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FOREWORD

Dear Young Friends, Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus!

In these days of revival, your role as young people is more important than ever. As you rise up as God's army, the power of the enemy at work in our nation will be broken. God is calling you to come together in small groups to pray, proclaim the Gospel, bring freedom to those who are spiritually bound, and revive discouraged young people through the life-giving power of His Word. Even if you're unable to serve as part of a larger group, you can still partner with just one friend to make a difference for God's Kingdom. The Bible declares, "One can chase a thousand, but two can put ten thousand to flight."

Young friend, what are you and your closest friend doing together for God?

In the days of the early Church, Paul and Silas served the Lord powerfully as faithful partners in ministry. Their friendship was marked by three remarkable qualities:

Unshakable Faith

In Acts 16, while ministering in the city of Philippi, Paul and Silas were beaten, thrown into the inner prison, and fastened in stocks. Yet, at midnight, instead of complaining, they prayed and sang praises to God. Even in the midst of suffering, they demonstrated unwavering faith and an unshakable love for the Lord.

Unity of Heart

Despite the pain, humiliation, and hardship they endured, Silas never blamed Paul for what had happened. Instead, he willingly embraced the cost of ministry, stood united with Paul, and together they prayed and glorified God with one heart and one spirit.

A Burden for Souls

Their prayers were not centred on personal comfort but on God's mission. Their hearts cried, "Lord, deliver us so that we may continue proclaiming Your love to many more people." It was this burden for souls that kept them praying and praising without ceasing. As a result, the Philippian jailer and his entire household believed in Christ, were baptized, and received salvation.

The godly friendship between two devoted servants of God became the channel through which many lives were transformed.

Now ask yourself: What kind of friendships are shaping your life today?

Do your friendships exist merely for fun and enjoyment, or are they helping to build God's Kingdom and impact lives for eternity?

Why not rise up like Paul and Silas and become a generation that serves God together?

**In Christ's service,
Mohan C. Lazarus**



From Dreams to Destiny

An Inspiring Conversation with Bro. Godson!

Leaving behind his parents' dream of seeing him become a doctor, Bro. Godson chose to pursue his own passion for Cyber Security. Today, he serves as a Senior Security Consultant at one of America's leading IT companies. Let's hear from him about the journey he took, the challenges he faced, and how God faithfully led him to where he is today.

Praise the Lord, Brother! Could you tell us about your family and childhood?

Praise the Lord! My name is Godson, and I'm from Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. Our family consists of my father, mother, my elder brother, and me. My parents work as tailors, and my brother is employed in an IT company. We come from a lower middle-class family. Although my parents worked incredibly hard to raise us, what stood out even more was their unwavering devotion to God.

When I think back to my childhood, I see a beautiful reflection of Deuteronomy 6:4-9 in the way my parents raised us. Whether we were going to bed, walking together, travelling, or sitting down for a meal, conversations about God were always part of our daily lives. In fact, we had to memorize a Bible verse every day before we were allowed to eat! From a very young age, they rooted our lives in the Word of God.



Wonderful! Since your parents raised you in a godly environment, what was your dream growing up?

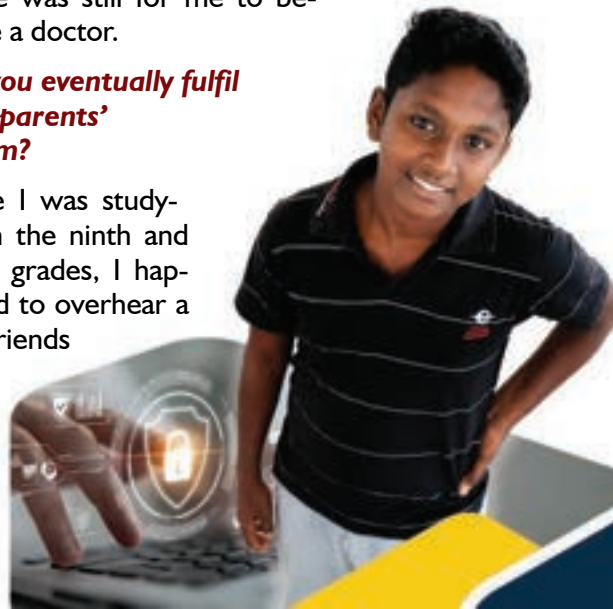
Until the ninth grade, I didn't really have a dream of my own. So, I simply adopted my parents' dream as my goal. They wanted me to become a doctor by clearing the NEET examination. With that vision in mind, they even borrowed ₹60,000 while I was in the tenth grade so that I could begin studying the Biology syllabus for Classes 10, 11, and 12 well in advance. They did everything within their ability to help me achieve that dream.

Ironically, it was during that very season that I discovered my passion for Cyber Security.

Even then, my parents' greatest desire was still for me to become a doctor.

Did you eventually fulfil your parents' dream?

While I was studying in the ninth and tenth grades, I happened to overhear a few friends



talking about hacking social media accounts. That conversation sparked my curiosity about hacking and Cyber Security.

I wanted to learn more, so I began using my father's mobile phone to explore the subject. But I didn't have the right devices, and even getting access to my father's phone wasn't easy. Everything changed in the twelfth grade when the government provided free laptops to students. That laptop became a turning point in my life.

While many of my friends used their laptops mainly for gaming, I used mine exclusively to learn Cyber Security. My parents had no idea what I was studying. Although I now had a laptop, I still didn't have internet access. But in His perfect timing, God miraculously provided for that need as well.

That's amazing! God fulfilled your desire for a laptop. But Cyber Security requires extensive learning. How did you manage to study it?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, IDEA offered free internet access between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m.

I made the most of that opportunity. Every night, I would study Cyber Security from midnight until 3:00 or 4:00 a.m., sleep for a short while, and then head to school. Naturally, my parents weren't happy seeing me spend the entire night on my laptop because they didn't understand what I was actually learning.

If I had joined a professional training institute, it would have cost lakhs of rupees. But by God's grace, I had the opportunity to learn everything without spending even a single penny.

As I continued learning, my skills began to grow rapidly. Eventually, I became so passionate about mastering Cyber Security that I stopped thinking about getting a job and focused entirely on learning. I even started documenting what I learned by writing technical blogs. For nearly a year, I spent several hours every single day studying. Yet at that point, I had no idea that Cyber Security could become a full-fledged career or that it was even possible to work professionally and legally in this field.



So, weren't you actively looking for a job? And did you complete your schooling?

