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Foreword

My beloved youth, greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus Christ!

Our Lord, our God, has called each one of you to live a life that bears fruit for Him. It is His desire not only that you bear fruit, but that your fruit should remain. Just as you give importance to your physical growth, you must also examine yourselves daily to see whether your spiritual life is growing. Your spiritual growth will be revealed through a fruitful life.

A life where fruit diminishes or disappears is dangerous. In Scripture, those who failed to bear fruit eventually stumbled and moved toward the brink of downfall. It has become common for people to bear fruit in seasons of prosperity, yet wither in times of dryness. But even in seasons of drought, the young man Joseph remained faithful and continued to bear fruit.

If you desire to continually bear fruit for God in your life, you must live a separated life like Joseph. When you guard yourself—by striving through challenges, standing firm in faith, and fleeing to preserve holiness—then deliverance becomes possible, holiness becomes attainable, elevation and honour become certain.

*Therefore,
like Joseph,
continue to bear fruit for
God wherever
you are—whether in your home,
your workplace,
or your place of study.
God will surely bless you!*

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





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to
PHD

*Hello dear friends...!!
Let's hear from
Dr. Krithika, who
will share how the Lord
took her from failing
with just 98 out of 500
marks to earning a
Ph.D.—and fulfilling
the dream she once
held in her heart:
to sign in green ink.*

Could you tell us about your family background and childhood?

I was born and brought up in Trichy in a non-Christian family. I have an elder brother and a younger brother. During my childhood, a Christian family living nearby conducted Sunday classes. When I was in the 6th grade, I began attending those classes and came to know Jesus. One statement deeply impacted me: "Jesus gives whatever we ask." That truth settled in my heart, and I developed a strong affection for Him.

Around the same time, my mother also came to know about Jesus through some acquaintances. We secretly started reading the Bible at home, without my father's

knowledge. This led to serious conflict within the family—so intense that it nearly caused my parents to separate. I went through a lot of struggles even at my young age.

You came to faith in Jesus at a young age—how did your studies progress after that?

Until the 8th grade, I was an average student and had never failed. However, after moving to a different school for the 9th grade, my life took an unexpected turn. During that time, I accepted Jesus as my personal Savior and was baptized, without my parents' knowledge.

I held on to the promise, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me," believing I would easily pass and move on to the 10th grade. Unfortunately, I scored only 98 out of 500 in my final exams and failed in all subjects.



This failure was devastating. I could not come to terms with it. Since I had failed in all five subjects, no school was willing to admit me. No one stepped forward to help, and even my peers distanced themselves from me. In my distress, I cried out, “Lord, I used to score around 300 marks. Now that I have become Your child and taken baptism, why is my situation like this?” Yet, there was no immediate change.

I repeated the 9th grade in the same school. During that time, I made a firm declaration: “Today, I stand humiliated before others. But I want my head to be lifted high among those who rejected me. I want to pursue the highest level of education in this world, and when I achieve it, I will testify that it was You who made it possible.”

With that determination, I continued my studies. I passed 10th grade with modest marks. I sought guidance from my teachers while choosing my group in 11th grade, and completed both 11th and 12th grades with average scores.

That sounds like a tough school journey. Was college even more challenging?

Yes, it was! College education was in English, and I had already struggled studying in Tamil medium. Despite this, I was determined to earn at least one degree.

In my very first semester, I had arrears. However, instead of giving up, I cleared them in the following semester. After that, I never experienced failure again. One after another, God opened doors for me to pursue more degrees. Interestingly, each time I enrolled in a new course, I believed it would be my last. Yet today, I have completed eight degrees—



and I attribute this entirely to God's grace.

My friends were instrumental in my journey, assisting me in applying for multiple academic programs.

During my postgraduate studies, I was awarded a gold medal by the Governor—something completely unexpected. After completing my Ph.D., I once again received recognition from the Governor. What I never expected beyond once, God made happen twice.

Amazing! What motivated you specifically to pursue a Ph.D.?

After completing the 10th grade, I joined a typewriting course. To appear for a government examination, I needed a signature in green ink from a government official. I approached someone I knew well, but he refused to sign without verifying my original certificates—even though he was familiar with me.



That moment deeply affected me. I left with a heavy heart and prayed, “Lord, I want my head to be lifted high before everyone.” I then inquired about what level of education was required to be in a position of authority—to be the one signing in green ink. I was told that such positions required higher qualifications and respectable government roles. That desire became the foundation of my pursuit of a Ph.D. In time, God fulfilled that desire.

What are you doing now in return for what God has done in your life?

I came to know Jesus through Sunday classes, and today I teach Sunday school to many children every week. Through my testimony, many others have come to know Him too. In addition, I visit villages to share the message of Jesus. Though I never specifically prayed for higher education, God granted me far more than I imagined. Therefore, I feel a deep responsibility to serve Him by reaching out to others. I also minister in hospitals and currently serve as a professor in a college. After my college hours, I make it a practice to visit a village or a public place, share the gospel, and extend help to those in need before returning home. I am also involved in ministry work as part of a team. The God who lifted me from nothing is truly deserved for the glory. And as I serve Him, He continues to lift me higher.

What would you like to share with young people who feel discouraged by failure today?

Always keep a desire in your heart to do something for God. Whatever we ask Him with sincerity, He is able to fulfill. So be mindful of what you speak and ask. If I had just sat in defeat after failing in 9th grade, I would not be where I am today. Likewise, do not allow failure to define you. Move forward with God, and you too can become an achiever.

