BUT HE WHO RECEIVED SEED ON THE GOOD GROUND IS HE WHO HEARS
THE WORD AND UNDERSTANDS IT, WHO INDEED BEARS FRUIT AND PRODUCES:
SOME A HUNDREDFOLD, SOME SIXTY, SOME THIRTY."
MATTHEW 13:23

Seed & Soil



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GLORY BE ONLY TO GOD



All glory to God alone! We praise Him for the privilege of being used to bring glory to His name. The heart of this book, Seed and Soil, is to guide readers and writers into a deeper walk with God, rooted in His Word. Our prayer is that every heart becomes fertile soil ready to receive His truth, grow in His love, and bear lasting fruit for His Kingdom.

As Jesus calls us to be new creations, we long to walk in daily transformation through His grace. Changed by Him, we hope to become vessels through which others encounter His renewing power.

We are grateful to celebrate twelve months of this devotional journey. By God's faithfulness, this printed edition exists. Behind each page are dedicated hearts of individuals who made space for God despite busy lives. Their obedience has inspired others to step forward in faith.

This journey reminds us that God can use anyone. No gift is too small when surrendered to Him. Offer what you have, He will multiply it for His glory.

We ask for your continued prayers. Let us lay aside the old, step boldly into the new, and build His Kingdom together.
Let His name alone be glorified!

Fishers Of Men



Luke 5:3 says, ***"He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat."*** **Luke 5** was titled as **Jesus Calls His First Disciples**. Peter was not among the many who wanted to listen to what Jesus was speaking. He was washing his net. And there were two boats, and Jesus chose to go on Peter's boat.

Once the sermon was over, Jesus asked him to cast his net. But he answered, "Master, we tried catching all night, but we couldn't catch any fish." After that, he beautifully says in **Luke 5:5, *"But because You say so, I will let down the nets."*** The Bible says they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. Following this verse, Peter will declare that he is a sinner, and **Jesus** will say, **"From now on, I will make you a fisher of men."**

We might have questions like **where the fish would have come from?** Why didn't they come on the previous day? The simplest answer for this is that we see the beginning, but God sees the end. If he had caught the fish that night, he would not have encountered Jesus or even become one of the first disciples. So, it's never a delay. We should wait and allow Him to act.

The **faith** that waits for Him to act comes when we allow **Jesus to enter the boat, which is our heart.** It begins with **repenting from our sinful life,** just as Peter did. As Peter listened to His words, we too must **spend time growing in His Word and in His presence,** which will eventually strengthen our faith. This will lead to obedience, trust, and a heart that waits for Him to act.

And through this, we can also experience His calling, the call to discipleship, to become fishers of men.

Pour Out What You Have, Let God Refill

In 2 Kings 4:1-7, we see a widow crushed by debt and fearing her sons would be taken as slaves had told **Elisha** that she had nothing except a small jar of oil.

Elisha told her to gather empty jars from neighbours and pour. Initially, it did not make sense. **But she believed the man of God and obeyed,** and the oil kept flowing until every jar was full. The oil stopped only when there were no more vessels.

We usually wait for God to fill us first before we serve. God often starts with the little we think is useless. **When we pour out the little we have, like a prayer, a kind word, a small act, He multiplies it.**

A well doesn't rise until someone draws water; **we must give before we receive.** The widow's miracle came through **obedience**, not waiting for a big supply.

We are surrounded by **"empty vessels"** people hurting, lonely, broken. **God places us near them to pour what He's given us.** We often feel our little resources-time, talent, and our kind words are nothing. What looks tiny isn't nothing when surrendered; **it becomes more than enough.**

We should stop saying, **"I have nothing,"** and start using what He has already placed in our hands. **God fills the empty jars around you when you step out in faith.**

Eyes Have Changed

When God begins to change your heart, He also **changes your eyes.** The world you once enjoyed no longer feels the same. Places that felt lively now feel empty, and the things you once called fun appear hollow. This is not accidental; **it is a spiritual awakening.** Scripture says, **For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8).** When God brings you into His light, **you begin to see darkness clearly.**

As your spirit grows, you see the world as it truly is: **broken, noisy, self-centred, hungry for validation.** You notice people chasing attention and being shaped by worldly trends. The discomfort you feel is not judgment but discernment. **"Do not love the world or the things of the world" (1 John 2:15).** God is loosening the world's grip on your heart. What once attracted you now feels spiritually unsafe.

At times, you may feel troubled because you see your old self reflected in others. But this should not create pride; it should create gratitude. **"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17).** The old you is gone, yet seeing it reminds you of God's transforming grace.

God did not open your eyes to harden your heart. Jesus saw sin clearly, yet ***"had compassion on them"*** **(Matthew 9:36).** Likewise, God teaches you to be set apart without becoming self-righteous.

Transformation is uncomfortable and separates you from the world **(Romans 12:2).** You may feel like you don't fit, but that's because you belong to God now. He is refining your heart and strengthening your spirit to walk as His light in a dark world.

Who Do You Say That I Am?

This was the question Jesus asked His disciples.

What would our answer be if the Lord Jesus asked us this question today?

In the Bible, some thought He was John the Baptist, some said He was Elijah, others believed He was just a prophet, and a few saw Him as the carpenter's son from Nazareth. **Even today,** some see Jesus as a historical figure, a good man who performed miracles, taught great things, and died on the cross. To others, He is the one to turn to in times of trouble.

But to those who truly knew God, He was much more.

Abraham and **Moses** spoke with the Lord as friends. **David** knew Him as his Shepherd **(Psalm 23:1). Peter** declared, **"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16).**

Now we know the answer: **Jesus is the Christ, the Saviour, the Son of God who loves us beyond measure.** He gave His life so that we could have eternal life.

