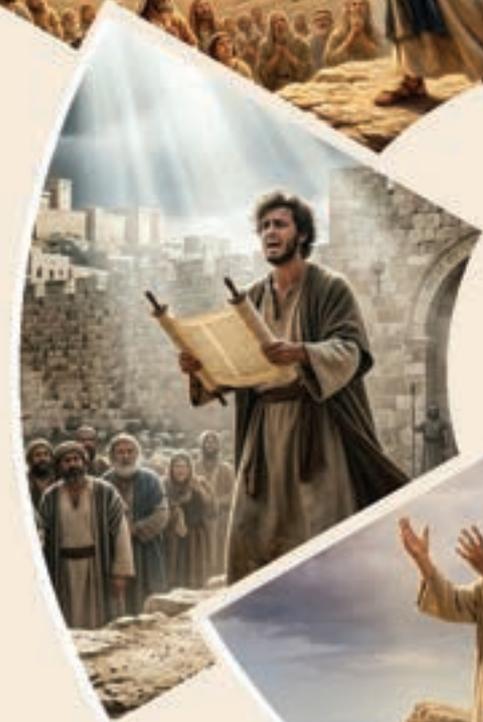
The prophet Isaiah had a deep hunger for God's Word and His righteousness. By repeatedly referring to God as "the Holy One of Israel," he revealed his deep reverence and passionate devotion toward God. He lived with a firm conviction that he must speak only what God commanded him to speak.

Isaiah was driven by an unquenchable burden to see people turn away from sin and return to God.



## Jeremiah

Jeremiah carried a deep longing to see people repent and come back to God. Chosen by God from his youth, he was called into prophetic ministry because of his intense spiritual passion. He firmly believed that the Lord is the true and living God and the everlasting King. Even in the face of rejection and opposition, Jeremiah boldly proclaimed God's message without fear.



## Elijah

When the people of Israel turned away from the true God, Elijah stood with uncompromising zeal for the Lord. He obeyed God without hesitation — whether it meant going to an unfamiliar place or depending on ravens to bring him food. Even when he had to pray seven times for rain, he refused to lose hope and held firmly to God's promise. This spiritual passion gave him the courage to exalt God even in front of his enemies.



## David

Even during the seasons when he was fleeing from Saul and living in the wilderness, David continued to seek God with his whole heart. His greatest desire was to dwell continually in God's presence. He compared his soul to a deer thirsting for water, expressing his deep longing for God (Psalm 63:1). More than power, victory, or comfort, his greatest ambition was to remain in the presence of God.



## The Samaritan Woman

Rejected by society, her life was completely transformed the moment she encountered the Messiah. Leaving behind her water jar, she ran back to her town to share the good news about Jesus. Turning away from her old life, she began to thirst for true divine love and eternal life. That same thirst transformed her into an evangelist and led many people into faith.

## Zacchaeus

Because of his short stature, Zacchaeus could not see Jesus through the crowd. But his desire to see Jesus made him climb a sycamore tree. Seeing his longing, Jesus called him personally, saying, "Come down." Zacchaeus immediately responded, came down, and repented. He was even willing to give half of his possessions to the poor, proving the sincerity of his transformation. It was this spiritual hunger that brought salvation not only to him but also invited Jesus into his home.

***One truth connects all these lives: Those who truly thirst for God will always encounter Him.***

***The real question for today's youth is this: Do we have that same thirst?***

# Under Pressure

*Hi friends,*

How are you all doing? I'm really glad to meet you again through this series Under Pressure! Last month, we saw how olive seeds, when put under pressure, produce something incredibly valuable – Olive oil.

So... what are we going to explore this month? Any guesses, friends?

Have you ever faced situations where it felt like every door around you was shut? Times when pressure was so intense that you just couldn't see a way forward? If yes – then this series is especially for you. Alright, let's dive in.

## **This month, we are going to look at a grain of wheat.**

Usually, a wheat grain remains attached to the stalk of the plant. It stays comfortable there, without struggle, depending completely on the stalk for its supply of nutrients and water. Isn't that how some of us live too? Depending on others for certain things because it feels safe and comfortable. But here is the truth...

If a wheat grain continues to remain attached to the stalk, it can only remain a seed for its entire life. Eventually, it may

decay, or it may simply be eaten by birds or animals.

*But the Bible says in John 12:24:*

A grain of wheat remains alone unless it falls to the ground and dies; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

Yes, if it must become fruitful, it has to "die." That means it must pass through pressure-filled situations. It must step out of the environment that feels safe, familiar, and comfortable.