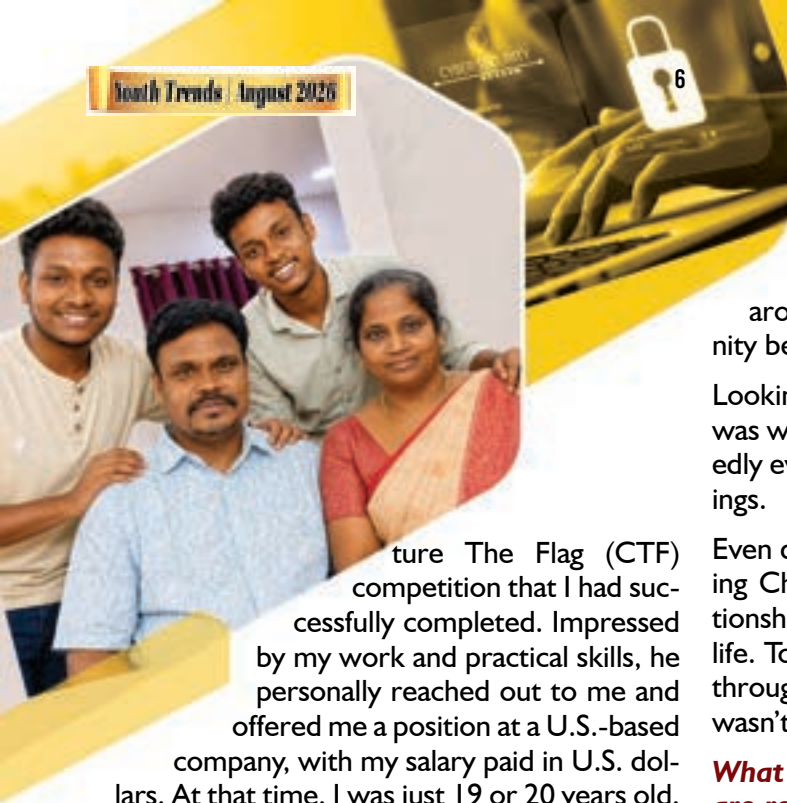
During the holidays after completing my twelfth grade, I joined a company in Bengaluru as an intern with a monthly stipend of ₹25,000. That was the first time my parents began to see the fruit of all those sleepless nights I had spent learning Cyber Security. After that, I enrolled in a Bachelor of Computer Applications (BCA) program. However, the journey that followed wasn't easy.

I attended my first interview for a full-time Cyber Security role with great hope. Unfortunately, I was rejected because I lacked sufficient practical understanding of certain aspects of the field. That rejection hit me hard. For the first time, I began to wonder if I had chosen the wrong career path.

I also applied to companies like Zoho, but I never received a response. My parents, who had placed so much trust in me, were deeply disappointed. Feeling confused and discouraged, I made another difficult decision—I dropped out of college without seeking advice from anyone.

What happened after that?

It was during that uncertain season that I received an email regarding a job opportunity from the CEO of a Cyber Security company. I immediately applied. Weeks passed without any response, and eventually I lost hope. But then something unexpected happened. The same CEO came across one of my posts about a Cap-



ture The Flag (CTF) competition that I had successfully completed. Impressed by my work and practical skills, he personally reached out to me and offered me a position at a U.S.-based company, with my salary paid in U.S. dollars. At that time, I was just 19 or 20 years old. By God's grace, I have now been serving in that company for the past four years.

How did this blessing impact your family?

When I joined the company, our family was burdened with debt. For many years, that financial burden had weighed heavily on us. But through God's grace, He enabled us to clear those debts much sooner than we ever imagined. Not only that, our family's long-cherished dream of building a good home in our hometown is also becoming a reality through His faithfulness. Looking back, I can only say that every blessing we enjoy today is a testimony to God's goodness and provision.

How did your spiritual life change through this journey?

Although I was raised in a godly environment, for a long time my faith was nothing more than a routine. I went to church, prayed, and participated in Christian activities, but my life wasn't completely surrendered to God.

It was only during my youth that everything began to change. Instead of merely following the faith that others had taught me, I started seeking to know God personally. That season trans-

formed my relationship with Him.

My faith was no longer based on habit or family tradition—it became real, personal, and deeply rooted. Interestingly, it was around the same time that doors of opportunity began opening one after another in my life.

Looking back now, I sometimes feel that God was waiting for me to come to Him wholeheartedly even before entrusting me with these blessings.

Even during the years when I was simply following Christian traditions without a genuine relationship with Him, He was quietly guiding my life. Today, I can clearly see His hand leading me through every stage of my journey, even when I wasn't fully aware of it.

What would you like to say to the youth who are reading this interview?

Proverbs 21:31 says, "The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord"

That verse beautifully sums up my own journey. My life has been filled with sleepless nights, relentless hard work, disappointments, and failures. But in the end, the One who gave me victory was the Lord.

Today, every one of us holds a powerful tool in our hands—a smartphone with access to the internet.

That same technology can either help us develop valuable skills, build a meaningful career, and grow closer to God, or it can slowly consume our time, distract us, and keep us from fulfilling our purpose. The choice is ours.

So, surrender your future to Jesus. He knows the path prepared for your life. He will guide you in the right direction, open the right doors at the right time, and give you both the grace and the passion to fulfil the calling He has placed upon your life. Trust Him, keep learning, work hard, and never stop pursuing the purpose He has designed for you...!

JOB

Bible Exploration

The Book of Job addresses one of life's deepest questions: "Why do righteous people suffer?"

Its central message reveals that God's wisdom and His purposes are far beyond human understanding. Even when we cannot comprehend His ways, we can trust His perfect plan.

Key Characters

- ▶ Job ▶ Job's friends – Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar
- ▶ Elihu – A young man who speaks about God's justice

Major Events

- ▶ Satan tests Job's faith.
- ▶ Job loses his children, his wealth, and his health.
- ▶ Job's friends wrongly accuse him, insisting that his suffering must be the result of personal sin.
- ▶ God speaks to Job out of the whirlwind.
- ▶ Job humbly acknowledges that God is the Almighty who can accomplish all things and places his complete trust in Him.
- ▶ God restores Job's fortunes and blesses him with twice as much as he had before.

Key Lesson

Even when life takes us through paths we cannot understand, those who trust God wholeheartedly will ultimately experience His goodness, faithfulness, and abundant blessings.

Psalms

The Book of Psalms is the Bible's collection of songs, prayers, and worship. It contains 150 Psalms, including hymns of praise, prayers, thanksgiving, lament, wisdom songs, and royal psalms.

Author	Number of Psalms	Psalms
David	73 (specifically attributed)	Psalms 3-9, 11-32, 34-41, 51-65, 68-70, 86, 101, 103, 108-110, 122, 124, 131, 133, 138-145
Asaph	12	Psalms 50, 73-83
The Sons of Korah	11	Psalms 42-49, 84, 85, 87, 88
Solomon	2	Psalms 72, 127
Moses	1	Psalms 90
Heman the Ezrahite	1	Psalms 88
Ethan the Ezrahite	1	Psalms 89
Anonymous Authors	Approximately 50	Psalms 1, 2, 10, 33, 43, 66, 67, 71, 91-100, 102, 104-107, 111-121, 123, 125-130, 132, 134-137, 146-150

Proverbs Authors

Solomon – Proverbs 1-29

Agur – Proverbs 30

King Lemuel – Proverbs 31

Major Themes

- Wisdom and foolishness • The fear of God and godly character • Righteousness and justice
- Family relationships • Parenting and raising children • Self-control • Wise speech versus foolish speech • Wealth and poverty • Diligence and laziness • Choosing good friends
- Virtues that shape every area of life • Financial stewardship • The qualities of a virtuous woman



I Will Give Peace and Prosperity to the Nation!

I thank God for the incredible privilege of being born in India! I am proud to be an Indian! I am grateful to the Creator of heaven and earth for choosing this nation as the place of my birth.

I believe that the God who created and loves the whole world has a special love for India as well. Today, nations like America are admired across the globe, yet their names do not appear in the Bible. But it fills me with joy and pride to know that the name India is mentioned in God's Word (Esther 1:1 & 8:9).

The prophetic promise concerning our nation is this:

"India will occupy a place of honour among the nations of the world. It will be blessed in every way. The land will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord."

The Lord revealed this promise many years ago, and we have been praying continually for its fulfilment.

But if this promise is to become a reality in our nation, we, as God's children, have a responsibility to fulfil.