Dear young friends, if God could lift someone who failed in all subjects in 9th grade and was rejected by everyone, and raise her to become Dr. Krithika, holding eight degrees, then when you make a firm decision like she did and pursue your goals with determinations, Jesus can lift you beyond your expectations.

Small Start, Big Impact

*Warm greetings to all my young achievers!
In our lives, the small efforts we take can often lead to great success. Here is the inspiring journey of a remarkable woman who started small and went on to make a global impact. Here is, Anita Roddick.*



Body Shop



Anita Roddick was born in the United Kingdom. Since childhood, she showed a deep interest in social issues, human rights, and sustainability. After completing her career, she worked as a teacher for a specific period. During that time, she traveled to many countries, learning about different lifestyles and the use of natural products.

In 1976, in the city of Brighton, she started a small shop called 'The Body Shop'. In the beginning, the profits were minimal. Nevertheless, she stayed determined. She remained unwavering in her commitment to use only natural ingredients in her products. Moreover, she firmly decided to sell only products that were not tested on animals and she remained steadfast by this principle throughout her life.

Her unique vision and determined efforts transformed The Body Shop into a worldwide brand with locations across the globe. Even as her business thrived, Anita remained deeply committed to social responsibility. She actively promoted fair trade and used her influence to drive positive change. Today, she stands as a powerful example to all of us and has received numerous awards for her contributions.

Friends, as you read this, take note: By staying committed to even small efforts, we can reach the heights of our dreams.

There is just one thing we need to do: "Take a small step to build a big tower."

Elijah Whom God Seeks



During the reign of King Ahab in Israel, his wife Jezebel plunged the nation into deep spiritual darkness through sorcery, idol worship, and the offering of blood sacrifices. In such a time of moral and spiritual decline, the Lord raised up a prophet named Elijah—a man without remarkable status, without a famous family background, and without worldly recognition. Yet through Elijah, God brought about a powerful spiritual awakening, and the entire nation was called back to the Lord. That is what true revival looks like.

However, in our time, one Elijah alone is not enough for our nation. Therefore, God desires to raise up young people like you, just as He raised Elijah, to be instruments in His hands (1 Kings 17, 18, 19).

There were many reasons why the Lord used Elijah so powerfully, but here we will reflect on six important qualities that marked his life.

1. ELIJAH — A MAN WHO STOOD BEFORE GOD

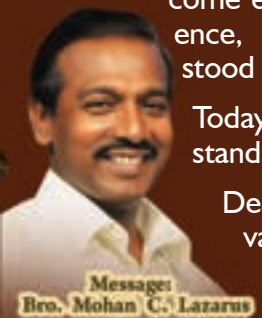
Elijah boldly declared:

“As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain in these years except at my word.” He spoke these words with confidence because he stood continually in the presence of God.

In Exodus 34:2, when the Lord called Moses to come early in the morning into His presence, Moses immediately obeyed and stood before the Lord on the mountain.

Today, can you say: “I am a person who stands daily in the presence of Jesus.”

Dear young people, you must cultivate the experience of standing before God every day, especially in the early hours of the morning.



Message:
Bro. Mohan C. Lazarus

2. ELIJAH — A MAN WHO OBEYED GOD'S WORD

The Lord said to Elijah:

- “Go and present yourself to Ahab.”
- “Hide yourself by the Brook Cherith; there I will feed you through the ravens.”
- “Go to Zarephath; there a widow will provide for you.”

Elijah fully obeyed every word of the Lord. Even after three and a half years, when God said, “Go and show yourself to Ahab,” Elijah went without hesitation. He did not merely hear God’s voice—he acted upon it.

Likewise, you must dedicate yourselves not only to hearing God’s voice but also to faithfully obeying it.

3. ELIJAH — A MAN BURDENED FOR HIS NATION

Elijah's heart was deeply grieved when he saw his nation turning away from the Lord and falling into idol worship and sorcery.

With a broken heart, he cried out to God in prayer.

He prayed that no rain would fall for three and a half years so that the people might repent and return to the Lord. When they turned back, he prayed again for the heavens to open and send rain.

Dear young people, your hearts must also carry a burden for the people of your nation—for those trapped in sin, suffering, and spiritual bondage.

4. ELIJAH — A MAN ZEALOUS FOR THE LORD

Elijah declared: "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty" (1 Kings 19:14). On Mount Carmel, he courageously challenged the people: "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal is god, follow him" (1 Kings 18:21–24). Then he said, "I will call upon the name of the Lord, and the God who answers by fire—He is God." Such courage flowed from his deep passion and zeal for God. That same zeal must burn in the hearts of today's young generation.

5. ELIJAH — A MAN WILLING TO ENDURE SUFFERING

When Elijah declared that there would be no rain, Ahab and Jezebel sought to kill him.

So God instructed him: "Hide yourself by the Brook Cherith." Even there, the brook eventually dried up, and Elijah faced hunger and

thirst. Then the Lord told him to go to Zarephath, where a widow would sustain him.

Ahab blamed Elijah for the famine and searched everywhere to capture him. Elijah endured danger, long journeys, hunger, and hardship, yet he never turned away from God.

Dear young people, you must also be ready to embrace a life that may include carrying the cross, enduring trials, and facing difficulties.

6. ELIJAH — A MAN OF EARNEST PRAYER

The Bible says: "Elijah was a human being, even as we are. Yet he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years." (James 5:17–18) When the widow's son died, Elijah prayed: "Lord my God, let this child's life return to him." God heard his prayer, and the child came back to life (1 Kings 17:20–22). When Elijah prayed for fire on Mount Carmel, fire fell from heaven (1 Kings 18:36–38).

God uses people who pray. Therefore, you too must dedicate yourselves to earnest and fervent prayer like Elijah.

