NEW CREATIONS

"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 hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

MATTHEW 13:23

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GLORY BE TO GOD ONLY



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.

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!

When Jesus Enters, Everything Changes



When we read **John 11**, we can clearly see how Martha and Mary experienced the power and love of God in their lives. In **John 11:3**, it says, **"So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is sick.'"** The first thing they did during their difficult situation was to bring it to Jesus.

Many times, we try to manage problems on our own and only go to God after everything goes out of our control. But Martha and Mary immediately **shared their burden with Him** because they knew who Jesus Christ was. One beautiful thing in this verse is the phrase, **"the one you love."** Even in pain and fear, they were confident about Jesus' love for Lazarus. Many times, we may also feel unloved, especially when life does not go the way we expect.

During our church VBS, one child was crying and said, **"Nobody loves me."** After we reassured her by saying, **"Jesus loves you, and we love you too,"** she became happy and comforted. In the same way, we all need reassurance at times.

But Martha and Mary did not allow their circumstances to change their understanding of God's love. **John 11:5** says, **"Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus."** God's love for us does not change based on our situations. **Romans 5:8** reminds us, **"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."**

When Jesus Enters, Everything Changes

Another important lesson comes from Martha's conversation with Jesus. In **John 11:23–24,** Jesus said, **"Your brother will rise again." Martha replied, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."** Martha knew who Jesus was, just as we know Christ as our Saviour. But many times, we limit God according to our own understanding. We decide what God can do and when He should do it. However, God's plans are often greater than our expectations. Faith means seeing the situation through God's perspective instead of only through our own understanding.

Later, Jesus came to the tomb and said**, "Take away the stone."** There was a stone blocking the entrance to the cave. In the same way, many people carry stones in their lives — fear, pain, sin, hopelessness, or burdens that keep them trapped in darkness. Jesus asked the people around to move the stone. As a church, we are also called to help remove stones through prayer, encouragement, and love. **Galatians 6:2** says, **"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ."**

Finally, even when everything seemed finished, Jesus brought life. Martha said that Lazarus had been dead for four days, and there was no hope left. But when Jesus spoke, everything changed. In the same way, whatever feels dead in our lives can receive new life when Jesus enters the situation. Where Jesus is present, His glory and power are revealed.

So, to experience God's glory in our lives, we should **pray** and bring our petitions to the Lord, both for ourselves and for others. Next, we should have **faith** that God can work in every situation. We also need **patience** and must wait for God to act. Even after Lazarus had been dead for four days, when God intervened, He gave him life. In the same way, through **prayer, faith, and patience,** we can experience God's glory in our lives.

1 May 2026

Called To Be Faithful Servant

Acts 6:3 says, **"Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty."**

As we know, **May 1 is International Workers' Day**. I am always amazed by how the early church chose people to work. They looked for people who had a good reputation, were full of the Holy Spirit, and had wisdom. These seven people were not chosen to rule over a kingdom, **but to serve tables.**

As Acts 6:1–3 says: "Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables.'"

Even for serving tables, the early church looked for faithful and spiritually mature people. This reminds us that **no work is small in the eyes of God.** God has given each of us a work and a responsibility, **trusting that we will do it with honesty and faithfulness.**

Matthew 25:23 says, **His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!**

On this International Workers' Day, **let us thank God for the work He has given us.** And if we are yet to join work, let us ask God, **"Lord, what plans do You have for me?"** Let us do the work God has given us with full faithfulness, remembering that we are not ultimately working for people, **but for the Lord.** At the right time, God Himself will **reward our faithfulness.**

So let us pray and ask God to help us have a **good reputation**, to fill us daily with the **Holy Spirit,** and to give us **wisdom** in carrying out the work He has entrusted to us. If we are faithful in what He has given us, surely God will lift us higher in everything we do.

Happy International Workers' Day!

Surrender Before Fruition

"Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses went into the tabernacle of witness, and behold, the rod of Aaron… had sprouted and put forth buds, had produced blossoms and yielded ripe almonds." Numbers 17:8

We are not only saved, but we are also **called**. Aaron's rod was more than a piece of wood. It was a sign of God's choosing. In a moment of dispute over who was truly appointed, the Lord made it clear. The rod that was placed before Him came back alive. It budded, blossomed, and bore fruit. What had no life in itself became evidence of divine calling.

Left to ourselves, we are not sufficient for what God calls us into. **We often feel inadequate, unqualified, or even spiritually dry.** At times, we see more limitations than potential. But the calling of God has never been based on natural capacity. **It has always been grounded in His choice and sustained by His presence.** The rod did not prove itself before it was placed. It was placed because it was chosen.

Scripture reminds us, ***"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit"*** **(John 15:16).** The calling comes first. The fruit follows. And the fruit is not produced by itself. It is **God-given.**

Our role is not to generate life, but to remain where God has placed us. When Aaron's rod was laid in the tabernacle, it was positioned before the Lord. That placement mattered more than the rod itself. In the same way, our fruitfulness is directly tied to our nearness to Him. ***"Whoever abides in me… bears much fruit"*** **(John 15:5).**

Even in the world around us, we see how purpose can transform what seems ordinary. A simple object can carry great meaning when assigned significance. But here, it is a transformation. It is life where there was none. And that is the nature of our calling.

We are called to bear fruit that reflects Him. We are called to carry life in places that feel barren. We are called not because we are capable, **but because He is.**

And as we remain before Him, what once seemed lifeless begins to testify, not to our strength, **but to His choosing.**

3 May 2026

Presence In The Pressure

"Then Daniel said to the king, 'O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths…'"- Daniel 6:21–22

We are not only called to follow God in comfort. **We are called to stand for Him in pressure.** Daniel's story does not begin in the lions' den. It begins long before, in a life marked by quiet consistency. When the decree was signed, he did not suddenly become faithful. He simply continued what he had always done. ***"He went home… and knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed"*** **(Daniel 6:10).** His public trial was the **result of private devotion.**

We often ask God **"why"** when we face difficulty. Why this situation? Why now? Why us? But the Bible reminds us that trials are not interruptions to our calling. They are often the very place where our calling is revealed.

