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

Seed & Soil



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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!

The Heart Of Christ



Luke 15:1 says, "Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus." But in verse 2, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

We can see here that the Pharisees and the teachers of the law looked at people only through the lens of the law. Yes, they were right that those people were sinners, but they stopped there and failed to understand the true essence of God's heart. Jesus also knew they were sinners, yet He did not forsake them.

Through this, I understood that there is a difference between reading the Word and understanding the true meaning of the Word. The Pharisees and teachers of the law knew the Scriptures, but they **did not understand the heart behind them.** Often, we do the same by judging others or envying others. But if we pause and think, does God really want us to live that way? **Most of the time, pride and self-righteousness make us forget our true calling.**

In verse 3, Jesus told them this parable: "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" Then in verse 7, Jesus says, "There will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

The Heart Of Christ

We should remember that once we too were lost, and Jesus came down to save us. In the same way, there are still many lost sheep who need to be saved. **Matthew 16:24** says, "**Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me." Ephesians 4:32** says, **"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, because God forgave you for Christ's sake."**

The Pharisees and the teachers of the law struggled with this because they did not understand their calling. They were more focused on worldly matters than heavenly ones. In the same way, we should ask ourselves: **are we focused on this world or on heaven?**

Let us humble ourselves in His presence and realise that we are saved not because of ourselves, **but only by His grace.** In the same way, there are many lost sheep who still need to be saved. As disciples of Christ, let us submit ourselves to the calling He has given us: **to reach and help bring back those lost sheep.**

Prayer: Lord, please help me to understand Your calling. I submit myself to You. Use me for Your kingdom to find the lost sheep, just as You found me. Help me to follow Your Word, teach me, and help me humble myself to be a living offering for You. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Faithful Healer

It was a Sunday morning, and I was returning from church on a crowded bus, listening to a gospel song. As I prepared to get off, the steps were completely blocked by large men. Just as I was about to step down, the driver suddenly started the bus, causing me to fall onto the road and land between the front and back wheels. I tried to scream, **"Jesus, help me,"** but no sound came out. My head struck the pavement with great force, and in those fleeting moments, I caught a glimpse of the underside of the bus before losing consciousness.

When I opened my eyes, I found myself walking along the road. Although I had minor injuries on my hands and legs, I was otherwise unharmed. Confused, I asked those around me who had pulled me out from under the bus. They replied that the bus had never stopped; somehow, I had rolled out on my own, escaping the wheels that could have crushed me. The only thing I remembered was losing consciousness for about ten seconds while feeling **someone hold my right shoulder.** In that moment of prayer, God brought to my heart a comforting verse: **"For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:11–12).**

The next day, however, I found myself struggling to speak, walk, focus, and multitask. I suffered from severe migraines and became disorganised and forgetful. As an intern, life became increasingly difficult. I realised how organised and capable I had been before the incident. After six long months of daily suffering, during communion one day, I cried out to the Lord to heal me from my slurred speech, brain fog, and sensitivity to light and sound. My faith, though as small as a mustard seed, remained unwavering. God assured me, **"My daughter, your faith has made you well" (Matthew 9:20–22).**

No matter what you are going through, if you have faith that the Lord will act on your behalf, it will be done for you: **"For with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).**

Setting Boundaries: Learning From Jesus

What's the common thing that today's influencers say? It is to *follow your heart, follow your instincts,* and *do what you feel like doing.* But the Bible constantly emphasises knowing the heart of the Lord and doing His will. The popular verse we usually refer to when choosing a career is from the Book of **Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."** It is important to notice the words ***"not to harm."***

According to the Book of **Jeremiah 29:11**, when we follow God's will for our lives, we will experience **no harm.** God will make us prosper and give us hope for the future, a future in heaven at the end of our worldly race. This **"no harm"** was clearly evident in the life of **Daniel** when he was put into the lions' den; the Lord shut the mouths of the lions. And when his friends were thrown into the fire, the Lord Almighty was there with them, protecting them.

Ever wondered what life would be like when we choose our comfort **over God's plan?** What happens when we choose to listen to our hearts rather than hold onto God's promises? If following God's plan is harmless, then it must also be understood that **not following God's plan can lead to the opposite.** We are the **sheep of His pasture,** and a life outside God's plan is an unprotected life, like a sheep entering a herd of wolves.

Remember how **Jonah** fled to Tarshish to deliberately disobey God's command to preach in Nineveh. The journey to Tarshish was chaotic and stormy**, not only for him but for everyone in the boat**, until he decided to return to Nineveh. Those days and nights in the belly of the great fish were a period of suffering, regretting what we've lost, and realising the foolishness of choosing our own comfort over God's calling. **It does not lead to prosperity.**

It is surely difficult and confusing at times, and we may feel less confident about our capabilities. **But the Lord who called you is faithful.** He knows where **we fit best** even before we realise it ourselves.