★ Love Your Nation! ★

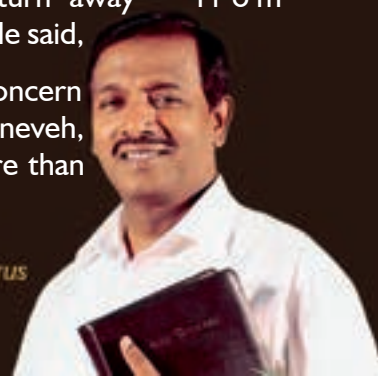
Just as our Lord Jesus Christ loves India, we too must love our nation. The Lord has a deep love for this country. He is the Friend of sinners. Just as Jesus loves people, we must also love the people around us.

The people of Nineveh grieved God by living in sin. Yet, the righteous God did not desire to destroy them. Instead, His heart longed for them to repent and turn away from their sins. That is why He said,

"Should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than

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one hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and also many animals?" (Jonah 4:11). Just as God's heart was filled with compassion for the people living in sin, our hearts should also carry a burden for people. We must have compassion for the 80 million people of Tamil Nadu and the 1.46 billion people of India.

★ Pray for Your Nation! ★

If we truly love our nation, we must pray for it.

Simply saying, "I love my country," is not enough. Those who genuinely pray for their nation are the ones who truly love it. The Bible instructs us: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority" (1 Timothy 2:1-4).

We must earnestly pray for the people of every state in India, for our national leaders, and for everyone in positions of authority. As we continue to pray, the Lord will bless our nation.

★ Fulfil Your Responsibility Toward the Nation! ★

The Bible teaches us, "Give to everyone what you owe them" (Romans 13:7).

A nation functions through the taxes paid by its citizens. Therefore, we should honestly pay the taxes that are due to the government. The government is an institution established by God. The Bible tells us that those who govern and serve in positions of authority are God's servants (Romans 13:4, 6).

Whether it is property tax, land tax, income tax, or any other lawful responsibility, we should fulfil our obligations with integrity. We are called not only to be good Christians but also responsible citizens.

When we faithfully carry out our responsibilities, the Lord will surely bless us.

★ Share the Good News with the Nation! ★

Proclaiming Jesus Christ is not about converting people to a religion.

Jesus never said, "Spread a religion."

Instead, He commanded us, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

When a person receives Jesus into their heart, their life is transformed.

When an entire family accepts Jesus, that family is transformed.

When a community embraces Jesus, the community is transformed. Sins are forgiven. Curses are broken. Blessings begin to overflow.

As lives are transformed, the nation itself is transformed.

That is why sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with everyone is our responsibility.

Dear Young People,

Let us love our nation, India!

Let us pray for our nation, India!

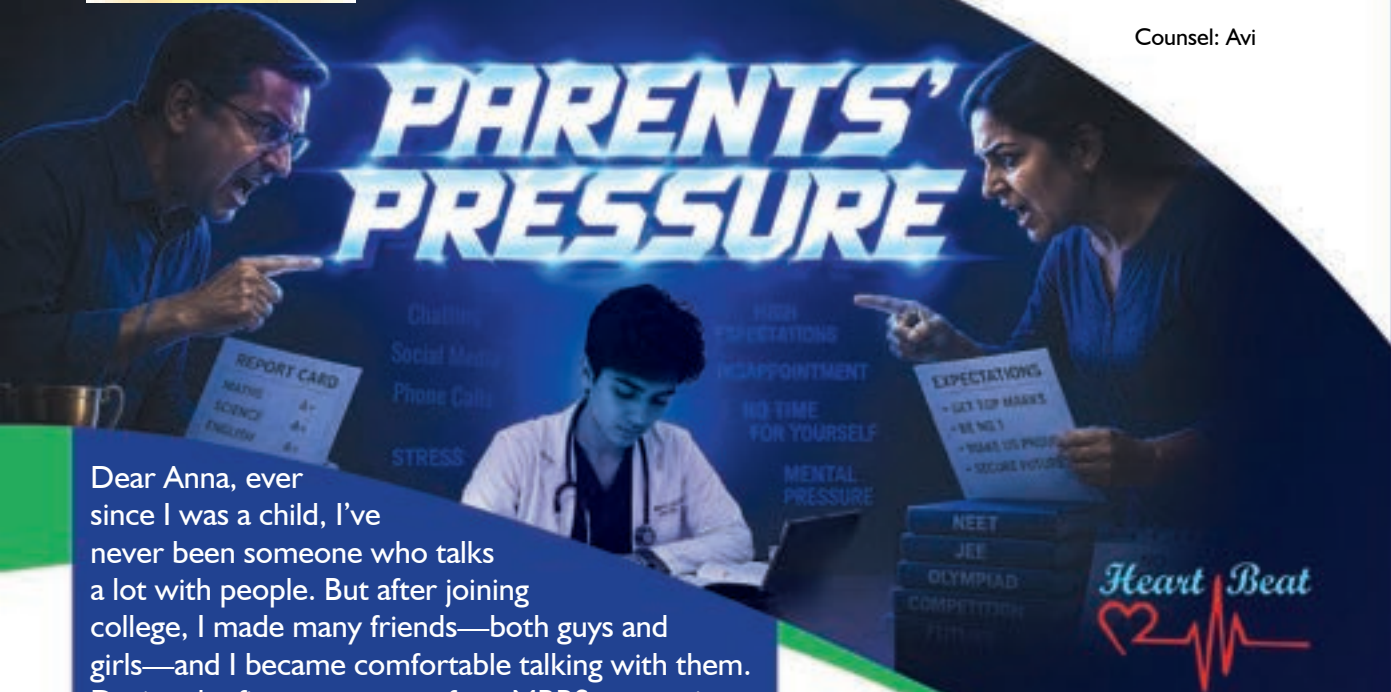
Let us faithfully fulfil our responsibilities toward our nation!

Let us proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout our nation!

Then the Lord will surely grant peace, prosperity, and well-being to our nation, and every prophetic promise He has spoken concerning India will surely come to pass....!



PARENTS' PRESSURE



Dear Anna, ever since I was a child, I've never been someone who talks a lot with people. But after joining college, I made many friends—both guys and girls—and I became comfortable talking with them. During the first two years of my MBBS, my entire focus was on my studies. I hardly had any time to spend with friends. Now that I've entered my third year, I have a little freer time, so I talk to my friends more often. Most of our conversations are about academics. However, since I receive phone calls from both my male and female friends, my parents have become extremely suspicious of me. They keep saying things like: "The moment you entered your third year, you've lost your focus. You're wasting your time. You're always chatting and spending time on social media. If you continue like this, you'll never achieve anything in life or shine." Their words have hurt me so deeply that I've completely lost my confidence. I have never spoken inappropriately to anyone. I genuinely see everyone as just friends. When even my own parents don't trust me, it breaks my heart.

Is it wrong to talk to girls? Does every conversation with a girl have to turn into love?

I'm still completely focused on my studies. If my parents' perception is wrong, what can I possibly do? And why are some parents still so conservative, even in the 21st century? I'm really down... I'm not able to move on. Kindly help me!

- Ruban, Chennai

Dear Ruban,
Just Relax!

Your parents' words may have wounded your confidence and even affected your momentum in your studies. But don't worry—I understand your pain. You are a young man with ambition. Don't let yourself lose heart so easily. You can achieve your dream. Instead of dwelling on, "My parents judged me just because of a phone call," ask yourself this: "How can I help them understand me better and clear their misunderstanding?"

The generation your parents grew up in is very different from the one you're growing up in. Sometimes it's difficult for them to understand the world of Gen Z. Many parents know how to put pressure on their children, but they don't always know how to express their fears and love in the right way.

Ruban, behind every harsh word your parents speak, there's one thing that remains absolutely certain—their love for you, mixed with fear. Their heart is saying, "Our son shouldn't lose his way. He must succeed in life. He shouldn't fall or ruin his future." Many times, those fears come out as anger.