Daniel did not seek the lions' den. But when it came, it became a stage for God's faithfulness. ***"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you"*** **(Isaiah 43:2).** The promise is not the absence of difficulty. **It is the presence of God with us through it.** Daniel's confidence was not in escaping the den, but in the God who would meet him there.

Daniel's deliverance was not random. It was rooted in a relationship. ***"My God sent His angel…"*** There is a personal certainty in his words. The God he trusted in private proved faithful in public. And through that, God's glory was made visible before a watching world.

Our calling is not just about what we do when things are easy. It is about who we trust when things are not. ***"Count it all joy… when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces perseverance"*** **(James 1:2–3).** What we walk through refines what we carry within ourselves. We may not understand every situation we face. But we can be certain of this: **God is present, God is working, and God can sustain us.**

And as we remain stuck to God, even in the den, our lives begin to testify. Not only does God deliver, but He is with us in every moment, and that alone changes everything.

4 May 2026

Faith That Moves Before Clarity

"By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." - Hebrews 11:8

This verse captures the essence of biblical faith: **a bold step into the unknown,** driven not by certainty but by **trust in God's voice.**

In our modern world, we crave clarity before commitment. We map every detail of the outcomes, risks, and timelines using apps and analytics. Job changes? We demand salary projections. Relationships? **We seek guarantees. Ministry calls? We wait for signs.**

But Abraham's story challenges this thinking. At 75, God said, **"Go from your country… to the land I will show you" (Genesis 12:1).** There was no GPS, no detailed plan, no preview of Canaan's challenges: famine, family struggles, or childlessness. **Yet Abraham packed up and moved.**

He obeyed first; clarity came later through encounters with God at Shechem, Bethel, and beyond.

This **"obey-then-understand"** faith feels raw because uncertainty exposes our limits. It demands surrender, echoing Jesus' words: **"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23).**

Abraham's journey birthed nations, but only because he stepped out. Waiting for full light often means missing God's leading in the shadows.

Today, if you feel stuck, perhaps in a career, a family decision, or a spiritual calling, consider Abraham. God rarely illuminates the entire path upfront; **He lights the next step.**

Obey the slight nudge you feel. Trust His character over your circumstances. Faith isn't blind; **it is vision fixed on the Caller, not the destination.** What step is God inviting you to take without knowing the end? **Move. Clarity follows obedience**

5 May 2026

Love As The Root Of Discipline

"Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent." - Revelation 3:19

We often flinch at the word **"discipline."**

In our human experience, we tend to associate it with anger, punishment, or a harsh penalty for failure. We picture a disappointed authority figure.

But this verse completely flips this earthly script, offering a profound shift in how we must view correction: **true discipline is the ultimate expression of love.**

When God disciplines, He does not do so out of frustration or spite. **He corrects us because He is deeply invested in who we are becoming.**

"Blessed is the one whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty." - Job 5:17

Embrace the discipline. Let it refine your character, reignite your zeal, and redirect your steps.

When you view correction through the lens of **Revelation 3:19,** the sting of the rebuke fades, leaving behind the undeniable proof that you are deeply, relentlessly loved.

Following God is not a passive experience based entirely on feelings. **It requires the disciplined pursuit of His presence** through prayer!

6 May 2026

The Source And Power Of True Wisdom

Charles Spurgeon once said, **"Wisdom is the right use of knowledge,"** and this is indeed true. While we can gain knowledge in many ways, true wisdom comes only from God. As it is written in **James 1:5, "If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."**

Likewise, **1 Kings 4:29** shows that **God is the giver of wisdom,** and it is our responsibility to seek it from Him. In **Matthew 7:7,** we are encouraged: **"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."**

As spiritual beings, wisdom is essential for knowing Christ more deeply. **Ephesians 1:17** says, **"I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better."** Scripture also teaches that a wise person knows how to apply the Word of God in daily life and live in the freedom that God has bestowed upon us.

In **Matthew 7:24,** it says, "**Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."** Wisdom from above enables us to live a life firmly rooted in Jesus Christ, the solid rock.

There are various characteristics of wisdom. **James 3:17** states, **"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."**

Let us examine ourselves to see whether these qualities are present in us. If they are, it shows that we are filled with the Spirit of wisdom. If not, let us humble ourselves and ask God, as encouraged in **James 1:5, to fill us with His wisdom.** May God enable you to live a life filled with true wisdom

7 May 2026

The God Who Bears Our Burdens

This morning, as I woke up, I found myself reflecting on the faithfulness of the Lord, how He leads, guides, protects, and upholds us by His grace and strength. In that quiet moment, a verse came to mind:

“Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.” - 1 Peter 5:7

What a comforting truth. The God we worship is not distant or indifferent. **He is deeply concerned about every aspect of our lives,** our needs, our struggles, and even the burdens we carry silently.

He fully understands the depth of our suffering. He never dismisses our anxieties or treats them lightly. Instead, He invites us to bring everything to Him.

We see this most clearly in Jesus Christ, who lived among us, loved us, and gave His life for us on the cross. This is not the act of a distant God, **but of One who cares deeply and personally.**

Not only does the Lord bear our burdens, but He does so daily, faithfully and without fail. He never grows weary of us. He never stops thinking about us. **What an incredible God we have.**

And yet, when we pause to reflect, we may realise something humbling about how often our thoughts of Him are compared to His constant care for us. **How many are His thoughts toward us, and how few are ours toward Him?** This realisation is not meant to discourage us, **but to draw us closer.** Because this same God has become our salvation through Jesus Christ. He is not only willing to carry our burdens, but He is also waiting for us to entrust them to Him.