Choose wisely. Surrender your decisions to the Lord. Follow the words of Christ, not your heart or your instincts. **Let the Holy Spirit guide you.** Amen.

God's Greatest Gift Of Love

The Book of Epistle to the **Romans**, Paul's letter to the churches in Rome, is a foundational letter that addresses many important truths of the Christian faith.

In this letter, Paul describes our lives apart from God as being distant from Him, even enemies of God, because we chose to live contrary to His good plan for our lives. He also speaks about the goodness and grace of Jesus Christ, who made a way for us to return to God through salvation.

Central to Paul's message and personal experience as a Christian is **Romans 5:8:**

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Paul explains that while we were still far from God and running away from Him, **God sent Jesus to die for us.** Through this sacrifice, God revealed the fullness of **His love** for humanity.

Paul was not merely speaking in theory; **he was speaking from experience**. God met Paul in the midst of his mission to persecute Christians. Even while Paul was living as an enemy of God, the **Lord still made a way for him** to encounter Jesus and be transformed by His grace.

The same is true for us.

Regardless of what our lives may look like outwardly, we all begin in the same place, where we were once distant from God. Yet through Jesus Christ, we have been brought near to Him and welcomed into God's family.

Because of Jesus' sacrifice, **there is always a way back to God.**

Praise In The Prison

How do we respond when we go through suffering, even when we have done nothing wrong?

In **Acts of the Apostles chapter 16**, **Paul** and **Silas** found themselves in such a situation. They had faithfully served God and cast a demon out of a slave girl, yet they were beaten, falsely accused, and thrown into prison. Their feet were fastened in stocks, and everything around them seemed dark and hopeless.

Yet their response was remarkable. The Bible says:

"And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them." (Acts 16:25)

Even in pain and suffering, t**hey lifted their voices** in prayer and praise to God. They could have become discouraged and bitter, but instead, their suffering **drew them closer to Him.**

As a result, **God sent a great earthquake.** The prison doors were opened, and every chain was loosened. What seemed like a place of suffering **became a place of salvation.**

The jailer, trembling with fear, asked the most important question:

"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

And the answer came clearly and simply:

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." (Acts 16:31)

That very night, the jailer and his household believed in Christ.

This is a powerful reminder for us: our trials are not meaningless. When we choose to **pray** instead of complain, and to **praise** instead of despair, our lives become a **testimony** to others. People are watching, listening, and searching and through our response, they may come to know Christ.

Sometimes, God allows a prison so that a **soul might find salvation.**

What Do You Have To Offer?

I was waiting for my bus to arrive at the bus stand as my summer vacation was around the corner. I saw a helper, Akka, from our college canteen, whom I used to talk to often. I would enquire whether she had food daily, smile at her, and listen whenever she vented out to me. I waved at her, and while we were talking, suddenly another person asked her, "Who is this girl talking to you with such a wide smile?" She replied, "She is like my daughter."

I was so shocked. What did I even do to earn such a big word?

When I was meditating on **Acts chapter 3,** it spoke deeply to me. In **Acts 3:6,** Peter says to the lame beggar:

"Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

Peter did not have alms to give the beggar, but he gave him something better: **he shared the healing power of Jesus with him.** The beggar's real need was very different from what he was expecting. Peter and John saw beyond the surface and **offered what God had placed within them.** They offered something more precious than material possessions.

Sometimes we think that if we don't gift someone expensively, we are judged by the standards of the world. Often, we try to fit into the standards and values of others. But the Bible says:

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

A small word of encouragement, a smile, a tap on the shoulder, or a hug can lighten someone's entire day. **God has called us to encourage one another** and **carry each other's burdens.** Give what you have within you. It might fulfil someone's greatest need.

Sometimes, all that people need is **reassurance** that they are loved despite their imperfections, and that they are **accepted** by God with arms open wide. **Offer what God has given you today.**

Walking Behind The Shepherd

Life always pushes us into challenging situations. Competitions, Societal pressure, peer pressure and so on!! These kinds of struggles make us run errands. How are we facing these situations? Are we thinking about stopping and facing it? Even if we think about it, **are we brave enough** to face it, or do we trust God wholly??

Deuteronomy 31:8 says, **"The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be discouraged; do not be afraid."** Our human self naturally tends to be afraid when we are pushed beyond our limits.

What is a limit? A limit is a boundary that **cuts short** our ability to go beyond. God is always **who's beyond!!** Let God be the one who leads you in your life, and you will see all the fear and lack of faith disappear.

Psalm 23:1-3 says "The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing.. 3. He guides me along the paths of righteousness for his namesake". The Lord is our shepherd. All we need is to **trust in the path He leads**. Most often, we fail to think there's no one to lead in our wilderness, but our **God is always in front,** and He turns every **tough path into a pasture** when He takes us through.