Does dying mean it is destroyed? No. It means dying in order to truly live. If a single grain is to produce an abundant harvest, it must first fall to the ground and die. First, the wheat remains attached to the stalk. Then the farmer separates the grain from the stalk and stores it. Imagine the situation of that grain — separated from the very source it depended on all along. Sounds like a tough situation, right friends?

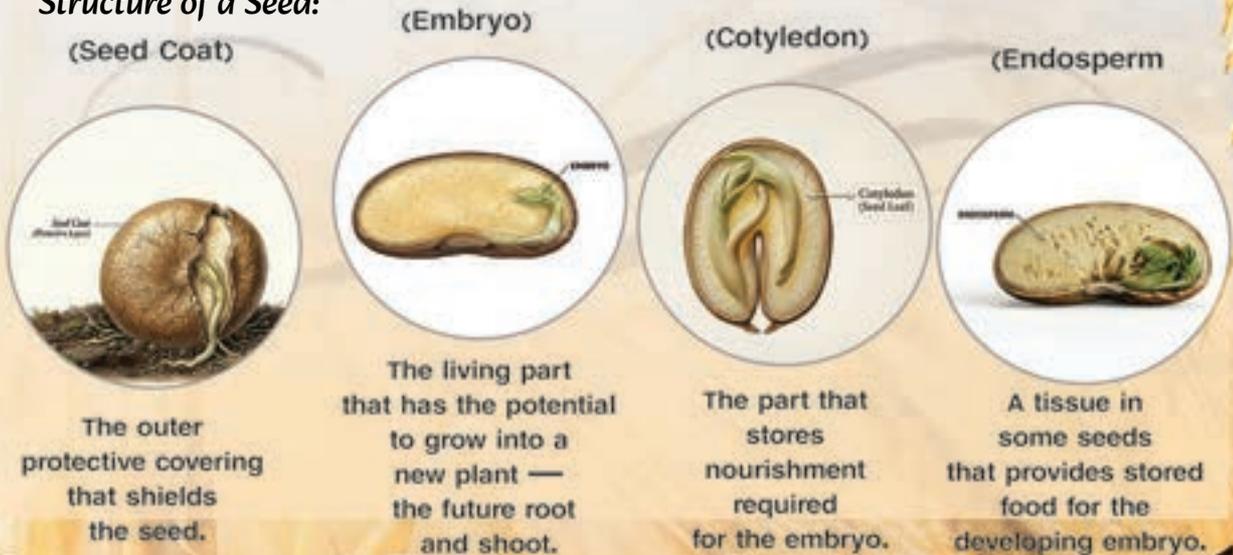
Maybe some of you are going through something similar. Perhaps you have been separated from people you depended on. Maybe you feel like you are standing alone without support.

Don't be discouraged! If you are being separated, understand this:

sometimes God allows separation for a greater purpose.

**Before we see what happens next to the separated wheat grain, shall we first understand the structure of a seed?**

### Structure of a Seed:



*This is the structure of a seed. Interestingly, while the wheat grain remains attached to the stalk, all these life-giving functions remain inactive. In other words, all the potential for a bright future remains locked inside, waiting.*

*We will look at what happens to the wheat grain after it is separated... in next month's edition.*

*(To be continued...)*

Prayer Points - April 2026

# COME LET'S PRAY!

Jebikalam Vanga

Prayer: Bennital

## CRISIS IN AFGHANISTAN

After the Taliban took control of Afghanistan, reports reveal that nearly **97% of the population** is suffering from **hunger and severe food shortages**. Rising unemployment has only worsened the crisis. People across the nation are struggling even for their **next meal**, living in deep distress.

Let's pray that Afghanistan, now under extremist control, experiences **peace, stability, and restoration**, and that its people find **hope and a future filled with dignity**.



## RISING VIOLENCE IN INDIA

In India, an average of **80 murders occur every day**. NCRB reports state that **29,193 people were killed in a year**, with the highest cases in Uttar Pradesh. A large percentage of victims fall within the **youth and working-age groups**, showing a disturbing rise not just in suicides but also in **violent crimes among young people**.

Let's pray for healing, protection, and a **transformation in our nation's mind-set**.



## UNSAFE FOOD & PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

In the race for **higher profits**, adulterated and unsafe food is being produced, often due to the negligence of **influential authorities and weak governance**.

Globally, **550 million people fall sick every year** due to contaminated food, and **230,000 lose their lives**. Another **33 million people** are deprived of a healthy life.

Let's pray for **accountability, awareness, and reform**, so people can live in a **safe and healthy environment**.