Jesus Christ is our friend who never leaves us (Joshua 1:5), our helper (Hebrews 13:6), our comforter, and our strength (Psalm 27:1).

- He longs to have a personal relationship with you and me.
- Did we talk to Him today through prayer?
- Did we listen to Him today by reading His Word?

Jesus is waiting to hear our voice. Let us draw near Him and make Him our priority so that we may answer His question with confidence.

Share The Good News!

Have you ever shared the good news of Jesus with someone in your life?

When Jesus was teaching and training the twelve disciples, He often used imagery and metaphors that were part of their culture to communicate important truths to them. In **Matthew 9:37-38**, Jesus relates the work that He is doing to a farmer's work in the field.

Jesus says that the people who do not know Jesus are like a field of grain that is ready to be harvested. **But there are not enough workers to go and harvest the fields.** Jesus says to pray that God would send more workers to gather the harvest.

Essentially, some people are ready and willing to hear and respond to the gospel message, the hope that Jesus brings for every person. But when Jesus says **"the workers are few" (Matthew 9:38),** what He really means is: **there are not enough people sharing the good news with others.** As Christians, we are entrusted with the gift of eternal life, and we're tasked with sharing that message with others. However, **many Christians keep their faith to themselves.** We are to be bold in sharing the message of the cross with other people so that they can experience new life in Jesus, too.

Take a few minutes today to consider what small step you can take to begin sharing Jesus with other people. Ask your neighbours, coworkers, or friends what their spiritual background is so that you can begin having spiritual conversations. Pray for God to give you courage, and then step out and begin sharing with others.

5 December 2025 - Friday

A Friend Who Listens

Take a moment and think of the first person you run into when you feel lost in mind. You run to that person as they provide a way for you from **'feeling lost'.** What about our Jesus? How does our relationship with him help us in these kinds of situations? Jesus not only provides us with a clear state of mind but also builds a stronger relationship with God as we draw near towards him.

James 4:8, "Come near to God, and he will come near to you" Talking with God deepens our intimacy with Him. Think about the friendly conversations that you have with your friends. People tend to speak freely without any boundaries with the people who are in their zone. As we strengthen our worldly relationships through communication, **being in the presence of God strengthens our bond with God.** The presence of God's word in us will help us make any storm go calm and find peace in anything we do.

Talking out to God helps us to move towards the path he has set for us. **Prayer is key.** Spending time in prayer, God helps us to understand His will and surrender to it rather than pushing ourselves towards our own desires. This shapes our hearts in a way where we seek God in everything we do to follow his purpose. Spending time in the presence of God will help us forgive and cleanse us from our sins. As in **1 John 1:9," If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness"**, we see that our God accepts us despite the sins that we commit. Unlike the people in the world, who judge us by seeing the things that we do, He accepts our failures with a humble heart and makes us pure again. Speaking freely to God leads to restoration.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for being a friend to me, to whom I can run at any time. Help me to speak even more freely to you and keep faith in you rather than the people in this world. Help me draw much closer to you so that there's no way going back and strengthen the bond between us, Father. In Jesus' name, Amen.

6 December 2025 - Saturday

The God Who Steps Into The Ordinary- Part 1

Key Verse: **Mark 1:9-11. "In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan." (Mark 1:9).** The Gospel of Mark opens this moment with these simple words: ***"In those days.*** It does not say, "On a great and glorious morning," nor "On a day unlike any other." It simply names life as ordinary, familiar, unremarkable. Yet, *in those days*, God was at work in a way that would reshape history forever.

People gathered by the Jordan as they had on many other days, listening to John preach repentance. They came repenting, confessing, getting baptised and returning to their routines. In the midst of this regular scene, ***Jesus steps forward to be baptised.*** No spotlight. No trumpet. No announcement. No sign that heaven was about to move. Just a quiet moment in a dusty stretch of riverbank. That ordinary moment became the meeting point between heaven and earth. And it was there, **on an ordinary day, that heaven opened.** It was then and there, as Jesus was baptised, that the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and the Father's voice declared: ***"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."***

This encounter reveals something vital about God's nature. He often chooses to work not only in the extraordinary but in the deeply ordinary. The day you first heard the gospel, or felt conviction, or sensed a tug toward Christ, may not have felt extraordinary at all. It may have been quiet, simple, even forgettable to anyone else. Yet God was there. On a seemingly common day, **He attached His story to yours.** We frequently expect God to meet us in our highest or lowest moments. **But He also walks with us in the mundane.** The God who met humanity in the Jordan meets us in our kitchens, bathroom floors, workplaces, hospital wards, buses, and quiet rooms.

The same God who stepped into the Jordan cares to **walk for us,** towards us and with us **even on the unnoticed days of life.** He is present with us. He calls us beloved. He shapes us quietly. **Your ordinary days are not insignificant.** They are where God draws near and speaks His identity over you.

The God Who Steps Into The Ordinary – Part 2

Key Verse: **Mark 1:9-11. "In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan." (Mark 1:9).** Mark draws our attention to Jesus' origin: ***Nazareth of Galilee.*** It is easy to read past that detail, yet it is deeply significant to the context. The distance from Nazareth to the Jordan River is around 60-75 miles (132 km). In the 1st Century AD, this journey would have taken several days on foot, with rest stops in nearby villages along the way. Jesus does not appear suddenly; He arrives after a long, dusty, steady walk. His journey was not grand or dramatic; it required endurance, purpose, and quiet obedience. Nazareth, and by extension Galilee, was not respected either, as people from there were viewed as unlearned, ordinary, and insignificant.