A CALL TO TODAY'S YOUNG GENERATION

Dear young people, the same God who used Elijah is able to use you.

When you pray, God will honour your prayers and perform supernatural miracles.

Like Elijah,

- ▶ Stand before God
- ▶ Obey His Word with reverence
- ▶ Carry a burden for your nation
- ▶ Be zealous for God
- ▶ Accept suffering for His sake
- ▶ Pray earnestly and persistently

Then God will raise you up as an Elijah for this generation!





Advocate or Teacher?

I have recently completed my Class 12 examinations. My greatest ambition is to become a lawyer. However, my parents say that if I pursue law, I may have to travel frequently for cases, sometimes over long distances, and may even return home late at night. They believe such a lifestyle may not be suitable for a girl (me). They also worry that while dealing with criminal cases, I may unintentionally make enemies or face hostility from others. According to them, the legal field can sometimes be harsh and complicated. Therefore, they suggest that I should instead pursue Teacher Training courses such as B.Ed. and M.Ed. and become a teacher.

But my heartfelt desire is to study law, serve society, and raise my voice for justice. I am now confused about what I should do. Should I follow my parents' wishes and become a teacher? Or should I pursue my own dream of becoming a lawyer? Please guide me.

– Suganya, Madurai

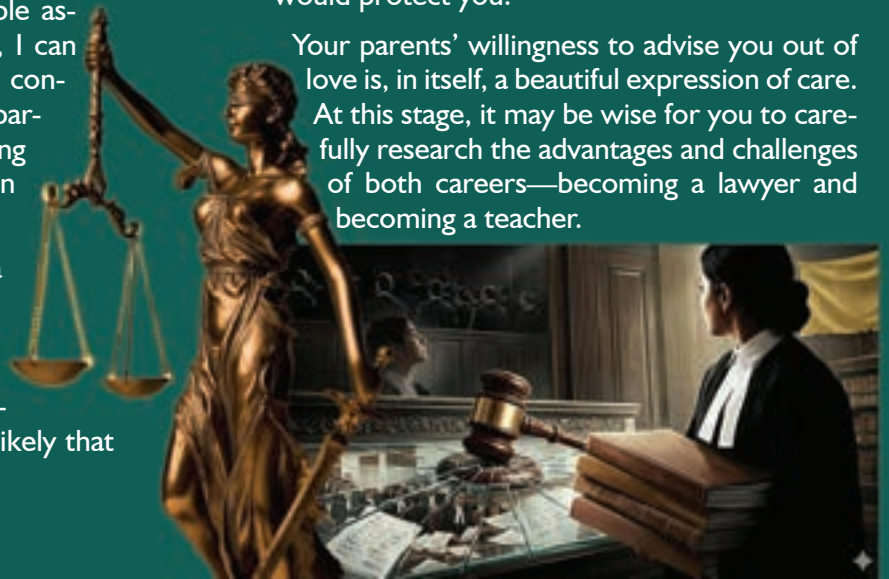
Dear Sister Suganya,

Your desire to become an excellent lawyer and to serve society—especially by helping the poor and standing up for justice—is truly admirable. I deeply appreciate your noble aspiration. At the same time, I can understand the sadness and confusion you feel when your parents' expectations and loving concern appear to stand in the way of your dream.

Suganya, there is also a measure of truth and goodwill in what your parents say. In today's world, safety can sometimes be a challenge for women, and it is likely that

your parents' hesitation arises from their genuine concern for your well-being. Even though you are passionate about the legal profession, they may feel that choosing a safer career path would protect you.

Your parents' willingness to advise you out of love is, in itself, a beautiful expression of care. At this stage, it may be wise for you to carefully research the advantages and challenges of both careers—becoming a lawyer and becoming a teacher.





The Path of an Advocate

- ▶ A lawyer can raise a powerful voice for women's justice, especially at a time when many women face injustice and oppression.
- ▶ By understanding the struggles of women, a lawyer can represent them in court and argue for truth and justice.
- ▶ The legal profession is a respected and honourable field, offering the opportunity for a stable and rewarding livelihood.
- ▶ Women advocates can pursue further qualifications and eventually advance to positions such as Judge, Legal Advisor, or Magistrate.



The Path of a Teacher

- ▶ A great teacher is like a sculptor who shapes the minds of students, bringing out the hidden potential within them. Just as a sculptor sees a statue within a stone, a teacher sees greatness within every student.
- ▶ A teacher can understand students with the care and compassion of a mother, guiding and encouraging them to grow.
- ▶ Teaching is a noble profession that society deeply respects, and teachers hold a special place in the community.
- ▶ Teachers have the power to nurture future leaders, visionaries, and selfless contributors to society.



For example, great personalities like Dr. A.P. J. Abdul Kalam were shaped by the influence of dedicated teachers.

Both professions have great value and meaningful opportunities. If your heart truly longs for the legal profession, you may gently and respectfully explain its benefits to your parents. Because they love you and wish for your well-being, they may eventually understand your aspirations and reconsider their view.

However, if you come to appreciate the greatness of the teaching profession and choose to follow your parents' advice, it can also lead to a fulfilling life and harmony within your family.

Suganya, God has prepared a wonderful future for you. If you sincerely pray and ask Jesus to guide you in making the right decision, He will surely lead you.

As the Scripture says: **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.”** (Psalm 32:8). Therefore, pray earnestly and act with wisdom. Your path will surely become clear.





Bear Fruit

In today's world, young people live with many dreams and high ambitions. Good education, a successful career, social recognition, fame, and wealth –these are often the pursuits that shape their journey. But one important question many fail to ask themselves is this: "Am I living a life that bears fruit for God?"