Just like a pressure cooker makes a loud noise when the pressure builds up, some parents become emotional and speak harshly. But if you respond calmly at the right time, that anger often settles down on its own.

A Few Suggestions for You

- ▶ During the first two years, you hardly used your phone. Suddenly spending much more time on it now may naturally have raised their suspicions.
- ▶ One day, calmly hand your phone over to your parents and say: "Dad... I promise I'll become Dr. Ruban and make you proud. Once you completely trust me again, please give this phone back to me."
- ▶ Those few sincere words alone could begin to change their hearts.
- ▶ It's difficult to find parents anywhere in the world who love their children as deeply as Indian parents do. Their sacrifices and love are beyond measure.
- ▶ Ultimately, they desire only one thing: "Our child should rise in life. Our child should never fail or waste their future."
- ▶ Some parents know how to express that love gently. Others only know how to express it through anger. That's why unnecessary distance and misunderstandings often develop within families.

One More Important Thing...

The reason you've successfully reached your third year is because you spent your first two years fully focused on your studies. Now, your academic pressure may have reduced a little. But that doesn't mean you should spend your free time without any boundaries.

Is it wrong to talk to girls?

No. There's nothing wrong with talking to a girl. There's nothing wrong with having healthy friendships either.

But never forget one important truth. There's only a very thin line between friendship and love. Many people cross that line without even realizing it. So whenever you interact or chat with friends of the opposite gender, always maintain healthy boundaries. Even if you're not doing anything wrong, let your behaviour, your time management, and your priorities build confidence in your parents' hearts.

Finally, Ruban...

Changing our parents is not always within our control. But changing our own attitude is. Many times, that's exactly what restores broken relationships and brings peace back into a family. God will surely help you achieve your dream of becoming a doctor. More than that, He will keep you pure, give you wisdom and strength, and help you excel even more in your studies. Stay focused. Stay humble. Stay prayerful.

All the very best, Dr. Ruban!



The Good Friend

Every relationship in our lives comes to us either by birth or by circumstance. But friendship is unique—it's the one relationship we choose for ourselves. Yet, the people we consider our closest friends may sometimes disappoint us or drift away because of changing circumstances. However, there is one Friend who never leaves us, never changes, and remains with us through every season of life—Jesus.

Friends have a tremendous influence on who we become. They can shape us for the better or lead us in the wrong direction. A person born into a good family can end up ruining their life simply by surrounding themselves with the wrong friends. On the other hand, someone raised in the most difficult circumstances can build a meaningful and successful life because of the influence of godly friends.

The younger son in Jesus' parable had a loving and righteous father who even treated his servants like family. Yet, under the influence of wrong friendships, he chose the wrong path, lived a reckless life, and became the prodigal son.

The Bible warns us: "Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character." (1 Corinthians 15:33)

Even though he belonged to a good family, unhealthy friendships pulled him into sin. That's why we must be extremely careful about whom we choose as friends and whose advice we listen to. Wrong friendships can slowly destroy our lives.

When Moses led the Israelites toward the Promised Land, he sent twelve spies to explore Canaan. Among them were Joshua and Caleb. These two men trusted God wholeheartedly and stood by each other as faithful companions. Good friends draw us closer to God. They don't lead us away from Him or encourage us to compromise. Instead, they strengthen our faith and stand beside us through every season of life. Even when Joshua and Caleb faced overwhelming opposition, they remained firm in their faith. They never gave up on God or on each other.



The Bible says: "A friend loves at all times" (Proverbs 17:17).

After Moses' death, Joshua was chosen to lead the people of Israel. Caleb was equally qualified for that role. Yet he never became jealous of Joshua. Instead, he wholeheartedly supported Joshua's leadership until the very end. When your friend excels beyond you—in studies, in career, or in life—the true test of friendship is whether you can genuinely celebrate their success. Lasting friendships are built where there is no room for ego.

As you pursue your dreams, choose friends like Caleb—people who encourage you by saying, "You can do it," instead of those who discourage you by saying, "You'll never make it." Joshua and Caleb may have been outstanding examples of friendship from a human perspective. But there is a Friend who is even greater than both of them—Jesus.

Even your closest friends may sometimes be busy or unavailable. But Jesus is always available. In every situation and at every moment, He is the Friend who never leaves your side. More than that, when we wander away and begin walking down the path of sin, He lovingly corrects us and leads us back to the right way.

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)

My dear young friends, a true friend isn't someone who is present only during your happy moments. A true friend is the one who stands with you even when the whole world stands against you. Only Jesus can be that Friend. No one else can. He has given us this wonderful promise: "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

So, choose your friends wisely. But above all, cultivate a close and personal relationship with Jesus—the greatest Friend you will ever have!



YOUTH REVIVAL MEETING

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Day: **20 September 2026**
(Sunday)

Venue:

Anandham Mini Hall,
Near Collectorate,
Chidambaranathan Street, Nagercoil.

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Day: **19 September 2026**
(Saturday)

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6:00 PM - 8.30 PM

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Message & Prayer: **Bro. Avinash**



David's Friends Vs Christ's Friends A Comparison

TRUSTED FRIENDS WHO BECAME BETRAYERS BECAUSE OF BITTERNESS



Ahithophel was one of King David's closest and most trusted counselors. A relative of Bathsheba, he possessed extraordinary wisdom, and the Bible says that seeking his counsel was like inquiring of God Himself (2 Samuel 16:23). Yet, when David's son Absalom rebelled against his father, Ahithophel turned against the very king he had faithfully served for years. Instead of standing by David during his darkest hour, he advised Absalom on how to defeat him and seize the throne. When his advice was ultimately rejected, bitterness and wounded pride consumed him, and he ended his own life by hanging (2 Samuel 17:23).

Judas Iscariot spent three and a half years walking alongside Jesus Christ. He witnessed countless miracles, heard the greatest teachings ever spoken, and was trusted enough to manage the disciples' money. Even when Judas came to betray Him, Jesus still addressed him as "Friend." Yet, blinded by greed and spiritual hardness, Judas failed to recognize the depth of Christ's love. He betrayed his Master for thirty pieces of silver and, overwhelmed by regret rather than genuine repentance, took his own life. In doing so, he forfeited the eternal privilege and ministry that the other eleven apostles faithfully fulfilled.

A spirit of betrayal often begins with an unforgiving heart, wounded pride, or hidden sin. Let this be a reminder to remain faithful to Jesus in every circumstance. At the same time, if we encounter people who betray our trust as we seek to follow Christ, let us respond with both wisdom and love, just as Jesus did. (Read: Hebrews 12:15; Proverbs 27:6; Luke 17:3.)



COVENANT FRIENDS WHO REMAINED FAITHFUL



Jonathan

Jonathan, the son of King Saul, loved David as his own soul. Though he was the rightful heir to Israel's throne, Jonathan recognized that God had chosen David to be the next king. Rather than allowing jealousy or ambition to rule his heart, he willingly surrendered his personal rights, risked his own life to protect David from Saul's anger, and faithfully honored every promise and covenant he had made. His friendship was built on loyalty, humility, and sacrificial love.

John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus Christ, displayed the same spirit of covenant faithfulness. Though he was a mighty prophet filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb and admired by multitudes, he never sought personal recognition. Instead, he joyfully declared, "He must become greater; I must become less." He considered himself nothing more than the friend of the Bridegroom, finding his greatest joy in pointing people to Christ rather than drawing attention to himself.