In **John 1:46,** one of the future disciples, Nathanael, asks, ***"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"*** The question was brutally honest. Nazareth was not expected to produce anyone remarkable, much less the Son of God. Yet this is precisely where the beauty of God's work is seen. God delights in bringing what **seems small, unnoticed, or unlikely into His great plan.** The same God who brought water from rocks in the wilderness, who turned bitter water sweet at Marah, who transformed a fearful Gideon into a warrior, who reshaped Simon the fisherman into Peter the Rock, that same God chooses Nazareth as the starting point for redemption's unfolding. God is not restricted by our upbringing, background, reputation, or what others think is possible. In Jesus' journey from Nazareth, **we see a God who enters ordinary places, walks miles like an ordinary man and writes extraordinary stories through them.**

And this is true for us. It does not matter where we come from, our past, our limitations, our quiet or overlooked beginnings. God can transform, refine, and repurpose our lives. **He is quietly rewriting our stories.** He is shaping our identity in him from the moment He meets us, turning the ordinary into the testimony of His grace.

The God Who Steps into Our Humanity – Part 3

Key Verse: **Mark 1:9-11.** Mark tells us that ***"Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan."*** These few words carry the weight of heaven's humility. The Lord of Glory, the Righteous One who knew no sin, stepped into the same waters as the sinners He came to save. He didn't need repentance, yet He chose baptism. Not as a confession of sin, but as a declaration of His identification with the vulnerability of helpless humans. In that moment, **Heaven's King clothed Himself in our humanity, saying, "I am with you in this."**

What a wonder it is that the sinless Saviour chose to walk the dusty roads of our existence, to be found among the ordinary crowd, to stoop so low that He could lift us high. This was not accidental. The long, weary journey from Nazareth to Jordan speaks of divine intentionality. Jesus didn't just stumble into John's ministry. He sought him out. Every step was purposeful, leading toward the river that would mark the beginning of His mission. To reconcile heaven and earth. To bring humanity back to Eden.

As we reflect on this, we must ask ourselves: ***What terrain are we willing to travel to for the sake of our faith? What rivers are we willing to step into to win souls for the Kingdom of Heaven? Do we humble ourselves to bring the love of God to those people who cannot do absolutely anything for us in return?*** Jesus left the comfort of His home, the quietness of obscurity, and walked into His calling with full obedience. Are we ready to step out of our comfort zones to walk toward God's purpose for us?

Even more profoundly, His journey tells us of the greater distance He bridged. From divinity to dust, from throne to riverbank, from perfection to the shards and shreds of our world. In our ordinary cafes, workplaces, and daily routines, unnoticed struggle, He meets us. The God who turned Nazareth into the point to unfold his majestic plan of salvation of mankind continues to redeem our mundane and transform it into moments of divine encounter.

So, when Heaven touches the ordinary, identity is revealed, and everything changes.

The God Who Steps Into The Ordinary – Part 4

Key Verse: **Mark 1:9-11.** ***As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, He saw the heavens being torn open…"*** **(Mark 1:10)**

The heavens are not gently parted. Mark uses the word ***schizo*—a violent tearing,** the same word used when the **temple veil split at Jesus' death.** The act that begins His ministry foreshadows the act that completes it. Heaven is breaking into earth. **God is no longer distant.** Grace is pouring into a thirsty world so sinners may be restored to communion with Him.

Here we witness sovereign grace. **Humanity could not climb to God, so God descended to us.** Isaiah cried, ***"Oh, that You would rend the heavens and come down!"*** **(Isaiah 64:1).** He longed for judgment, but when God finally tore the heavens, He sent not wrath but **His greatest gift—His beloved Son.** The Eternal Word stepped out of the Jordan, fulfilling all righteousness for His people.

This is the beauty of God. When He steps into our ordinary, He does not come with condemnation but **compassion**. The tearing of heaven declares God's refusal to remain distant. Heaven's rupture is our reconciliation, the divine and human meeting in one Person. The Father's voice proclaims His delight: ***"This is My beloved Son."*** Through Him, **God calls us His beloved as well.**

You may feel heaven is closed over your life, prayers unanswered. Yet the God who once tore the skies still breaks through doubt and despair. He steps into ordinary rivers, kitchens, commutes, and quiet hearts. The same Spirit who descended on Jesus now descends on us, making the mundane holy ground.

Will you let Him tear open the skies above your ordinary?

10 December 2025 - Wednesday

A Household That Belongs To God

***"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* - Joshua 24:15**

I have observed that many Christian homes have a small wooden plaque near the entrance that reads, **"Christ is the Head of this House."** When I read that, it brought me to this verse in the book of **Joshua**, where he is kind of giving his farewell speech to the Israelites. And asking to whom their hearts and homes belong.

Joshua's final speech reminds us that faith is never passive. **We don't serve God by accident.** He chose us first, and in response to that love, we follow Him daily. ***Every day have to make decisions that reflect whether we are committed to God or committed to the world.*** Joshua was calling upon the same solemn decision, not just alone but with the whole of his household.

Let's look at another character called **Zacchaeus**. His witness illustrates the beauty of a decisive heart. He climbed the tree out of curiosity but came down as a transformed person. Jesus didn't begin with condemnation. He began with friendship. As for Zacchaeus, the moment he saw Jesus' love for him, his perception and his loyalties changed. Jesus says later that salvation has reached the household of Zachaeus.

When Jesus Christ captures our hearts, **He gives us a calling to be His ambassadors.** Our lives preach long before our words do. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. Jesus calls us **salt and light**. He calls us to be the people who preserve what is good and illuminate what is true.

And so, the question returns to us, gently but firmly: **Whom will we serve? What story will our lives tell when people look at us?**

Maybe your home doesn't have a wooden plaque, but surely your choices can write the same testimony on the walls of your life.