It's time not to lean on your understanding and **allow God to lead us** from the front. Every place you go, every situation you undergo in life, God is there before us to help in these kinds of situations, as He knows what will happen in our lives.

Let's just not **rely on ourselves** in controlling our lives, where we try to go in front of Him rather than follow His footsteps like a sheep follows its shepherd.

7 June 2026

Reflecting Christ Through Compassion

“Be kind and compassionate to one another…” – Ephesians 4:32

Compassion is one of the simplest yet most **powerful** ways to reflect Christ in our daily lives. The verse in the Epistle to the **Ephesians** reminds us that kindness is not merely a feeling, but a **choice we make every day.**

Jesus showed compassion to everyone, the sick, the lonely, and even those rejected by society.

We often witness compassion in small, everyday moments around us: a neighbour sending food when someone is unwell, a friend waiting after class to make sure another person gets home safely, or someone offering a seat to an elderly person on a crowded bus.

These simple acts may not seem extraordinary, but they **reveal God’s love in quiet and beautiful ways.**

True compassion notices pain, listens patiently, and responds with kindness.

This month, **let us take up a small challenge:** to show compassion intentionally each day through our words, actions, and attitudes.

A small act of kindness may become the answer to someone’s prayer.

Rooted In Truth

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to your word. -Psalm 119:9

Psalm 119:9 speaks about living a pure and disciplined life through the guidance of God's Word. The verse raises an important question: how can a young person r**emain morally strong and spiritually upright** in a world full of distractions and temptations?

The answer given is simple yet powerful by **following and obeying God's teachings.**

This verse highlights the importance of Scripture as a guide for daily living. It teaches that purity is not achieved merely through human effort, but through **aligning one's thoughts, actions, and decisions with God's Word.**

The verse also emphasises spiritual discipline, wisdom, and the value of seeking divine direction from an early age.

God's Word becomes A light that directs one's life path.

The psalmist presents Scripture not as a set of restrictions, but as a **guide** that leads to **peace, wisdom, and a meaningful life.** A person's thoughts influence actions, and God's Word renews the mind and heart.

When individuals allow divine truth to shape their thinking, they develop self-control, integrity, humility, and discernment.

A life guided by God's Word may not always be the easiest path, but it will always be the **right path leading to purity, wisdom, strength, and lasting peace.**

From Self-Approval To Godly Approval

We often convince ourselves that our actions are right because they align with our understanding, experiences, or immediate needs. When something appears sensible or beneficial, we move forward confidently, assuming that the visible order and practicality of our choices confirm their goodness.

But the Book of **Proverbs 16:2** warns us against this kind of self-certainty: **"All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, but the LORD weighs the motives."** This proverb reminds us that outward behaviour and inward intention are **not always the same.** A deed may appear upright, even helpful, while being driven by pride, fear, self-interest, or a desire for recognition. Human beings **often evaluate only surface features** such as results, efficiency, or outward conformity to rules, but **God examines the hidden places of the heart.** He sees why we act, the loyalties that guide us, and the small compromises we may accept along the way.

Motives are often subtle and complex. At times, we may sincerely believe we are acting for good reasons, while hidden desires quietly influence our decisions. That is why taking a disciplined pause before speaking or acting is so important. Asking ourselves questions such as: ***What is truly motivating me? Am I seeking approval, comfort, recognition, or control? Does this reflect God's heart or merely my own desires?*** These moments of honest self-examination help bring hidden motives into the light.

Prayer, reflection, and godly counsel can expose what lies beneath the surface and help align our intentions with God's purposes. As we cultivate the habit of examining our hearts before the Lord, our outward choices begin to reflect greater humility, integrity, and spiritual maturity. Ultimately, this proverb calls us to humility to acknowledge that our own judgment is limited and incomplete, and **to invite God** to refine not only what we do, but also why we do it.

True spiritual growth begins when we move from seeking self-approval to desiring God's approval above all else.

Promise Keeper

“Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.” -Joshua 21:45

Not a single word failed.
All came to pass.

God’s promises were fulfilled in the lives of the Israelites, and He remains faithful to fulfil His promises in our lives as well. Unlike human beings, His Word is completely trustworthy. As it is written in the Book of **Numbers 23:19:**

“God is not a man, that He should lie,
Nor a son of man, that He should repent.
Has He said, and will He not do?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”

Often, we find ourselves living in the space between God’s promise and its fulfilment. That season can feel dry, uncertain, and discouraging. But we must remember that God never wastes our waiting period. **He has a purpose for every season we walk through.**

Difficulties may arise, delays may test our faith, and circumstances may seem contrary to what God has spoken, **but nothing can stop His promises from coming to pass in His perfect time.**

So do not give up when you have reached the banks of your Jordan. The land of fulfilment is waiting on the other side.