Likewise, the disciples who followed Jesus with sincere devotion were called His friends. With the exception of Judas, they remained faithful to their covenant with Christ until the very end. They endured persecution, hardship, and suffering, and most of them ultimately sealed their testimony with their own blood as martyrs. Even now, in heaven, they continue to cast their crowns before Him, giving all glory and honor to the One they faithfully served (Revelation 4:10–11).

Let us also remain faithful to the covenant we have made with Christ, giving Him alone the glory He deserves. We are, and always will be, His friends. Likewise, may we honor the commitments we make to others, never breaking the bonds of trust, but preserving unity, faithfulness, and genuine fellowship in every relationship. (Read: Proverbs 18:24; John 3:30; John 15:15; Revelation 4:10–11.)



The Journey of a Trailblazer!

Greetings to all our young achievers!

This month, we're featuring Sam Altman, one of the world's leading entrepreneurs and a pioneering force in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI). He has played a significant role in shaping the future of AI, and his journey stands as an inspiring example of hard work, self-belief, resilience, and lifelong learning.



Achievement: Suma

Sam Altman was born on April 22, 1985, in Chicago, USA.

After completing school, he enrolled in Stanford University in 2005 to study Computer Science. However, driven by his desire to pursue his entrepreneurial dreams without delay, he chose to leave college before completing his degree.

From a young age, Sam was determined to become an entrepreneur. At just 19 years old, he founded his first startup, Loopt. The company didn't achieve the level of success he had initially hoped for. But instead of allowing failure to discourage him, he continued learning, developed new skills, and worked tirelessly toward his vision.

Later, Sam took on a leadership role at Y Combinator, one of the world's most renowned startup accelerators. There, he mentored thousands of young entrepreneurs, helping many of them transform their innovative ideas into successful companies.

He later became the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of OpenAI. In 2023, he was unexpectedly removed from his position as CEO. Despite facing intense criticism, uncertainty, and one of the most challenging moments of his career, Sam remained calm and resilient. Within just a few days, he was reinstated as CEO, demonstrating the confidence that employees, partners, and the broader technology community had in his leadership.

Under his leadership, AI tools such as ChatGPT have gone on to assist millions of people around the world. From education and research to business and everyday life, he has played a key role in expanding the practical use and global impact of Artificial Intelligence.

From being a college dropout to becoming one of the world's most influential technology leaders, Sam Altman's journey reminds us that success is not determined solely by academic qualifications. Perseverance, continuous learning, and the courage to keep moving forward often make the greatest difference.



Dear friends, what can we learn from his life?

Success is never the result of luck alone. It is built through hard work, consistent effort, a willingness to learn, and the determination to rise above failure. So, if you experience setbacks in life, don't lose heart. Get back up. Keep learning. Keep working hard. Keep moving forward.

One day, you too may reach heights that inspire the world!

SCAN THIS QR
FOR JULY ANSWERS



LOOSE THE KNOTS

CRACK THE CODE CHALLENGE

Every code hides the name of a Bible character. Decode the names using the alphabet number key (A=1, B=2... Z=26), then match each character with the clue that best describes them.

Last Month's
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Compilation: Joyline

1	13-5-19-8-1-3-8	A	The man who remained faithful even at eighty-five.
2	1-1-18-15-14	B	The judge who defeated 600 Philistines with an ox goad.
3	7-5-8-1-26-9	C	The wise woman who prevented bloodshed with humility.
4	20-9-13-15-20-8-25	D	The servant whose greed cost him dearly.
5	3-1-12-5-2	E	The loyal soldier who unknowingly paid the highest price.
6	1-17-21-9-12-1	F	The tentmaker who partnered with Paul in ministry.
7	21-18-9-1-8	G	The young disciple mentored by Paul.
8	2-1-18-14-1-2-1-19	H	The spokesman who stood beside his brother.
9	19-8-1-13-7-1-18	I	The encourager who believed in people.
10	1-2-9-7-1-9-12	J	One of the three friends who stood in the fiery furnace.

Your answers are expected
to reach us on or before
15th of every month

Send your answers to

Jesus Redeems Youth Ministries, Nalumavadi, Thoothukudi Dist - 628 211.
Cell: 9750955547 | Tel: 04639- 353535. eMail: youth@jesusredeems.org

Blessing Festivals

(Youth Revival Festivals)

According to the vision God gave to Bro. Mohan C. Lazarus, the Lord graciously enabled us to conduct the Blessing Festivals over seven days, from May 24 to May 30. During this period, a total of 27 festivals were held, and God powerfully used the ministers of Jesus Redeems Ministries throughout the meetings.

Among these, 17 Blessing Festivals were conducted at the Tabernacle of God, 5 Youth Revival Festivals were held at the David Auditorium, and 5 Children's Festivals took place at the Moses Auditorium.

Every day, a large number of young people attended the Youth Revival Festivals and were richly blessed. On the very first day, 319 youth participated and experienced the blessings of the Lord. From the second day onward, attendance continued to

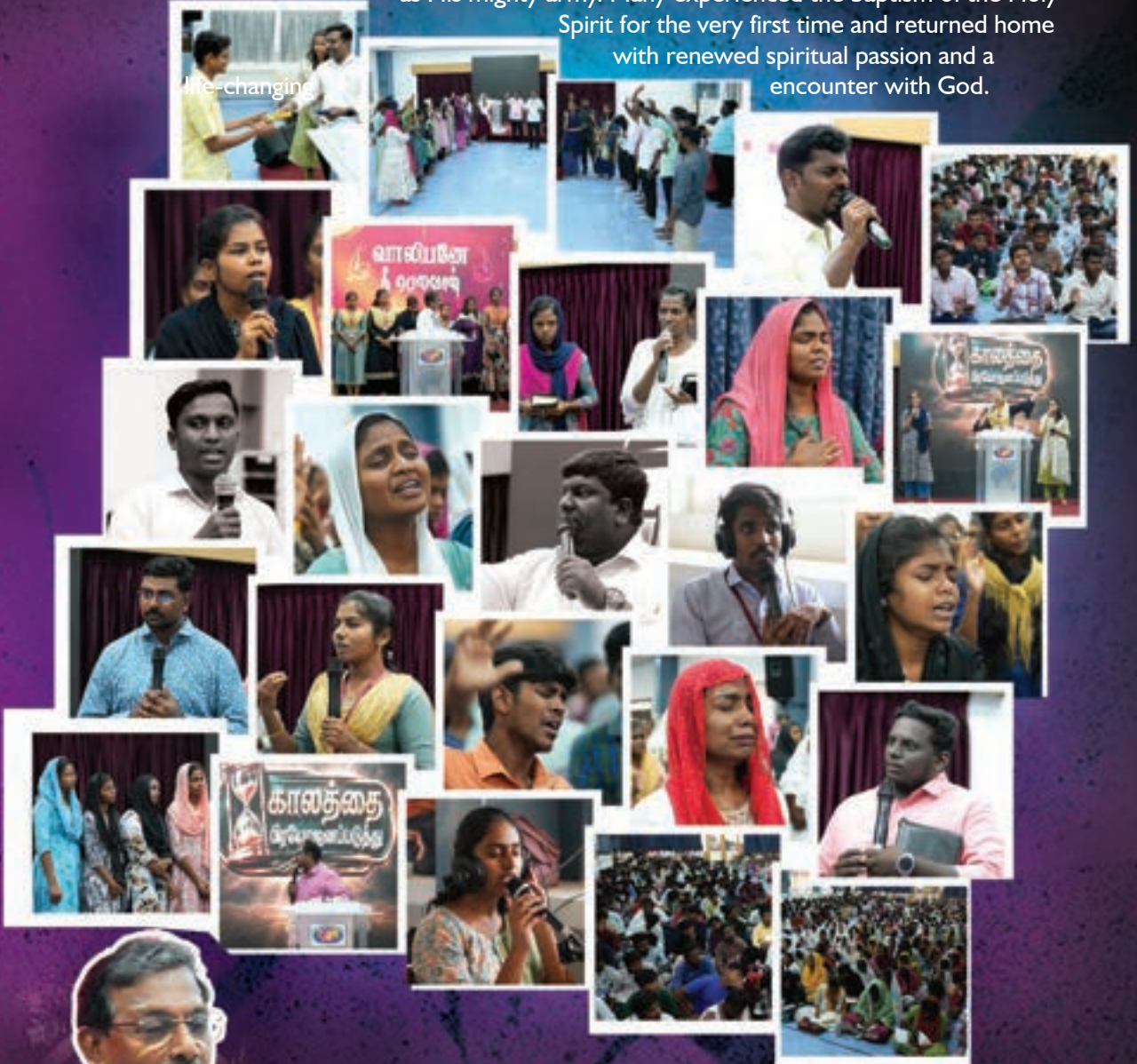
grow, reaching 633 youth on the fifth day.