Today, let us imbibe in our lives the same words that Joshua said years ago: **"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."** Not just in saying but living it out.

Dare to Be Different

"Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong." - Exodus 23:2

There are moments when the path ahead feels lonely, not because it is empty, but because everyone else seems to walk in the opposite direction. I remember feeling the quiet pressure to simply fit in: to go along with what others were saying and doing, to make small compromises, to stay silent instead of calling out what was wrong. It would have been easier. Yet one question echoed in my heart: ***"Is this right in the eyes of the Lord?"***

Exodus 23:2 speaks directly to our fear of standing alone: ***"Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong."*** God does not call us to be different for the sake of being different, **but for the sake of being His.** Faithfulness has always been a minority path. **Noah** stood alone, **Daniel** prayed alone, **Elijah** cried out alone, **yet God was with them.**

The majority is not our measure. God is. His character is what we seek to reflect, and His righteousness is what we long to uphold. The world increasingly celebrates sin, mocks purity, and ridicules those who pursue good. Blending in may seem easier, but **following Christ is not about popularity; it is about obedience.** It is choosing the narrow road even when the broad road seems harmless.

There will be times when truth feels costly, when integrity isolates you, and when righteousness brings criticism. But God sees. God knows. God honours those who stand firm.

Ask yourself: ***"Is this right in the eyes of the Lord?"*** If yes, stand firm even if you stand alone. **With God, you never truly stand alone.**

God Was With Joseph In Everything He Did

Genesis 39 repeatedly says, **"The Lord was with Joseph."** These words are written while Joseph was in the most painful seasons of his life, betrayed by his brothers, sold as a slave, falsely accused, and thrown into prison. Yet, in every place, **the Bible still says the same thing: the Lord was with him.**

Joseph's circumstances were unfair, his future seemed unclear, and the people around him failed him again and again. **But God never left him.** The presence of God was Joseph's greatest strength. Because God was with him, everything he touched was blessed.

Even in prison, the Bible says the **Lord granted him favour,** and He gave Joseph wisdom to interpret dreams, which eventually led him to the palace.

We often think God's presence is only in the victories the palace moments. But **the life of Joseph teaches us that God is just as present in the pit,** in the prison, in the waiting seasons, and in the silent years.

Even when nothing makes sense, **His hand is still upon us,** shaping our **character, preparing our future, and positioning** us exactly where we need to be.

He is working behind the scenes, turning every situation for good **(Romans 8:28).** Trust the God who never left Joseph, because **He will never leave us either.**

13 December 2025 - Saturday

Empty Religion Or Relationship With God?

Let me ask: **"Are you following God, or just looking religious?"** Many perform rituals, prayer, fasting, and giving, but their hearts remain far from God. **Isaiah 58** warns against empty religion: **"Why have we fasted, and You have not seen?"**

Here's the truth: **Christianity is not a religion; it is a way and a walk of life.** Treat it like other religions, focused on appearances, and your faith becomes empty, just like that of the pagans. **True faith is Spirit-led**, transforming hearts and actions.

Nehemiah models this **Spirit-led walk.** He wept, fasted, and prayed over Jerusalem's broken walls, confessing personal and corporate sin **(Nehemiah 1:6).** He trusted God's power to redeem **(1:10)** and acted boldly to rebuild **(2:18).** His life teaches us: ***Confession + trust + action = transformative faith.***

Religion seeks applause; Spirit-led faith seeks God's approval. **Isaiah 58:6-7** calls us to justice, mercy, and compassion, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, actions that flow from relationship, not ritual. Even miraculous works without heart are empty **if we prioritise human recognition over God's eternal approval (Luke 10:20).**

Walking with God means taking responsibility, not blaming others, and **letting the Spirit guide our actions.** Like Nehemiah, rebuild what is broken in your life, relationships, and community. Let prayer lead to bold obedience, and let obedience reflect the Spirit's power.

True joy and reward come not from visible success, but from lives aligned with God's will. **Isaiah 58:8-12 promises light, healing, and restoration to those who serve from sincere hearts.** Our names written in the **Book of Life** are the ultimate approval, surpassing all earthly recognition.

Examine your walk. Confess, trust, act, and let the Spirit lead you. Christianity is a way and walk of life, not an empty religion. Let your faith be real, visible, transformative, and Spirit-led.

14 December 2025 - Sunday

Hope While You Wait

Micah 7:7 says

“But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.”

There are seasons in life when nothing seems to make sense, prayers feel delayed, situations look unfair, and people disappoint us. Micah lived in a time when everything around him looked dark and corrupt.

Yet he made a powerful choice: **to look to the Lord and wait with confidence.** This is not passive waiting. **It is the waiting of someone who knows God is faithful, even when the circumstances are not.**

Micah reminds us that our hope is not rooted in people, circumstances, or our own strength.

Hope is rooted in a God who hears.

When prayers seem unanswered, **God is still working behind the scenes.** When life feels heavy, **He remains our salvation.** When we face confusion, **He sees the full picture.**

Waiting on God doesn’t mean doing nothing; **it means trusting Him fully** while we keep moving forward with faith. It means **shifting our focus from fear to faith, from frustration to expectation.**

Today, choose Micah’s posture: Look to the Lord. Wait on Him. Believe that your God hears you. Your breakthrough may not be visible yet, but God’s answer is already on the way.

15 December 2025 - Monday

Faith

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1, KJV)

What is faith? A blind trust? Or something we believe with a guess of it happening? Many controversies surround the field of faith, but the Bible provides a clear view of what faith means. In the Old Testament, we see **Gideon**, who initially thought he was too weak to fight for Israel, and we also see his lack of faith tested by God three times **(Judges 6:17, 37, 39).** Even after knowing it was God speaking to him, he still asked for a sign. So is faith a blind trust where we need a sign from God to learn the art of trusting Him?