So today, let us not hold on tightly to our worries. Let us not struggle alone. Instead, let us turn our hearts toward Him. Dear reader, may our thoughts of our great God and Saviour not be few. He is ready, willing, and able to carry every burden if only we are willing to place it **in His hands.**

8 May 2026

Preparedness In God

Life often feels unpredictable. Plans change, opportunities come suddenly, and challenges appear without warning. In the middle of all this, **God invites us not to live in fear, but in readiness.**

Being prepared in God doesn't mean having every detail of life figured out. **It means having a heart that is steady, rooted, and ready to respond, even if things go our way or not.** It's like carrying an umbrella on a cloudy day. You may not control the rain, but you're ready when it comes.

Jesus spoke about preparedness through simple examples, **like keeping your lamp filled with oil or staying alert for what lies ahead.** These are not about anxiety, **but about awareness.** God calls us to be spiritually awake, to pray, to stay connected with Him, and to trust His timing.

In everyday life, preparedness looks very practical. It's learning to manage emotions before situations get overwhelming. It's building habits like prayer, discipline, and kindness that shape us into who we become over time.

When we walk with God daily, we don't panic when life shifts. Instead, we respond with calm and clarity. Even when things don't go as expected, we are not shaken easily, because our foundation is strong.

Preparedness is not about perfection; it's about relationships. The more we stay connected with God, the more ready we become for whatever comes next.

So today, spend a few quiet minutes with God. **Reflect. Reset. Realign.** Because when your heart is prepared, life doesn't feel so uncertain anymore, and you begin to walk with confidence, **knowing you are never facing anything alone.**

9 May 2026

God's Presence Makes The Difference

The Lord said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Moses responded, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. - Exodus 33:14 - 15

Moses understood something many people overlook: **success without God's Presence is empty.** He had seen miracles. He had led people. He had experienced God's power. **But he knew that none of it mattered if God was not with him.**

In today's world, success is often measured by achievements, recognition, and progress. **But Moses reminds us that the greatest success is walking with God.**

It is possible to move forward in life, build something, achieve goals, and still feel empty inside. Why? Because purpose without God's presence lacks fulfilment.

Moses refused to take a step without God. He chose dependence over independence. **He valued God's presence more than progress.**

That is a powerful lesson. Before making decisions, before chasing goals, before moving forward, ask: **Is God with me in this?** God's presence brings peace in confusion, strength in weakness, and direction in uncertainty.

When God is with you, every step you take carries purpose.

Prayer: Lord, let Your presence be my priority. Help me not to move ahead without You. Guide my steps, fill my life with Your peace, and lead me in everything I do.

10 May 2026

Between Failure And Restoration

We often remember **Peter** for one thing: **He denied Jesus. Three times.** Publicly. Fearfully. But we rarely pause to consider what came after.

Luke 22:61,62 says, "**The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times. And he went outside and wept bitterly."**

That moment was not just a failure. It was exposure. The man who once said, **"I will never leave You,"** now faced the truth: he wasn't as strong as he believed. And Jesus looked at him. Not with anger. Not with rejection. **Just a look. A look that said, "I knew… and I still chose you."**

And Peter broke. Between denial and restoration, there was **silence**. No correction. No immediate comfort. Only regret. The kind that replays every moment. The kind that whispers, **"You failed."**

But this is where grace begins. Jesus allowed Peter to feel the weight, not to destroy him, **but to transform him.** Because **real faith** is not built on confidence in ourselves, **but on dependence on God.**

Peter's tears were not the end. **They were the beginning of a deeper faith.** Maybe you've had your moment, the one you wish you could undo.

But hear this: **God is not finished in your silence.** Sometimes, the space between failure and restoration is where your faith is rebuilt.

Prayer: Lord, when I fail, don't let me run from You. Use my broken moments to shape me. Restore me, and build in me a deeper, stronger faith.

The Mystery Of Underserved Favour

Have we all thought about how we have received so much grace from God? Is it because of the way we have in this world that pleases God, or are we working on something that leads to earning Grace from God? Grace means **undeserved favour** – that God gives us which we could **never earn**. By means of having this **"undeserved favour"** lies a powerful truth that **salvation** is not something that we can achieve but something **we receive**. This would help most of us know that there is a difference between earning salvation and receiving it freely.

In **Ephesians 2:8-9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that one may boast".** Paul reminds us that people carry a **human mindset** that whatever we receive is because of the **works** that people have done. It is the human tendency to weigh what we receive through our efforts. But Grace completely overturns this mindset; this is something **given to us** by God **without** even checking **whether we are worthy** of it, and that makes it an **undeserved favour.**

We always fall short in some way in our spiritual life. One might be a moral, religious and disciplined person, but one can't save oneself. But our **salvation is given freely** through Jesus. Being given freely doesn't mean that one can live carefree; it all comes down to how **grateful** we need to be to God. When you **get to know the grace** that has been bestowed in your life and how it is given, everything changes. You no longer obey God to earn His grace, but **you obey as you believe you already have received it.** Then you can see these **works** becoming a **response to the grace** bestowed on you rather than a requirement for achieving it.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for giving me such wonderful grace in my life. It is not achieved by what I do, but it is by your humbleness that I have received such greatness in my life. Help me to obey you for all you have done in my life, rather than being a person who seeks someone selfishly when they are in need. In Jesus name, Amen.