The true significance of the Christian life lies in being fruitful. Wherever we are placed, we are called to live lives that produce fruit useful to God. The fig tree once appeared lush and full of leaves, yet because it bore no fruit, Jesus cursed it.

Outwardly it looked beautiful and flourishing, but it was fruitless.

In the same way, we may have:

Talents

Beauty

Education

Wealth

But without fruit, a life becomes useless in God's sight.

THE SECRET OF A FRUITFUL LIFE

In a garden filled with many plants, the one that draws the most nourishment from the soil is the one that grows strong and produces fruit. Similarly, our relationship with Jesus is like the relationship between the vine and its branches.

Jesus said: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit." (John 15:5). Only the branch that remains connected to the vine can bear fruit. If it becomes disconnected, it withers. Likewise, only when you remain connected to Jesus can you live a fruitful life.



When we remain in Christ, His character – love, humility, purity, patience, and righteousness – becomes visible in us.

Otherwise, the works of the flesh will naturally become evident.

FRUIT TAKES TIME

“Just as a branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me.” (John 15:4)

A seed does not produce fruit immediately after it is planted. It must grow through rain, heat, wind, and the passing of time. In the same way, to become fruitful, we must pass through seasons of joy, seasons of pain, seasons of testing, and seasons of waiting.

Joseph – A Man Who Bore Fruit Wherever He Was

“Joseph is a fruitful vine, a fruitful vine near a spring.” (Genesis 49:22)

Joseph’s life was filled with opposition, betrayal, hardships, false accusations, and even imprisonment. Yet wherever he was, he remained fruitful.

DO YOU KNOW WHY?

- ◀ He kept himself pure.
- ◀ He guarded his private life from corruption.
- ◀ Even in sinful environments, he chose to flee from sin.
- ◀ Even in prison, he did not depart from God.
- ◀ He gave no room for complaining.

Because of this, even in prison, God made him fruitful.

A HOLY LIFE PRODUCES FRUIT

It is a life of holiness that makes us fruitful for God. The one who keeps the Lord always before him and guards his life in purity will bear fruit.

Dear young people, you too must:

- ◀ Walk away from sinful environments



- ◀ Guard your heart
- ◀ Never drift away from Jesus
- ◀ Remain in Him

Then, like Joseph, you too will live a fruitful life.

PRUNING LEADS TO GREATER FRUITFULNESS

“Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” (John 15:2)

The difficult situations Joseph faced were not meant to destroy him, but to make him more fruitful. Those trials did not break him –they built him. In the same way, some difficult situations in your life are not punishments. They are seasons of pruning that God allows so that you may bear more fruit.

My dear young friends, no matter what your circumstances may be, if you remain with the Lord, He will remain with you. He will never leave you. Wherever you go in this world, like Joseph, you can live a life that is fruitful, a blessing to others, and useful for God!

THE PINNACLE OF SERVICE

Missionary Mark Daniel Buntain



Missionary Biography: Ruth

Mark Daniel Buntain was born on **January 21, 1923**, in Winnipeg, Canada. He was the son of a pastor who served in a Pentecostal church in Manitoba, and from his early childhood he was raised in a deeply spiritual environment.

The inspiring stories of missionaries deeply influenced his young heart, and gradually a strong desire grew within him—to become a missionary himself. In the beginning, he worked as a radio broadcaster. However, while working in that profession, he experienced a clear and compelling call from the Lord to dedicate his life to ministry.

One day in 1942, after completing his work at the radio station, he returned home exhausted and rested for a while. During that quiet moment, he clearly sensed that God was speaking to him. That profound experience transformed the direction of his life. Without hesitation, he left his worldly career and committed himself fully to the service of God.



Later, he married Huldah Munro. After their marriage, he resigned from his job and began serving as a pastor in a church in Saskatchewan, Canada. Subsequently, he served as a missionary evangelist in several nations including Taiwan, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Japan.

In obedience to God's call, Mark and Huldah Buntain arrived in Calcutta, India, in 1954, accompanied by their one-year-old daughter. At that time, they had very few resources. In a vacant space, they erected a simple tent and began proclaiming the love of Jesus Christ to the people.

One day, while Mark was preaching in the tent, a poor man walked in and said, "Pastor, first give us food for our stomachs—then tell us about the God of heaven." These words deeply touched Mark's heart. He realized that along with preaching the Gospel, practical social service was equally essential.

As a result, in 1964, he established an organization called "Calcutta Mercy Mission."

The mission focused on three main objectives:

- ▶ Providing food for the poor
- ▶ Offering education
- ▶ Giving medical assistance

In 1965, he launched a free meal program for students, which benefited more than 20,000 children. As part of this vision, he also founded the Assemblies of God Church School, an institution that transformed the lives of many underprivileged students.



In addition, he started a small hospital to provide medical care for the sick and the injured. Over time, it grew into a large multi-specialty hospital offering advanced medical services.

For many years, Mark Buntain served as the pastor of the Assemblies of God Church in Calcutta. This church became a spiritual center that eventually contributed to the establishment of more than 900 churches across North India. He also broadcast the Gospel message through radio in Hindi, English, and Bengali, through which countless people came to know Jesus Christ.

Although Mark Buntain passed away in 1989 due to illness, his wife Huldah Buntain remained in India and faithfully continued the ministries they had begun. Even today, the impact of their service continues to touch many lives.

The Calcutta Mercy Mission they founded now serves the poor in 21 countries around the world. In recognition of his remarkable service, Mark Buntain was honored with the Bethany Award (USA) in 1969.