Many times, our faith is tested like Noah's. People mocked him for building an ark, modern peer pressure. **We listen to people's judgments and forget that if God places us in a situation,** He will also help us come out of it, and this happens only when we have faith in Him. We see this faith in Abraham, David, Joseph, Daniel, Job, and many others who lived by faith.

Hebrews 11 shows the faith of Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Gideon, David, Samuel, and the prophets who conquered kingdoms not by seeing the future **but by believing without a vision. Romans 10:9-10** teaches that belief in the heart and confessing with the mouth are essential for salvation, while **Romans 12:1-2** shows that **true faith is seen in active service and surrender.**

Having faith is not simple. The blind man in **Luke 18:35-43** had never seen before, yet he believed Jesus could heal him. He had faith in what he had never experienced, and he was saved by his faith.

So, let's have faith in the creator, knowing He has a greater plan for us, to prosper us, not to harm us, to give hope and a future for us. Amen.

16 December 2025 - Tuesday

God Is Still There

In the bible, we read about the Israelites, God's chosen people walked through the wilderness **(Deuteronomy 8:2).** Don't you think they, too, were filled with doubts and questions of what ifs, what if I fail? What if I do not achieve anything? What if I forget something important? What if all my life is vain? **(Exodus 16:2-3).**

Similarly, don't think we too are in a wilderness season, until we meet our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and He takes us to the promised land, which is eternity **(Hebrews 11:13-16; John 14:2-3).** And in the wilderness, the struggles are real.

What if questions never end, unexpected turns in life, sometimes good times, sometimes bad times **(James 1:2-4).** Sometimes we have the time to read the bible and stay connected and walk with our God **(Psalm 119:105).** Other times, distance increases, as priorities change **(Revelation 2:4-5).** But what if God's gift to me is the desert (wilderness)? Wilderness is a place of refinement of the heart to prepare us for eternity **(Deuteronomy 8:5; 1 Peter 1:6-7).**

The beauty of the Wilderness is that God never leaves us alone (Deuteronomy 31:6).

His presence always with us to guide us in the direction to go **(Psalm 32:8)**, feeds us with daily manna of His word to enrich our souls **(Matthew 4:4)**, the blood of Jesus covering us so that we will be protected from the plagues **(Exodus 12:13; Hebrews 9:14),** gives us Living water that always satisfies us **(John 4:14; John 7:38),** works wonders more than we can imagine **(Ephesians 3:20).**

So let's just trust our God and obey Him in the wilderness! **(Proverbs 3:5–6).**

17 December 2025 - Wednesday

Temptations

We all face temptations in our lives. It can be as simple as telling a lie to avoid consequences or gain an advantage. Here we are trying to satisfy our own needs, though knowing that it is not appropriate to do so among others.

1 Corinthians 10:13 tells us that **"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind";** it is the human nature to be tempted in things common to all, and assured that we have control over those temptations.

The next part of the says **"God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."** Here god is trying to say that he will not let us be tempted beyond our ability, and also assuring us that even when we are tempted, **our faithful God will provide a way to overcome the temptation.**

Galatians 5:16 says, **"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."** We need to lead our lives and walk according to the spirit and not to live by gratifying the desires of the flesh and of this world.

So now, how do we overcome these temptations? **Luke 22:40 "Pray that you may not enter into temptation"** insists that we should pray and ask God to guard us and deliver us from all temptations. It is not God who leads us into temptations; He is the one who helps us to overcome those temptations through prayer and wisdom.

Whenever you get a temptation or any sinful thought, just pray and submit your situation to the lord and ask for His guidance to let you out of such traps.

18 December 2025 - Thursday

Righteous Path

Reading Portion: 1 Corinthians 6:19,20

You are the Temple of the living God

Do you not know that your bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you are not yours.

You were bought at a price.
Therefore, honour God with your bodies.

We should live a holy life. When we know that we are the children of God, we become aware of keeping our bodies holy. We should not indulge in any bad habits. **We should not speak lies. Be away from sexual immorality.**

We have been bought from satan by the blood of Christ. We are precious in the sight of God.

We should keep ourselves pure as a holy bride of Jesus. The Bible says in **Hebrews 12:14, Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.** As holiness is important to face God during His second coming, as the Bible says, **1 Peter 1:16,** for it is written: **"Be holy, because I am holy."** If we say we follow Christ, let's desire to be holy, because He is holy and let's lead a life from now on as our saviour led before us.

So, let's pray and ask Him to forgive us for the past mistakes we made and ask for His grace to lead a life for Him until the day He comes, and we go to see Christ. Have a blessed Day

19 December 2025 - Friday

By His Grace

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - Ephesians 2:8

What God has done for believers in Christ is going to bring Him glory, and **Ephesians 2:8-9** further explains how He gets all the glory.

First, **"it is by grace you have been saved."** If we are saved by grace, this means that it is not because we are good or deserving; rather, it is because God is good and gracious.

Second, we are saved **"through faith."** To be saved, there is a necessary human response to God's grace. The response is **not** trying to be **"good enough"** to be saved. **The response is simply trusting (having faith in) God to save based on Christ's goodness.**

Furthermore, we must understand that faith is not a good work in itself that God rewards. Faith is simply casting our unworthy selves on the mercy of a kind and forgiving, and gracious God. All of us are sinners and fall short of what God requires.

Yet God has demonstrated His great love for us by sending Jesus Christ to be our Saviour even while the entire world was lost in sin. God even sets the conditions that make faith possible and gives us the gift of faith so that we can respond. Salvation is an act of God, and God alone gets all of the credit.