12 May 2026

Unwavering Faith

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."
- John 20:27

We may wonder why Thomas, despite being with Jesus and witnessing all the miracles and healings, struggled with doubt and failed to fully trust in God's resurrection. The truth is, each of us can be like Thomas at different points in our lives. **When significant challenges arise, we often forget how gracious and kind God has been to us.**

A similar situation is found in **Matthew 14:22–33.** During a fierce storm, Peter was able to walk on water through God's power, **but in that moment of doubt, he noticed the strong wind, became afraid, and began to sink.** He cried out, **"Lord, save me!"** Jesus immediately reached out, caught him, and asked, **"You of little faith, why did you doubt?"**

In contrast, **Gideon** also faced fear and lacked confidence. However, **a small leap of faith transformed his life,** enabling him to deliver the Israelites from the oppressive hands of the Midianites. Moses experienced similar doubts in the beginning, but ultimately, he emerged as a strong leader. **Matthew 21:21** states, **"If you have faith and do not doubt… even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen."**

James 1:6 reminds us that when **we ask, we must believe** and not doubt because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

Will we strive to cultivate unwavering faith to move mountains, or will we allow ourselves to be like the wave of the sea, filled with doubt?

13 May 2026

Pride vs Humility

While reminiscing about my life, I found myself in a constant cycle of comparison, measuring myself against others. But at the end of the day, I felt lost, hopeless, and, to be honest, even worthless and purposeless.

I keep asking myself, ***"Why does this happen to me?"*** I have been a good student since my school days. I feel like I could have reached a better place by now, yet over the past seven years, I find myself still struggling and struggling a lot.

At one point, I questioned the Lord while comparing myself with a friend who was not academically strong but has now secured a good job. Then I realised something important: the root of this thought process is **pride**.

Pride is hidden in all of us. In our minds, we say things like: **"I am so and so." "I belong to this family." "Do you know who my father is?" "Do you know my net worth?" "I am better than that person." "I studied in this college.** But at the end of the day, these thoughts only make us **boastful and fill our hearts with pride.**

The Scripture says: "But he gives more grace. Therefore, it says, 'God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.'" - James 4:6

God gives grace to the humble. When we humble ourselves before Him and surrender at His feet, He lifts us and blesses us abundantly. But when we walk in pride, we may find ourselves broken by life's struggles, only to later regret not choosing humility.

"Before destruction a man's heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor." - Proverbs 18:12

As this verse reminds us, **pride leads to destruction, but humility leads to honor.**

Let us humble our hearts before the Lord and guard ourselves against being boastful in our ways.

14 May 2026

Feed Your Spirit Man

As children of God, it is important to care for our spiritual life just as we care for our physical body. We eat to keep our bodies healthy, groom and dress well to maintain our appearance, and exercise to stay fit. In the same way, there are practices **we must follow to keep our spiritual life strong.** One of the most important is **nourishing our spirit with the Word of God.**

In **Psalm 119:105,** it is written, **"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."** This shows how essential God's Word is in our daily lives. In a world filled with darkness, it guides us like a lamp and helps us walk in the right direction. This connects with **Pastor Vlad's** statement: **"God's Word is your guide, providing light for every step you take."**

Hebrews 4:12 says, **"For the word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."** This verse explains how powerful the Word of God is in shaping our thoughts and attitudes, helping us discern right from wrong, and strengthening our spiritual life.

Psalm 119:11 says, "**I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."** This teaches us that keeping God's Word in our hearts helps us resist sin.

Proverbs 30:5 says, **"Every word of God proves true; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him."** This reminds us that God's Word protects us and acts as a shield in spiritual battles.

From these scriptures, we understand that the Word of God brings light, shapes our thinking, protects us from sin, and strengthens us in spiritual warfare. One of the best ways to know we are on the right path is by **aligning our lives with God's Word.** The more we live according to Scripture, **the clearer our direction becomes.**

So, let us make a deliberate effort to **feed our spirit with the Word of God.** May His Word dwell in us richly.

15 May 2026

Strive To Not Let Sin

Numbers 33:55 - “But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land, those you allow to remain will become barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will give you trouble in the land where you will live."

The Lord instructed the Israelites to drive out the inhabitants of the land He was bringing them into, **so that they would not be pulled into the ungodly practices** which were followed in those places, and turn away from their faith.

Does this ring a bell on how it can apply in our lives?

When we invite Christ into our hearts, **we need to give it to Him our hearts in full, not just a part of it.** If we let our own will remain in some aspects of life, our desires get in the way of the beautiful plan God has for us, and we land ourselves in trouble. When we let sin remain in our lives, it keeps stumbling us and may even be a stumbling block to others. If only we mean it when we sing that Jesus is the King of my heart!

So, a few things I want to emphasise from this verse are:

- **Do not let sin remain.** It will be a snare. Let Christ captivate your heart, and let His light overflow through you

- The Lord asked His people to **"drive out"** the inhabitants and not let anyone remain. As much as we want to steer clear of the wrong route, there are times when we actively need to drive out sin.

- It is important who **we walk with every day.** We need to have a fellowship that will **point us to Christ and draw us nearer to Him**

I hope and pray we find God's strength in living a blameless life in all areas, in this fallen world.

16 May 2026

While You Still Can

Have you found yourself chasing the treasures and pleasures of this world? Have you attempted to find peace and purpose outside of the One who created you? Have you discovered that your striving has done nothing but leave you anxious, empty, overwhelmed, and possibly numb?

God, speaking through the prophet Isaiah, said this:

"Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously."- Isaiah 55:6-7

It's not too late for you, and **you are not too far from God.**

So what can you do? **Seek Him.** Call on Him. Change your ways. Turn to Him. And what will He do? **He will be near. He will offer His mercy. He will forgive** even the worst of your decisions, mistakes, and sins.