## PROTECTION FROM FIRE ACCIDENTS

Let us pray that **no lives are lost due to fire accidents** in our nation. May people's **livelihoods be preserved**, and let's entrust **factories, apartments, oil storage units, schools, colleges, and vehicles** into God's protection, keeping them safe from every danger.



## SPIRITUAL PROTECTION & PEACE

Let's stand in prayer against every force that seeks to bring **destruction, fear, and unrest** through fire and violence. May all such plans be **completely destroyed**, and every work of darkness that threatens peace be brought to an end.



## RISING JUVENILE CRIME IN TAMIL NADU

It is alarming that **juvenile involvement in crimes** has steadily increased over the past five years.

From **3% in 2021**, it has risen to **6.3% in 2025**, nearly doubling. In 2025 alone, **104 out of 1,661 murder cases** involved juveniles.

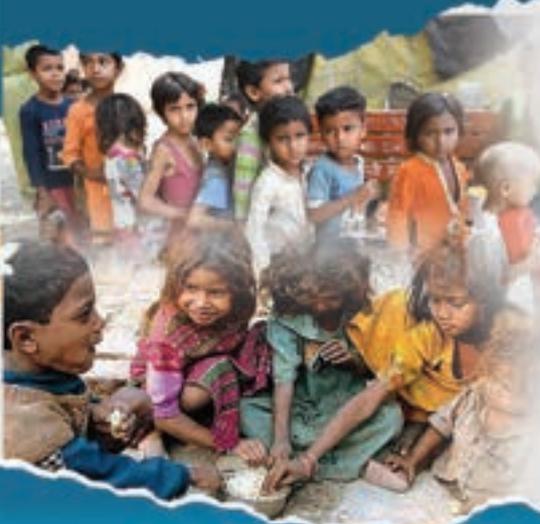
Let's pray for this troubling trend to end, and for young people to be **guided toward purpose, discipline, and a better future**.



## HUNGER CRISIS IN INDIA

Shockingly, India has a **higher percentage of hunger** compared to nations like Ethiopia, Congo, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. About **19.3% of children (around 6.7 million)** suffer from hunger and malnutrition, many unable to access even **one proper meal a day**.

Let's pray that these children receive **nutritious food, protection, and the chance to grow with strength and hope**.



# Graham Staines



This month, we reflect on the extraordinary missionary vision of Graham Staines, who came all the way from Australia to Odisha, India. He chose to live among leprosy patients and people rejected by society, dedicating his entire life to demonstrating the love of Christ not just through words, but through action.

His ministry was not just another mission assignment — it was a testimony of love, a symbol of sacrifice, and a powerful expression of unwavering faith.

Graham Stuart Staines was the second son of William and Elizabeth Staines from Australia. When he was just fifteen years old, he attended a meeting where a missionary shared about the heart-breaking condition of leprosy patients in India, supported by photographs. Those images deeply moved his heart. From that moment, he decided to dedicate his life to serving leprosy patients in India.

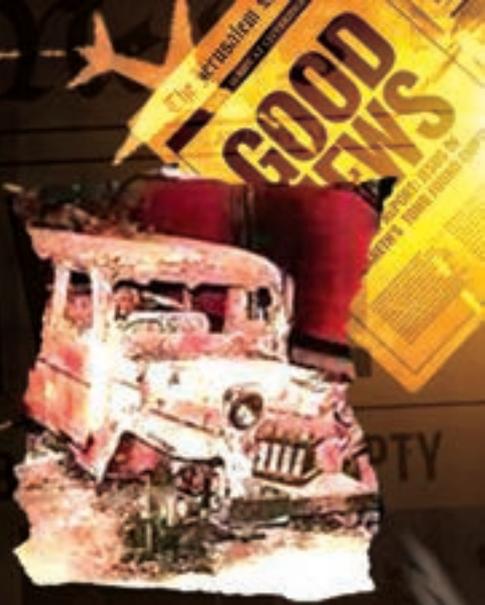
Later, after attending another missionary gathering, he received a clear conviction of God's call upon his life for missionary service.

Responding to that call, Graham Staines joined the Evangelical Missionary Society of Mayurbhanj and came to India in 1965 to serve among the tribal communities of Odisha. When he witnessed the painful suffering of leprosy patients, his heart was filled with compassion. With genuine love and total commitment, he began serving them. He took the effort to learn the Odia language as well as the local Santali dialect fluently. Through this, he was able to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ effectively among the tribal communities.