Throughout the Youth Revival Festivals, God powerfully anointed and used His servants to minister His Word. On the first day, Bro. Avinash shared the message titled "Young Man, You Are Strong." On the second day, Bro. Sathish ministered on "Fight to Possess Your Inheritance." On the third day, Bro. Caleb encouraged the youth with the message



“Make the Most of Your Time.” On the fourth day, Bro. Moses preached on “Prepare Yourself—and Prepare Others—for His Coming and the Revival.” On the fifth day, Bro. Avinash concluded the series with the powerful message “The Prophetic Army.” At the end of each message, the youth were led into a time of power packed prayer & anointing session.

During these meetings, God filled many young people with a fresh anointing and commissioned them as His mighty army. Many experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit for the very first time and returned home with renewed spiritual passion and a encounter with God.



A special highlight of the festival was on the fourth day, when **Bro. Mohan C. Lazarus** shared God's Word under the theme “Accept Jesus as Your Friend.” He led the youth in a powerful time of prayer, encouraging and strengthening them to wholeheartedly follow Christ.

To God alone be all the glory!

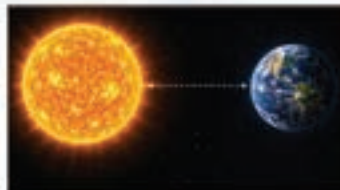


Hi Friends! How's everyone doing? I'm sure there's hardly anyone who has never looked up at the stars in wonder or admired their beauty. Isn't that true? In this month's edition of Science & the Bible, we're going to explore the fascinating world of stars.

So, are you ready? Let's dive in!

1. What are Stars made of?

Stars are composed primarily of hydrogen and helium gases. Deep within their cores, a process called nuclear fusion takes place, releasing enormous amounts of light and heat.



2. The Sun is a Star too

The Sun that we see every day is an ordinary G-type yellow star. It is located approximately 150 million kilometres away from the Earth.

3. Billions of Stars in Our Galaxy

Scientists estimate that our Milky Way Galaxy alone contains more than 100 billion stars.



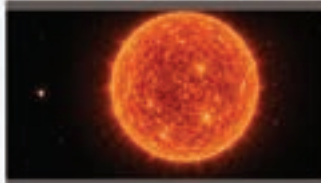
4. Stars Have a Life Cycle

Just like humans, stars go through a life cycle. They are born within massive clouds of gas and dust, live for millions or even billions of years, and eventually reach the end of their lives by either exploding or collapsing.



5. A Star's colour reveals its temperature

- ◀ Blue stars – Extremely hot ▶ White stars – Very hot
- ◀ Yellow stars – Moderate temperature (like our Sun)
- ◀ Red stars – Cooler



6. Some Stars Are Enormous

Certain supergiant stars are hundreds or even thousands of times larger than our Sun.

7. The Lifespan of Stars

Stars with smaller masses burn their fuel much more slowly and can live for trillions of years. Massive stars, however, consume their fuel rapidly and may last only a few million years.



8. Supernova – A Massive Explosion

When certain stars reach the end of their lives, they explode in a spectacular event known as a supernova—one of the most powerful explosions in the universe. These explosions play a vital role in the formation of new stars and planets.

9. Some Starlight Is Ancient

Since light takes time to travel through space, the light from some stars that we see today actually began its journey hundreds or even thousands of years ago. In fact, some of those stars may no longer exist, yet their light continues to reach us.



Fascinating Fact

On a clear night, the human eye can see only about 2,000 to 5,000 stars.

However, scientists believe that the total number of stars in the universe may be greater than all the grains of sand on every beach on Earth.

"Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them" (Genesis 15:5).

The stars leave us in awe, don't they? If the stars that God created are so magnificent, imagine how glorious and majestic our Creator must be! "Those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever and ever" (Daniel 12:3)

In ancient times, sailors, travellers, and people crossing vast deserts relied on the stars for navigation. In particular, the North Star (Polaris) helped them identify true north and stay on course.

When Jesus was born, a special star guided the wise men to Him. In the same way, countless young people today are wandering in the darkness of sin, uncertain of the right path to take. As followers of Christ, we are called to point them to Jesus—the Way.

God created the stars to separate light from darkness. Likewise, we are called to live as children of light, shining brightly in a dark world and demonstrating the difference between sin and holiness through our lives.

Even after a star dies, its light continues to travel across the universe. In the same way, only when we die to sin can the light of holiness shine through us and lead many people into the path of truth.

(Research Continues...)

The Gospel *that Crossed* The Mountains

Born in 1886 in London, James Outram Fraser seemed destined for a successful career. An engineering graduate from Imperial College London and a gifted pianist, he had every opportunity for a comfortable future. Yet God had a different plan.

His mother, Annie Fraser, had faithfully prayed that one of her children would become a missionary. While in college, James read the biography of Hudson Taylor, and God stirred his heart to leave everything behind and take the Gospel to China.

A Calling Worth Everything

In 1908, at the age of 22, James arrived in China. Realizing that ministry required more than preaching, he immersed himself in the Chinese language and culture. He spent hours listening to conversations in marketplaces and chose to adapt to the people rather than expecting them to adapt to him. Whenever loneliness and discouragement overwhelmed him, he withdrew to the mountains to pray, worship, and meditate on God's Word. Those quiet moments became the source of his strength.

Winning Hearts Before Preaching

James was later led to the Lisu, a tribal community living in the remote mountains of south-western China. He lived among them, shared their food, learned their language, respected their culture, and built genuine relationships. He believed the Gospel should never be tied to a foreign culture but communicated in ways people could truly understand. This approach earned the trust of the Lisu people.

The Battles Behind the Ministry

Reaching the Lisu meant crossing rugged mountains, dangerous rivers, and enduring harsh conditions. Yet his greatest battles were spiritual. Few initially responded to the Gospel, and many who believed later faced intense opposition, family rejection, and pressure to abandon their faith. James also battled sickness, discouragement, and seasons of loneliness. Through it all, he became convinced that the greatest victories in ministry are first won in prayer. Instead of relying only on preaching, he mobilized a worldwide network of prayer partners who faithfully interceded for the Lisu people. God began preparing hearts even before missionaries arrived.

When Prayer Produced Revival

The first Lisu baptism took place in 1913. By 1918, more than 600 believers from 129 families had accepted Christ. The revival continued to spread. In 1929, James married fellow missionary Roxie Dymond. Together with their two daughters, they served faithfully. During the 1930s, a powerful spiritual awakening swept through the Lisu community as local believers boldly shared the Gospel with their own people. James focused on raising indigenous leaders rather than building a ministry around himself. He trained pastors, encouraged village evangelists, strengthened local churches, and established self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating congregations.