God is good. God is also good at being God. He created you, **He loves you, and He wants a relationship with you.** And since He designed you, He knows how you were hardwired to thrive. He knows that you need Him more than anything else in the world.

You can ignore His nudges and reject His love, continuing to do things your way. Or, you can come boldly to the throne of grace, where you will receive mercy and grace when you need it most **(Hebrews 4:16).**

So while you still can … seek Him, call on Him, change your ways, and turn to Him. **He is your loving Father, and He is your merciful God.**

17 May 2026

The Power Of Thoughtful

We as humans everyone is unique, and all have diverse natures in dealing with various circumstances. We tend to express joy, sadness, anger, grief, success, failure and other kinds of emotions in different ways. At times, we react appropriately, but often we react out of impulse and end up in a mess. Let's check on a scenario from the scripture and see how Jesus dealt with it.

In **Matthew's chapter 4,** we can see **Jesus facing various interrogations from the devil and how He handled them.** Before the ministry of Jesus commenced, the Spirit of God led him into the wilderness, **fasting for 40 days and nights.** When it ended, Jesus was hungry. Now comes the devil with his tricky questions. He asked Jesus, **"If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread"**. Let's break this question down and look into it deeper. The first half of the question was, **"If you are the Son of God".** This is basically to check on His deep understanding of **'Identity'.** The second half of the question, **"Command that these stones become bread",** is to summon His **'Power and authority'.**

Imagine we were in that scenario, what would have been our primary response?. We might have said, **"Of course, I am the son of God",** and commanded the stone around to become bread. See how Jesus responded, it says in **Matthew 4:4, "It is written Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God".** In fact, Jesus didn't defend himself by proving it but by uttering the Word of God. Devil came up with the same kind of questions again, even though **He used the word of God** to overcome the puzzling interrogations.

I hereby encourage everyone reading this to **use the word of God** as a weapon against the schemes of the enemy. When such kind of circumstances arise in your daily life, never try to prove yourself and waste your valuable time; instead, **speak the word of God** and let God defend for you. Our response matters as we are the sons and daughters of the Almighty. Always remember, the Word of God is our weapon, and Jesus is our defender.

18 May 2026

Not A Confined Calling

We all know that God has a purpose for which He created us. Do you think your calling is confined to you alone? **Let us look at God's calling for Moses.** He was called to lead the people from Egypt to Canaan. Moses obeyed God's calling, which later enabled **Caleb and Joshua to enter into the mission.** If Moses had not started the mission, how would God's purpose for Caleb and Joshua have been fulfilled?

Again, in the Old Testament, we see **Elijah** transferring his double portion of blessing to **Elisha**, and the prophetic ministry continues.

In the New Testament, we see **John the Baptist** realising his calling to prepare the way for the **One who was to come, Christ.** The core purpose of his calling was to prepare the way for the Saviour, and he baptised Christ. He set the pace for Christ's ministry by calling people to repent **(Matt. 3:1-2).** When John died, Jesus' ministry began. Before ascending to heaven, Jesus commands his disciples to go, make disciples of all nations, and baptise them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit **(Matthew 28:19).**

Later, **Paul** was also called into God's ministry. **Silas, Timothy, Titus, and many others joined Paul** to share the Gospel in different parts of the Mediterranean and Asia. If Paul had denied God's calling, how would others have joined the mission?

A very close example is **Aunt Ida Scudder.** Her obedience to God's calling led to what **CMC** is today. Because she obeyed, others who have been part of CMC from the beginning until now were able to commit themselves to God's calling and continue the healing ministry.

So it is important to understand that we not only hold our own calling but also that **others' callings** are connected to our lives. You may be called to initiate a mission that **others can later carry forward.** Therefore, realise the importance of obedience to God's calling in your life. **By obeying His will,** we are also paving the way for others to embark on the journey.

This means we are all held together in Christ. In **Romans 12,** it says the purpose of each one of us may be different, but it is all connected to establish the Kingdom of God.

19 May 2026

Are We Connected With God?

It may seem like an elementary question, yet it carries deep and intimate significance. It is easy to say "**yes**" with our words, but it is far more challenging to demonstrate it through our actions, especially in this fast-paced, technology-driven era.

How do we show that we are connected to someone we love?

Through our **actions**. We check on them, pray for them, make time to meet them, and enjoy moments together. Even if we are in different cities or countries or busy with our own responsibilities, we still find ways to stay connected because we do not want to feel their absence.

For the people who matter most, our family and friends, we are willing to go to great lengths because they are important to us.

Now, can we reflect on ourselves? **What are we doing to show that we are connected to the Almighty God?**

- Are we talking to Him?
- Are we listening to what He is trying to tell us?
- Are we reading His Word?
- Are we spending quality time with Him?
- Are we going to church and having fellowship?
- Are we sharing the Gospel?

Let us take a moment to self-reflect. No one is without flaws. Perhaps we connect with God only occasionally, maybe only when we go to church.

But do you know this? **God desires to be real in your life every single day.** He wants to dwell with you every second, no matter what situation you are in right now.

If we have not been maintaining this intimate connection with Him, can we take small steps today to change and grow stronger in our relationship with God? **May God enable you to walk closely with Him every day.**

20 May 2026

We Will Rise Again!!

Last month, the world celebrated Resurrection Day, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we rejoice in His victory over death, do we realise that this triumph also holds the promise of our own resurrection?

Jesus Christ rose again, and yes, we will rise again too!

Death, a consequence of **sin, does not end our existence.** Rather, every human being will live eternally either in heaven, where there is eternal life and joy, or in hell, where there is eternal punishment and suffering.