In 1983, he took leadership responsibility of the mission at Baripada. In the same year, he married Gladys, a missionary nurse. She proved to be not only a loving wife but also a faithful partner in ministry. Together, they tirelessly worked to provide education, medical care, and social development opportunities to the tribal people.

As a result of their dedicated service, thousands of people began accepting Christ. This growth created opposition from religious extremists. On the night of January 22, 1999, while Staines and his two young sons were returning from a Christian camp at Manoharpur, a violent mob attacked them. They were locked inside their vehicle, which was then set on fire. All three were burned alive.

Yet even through such unbearable suffering and persecution, something remarkable happened — many who had rejected the Gospel for years began turning to Jesus Christ after witnessing their sacrifice.



## Key Ministries of Graham Staines

### Leprosy Care Ministry (1982)

He provided medical care, rehabilitation, and emotional support to leprosy patients in the Mayurbhanj district.

### Education for Tribal Communities

He worked to bring education and basic healthcare facilities to tribal people living in remote villages of Odisha.

### Community Development Work

He helped improve the quality of life of poor communities by supporting their livelihood and social welfare.

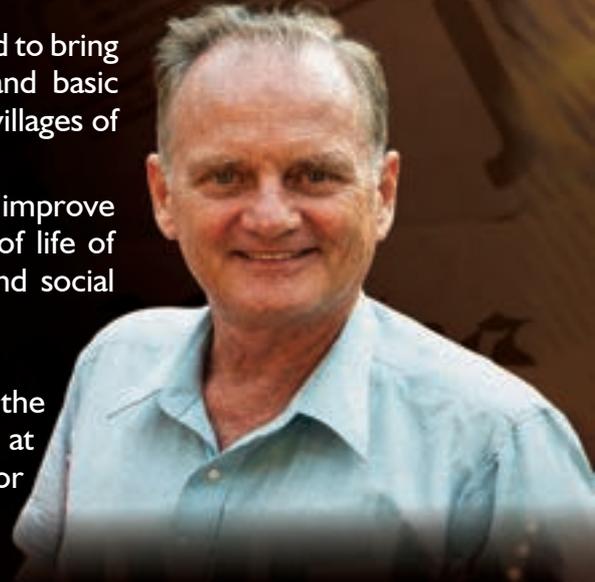
### Graham Staines Memorial Hospital

After Graham's death, his wife Gladys continued the mission. In 2004, she established a 15-bed hospital at Rajabasa to continue providing medical care for poor patients.

### Timothy Philip Memorial Hostel (2003)

She also founded a hostel to provide education and accommodation for underprivileged students, especially those from leprosy-affected families, helping them build a better future. **A Legacy That Still Speaks:** Even after losing her husband and two sons, Gladys Staines remained in India with her daughter until 2004 to complete the work God had entrusted to their family. Though she later returned to Australia, the medical services and social work that began through their sacrifice continue even today as a living memorial of their love and dedication. The life of Graham Staines reminds us of a powerful truth: Real Christianity is not just what we preach — it is what we live.

**His life asks a question to every young person today:** Are we willing to love like Christ, even when it costs us something?



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# *The Voice of the Times:* **Prophecies Unfolding**

The Bible clearly warns us—there will be wars, famines, pandemics, earthquakes, and false Christs rising across the earth. Sin will increase. Love will grow cold. Human hearts will become hardened.

It also reveals that people will turn into lovers of themselves, mockers, and money-minded, choosing their own desires over God.

## **Signs Happening Right Now**

- **Wars & Uprisings:** Nations are rising against nations, and conflicts are intensifying across the globe.
- **Natural Disasters:** Famines, deadly diseases, and powerful earthquakes are shaking different parts of the world.
- **Love Growing Cold:** As wickedness increases, even love within families is fading away.
- **Rise of Mockers:** More people are rejecting God and living life on their own terms.
- **False Prophets:** Many are claiming to be Christ and are leading people into deception.
- **Gospel Going Global:** Before the return of Jesus, the Good News will reach every nation on earth.

All these signs are not distant warnings anymore—they are unfolding right before our eyes.

We are living in a generation where the words spoken in the Holy Bible are being fulfilled in real time.

So stay alert. Stay awake.

Stand firm in your faith—because this is not just history... this is prophecy coming alive.