Dear young people, Mark Buntain left one continent and came to another to serve humanity with compassion and dedication. In the same spirit, can we not also serve God through small acts of kindness in our own surroundings?

Therefore,

- **Recognize God's calling in your life**
 - **Be willing to serve**
 - **Express love through action**

Then your life too will become a meaningful and fruitful life for the Kingdom of God!



Back with Fresh Fire!

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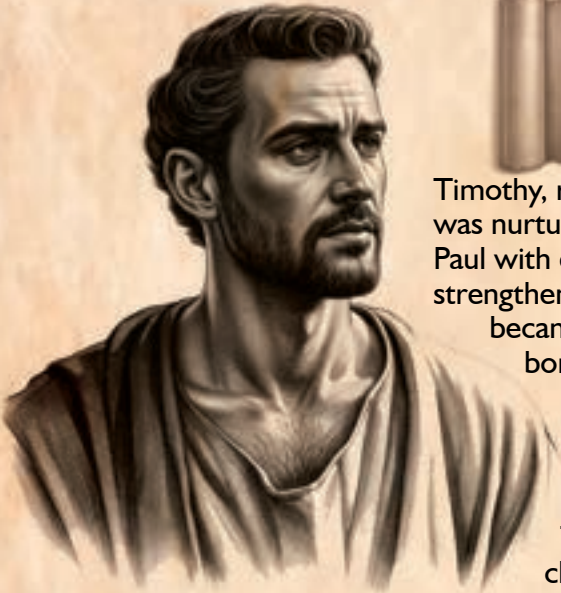
Get ready for a powerful time of spiritual revival and renewal! Every month, on the Sunday following the last Saturday (Standing in the Gap Prayer), join us live from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Jesus Redeems social media platforms – YouTube (Jesus Redeems Official & Youth Trendz) and Facebook.



Don't keep this to yourself—invite your friends, bring them along, and let them experience this fresh wave of spiritual awakening with you!



FRUIT BEARERS...



Timothy

Timothy, regarded by the Apostle Paul as his “beloved son,” was nurtured and trained in the faith. He laboured alongside Paul with deep commitment—preaching the Gospel and strengthening the churches. His faith and sacrificial spirit became an inspiring example to other believers. He bore abundant fruit through his ministry, winning souls for Christ (1 Timothy 1:2).

The Role of His Mother – Eunice

Timothy was grounded in the Scriptures from childhood by his mother, Eunice. A faithful Jewish woman, she embraced Jesus Christ as her Saviour. The sincere faith that dwelt in her—and in his grandmother Lois—was reflected in Timothy’s life. This strong spiritual foundation shaped him into a fruitful servant who partnered with Paul in ministry (2 Timothy 1:1–5).

Samuel

Unlike Saul, Samuel lived in complete obedience to the commands of God (1 Samuel 15:22). He continually interceded for Israel, praying that they would not fall into sin. Through his prayers, Israel experienced victory over the Philistines.

Throughout his life, he upheld justice without corruption or bribery, keeping his hands clean. He faithfully proclaimed God’s Word without compromise. From childhood to old age, Samuel remained wholly devoted to God and led Israel with integrity.

The Role of His Mother – Hannah

In a time when everyone did what was right in their own eyes—and even priests acted corruptly—Hannah grieved deeply. Though barren, she prayed with unwavering faith and asked God for a son dedicated to His service.

She fulfilled her vow by dedicating Samuel to the Lord at a young age, placing him in an environment where he would grow in favour with both God and people. Her sacrificial heart laid the foundation for Samuel’s spiritual growth (1 Samuel 1 & 2).





THOSE WHO LOST THEIR FRUIT...

Samson

Though entrusted with the great responsibility of delivering Israel from the Philistines, Samson squandered his calling for personal desires. In doing so, he defiled the consecrated Nazarite life set apart for God. From his attraction to the woman of Timnah to his involvement with Delilah, he became enslaved to his emotions and forgot God's purpose. Deceived by the false belief, "No matter what I do, the Lord will not leave me," he failed to realize that he had lost the Spirit of the Lord—until he stood powerless before his enemies (Judges 14 & 15).

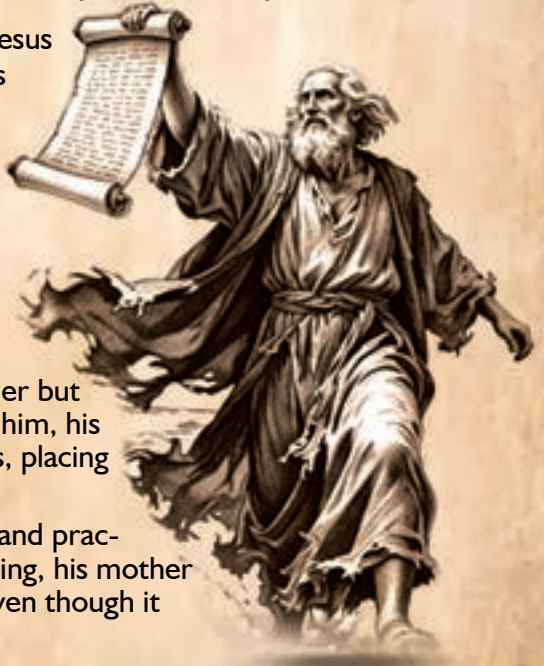
The Role of Samson's Mother

Samson's mother received divine revelation about his birth through an angel. She was instructed to live a consecrated life even during pregnancy, and she raised Samson as a Nazarite accordingly. Possessing greater spiritual discernment than her husband Manoah, she recognized that the one who appeared to them was no ordinary man but an angel of the Lord. Understanding her calling, she raised Samson to become a deliverer for Israel against the Philistines (Judges 13).