Scripture tells us: **"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. -Romans 10:9**
That is, saved from eternal punishment.

Jesus Himself proclaimed: **"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die." - John 11:25–26** (That is, they will not experience the second death, eternal separation from God.)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16

All these verses clearly show what we must do to receive everlasting life and **be saved from the penalty of sin.**

Jesus Christ died on the cross for you and me, making a **way for our redemption.** His resurrection assures us of the hope that we, too, can rise again and be with Him in heaven.

But the choice is yours. **God has given us free will.** Do you want to rise again to be with Christ in heaven, or face eternal separation from Him? Will you accept the love and salvation offered through Jesus Christ?

The choice is yours…!

Sacrificial Scarlet Scars

In Exodus 25:4, we read, ***"These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze; blue, purple, and scarlet yarn; fine linen; and goat hair..."*** Here, God accepted scarlet yarn as an offering. ***Exodus 26:31, "And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim and skillfully worked into it."*** God told them to make a scarlet veil that separates the sinful humans from the sinless God. Similarly, in **Exodus 12**, the Israelites painted lamb's blood scarlet on their doorposts and lintels as a divine sign during the tenth plague (the death of the firstborn in Egypt). God protected the households of the Israelites through the scarlet blood on their doorposts.

Joshua 2:18 states, ***"Unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought all your family into your house."*** God saved Rahab, a prostitute, and her household because of the scarlet cord in their window. God knows the end from the beginning. In **Matthew 1:5,** we learn that Salmon and Rahab begat Boaz, and their lineage continues to King David, King Solomon, and ultimately to the Lamb of God, our Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Although we crucified Him for our sins, He continues to wipe our tears with His unfailing love. He bore the weight of a world that often forgets Him. **Isaiah 1:18** reminds us, ***"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."***

Our God can use anyone, although Rahab's sins were like scarlet; she was also one among the reasons to bring Jesus into this world, the one who shed his scarlet blood for the sake of our sins, the lamb who was slain to make us white as snow. **Matthew 27:51,** ***"And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two".*** The scarlet veil, which separated sinful humans from the sinless God, was torn while Christ offered Himself and shed His precious blood for us.

Let us remember the One who wore a crown of thorns for us so that love could have a face and grace could have a name. **The same God who saved the Israelites in Egypt is still protecting our families and us today.**

22 May 2026

Beyond Self-Sufficiency

***"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."* - Galatians 6:2**

Most of us quietly pride ourselves on our ability to solve our problems. We have learned to live a kind of **DIY life**. If we don't know something, we watch a YouTube tutorial. If we have questions, we search the internet. If we are struggling, we listen to a podcast, stream a sermon, or distract ourselves by binge-watching shows on Netflix or Amazon Prime or scrolling endlessly through social media. We can see there is a subtle danger hidden within them that distracts us from living a fulfilling life.

We now live in a world where information is everywhere at just a click or swipe away. Yet information consumed in isolation rarely produces any transformation. Knowledge can fill the mind while the heart remains untouched. This constant intake of content quietly replaces something deeper: **connection**.

Following Jesus is not about mastering more information. It is about **surrendering self-sufficiency**. The gospel begins with a simple confession: ***I cannot save myself.*** No matter how hard we work, how much wisdom we gather, or how many achievements we stack up, we fall short of the perfection of God **(Romans 3:23).**

To follow Christ means admitting that we do not have everything together. But there is One who holds everything together, including us **(Colossians 1:17).** And that surrender not only brings us closer to God but also draws us closer to others. Christianity was never meant to be lived in isolation. Jesus Himself modelled this. Though He was the Son of God, He chose **twelve disciples** and spent His life walking with them, teaching them, correcting them, and sharing life with them. If Jesus did not live His mission alone, why do we think we should?

We cannot live fully surrendered to God while idolising independence. We need God's grace, and we need the support of His people. We need voices that pray for us, challenge us, and remind us of the truth when we forget. Jesus invites us to come with our burdens **(Matthew 11:28).** And often, He carries them through the hands and hearts of others walking beside us.

23 May 2026

In God I trust

"You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in Your bottle. Are they not in Your book?" **- Psalm 56:8**

We are attuned to the scenarios where our **fears always feel louder than faith.** Words spoken against us linger in the mind. Judgments from others echo longer than they should. Lies about who we are or what we are worth quietly try to take a place in our hearts. Sometimes the pressure builds until tears swell, and we wonder if those tears mean weakness.

But **Psalm 56** says something that makes us run to God in a big embrace **like a child to its father.** God does not see our tears the way we do. We often treat them like evidence of failure. Signs that we are not strong enough, brave enough, faithful enough. Yet **David** writes that God **collects** them. **Every tear is counted, every restless night recorded, every moment of trembling noticed. And not one drop falls without meaning.**

That truth changes how we perceive struggles. The moments where we want to hide, the nights when anxiety keeps me awake, the prayers whispered through exhaustion, the quiet fears I never say out loud, not even the least of them escape God's attention. While others may watch, judge, or misunderstand, **God is doing something entirely different. He is keeping a record.**

Some people may watch our steps hoping for a stumble. Yet Scripture says that our steps are not truly ordered by the eyes watching us, **but by the hand guiding us.** God is not threatened by our worries. He is not frustrated by our fears. He does not withdraw when life becomes heavy. Instead, **He draws near,** offering refuge when we feel exposed and a shield when we feel vulnerable. So, when we say, ***"In God I trust"*** **(Psalm 56:11),** it is not just a declaration of belief. It is a quiet decision to walk forward even when fear still lingers. Trust does not mean fear disappears. **Fear no longer determines the direction.**

Our days are known to Him. Our steps are secure in Him. And one day we will stand in places we once feared, praising God for the very moments we thought might break us. Because He saw every tear of ours and every step of ours.