Joy In The Journey

Matthew 2:9-10 describes how the wise men followed a star that led them toward Jesus. But Scripture hints at something important: the star didn't shine continuously. There were moments when the light disappeared, yet they kept moving with faith and expectation.

The wise men teach us that joy isn't just in the destination; **it is in the journey of trusting God.** They travelled through deserts, darkness, and unfamiliar territory. They didn't have all the answers. They didn't know how long it would take. But they kept following the last direction God gave them.

In life, we all face moments when **"the star disappears",** when God feels distant, when prayers are delayed, when doors close, or when we don't understand what's happening. In those moments, joy comes not from having clarity but from having confidence that God is still leading. Notice what happened: **When the star reappeared, "they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy."** Joy came not because the journey was easy, but because God proved He had been guiding them all along.

This Christmas, remember: even if you don't see the "**star**" right now, God hasn't stopped directing your path. Keep walking. Keep trusting. Keep expecting. Joy is waiting along the way - not just at the end.

Prayer: Lord, help me to trust You even when I don't see the full path. Teach me to find joy in every step, knowing that You are always guiding me.

21 December 2025 - Sunday

Unexpected Places, Unexpected Grace

Luke 2:7 says, "**She wrapped Him in cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.**"

When the Saviour of the world arrived, He wasn't born in a palace, a temple, or a grand home. **He came into the world in the most unexpected place - a manger,** a feeding trough for animals.

Instead of choosing glory or comfort, the King of kings stepped into simplicity and lowliness to show us something profound: **God's grace often appears in places we never imagine.** We tend to look for God in the big moments, in miracles, celebrations, and successes. But Christmas reminds us that **God often meets us in hidden, humble, and quiet places.**

In the manger, surrounded by straw and silence, God showed that His presence is not limited by location or status. **He steps into messy places, broken hearts, and overlooked situations.** Maybe your life right now feels like a **"manger moment"** - simple, unnoticed, or even difficult.

You may feel like there is nothing special about where you are. But that's exactly where God loves to work. **He takes ordinary places and fills them with extraordinary grace.** The manger reminds us that nothing is too small for God to use. **No season is too humble for Him to enter.** Where you see **"not enough,"** God sees an opportunity for **His glory to be revealed.**

Prayer: Lord, help me recognise Your presence in unexpected places. Teach me to see Your grace in ordinary moments, and remind me that You can bring beauty and purpose even from humble beginnings.

22 December 2025 - Monday

From Manger To Mission

Luke 2:11-12 says, **"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord… You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."**

Every Christmas, I find myself wondering: Why would God send His Son into the world? Why allow Him to suffer? Why a manger? Why the son of a carpenter? Jesus came from David's lineage, the same God who raised David from the sheepfold to the palace, chose to send His own Son into a humble manger. Jesus could have been born a king, ruling nations and enforcing God's commandments. **Yet His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8).** Our Saviour stepped down from glory because **He loves us with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3).** He came to teach humility, compassion, and love.

This season, **let us love one another as He has loved us.** Jesus chose humility and sacrifice over power and authority. If the God of ages humbled Himself to become human, shouldn't we who are already human strive to be like Him? Instead of chasing power or position, **let us serve one another for Christ's sake (2 Corinthians 4:5).**

I once saw myself as too small to make a difference. But if Jesus came as a tiny baby and transformed lives, **we too can do all things through Christ (Philippians 4:13).** God does not measure worth by status; He loves you for who you are. ***"Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end would increase abundantly"* (Job 8:7).** Our aim is eternity with Christ, not earthly riches.

Never think lowly of yourself. Do good, be a blessing, and **set your mind on things above (Colossians 3:2).** May this season bring peace, health, and joy to you and your family

The Birth- Beginning Of Judgement And Mercy

The month of December reminds us of the birth of our Saviour, good news for all mankind. Many still wonder, **"Why is it called good news?** Why did God have to come down? Couldn't He forgive us from heaven?" If God is sovereign, why did He leave His glory? These questions touch the very heart of who God is.

The answer lies in God's character. **In the story of Cain and Abel,** Cain kills Abel out of jealousy. If Cain had truly repented, **Nehemiah 9:17 shows that God, full of forgiveness, mercy, and unfailing love**, would have forgiven him. Yet forgiving Cain alone would compromise the justice Abel deserves. **Genesis 4:10** says Abel's blood cried out for justice. God never compromises justice for love, nor love for justice. **Psalm 85:8-9** declares **that love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace embrace.**

We often place God in this same situation, as though He must choose between love and justice. **Romans 3:23** tells us we all have sinned and fall short of His glory. But God fulfilled both love and justice by taking the judgment upon Himself so both could be fully satisfied. T**he book of Leviticus** shows how serious sin is, how heavy the price of atonement is, and how impossible it is for us to pay it. Our debt is far too great. So God, like a Father, paid it Himself. **Isaiah 53** declares, **"He was pierced for our transgressions… and by His wounds we are healed."** He did not just love us to death. **He loved us through death.**

He came down because we could never climb up to Him; our iniquities separated us from God. He became the way for everyone to reach Him. No sin is too great for the God who bore the punishment Himself. "**For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son…" (John 3:16).**

The birth of Christ marks the moment God stepped into our world to carry our judgment and give us life. This Christmas, may we remember His unfailing love and His perfectly satisfied justice. This truly is good news.

24 December 2025 - Wednesday

The King Arrives

“Luke 2:11 Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Christmas is a season of joy, lights, gifts and celebration. But beyond all the decorations and music lies the true reason we celebrate that a **King was born for us.**

Christmas is personal. God’s love is personal. Jesus came for each one of us.