Micah

Micah warned that because of injustice, idolatry, and oppression of the poor in Israel and Judah, God would bring judgment through the Assyrians and Babylonians.

He also prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem and would gather God's scattered people (Micah 5:2). He taught, "Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). He boldly confronted corrupt leaders, false prophets, and idol worshippers with stern warnings.



The Role of Micah's Mother

Micah once stole 1,100 pieces of silver from his mother but later returned them out of fear. Instead of correcting him, his mother used the silver to create carved and cast idols, placing them in his house.

Micah went on to establish a shrine in his own home and practiced idol worship. Rather than rebuking his wrongdoing, his mother justified their actions as being done "for the Lord," even though it directly violated God's commands.

This reveals how far people had drifted from God's will (Judges 17).



DETOX FROM NEGATIVE SELF-TALK



Hello friends! We're so glad to meet you again through our Soul Detox series. We hope many of you tried the Social Media Detox and experienced its benefits.

One of the biggest battles young people are facing in these last days is negative self-talk. This month, let's talk about how it slowly poisons our soul and how we can overcome it.



Effects

If we keep telling ourselves things like,

"I can't do this,"

"I'm not qualified for this,"

"What I dream or desire will never happen for me,"

and if we repeat this 20 times ourselves or hear it repeatedly from others, our brain eventually starts believing it as truth.

This results in:

1. Increased stress and anxiety.
2. Losing sight of our purpose in life.
3. Reduced involvement in studies, work, and even family relationships.
4. Ignoring the positive aspects of a situation and focusing only on the negative parts. Psychologists call this Mental Filtering.

Ways to Overcome

When David was robbed by the Amalekites, abandoned by his own people, and even faced the threat of being stoned, the Bible says:

"But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God" (1 Samuel 30:6). Because he chose to depend on God instead of his circumstances, the Lord gave him strategy, promise, and victory. That is why God testified that David was a man after His own heart.

1. LEARN TO REJECT NEGATIVE THOUGHTS.

Whenever negative thoughts arise, pause, calm yourself, and consciously refuse to entertain those lies. Try to ignore them.

Yes, we may sometimes feel weak, unwise, or unqualified. But the God who lives within us is greater. There is nothing impossible for Him.

When He is with us, we can face anything and accomplish what seems impossible. God-confidence is the key!

2. REPLACE LIES WITH TRUTH.

Sometimes the enemy reminds us of our past sins and whispers: "You committed that sin. God won't listen if you pray."

"You can never overcome this. You are just a sinner." Do such thoughts come to you?

Philippians 4:8 teaches us to think about whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy. Instead of meditating on the enemy's lies, we must focus on the promises and truths God has spoken over us.

God is not someone who condemns us constantly — He is the one who lovingly corrects us. Whenever negative thoughts attack your mind, counter-attack them with the Word of God!

For example:

When the thought says: "I cannot do this," respond with: **"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"** (Philippians 4:13).

A PRACTICAL EXERCISE:

Take sticky notes and write down the negative thoughts that repeatedly come to your mind and stop your progress.

Then strike them out and write what God's Word says about you above them. Place these notes where you can see them often.

Every time you see them, courage and clarity will begin to rise within you.

Try this and let us know the change you experience!



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Under Pressure

Hi 🙋😊 friends,

How are you all doing? I'm really happy to connect with you again through this series called Under Pressure! Last month, we talked about the structure of a wheat grain while it's still under pressure. This time, let's look at what happens after the grain is separated.

Once a wheat grain is removed from the stalk, it's soaked in water for about 24 hours. Because of the pressure from the water, it starts to germinate. Then it's taken out and planted in the soil. Just when the grain might feel like, "Finally, I can breathe freely," it gets covered up with soil.

Now it's in total darkness. No clear way out, no one to depend on. At this point, the grain has two choices: either fight through the soil and come out alive, or stay buried there.

Choosing to fight and live, the grain first absorbs the moisture in the soil above it, breaking its inactive state. As it continues to absorb water, the seed begins to swell and grow. It loses its old nature, its old form, and its inactivity, surrendering itself to a new life.



Interestingly, the very seed coat that once protected it during its dormancy, now breaks open. From within, the primary root and a young shoot begin to emerge. The shoot pushes through the soil to reach the surface, while the root anchors the plant firmly.

What was once a tiny seed, now undergoes a huge transformation and becomes a full wheat plant. And here's the amazing part - a single wheat seed can produce one plant, which in turn may develop three or more stalks and yield anywhere from 30 to over 120 new grains. In this way, each wheat seed "dies" to produce a great harvest.

Here, "dying" means letting go of the old and stepping into something new: as simple as that.

Likewise, God sometimes separates us—not just to change us, but because there's a bigger purpose and a greater harvest ahead. Just like the seed's dormancy is broken under pressure of water and soil, we go through pressure to discover who we are, understand our strengths and weaknesses, and know God more.

When we face pressure, the things we once depended on for security start to break away, and that's when real transformation begins. Just like roots help the plant stay strong, the Holy Spirit helps us stay grounded during tough times. Just as the shoot pushes through the soil and rises upward, through His work we too are enabled to rise above our circumstances.

We don't just come out and show up—we grow and multiply into a harvest.

Furthermore, Jesus Christ offered His life like a grain of wheat. By that, we witness a great harvest today and celebrate Easter. He died, yet He rose again, just like the journey of the wheat grain.

Pressure is not meant to break you, but to transform you..!