# IGNITERS

## Monthly Fellowship

*Igniters Youth Fellowship is a place where young people ignite their spiritual lives, discover the profound truths of the Bible, and find strength in praying for the country as a group. You are welcome to join in on this fellowship and grow stronger. Come on! Strengthen yourself, and get ready to fortify others!*

### **EVERY 1st SUNDAY (5th APRIL)**

#### **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, Muniyasampuram Land mark: South Police Station to Kamaraj College Rd. 9750955548 | 9786212103

#### **TIRUPATI (3PM)**

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

### **EVERY 2nd SUNDAY (12th APRIL)**

#### **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

#### **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

#### **Mulund (5PM - 7:30PM)**

Shekinah NLA Church, Vijay Nagar, Near Vani Vidyalaya School, Mulund-West 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  
(18th APRIL)****MYSORE (3:30PM - 6PM)**

World Revival Prayer Center,  
3818, 14th Cross,  
St. Mary's Road,  
FTS Circle, N.R. Mohalla.  
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**EVERY 3rd SUNDAY  
(19th APRIL)****SALEM (3PM - 6PM)**

Karunya Prayer Hall,  
76/67, Near Thinathanthi office,  
opp. Gandhi Stadium, Arisipalayam  
9962085523

**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  
9750955548

**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

**NAGERCOIL****(3PM TO 6PM)**

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7598155503 | 9750955548

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**DELHI (3 PM TO 5 PM)**

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
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Near Hari Nagar bus depot  
New Delhi - 110064  
7217663240

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

World Revival Prayer Centre,  
H S R Tower,  
2nd Floor, Near CSI Gowdi Church  
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**KARUR (3PM-5:30PM)**

CSI Boys High schools,  
Jawahar Bazzar, Bunglaw Street, Karur.  
9489775075

**MUMBAI-MALAD (4PM – 6PM)**

Bethel Ground Floor,  
305/E, Mith Chauky,  
Marve Road, Malad (W)  
9664050567 | 9619996976

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

Revival Prayer centre, VK Road.  
9442885315

**THISAYANVILAI (2:30PM - 5:30PM)**

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

**MADURAI (3PM -5:30PM)**

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# News!

## India Faces a Serious Water Crisis by 2030!

A shocking report from an international water management body warns that India could face a major water shortage by 2030—and it won't just affect daily life, but also food production at a massive scale.

Driven by climate change and rapid population growth, the country's water demand is set to skyrocket. Currently, India needs around 700 million cubic meters of water, with nearly 85% used for agriculture. But by 2030, this demand is expected to double, as the population could rise to 1.6–1.7 billion.

That means water demand may hit nearly 1,498 billion cubic liters, while only about half of that supply may actually be available. The result? A looming water crisis that could become one of India's biggest challenges.

### • AGRICULTURE AT RISK

India heavily depends on farming, and water is its backbone. A shortage will directly hit crop production.

### • FOOD SHORTAGES & RISING PRICES

Reduced agricultural output could lead to scarcity of food and force India to import more from other countries at higher costs.



### • FALLING GROUNDWATER LEVELS

In many regions, groundwater has already been overused and depleted, especially in northern agricultural zones.

Even though 70% of Earth is covered with water, only about 3% is fresh water—and most of it isn't easily accessible.

- Around 1.1 billion people globally already lack access to safe water
- Nearly 2.7 billion people face water scarcity for at least one month every year
- About 50% of natural water bodies that once supported ecosystems and agriculture are now drying up.

If water scarcity intensifies, it won't just be an environmental issue—it will turn into a food, economic, and public health crisis.



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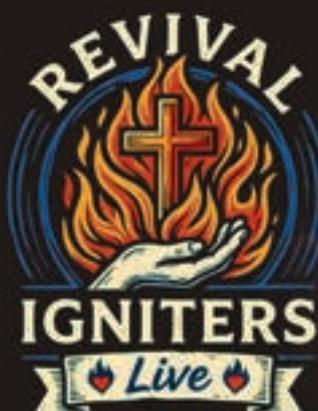
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## In Thiruvaadanai - Kaikaatti...

**MAY 1**  
Friday

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Venue: Vaanathin Vaasal, Near Water Tank,  
Madurai Road, C.K Mangalam, Kaikaatti

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

97509 55548, 97159 48404

## **MAY 16** *Saturday* **Nagercoil...**

Venue: Anandham Mini Mahal, Collector Office Near,  
K.P Road, Chidambaranathan Street, Nagercoil

Contact: 97509 55548



## **Tirunelveli...**

**MAY 17** *Sunday*

Time: 3 pm to 6 pm

Venue: To be announced

Prayer and Message:

**Bro. Avinash**

Contact: 97509 55548

## **Blessing Festivals!** **Youth Festival!**

Venue: Elim Garden  
Yehova Shalom Hall, Nalumavadi

**MAY 25 - 29**

Monday to Friday

Time:

**9 am to 1 pm**

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