A Legacy Beyond One Lifetime

James also helped develop a written script for the Lisu language, now known as the Fraser alphabet, making Bible translation, hymns, and Christian literature possible while preserving the Lisu language and culture.

His ministry was marked by:

- * Proclaimed the Gospel in the people's mother tongue.
- * Reaching an unreached people group.
- * Building genuine relationships.
- * Planting and strengthening churches.
- * Training indigenous leaders.
- * Contributing to Bible translation.
- * Developing the Fraser alphabet.
- * Using songs to teach biblical truths.
- * Promoting prayer and revival.

James Fraser went home to be with the Lord in 1938 at the age of 52. Yet the seeds he planted continue to bear fruit. Today, hundreds of thousands of Lisu believers across China, Myanmar, and Thailand follow Jesus Christ. His life remains a powerful testimony of prayer, cultural understanding, and discipleship.

James Fraser once dreamed of becoming an engineer. Instead, God used him to transform the spiritual history of an entire people group. Young people, God can use your education, talents, profession, and skills for His Kingdom—or He may lead you in an unexpected direction. Surrender your future completely to Him. History proves that one young person who fully obeys God's call can influence generations. Imagine what God could do if every believer adopted a village, a college campus, or an unreached community, serving with prayer, compassion, and unwavering commitment.

The next great revival may begin with one surrendered life.



*“How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring
good news...” (Isaiah 52:7).*



A Real Friend

In recent weeks, news outlets and media platforms have been flooded with discussions about the Epstein Files. Much of the attention has focused on the alleged associations that several world leaders and influential billionaires had with a particular individual for various reasons. These reports have led to widespread criticism and public embarrassment for many of them. One of the major reasons behind all this was the influence of the wrong friendships.

When **Bill Gates**, one of the world's most well-known entrepreneurs and philanthropists, was asked about reports that he had associated with Jeffrey Epstein for nearly four years, he responded, "Every meeting I had

with him was a mistake... I regret every minute I spent with him." He also acknowledged that the plans they explored together regarding philanthropic and financial initiatives ultimately led nowhere. Just think about it—a single wrong friendship brought embarrassment and criticism upon some of the world's most influential people.

We are living in the last days. More than 2,000 years ago, the Bible warned that people would become lovers of themselves, lovers of money, abusive, disobedient to their parents, without natural affection, without self-control, brutal, and reckless (2 Timothy 3:1–5). Scripture therefore urges us to stay away from such people.

Last June, a tragic incident shook **Sivaganga District** in Tamil Nadu. A tenth-grade student was found dead in a water body with severe injuries. Investigations revealed that what began as a minor argument with some older friends had escalated into violence, resulting in his death.

Think about it. The Bible says that **a friend helps in times of trouble**. Yet today, many times it is friends themselves who become the cause of trouble. We live in a world where people often use others to satisfy their own desires, abandon them when danger arises, and run away to save themselves. No wonder the Bible describes these as **“terrible times.”**

Jesus understood that everything in this world is temporary except the Father’s unfailing love. That is why He shared the parable of the **Prodigal Son in Luke 15**. The younger son left the loving embrace of his father in search of companionship elsewhere. In the end, those companions not only led him into a sinful lifestyle but also abandoned him after he had lost everything. Broken, ashamed, weighed down by guilt, and disgusted with himself, he found himself sitting beside the food meant for pigs.



Dear friends, that’s exactly how the world works. First, it leads people down the wrong path. Then, it humiliates them. The Bible says that **“the whole world lies under the control of the evil one”** (1 John 5:19). Satan first tempts people into sin and then condemns them for the very sins he enticed them to commit.

But there is a friendship that never fails. It is the friendship we have with **Jesus** and with those who belong to Him. Abraham, the father of faith, was called **“God’s friend”** (James 2:23). Moses, who led the people of Israel, also enjoyed a close friendship with God (Exodus 33:11). Jesus Himself told His disciples, **“I no longer call you servants... Instead, I have called you friends.”**

You may wonder, “Didn’t these people make mistakes?” Of course they did. They failed many times. But they recognized their failures, repented, and chose to obey God. They never claimed to be God’s friends on their own. It was God Himself who called them His friends. God did not constantly remind them of their failures or shame them for their mistakes, because love covers a multitude of sins. The God who is love does not delight in exposing your failures either. If you run into His loving embrace, you will find abundant forgiveness.

Jesus is not an ordinary friend. Even when we were unable to love ourselves, He loved us.

He took our place, bore our punishment, and gave His life for us. The greatest sin is not loving the One who loved us so completely. Such is the immeasurable love of Jesus—our Friend and the Shepherd of our souls.

In this broken world, finding genuine friends is not easy. So don’t be discouraged if you feel like you don’t have a true friend.

Even Judas, who came to betray Him, was addressed by Jesus as **“Friend.”** Likewise, we should not spend our lives merely pointing out the faults of others instead of loving them. As much as possible, let us follow the example of Jesus, who came to transform even His enemies into His friends. And if that isn’t possible, let us wisely keep our distance from harmful friendships (**Proverbs 24:1**).

After all, what good is it to gain the whole world and yet lose your own soul? So be careful every single day in choosing your friends. Be innocent as doves and wise as serpents. In the end, Jesus is the only Friend who will never leave you.

A real friend walks with you in love when the world walks away.
A real friend corrects you with kindness when others condemn you.



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
(2ND AUGUST)**

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. 9750955548 | 9786212103

TIRUPATI (3PM)

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

**EVERY 2ND SUNDAY
(9TH AUGUST)**

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, Sekinah 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
(15TH AUGUST)**

MYSORE (3:30PM - 6PM)
World Revival Prayer Center,
3818, 14th Cross, St. Mary's Road,
FTS Circle, N.R. Mohalla.
9962085523 | 9886311777

**EVERY 3RD SUNDAY
(16TH AUGUST)**

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

TIRUPORUR (3 PM - 6 PM)
Come compassion Centre,
Mettuthandalam, Tiruporur.
9710809626

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

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)**
World Revival Prayer Centre,
NO: 1055 K.P ROAD,
Milk Depot Junction, Nagercoil
7598155503 | 9750955548

**PONDICHERRY
(5PM TO 7PM)**
World Revival Prayer Centre,
Kottupalayam Lawspet,
opp. Latha Steel, E C R Road.
8344433800 | 9962085523

CHITTOOR (3PM TO 6PM)
World Revival Prayer Centre,
Kamlambal Street, Readspet,
Kangareddy palli,
9487734603

DELHI (3 PM TO 5 PM)
World Revival Prayer Centre,
Plot 152, Pratap Nagar
Near Hari Nagar bus depot
New Delhi - 110064
7217663240

**EVERY 4TH SUNDAY
(24TH AUGUST)**

THIRUVALLUR (3PM -5:30PM)
World Revival Prayer Centre,
H S R Tower,
2nd Floor, Near CSI Gowdi Church
9488475315

KARUR (3PM-5:30PM)
CSI Boys High schools,
Jawahar Bazzar, Bunglaw Street, Karur.
9489775075

MUMBAI-MALAD (4PM - 6PM)
Bethel Ground Floor,
305/E, Mith Chauky,
Marve Road, Malad (W)
9664050567 | 9619996976

PERNAMPET (3PM TO 6PM)
Revival Prayer centre, VK Road.
9442885315

THISAYANVILAI (2:30PM -5:30PM)
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
Byepass Road, Madurai
9750955548

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without fail;
Become catalysts
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SMALL-SCALE AND MICRO ENTREPRENEURS

- ▶ The SSI/MSME sector contributes approximately 40% of India's industrial production and nearly 50% of the nation's total exports.
- ▶ This sector plays a vital role in generating employment and driving India's economic growth.
- ▶ Garment manufacturing units, bakeries, small-scale food production industries, furniture workshops, and handicraft enterprises are some of the major examples of the SSI sector.