(To be continued)



Prayer Guide - May 2026

Let Us Pray

Prayer: Bennital

Over the past decade in Tamil Nadu, countless families have been shattered by the devastating grip of alcoholism. The number of widows has risen, and many children are growing up without the presence and guidance of a father. Nearly 15 million people fall deeper into alcohol addiction each day. Let us pray that this people will be set free from this bondage and that the destructive spirit working behind this addiction will be broken.



Let us pray for an end to the missile attacks on Iran and for the cessation of Russia's war against Ukraine. May the loss of innocent lives be prevented, and may God's divine protection surround and preserve the people caught in these conflicts.

In the state of Gujarat, nearly 205,000 children across 20 districts are suffering from malnutrition. Let us pray that this condition will change, and that the government will implement effective programs to improve the health and well-being of these children.



Let us pray that every government hospital will be fully equipped with the necessary medical instruments, medicines, and treatment facilities so that patients may receive proper care without delay or hindrance.

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Because of shortages, many patients are forced to purchase medicines with their own money—even in government hospitals. Let us pray that this situation will change and that essential medicines will always be available without scarcity.

Let us pray that the 650 million women in India will be treated with dignity and that their rights will be protected. May the 3.7 million girls who were unable to continue their schooling be given opportunities to return to education, and may both central and state governments, along with social organizations, take meaningful action to support them.



Let us pray that people will be protected from the effects of rising heat and drought. May food shortages be removed, malnutrition be eradicated, and diseases be kept away as God preserves and sustains the nation.

Let us pray that cruel incidents such as the abduction and murder of children will come to an end. May those who exploit children for evil purposes repent, may abducted children be rescued safely, and may every wicked force that seeks to destroy the lives of the young be restrained.



Let us pray for all the students who have written the 10th and 12th public examinations—that they may achieve good results and move forward in life. May no one make harmful decisions out of fear of failure, and may God guide each student into the field of study they desire.

In several regions of North India, many missionaries are facing persecution for crimes they did not commit. Let us pray for their safety and protection, and that through their faithful service many more people may come to know Christ.



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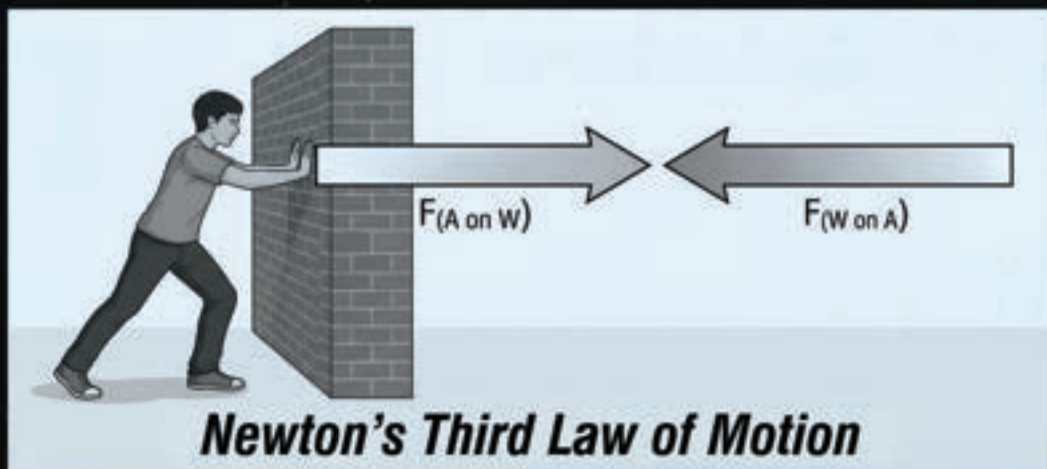
Science and the Bible

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Hi friends, I am really glad to meet you again through this series on Science and the Bible.

Friends, have you ever played by throwing a ball against a wall? What happens when you hit the ball hard toward the wall? The harder you throw it, the harder it comes back toward you, right?

But why does this happen? Why doesn't the ball just fall down after hitting the wall? What is the science behind this? Curious to know, friends?



According to Newton's Third Law of Motion, every action in nature has an equal and opposite reaction. When one object (we) applies a force on another object (the wall), at the same time the second object (the wall) applies an equal amount of force back on the first object (us). The beautiful part is this: When we hit the ball toward the wall, it is called Action.

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Friends, not only Newton's law says this — the Bible also teaches the same principle. In Galatians 6:7, it says: "A man reaps what he sows." Yes, friends, the measure of good we do to others are the measure of blessings we receive from God. Likewise, the measure of wrong we do may become the measure of difficulties we face.

Not only that: The amount of time we spend with God determines how much God can use us.

The more we invest our time in worldly things, the more we may drift away from God, lose His purpose and calling for our lives, and like the prodigal son, end up in a miserable condition.

So never forget this, friends: To the extent we engage in Action, God also responds in Reaction.

So friends, be careful. Whatever you do, do it wisely. The Bible reminds us that when God comes, He brings the reward for every deed with Him.

So remember this principle:

Every action has an equal and opposite reaction.

(Research continues...)

In Chengalpattu District – Thirukazhukundram

Youth Revival Meeting

Date: June 28 (Sunday)

Time: 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Venue:

Blessings Higher Secondary School

Keerapakkam (Near Asan College)

Message & Prayer: Bro. Caleb

Contact: 97108 09626 | 95975 88831



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 (3rd MAY)

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 (10th MAY)

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
(16th MAY)****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
(17th MAY)****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

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)

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

PONDICHERY (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 MAY)****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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Become catalysts of
a mighty revival!**

Bible Exploration

Hello friends! We hope this section continues to help you understand the historical background of the Bible and makes your Bible reading more meaningful each month. This month, let us explore the background of the books of 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel.