24 May 2026

Do The Next Thing

It's easy to fill our days with long to-do lists, only to end the night feeling drained and disappointed. We try to do everything, yet somehow miss what truly matters. In the rush, **even good things begin to feel heavy, and our hearts grow tired.**

But in the middle of our overwhelm, God gently redirects us: **"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).** He is not asking for perfection or for us to do everything at once. He is inviting us to focus on what matters most: **Him.**

When we shift our focus from doing everything to simply doing what God places before us, something changes. The pressure lifts, and peace replaces striving. God never asked us to carry the whole day only to walk with Him through it.

As we pray, **God places opportunities right in front of us.** So **"do the next thing"** becomes more than a task; it becomes **obedience**. It is choosing to notice the present moment and faithfully use it for good: to serve others, to reflect His love, and to build His kingdom in small, everyday ways.

And as we take each step, we are invited to **"pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17)** through whispered prayers, quiet surrender, and simple gratitude.

When we begin to feel weary, we hold on to this promise: **"Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).**

So today, don't chase the endless list. Seek Him first. Do the next thing. Pray through it all. And trust that He is faithfully weaving purpose into every step.

25 May 2026

Alignment Over Applause

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." **- Ephesians 2:10**

One quiet danger in life is pursuing a **vision** that was never truly assigned to us. And it happens more often than we admit. A path opens, opportunities appear, and the outside world calls it success. The applause grows louder, the progress looks impressive, and yet somewhere inside us, there is a quiet uneasiness. A sense that something about this journey does not feel entirely true.

The world is very good at glamorising ambition. Hustle becomes virtue. Identity becomes a marketable commodity. Success becomes synonymous with performance. In that environment, it is easy to chase things slowly and deceptively require us to become someone we were never meant to be.

But a **God-given vision** does not ask us to perform. It invites us to be **present**. It calls us to **partner with God.** It does not demand that we shrink who we are. Rather, it will **enable us to grow into who God created us to be.** When God prepares work for our lives, it is not random work. It is work shaped for the person He formed. **The calling and the calling-bearer are designed to fit together like puzzle pieces.**

That means the environments we choose matter. The pace we honour matters. The values we refuse to compromise matter. If the work constantly forces you to abandon your integrity, silence your convictions, or live out of rhythm with the soul God gave you, then no amount of applause can make it the right vision.

Alignment is quieter than applause, but it is what sustains the vision.

When you begin to pursue wholeness before achievement, when your life aligns with truth, character, and God's leading, something remarkable happens. The next step often becomes clearer. Not all at once, but gradually. The way gets lit. What is meant for you begins to recognise you, and vice versa.

Purpose is not about becoming impressive. **It is founded on being faithful.** And faithfulness rarely shouts. **But it always leads you exactly where God prepared for you to walk.**

What Made Peter Fall?-1

Peter was very emotional. He was Jesus' close companion, following Him everywhere. For almost all of His ministry, Peter stayed near like a shadow. Have you ever wondered how someone like him, who so desperately **wanted to be God's favourite, could deny Jesus three times?** Recently, while listening to a message by **Rick Warren,** this question was explained meaningfully. When we reflect on what made Peter deny Jesus, it **comes down to three things.**

When Jesus said that all would fall away, Peter confidently declared: **"Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." - Matthew 26:33.** He also said: **"Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death." - Luke 22:33.** But sometimes, we do the same. We overestimate our capabilities, assuming we would never fall like others. We look at someone and, with pride, think, **"I would never do that."** That's a big pitfall. When **we don't recognise our own weakness,** we become vulnerable. Given the right situation, we are all capable of falling. We need **God's constant mercy and grace to protect us** from strong temptations. Sometimes, we are aware of our weaknesses **but fail to guard our strengths.** An unguarded strength becomes a double weakness.

Don't be discouraged. God is more pronounced in our weakness for His glory. In fact, He prays for us. Jesus had already warned him: **"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." - Matthew 26:41.** Peter loved Jesus, but he did not stay spiritually alert. Instead of praying, he slept. Often, our fall does not begin in a moment of crisis. **It begins quietly when we stop depending on God.**

After Jesus was arrested: **"Peter followed him at a distance…" - Luke 22:54. Distance weakens devotion.** Fear crept in, and Peter denied Him: "**I don't know him." - Luke 22:57.** Three times. Jesus had already told Peter that he would go through temptation: **"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you… that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." - Luke 22:31–32**

So god is ready to save and guard us. He is still praying for us. God taught Peter that he needed His forgiveness to serve Him and build His rock: **"Feed my sheep." - John 21:17**

What Made Peter Fall?-2

Peter was known for his emotions. He often spoke straight from his heart; whatever thought came to his mind in a situation, he expressed it immediately.

Sometimes, we do the same. We let our emotions take control, and in those moments, we fail to understand what the situation truly requires. We speak without thinking. We don't consider the impact our words may have. When we feel jealousy, we speak out of jealousy. When we feel envy, we speak out of envy. We fail to respond with rationality and wisdom.

But God expects our words to be purposeful words that build and add value to others' lives: **"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."- Ephesians 4:29. Peter himself spoke out of emotion when he said to Jesus: "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"- Matthew 16:22**

He spoke in haste, driven by feeling rather than understanding God's plan. Because of this, Jesus corrected and rebuked him: **"Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."- Matthew 16:23**

When we blurt out words without processing them, we lose our purpose. Our speech becomes reactionary instead of intentional. The tongue is powerful, it can bring life or destruction: **"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."- Proverbs 18:21**

God calls us to be wise to listen more and speak with discernment: "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath."- James 1:19. You don't always have to rely on your own thoughts about what to say. Instead, ask God for wisdom. **Depend on Him to guide your words: "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him." - James 1:5**

Let your words not be driven by emotion alone, but shaped by God's wisdom so they bring life, purpose, and grace to others.