He was born in Bethlehem, the city of David, reminding us that God fulfilled every prophecy and keeps every promise. **Even today, when life feels uncertain, we can trust that God’s plans never fail.**

Jesus came as a Saviour to forgive, to restore and to give us eternal life. He came as the Christ as the promised Messiah the world was waiting for. And He came as the Lord.

He did not arrive with earthly crowns, but in a manger.

He did not come to rule through power, but through love.

He came to save us and to be with us.

He came to give us hope, joy, forgiveness and eternal life.

So let us remember to **welcome the King into our hearts.** Let our lives reflect His love, His peace and His light.

The King was born, and because He was born, we are saved, we are loved, and we have hope.

25 December 2025 - Thursday

The Mission In The Manger

The birth of Jesus is far more than a celebration; **it is the unveiling of God's global mission.** In the quiet events of Bethlehem, Scripture shows how God invites ordinary people into His extraordinary redemptive plan for the world **(Luke 2:1–20; Matthew 1:18-25).**

1. DIVINE-PLAN:

The mission began when God revealed His plan to Mary. Young, unknown, and from an insignificant village, she was entrusted with a world-transforming assignment: to carry Christ to a waiting world. Her humble response, ***"Let it be to me according to your word"*** **(Luke 1:38),** captures the **heart of mission obedience.** God still initiates mission today by calling ordinary believers to make Christ known among all peoples. Am I willing to submit and obey?

2. DIVINE-PROCESS:

Mary and Joseph did not see immediate fulfilment. Between promise and birth lay months of waiting, discomfort, criticism, rejection, and misunderstanding **(Luke 2:5-7).** Mission unfolds in the same way through a journey, not a moment. God shapes His servants through **delays, challenges, and refining experiences.** Am I willing to go through the process?

3. DIVINE-DIRECTION:

Every step of the Nativity was guided by God: Mary received angelic instruction **(Luke 1:30–33),** Joseph was led through dreams **(Matthew 1:20-21),** the Wise Men followed a star **(Matthew 2:2,9-10),** and shepherds heard heavenly proclamation **(Luke 2:10-12).** The **God who guided the first Christmas still directs His people today.** Am I willing to be directed and guided by Him?

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4. DIVINE PROTECTION & PROVISION:

Herod's violent plans could not destroy God's mission. Joseph was warned in a dream to flee to Egypt **(Matthew 2:13-14)**, and the gifts of the Wise Men became God's provision **(Matthew 2:11).** Where God sends, He protects and provides. Am I willing to trust His provisions and protection?

5. DIVINE-PURPOSE:

Jesus was born ***"to save His people from their sins"*** **(Matthew 1:21).** His birth points to His cross, and His cross reveals His purpose. Am I purpose-driven?

Christ's birth was the beginning of God's rescue mission for humanity; therefore, celebrating Christmas without embracing His purpose leaves the story incomplete.

The Child in the manger is the Saviour on the cross, and His coming calls us to live purposefully, compassionately, and courageously.

Let us step beyond celebration into participation. Meaningful Christmas is found when we reach out to someone who needs hope, and extend the love of Christ to those who have not yet heard His name

As Jesus said, ***"As the Father has sent Me, so I am sending you"*** **(John 20:21).** May this Christmas awaken in us a renewed passion to be bearers of hope, proclaimers of truth, and vessels of God's love.

Honouring God's Anointing In Others

David chose to honour King Saul because he recognised him as the **Lord's anointed.** Even though David had the opportunity to kill Saul and become king, he refused to harm him. **He understood that Saul carried God's calling and authority,** and this respect kept **David from lifting his hand against him (1 Samuel 24:10).**

God's anointing represents **His presence, power, purpose, and calling** on a person **(Isaiah 61:1).** When God anoints someone, He sets them apart for His work and His glory. David knew this, and that is why he honoured Saul, even when Saul acted unjustly toward him.

Saul, however, did not honour the anointing God had placed on David. Instead of accepting God's plan, Saul became jealous of David's calling and tried to destroy him. This opposition to God's purpose eventually led to Saul's rejection as king.

God calls us to respect the gifts and anointing He places on others. We are not to belittle, compete, or oppose the calling God gives someone else. Anointings are not given for competition; they are given to complement one another. Many times, **God uses different people with different callings to accomplish one united purpose.**

This passage also reminds us that we must choose who sits on the throne of our hearts, God or the world **(Romans 6:16).** Choosing God leads to life, while choosing the world leads to destruction **(Romans 6:21-22).** Saul's downfall began when he consistently disobeyed God. The Spirit of God left him, and his reign collapsed. David, on the other hand, remained faithful, and God lifted him to the throne.

In our own lives, we must learn to honour God's anointing both in ourselves and in others. When we walk in humility, respect one another's calling, and allow God to work through us together, His purpose is fulfilled beautifully and powerfully.

27 December 2025 - Saturday

Strength For The Undivided Heart

2 Chronicles 16:9:- "For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."

In a world of constant performance reviews and social media metrics, visible results and public recognition determine our value. **Our faithful efforts in the daily prayers, the small acts of kindness, the quiet resistance to temptation, can feel like they don't count for much.**

This verse changes the way we see our God. It reveals a **God who is not passive, but actively searching.** He is watchful, observant, and personally involved in the affairs of the world and the lives of individuals. His gaze is not random; it is a purposeful search across the entire globe. No one is outside His field of vision. God is not looking for people to punish or catch in a mistake. **He is looking for people to empower.** He doesn't just find us and say, "Good job." **He finds us and infuses us with His power.** But God wants us to be fully committed to him. What does it mean? It means **"undivided"** or **"blameless in loyalty."** It doesn't waver between trusting God and trusting worldly solutions.