Overview - 1 Samuel: This book covers Samuel's leadership, the rise and fall of Saul, and the early life of David as God prepares him to become king.
2 Samuel: This book focuses on David's reign — his victories, the establishment of Jerusalem, God's covenant with him, and the consequences of his personal failures.

Historical Background

Before this period, Israel was led by Judges, temporary leaders appointed by God during times of crisis. However, as external threats increased — especially from the Philistines — the Israelites asked the prophet Samuel to appoint a king for them, "like the other nations." While this request reflected their desire for national identity and stability, it also revealed their lack of trust in God's direct rule over them.

Key Characters

SAMUEL

The last Judge and a prophet chosen by God. He served as a spiritual leader, guided Israel, and anointed its first two kings.



SAUL

The first king of Israel. He was chosen for his impressive appearance and initial humility. However, because of his disobedience to God, he was eventually rejected.



DAVID

A shepherd boy chosen by God to succeed Saul and anointed at a young age. Known for his deep devotion to God, David became Israel's greatest king and a man after God's own heart despite his personal failures and spiritual struggles.



Major Themes

1. GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER LEADERSHIP

Although Israel desired a human king, the nation always remained under the authority of God, the King of kings. God chooses leaders according to His purposes, demonstrating that true authority comes through submission to Him.

2. OBEDIENCE MATTERS MORE THAN APPEARANCE

Saul's life demonstrates that outward success and ability can never replace true obedience. In contrast, even though David made serious mistakes, his love for God and his repentant heart made him pleasing in God's sight.

3. THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

One of the most significant highlights of 2 Samuel is God's covenant with David (2 Samuel 7), where God promises that David's throne will be established forever. This covenant becomes the foundation for the future hope of the coming Messiah.

4. THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN AND THE POWER OF GRACE

Both Saul and David sinned, but their responses were very different. Saul hardened his heart, while David repented. These events reveal both God's justice and His mercy toward those who turn back to Him.

To Remember

These books teach us that while human leadership may be imperfect, God's plan is always perfect. The promise given to David ultimately points to Jesus Christ, the eternal King whose kingdom will never end.

Scan this QR to know
last month Answers



LOOSE THE KNOTS

Rooted & Fruitful

Compilation: Ruth

Dive into these Bible-based riddles on spiritual fruitfulness—read each clue carefully, connect it with Scripture, and uncover the answers that reveal a life rooted in God and bearing lasting fruit. Send in your answers along with the correct Bible references.

- 1] I am small like a seed when planted, But when I grow, I become a great tree of faith. What am I?
- 2] I look healthy with many leaves, But I had no fruit, so I was cursed. What tree am I?
- 3] I lived in a sycamore tree to see Jesus. After meeting Him, my life became fruitful with generosity. Who am I?
- 4] When I die in the ground, I bring much life. But if I remain alone, I produce nothing. What am I?
- 5] I speak about a life planted by water, Bearing fruit in every season and never withering. Which Psalm am I?

Send your
answers to



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News!



India Purchases Crude Oil from Angola to Avoid Dependence on Any Single Nation!



India, determined not to rely on any one country for its energy needs, continues to procure crude oil from multiple nations around the world. Recently, the country has significantly increased its purchases of crude oil and cooking gas from the African nation of Angola.

Following the outbreak of the Russia–Ukraine war in 2022, the United States and several European countries imposed economic sanctions on Russia. Despite these restrictions, Russia's friendly nations, including India and China, continued to import substantial quantities of crude oil from Russia. During this period, Russia supplied crude oil to India at comparatively lower prices.

However, the United States later exerted pressure by increasing import tariffs on India, leading to reports that India had begun reducing its crude oil purchases from Russia. Meanwhile, disruptions in global oil supply due to tensions

involving Iran prompted the United States to temporarily permit India to import crude oil from Russia for one month.

At present, India has adopted a diversified strategy for meeting its fuel requirements, ensuring that it is not dependent on any single country. The nation imports crude oil from several regions, including the Gulf countries. In recent times, India has particularly expanded its imports of crude oil and gas from Angola.

India recently purchased 2 million barrels of crude oil from Angola. Additionally, the Indian Oil Corporation has signed a new agreement to procure another 1 million barrels. The crude varieties imported from Angola—such as Hungo and Clov—are well suited for Asian refining facilities. These grades are especially valued because they yield higher quantities of petrol and diesel during the refining process.

Even as the global market faces pressures in the supply of crude oil and natural gas, the Indian government continues to secure emergency purchases from various countries. This strategy aims to ensure that the nation does not face fuel shortages and to prevent sharp increases in domestic fuel prices.

(Source: Hindu Tamil Thisai, April 5)

Youth Revival Meeting – Bengaluru



By the grace of God, a Youth Revival Gathering was held on **March 31** in Bengaluru, Karnataka, specifically for young people. To prepare a generation of youth for the revival of Karnataka, God powerfully used Bro. Mohan C. Lazarus and Bro. Vincent Selvakumar.

Out of those who registered, God brought together **1,019** young people. Among them, **488** were set apart as a "Joshua generation," chosen for a greater purpose. Furthermore, **78** individuals dedicated their lives to serve the Lord in ministry. Through this gathering, God accomplished mighty works.

All glory be to Him alone!



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BLESSING FESTIVALS!

Youth Festival

May 25 - 29

Monday to Friday

Time:

9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Venue: **Elim Garden**

Jehovah Shalom Hall, Nalumavadi.

This gathering is specially organized for youth.

All young people are warmly invited
to attend without fail.