28 May 2026

More Than Ministry

In **1 Samuel 3,** we learn many important lessons from this passage. But I want to raise a question: **Why did God choose Samuel instead of anyone else?**

1 Samuel 3:1 says, **"Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision."** Yes, we know Samuel had a calling from God, but we can also see that he was obedient and faithfully ministering to the Lord. In the same way, we have calling, and we also minister to the Lord faithfully. **But is that alone enough in our lives to hear God's voice?**

One important thing we can notice is in **1 Samuel 3:3: "The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was."**

Notice the place **Samuel chose to lie down.** It was in **God's presence,** near the ark of God. Many times, we tend to work a lot for God **without actually spending time in His presence.** But that is of no use if we do not truly know Him personally.

We can see this in verse **1 Samuel 3:7: "Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him."** Even though Samuel was ministering to the Lord, there was still a chance of not truly knowing Him, as Samuel initially did not. In the same way, we may serve in ministry, attend church, and do many things for God, yet still not deeply know Him personally.

But **when Samuel stayed in God's presence,** God began to reveal Himself to him. In the same way, when we start spending time in God's presence through prayer, worship, and His Word, **God begins to reveal Himself to us** more clearly.

So let us think for a moment: In whose presence are we spending most of our time? Is it more in the presence of the world, distractions, and temporary things, or **in the presence of God?** Let us take a conscious decision to spend more time in His presence, because it is there that **we begin to hear His voice and truly know Him.**

29 May 2026

Godly Fellowship

In 1 Samuel 3, we see that Samuel was with Eli, ministering to the Lord. From Samuel, we can learn many important lessons. One important thing is that even though he was young and small, **he was faithful in the work** that was given to him. **He served sincerely before the Lord.**

But still, the Bible says in **1 Samuel 3:7, "Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him."** We can see that even though Samuel was ministering to the Lord, he did not truly know who the Lord was yet. In the same way, many times we may also minister to the Lord **without truly knowing Him personally.** We may be involved in church activities, prayer, worship, or ministry, **but still not fully understand His voice and His presence.**

Even when Samuel heard his name being called three times, he did not realise that it was the Lord speaking to him. He thought it was Eli calling him. In the same way, there are times when we are unsure whether something is from God or not. **We may struggle to recognise His voice in our lives.**

But **Eli** guided Samuel toward the Lord. This teaches us how important it is to be careful about the people with **whom we have close fellowship.** Are they people who know God and can lead us closer to Him, or are they people who pull us away from Him? Yes, we are called to love everyone, **but we must also be wise about the people who influence our spiritual lives.**

Eli could have reacted differently and said, **"Why are you disturbing me at night?"** But instead, he understood that **the Lord was calling Samuel,** and he guided him **toward God.** That is the kind of influence we should desire to have in the lives of others. **The people around us can either guide us toward the Lord or toward themselves.**

So let us pray and ask the Lord to help us be like Eli in someone else's life, people who guide others toward God and help them recognise His voice. At the same time, **we also need people like Eli in our own lives,** who can spiritually guide and encourage us so that we may grow more in the Lord.

30 May 2026

From Chains To Sonship

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."
- Galatians 5:1

We have been set free. Yet learning to live in that freedom often takes time. Even in the world around us, we see how long it takes for freedom to reshape identity. After the Abolition of Slavery in the United States, many who were legally free still struggled to see themselves as anything other than slaves. The chains were gone, but the mindset lingered. Freedom had been given, but it still had to be embraced.

We find ourselves in a similar place. We were once bound to sin, shaped by habits, desires, and patterns that defined us. **But through Christ, that identity has been broken.** Scripture tells us, ***"If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed"*** **(John 8:36). We are not just forgiven. We are adopted as dear children of God. (1 John 3:1).**

And yet, we often continue to live as though the old identity still holds power. We return to the same fears. We listen to the same lies. We measure ourselves by who we used to be. Like someone stepping out of a prison yet hesitating at the gate, we struggle to walk fully into what has already been given.

It can even feel overwhelming. But that does not make it any less real.

The truth is, we are no longer slaves. ***"You did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship"*** **(Romans 8:15).** The Holy Spirit now lives within us, empowering us to choose differently, to walk differently, and to see ourselves differently.

We are not striving to become free. We are learning to live from the freedom already given to us. And as we begin to believe what God says about us, we slowly step out of old patterns and **into a new identity.**

The chains no longer define us, and the past no longer holds us, because **in Christ, we are not who we were. We are who He says we are.**

A Sacred Reminder Of Eternal Life

Recently, I had an opportunity to do ministry among children in VBS, especially with beginners. Initially, it was really hard to gain their attention. They got easily distracted, and it took immense effort to gain their attention back. **Then I felt that this is also what we do with Jesus.** We also get easily distracted from the Lord when **we look at the world.**

We can see in **Matthew 14:28–29, 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.**

When Peter's eyes were focused on Jesus, he was able to walk on the water. But after some time, in verse 30 it says, **"But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'"**

He got distracted by the wind, fear entered his heart, and he started to sink. In the same way, we also often get distracted and diverted from God's presence and His Word **when we look at situations and hear the noise** of this world.

We can see in **Matthew 14:31, "Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?'"**

Every time we get distracted or diverted from Him, **immediately a hand comes to save us**. But we know that we are in a grace period, so we should get equipped spiritually. Many times, **we get distracted because of a lack of faith and not fully understanding His presence and power.**

So let us ask God to reveal Himself more to us, so that we may stay close to Him even in the midst of wind and storms.

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