It forces a reality check. Where is my ultimate trust? Is it in my bank account, my career, my government, my own cleverness (like Asa), or is it **wholly, undividedly, in God?** The promise of divine strength is activated by a posture of total reliance.

God's promise to be the active source of strength for anyone who makes Him their sole source of hope. Asa forgot this and relied on a human king, which led to war and disease. For us, it's a call to turn away from our fallback plans and human securities and to offer **God a whole heart, confident that His searching eyes will find us and His strengthening hand will hold us up.** He is searching for a specific type of person: the one whose inner being is completely, undividedly trusting in and loyal to Him. And the moment He finds such a person, His immediate response is to **move in power to strengthen, support, and establish them.**

Let us have our undivided hope in the Lord and submit our burdens to Him, and He'll lead us through it.

Unsaid Longing

Recently, I was deeply touched by **the story of the man in the Bible who waited for so long, hoping that one day he would be healed.** Every day, he woke up with the hope that someone would help him into the pool, but each day that hope was shattered. He couldn't help himself, and even the people who saw him trying so hard didn't help him for 38 years. Just imagine: if a person stayed in the same place for so many years, wouldn't you expect at least someone to help? But the truth is, nobody did.

Every day, he probably slept in pain and woke up with a small glimmer of hope: **"Maybe today?"** Yet he never stopped trying.

But then one day, Jesus came.

He asked him, "Do you want to be healed?"

This man had no one to share his pain with, and he simply said, **"I tried so much, Lord, but I wasn't able to help myself."**

Jesus saw the pain in his heart and his deep longing for help. And with one command, **"Pick up your mat and walk",** the man was healed. He cried with joy, jumped to his feet, and knew he would never go back to that place again.

There are times in our lives when we feel, **"If only they had helped me, I wouldn't be suffering like this."** But through this story, God reminds us that **we only need Him.** He wants our hearts, even in the most hopeless situations. He is our never-ending hope. Joy comes when He says, **"You are no longer a slave to helplessness or hopelessness." He is always there.**

29 December 2025 - Monday

All Eyes On You

“You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I’m far away.”- Psalm 139:2

Every time I read this verse, I find myself wondering: How does God do this? There are millions of people, yet He sees each one of us. This was always a constant question in my hearthow could He pay attention to everyone so personally?

But the more I read Scripture, the more I understand. Verse after verse reminds us that **God knows our thoughts and watches over us even when we sleep.**

It’s so beautifully said. There are times we forget God, get busy, and get lost in our routines. **But He never forgets us.** He watches us lovingly, even in our most ordinary, mundane moments.

Our God is personal.

He knows each of us individually and speaks to us in ways we can understand. **Despite our imperfections, He never judges us or gives up on us.** That’s what makes Him so special.

But, let’s take some time now to analyse, do we understand our creator’s heart, His calling for us? God, through His act He made Him special to us. But are we doing in return? Are we making God special?

So, let's make a decision now, as the bible says in **Psalm 139:1 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.** Let us also seek Him so that we may find Him and the purpose He has for us, so that we can build His Kingdom on earth. Amen.

Be Shrewd And Innocent

"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves." (Matthew 10:16).

The Lord sends us like sheep among wolves. The call upon us to **convert these wolves into sheep.** The gospel has the power to bring such great transformation into a man's life.

As the unrepentant man's nature is like that of a wolf, we must be wise enough to deal with them. We should not say things that will unnecessarily provoke them. **We are called to be innocent as doves in our mission.** We have to save people from sin. Winning them for eternity is our mission.

But many times, we face difficulties in doing this. Some don't even realise that **God has placed them in a particular setting for a purpose to bring salvation** to the people around them. And some, when they are sent among wolves, forget their identity as sheep. **Instead of leading others to salvation, they themselves begin to take on the nature of the wolves.**

Let us examine ourselves to understand the purpose for which God has placed us in our workplace, college, school, or wherever we are. **If we do not know, let us ask God to reveal why He has kept us there.**

Secondly, many times we try so hard to fit in with people that **we end up forgetting our identity as sheep, slowly becoming like wolves.** This often happens when **we are not rooted in Christ and when we lack a proper, continuous relationship with Him.**

So, let's find our purpose and identity in Christ. Let us ask our Helper, the Holy Spirit, to give us the wisdom to be both shrewd and innocent at the right time. Have a blessed day!

A New Creation

Luke 8:2 states, "Several women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, including Mary called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out." **This same Mary, once possessed, was the first to see the risen Lord and converse with Him (John 20:14-18)**. In **Luke 23:42,** the thief crucified alongside Christ says, **"Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."** Despite a life filled with sin, he confessed his faith and spoke to Jesus in his final moments. **With compassion, Jesus replied, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."**

Mary Magdalene, once possessed by seven demons, was chosen by God to be the first witness of His resurrection. She spoke with Him and spread the good news to others. Similarly, the thief, despite his circumstances, was granted entry into Heaven simply for speaking to Jesus. **No matter what our past holds or how many sins we have committed, if we confess and reach out to Jesus, He is faithful to forgive us and offer us eternal life.** As **Romans 5:8** reminds us, **"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."**

As this year comes to a close, let us cast aside our old habits and speak to Jesus Christ, entering the new year in His glorious presence. Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new (2 Corinthians 5:17).** This verse emphasises that only by being in Christ can we experience true renewal in the coming year. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit if it detaches from the vine, let us cling to our Vine and Vinedresser, allowing Him to prune us **so that we may be more fruitful in the year ahead.**

May this new beginning draw you closer to Him and help you become rooted in His love, leading to greater fruitfulness.

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