Prayer Points

- ▶ Let us pray that small-scale entrepreneurs will receive timely loans and financial assistance to expand and strengthen their businesses.
- ▶ Let us pray that financial burdens such as rising raw material costs and cash flow delays will not hinder the growth of their businesses.
- ▶ Let us pray that small-scale industries will create more employment opportunities and become a blessing to society through economic development.
- ▶ will protect them and reward them according to their labor.



August 2026

TRIBAL COMMUNITIES OF INDIA

- ▶ 104 million people—representing 8.6% of India's population—belong to tribal communities, making India one of the countries with the largest tribal populations in the world.
- ▶ 45.3% poverty rate: A significant number of tribal people living in rural areas continue to live below the poverty line.
- ▶ 59% literacy rate: The literacy level among tribal communities remains lower than the national average.

Prayer Points

- ▶ Let us pray that the ancestral lands of India's indigenous tribal communities will not be taken away for mining projects or industrial development, and that their land rights and livelihoods will be protected.
- ▶ Let us pray that they will be delivered from generations of poverty and debt, and be blessed with dignified employment and financial independence.
- ▶ Let us pray that malnutrition affecting tribal children and mothers in remote villages will be eliminated, and that they will have access to clean drinking water and quality healthcare.
- ▶ Let us pray that tribal children will receive quality education in their own mother tongue while preserving and respecting their unique culture within their own communities.



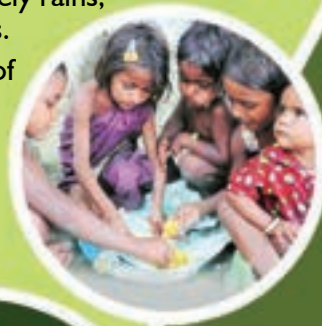
Come, Let Us Pray!!

FAMINE ACROSS THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD

- ▶ Wars and violent conflicts are among the leading causes of global food crises.
- ▶ The rising cost of fertilizers, including urea, has significantly affected agricultural production worldwide.
- ▶ Climate change and disruptions in food transportation have caused food shortages in many parts of the world.
- ▶ Declining international financial assistance has made it difficult to implement long-term solutions to global food crises.

Prayer Points

- ▶ Let us pray that wars between nations will cease, that the Lord will establish peace, and that food supplies will reach those in need without interruption.
- ▶ Let us pray that the Lord will have mercy upon the earth by sending timely rains, reversing the effects of climate change, severe drought, and poor harvests.
- ▶ Let us pray that the poor and vulnerable who are suffering because of rising prices will be protected, and that the cost of agricultural products and fertilizers will decrease so that famine may be prevented.
- ▶ Let us pray that world leaders will act without selfish motives and receive divine wisdom to address global hunger and provide the necessary aid to those suffering from famine.



THE GROWING DECEPTION AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE



- ▶ Apart from their schoolwork, the average young person spends several hours each day on mobile devices and digital screens for entertainment.
- ▶ A significant percentage of young people stay constantly connected with their friends through online platforms.
- ▶ The growing use of drugs and alcohol among youth has become a serious concern.
- ▶ Many young people are being exposed to alcohol and other destructive habits even during their school years.

Prayer Points

- ▶ Let us pray that the growing normalization of drugs, alcohol, and vaping among young people will be stopped, and that the grip of Satan that seeks to destroy their lives will be broken.
- ▶ Let us pray that the emptiness caused by loneliness, depression, and disappointment will be filled—not by temporary pleasures—but by the love of God.
- ▶ Let us pray that young people will be set free from the deception of the internet and mobile addiction, and be equipped with discernment and self-control to resist the schemes of Satan.
- ▶ Let us pray that the youth will turn away from the spirit of the antichrist and the patterns of this world, come to know the truth of God, and rise as a holy generation.

News!



June GST Collections Rise to ₹1.95 Lakh Crore, Up 14%

Surge in GST collections on imports drives overall revenue growth, while domestic tax collections witness moderate gains.

India's Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections for June 2026 rose to ₹1,94,812 crore, marking a 13.9% increase compared to the same month last year. With June's figures, GST collections have come close to the ₹2 lakh crore milestone. The primary driver behind this impressive growth was the significant increase in GST revenue collected on imports. Although revenue generated from domestic transactions recorded only moderate growth, the sharp rise in import-related GST collections more than compensated for it. GST revenue from domestic transactions stood at ₹1,34,774 crore, reflecting a 6.5% year-on-year increase compared to June last year.



Meanwhile, GST collections from imports surged by 34.6%, reaching ₹60,038 crore, making it the single largest contributor to the overall increase in GST revenue. Among the states, Uttar Pradesh recorded the highest growth, with GST collections increasing by 19%, rising from ₹7,675 crore to ₹9,165 crore. Other states that registered notable growth include Assam (17%), Punjab (14%), and Gujarat (12%).

Maharashtra, India's largest contributor to GST revenue, recorded a 9% increase, with collections reaching ₹30,714 crore. Karnataka reported a 10% growth, while Delhi registered an 8% increase.

- Daily Thanthi, July 1, 2026.

India's External Debt Climbs to ₹72 Lakh Crore, Says RBI

As India's economy continues to grow rapidly, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released its latest data on the country's external debt. According to the RBI, India's external debt has risen to ₹72.15 lakh crore (approximately US\$762.8 billion). The central bank stated that the appreciation of the U.S. dollar and the corresponding depreciation of the Indian rupee contributed to the increase in the country's external debt, which stood at ₹72.15 lakh crore as of the end of March 2026.

Compared to the previous year, India's external debt has increased by US\$26.3 billion. The RBI also noted that this rise was driven primarily by private sector borrowings, rather than government debt.

In addition, the country's External Debt-to-GDP Ratio has increased from 19.8% a year ago to 20.8%.

Although India's short-term external debt has also risen slightly, economists believe that the country's strong foreign exchange reserves continue to keep the overall debt position under control. - Dinakaran, June 1, 2026.

Independence Day

True Freedom



Hey Santhosh, in just a few days, it's Independence Day (August 15)! We celebrate it every year, but have you ever stopped to think about what freedom really means?



Freedom means being set free from slavery or oppression, doesn't it? Our nation, India, gained its independence from British rule on August 15, 1947.



That's right! Do you know how many people sacrificed everything for that freedom? Great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Subhas Chandra Bose, and Bhagat Singh dedicated their lives to the nation.



Absolutely. That's why this day is much more than just a public holiday. As Christians, it's also a day to thank God for the freedom He has graciously given our nation.



But here's something else to think about. Our country has gained political freedom—but is the human heart truly free?

What do you mean?



Many people are still in bondage to fear, sinful habits, worries, and anxiety. The Bible says, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." (John 8:36) True freedom can be found only through Jesus Christ.



Wow! That's incredible! The freedom of a nation gives us liberty in our outward lives, but the freedom that Christ gives is the true freedom of the heart.



Exactly! That's why, on Independence Day, we should pray for our nation, strive to be responsible citizens, and experience the true freedom that Christ alone offers.



This year's Independence Day will have a whole new meaning for me. Let's love our nation, fear God, and live in the true freedom that Christ gives!



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