And finally, when your prayers are answered and God’s promises are fulfilled, **do not lose sight of the Promise Keeper Himself.** May all the glory be given to Him alone, **for He is faithful to His Word.**

I'm Sufficient

We scroll through our phones, buy things we like, or order food online whenever we crave something nice. How privileged we are to enjoy and receive things whenever we need or desire them.

Yet, there are still many people in this world who can only dream about the things they wish to have, but lack the privilege of obtaining them because of various circumstances.

When we compare our lives with theirs, **let us pause and reflect** on the countless blessings God has graciously provided for us, and **thank Him** for supplying our needs abundantly. Yet as humans, we often continue to desire more and more for ourselves.

As we read in the **Gospel of Luke 3:11,** John says:

"Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

We are called to share with and care for the poor and needy. Therefore, before buying something new, let us take a moment to ask ourselves: ***Do I truly need this, or has God already blessed me sufficiently?***

As the **Book of Proverbs 19:17 and 22:9** reminds us, it is not merely the possessions we own that determine how blessed we are, **but the generosity and kindness we show toward those in need. Our Heavenly Father delights in hearts that are willing to give.**

We often purchase things for our own joy and happiness. But from now on, let us also experience **the joy that comes from giving, serving**, and **helping** others who are in need.

Sometimes, the greatest blessing is not in receiving more **but in sharing what we already have.**

He Is Already There

"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (Deuteronomy 31:8)

Moses spoke these words to **Joshua** as he stood at the edge of a completely new chapter. The familiar was ending, and the unknown lay ahead. Joshua would soon lead God's people into a land he had never possessed, face battles he had never fought, and carry responsibilities that could easily have filled him with fear. Yet God's reassurance was not, *"You are strong enough,"* but rather, **"I am going before you."**

There is profound comfort in knowing that God does not merely point us toward a destination and watch from a distance. **He goes ahead of us.** Before we step into tomorrow, **He is already there.** Before we face the interview, the decision, the move, the relationship, or the unanswered prayer, **He has already seen every detail.** Nothing in our future is unfamiliar to Him.

And because He goes before us, **we need not be paralysed by fear.** The road ahead may still hold challenges, but it does not hold God's absence. The One who prepares the way is also the One who walks beside us. **His presence is both before us and with us,** guiding, sustaining, and strengthening us along the journey.

When uncertainty whispers, *"What if?"*, God's promise gently answers, **"I will be there."** The future may be unknown to us, but it is never unknown to Him. The Lord who calls us forward has already gone ahead, and wherever He leads, His faithful presence awaits us.

The Bread Of Idleness

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."
- Psalm 90:12

Idleness or inactivity may seem pleasurable for a moment, but over time, it can become a cycle that leads us into **temptation and sin.** Especially among young people, endless scrolling through reels and social media can drain the mind, create a sense of emptiness, and awaken fleshly desires.

One example we see in the **Bible is King David**. Instead of going out to battle with his army, David remained in Jerusalem. During that season of idleness, he saw Bathsheba bathing, desired her, and eventually fell into grievous sin, even leading to the death of Uriah.

At first, I thought discipline and structured living were restrictive or joyless. But later, I realised that **true discipline is actually a form of freedom;** it gives us the ability to say "**no**" to the desires of the flesh and "**yes**" to what is good and pleasing before God.

For the Spirit of God gives us **power, love, and self-discipline.** Therefore, we must learn to rely on Him daily.

In the Epistle to the **Romans**, we read:

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord." - Romans 12:11

May that passion for God ignite within us, making us like the wise virgins who kept their lamps filled with oil, always prepared and watchful for the coming of the Lord.

14 June 2026

God Stays Close in Our Broken Moments

There are days when people smile outside but feel heavy inside. Sometimes the pain comes from disappointment, family problems, loneliness, failure, sickness, or words that hurt deeply. In such moments, many people wonder, **"Does anyone really understand what I am going through?"**

Psalms 34:18 ("The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.") gives us a gentle reminder that God stays close to those who are hurt. He does not move away from broken people; **He comes nearer to them.**

Being "**brokenhearted**" does not always mean crying openly. It can look like silently carrying stress at work, feeling tired of responsibilities, worrying about the future, or struggling to stay strong for others. Yet God notices these hidden struggles. Just as a caring friend sits beside someone in pain without judging them, **God's presence brings comfort and strength** even when situations do not change immediately.

Think about a cracked clay pot. Even with cracks, it can still hold something valuable. In the same way, our difficult experiences do not make us useless. **God can still work through us, teach us, and strengthen us** through hard seasons.

Today, instead of pretending to be okay all the time, bring your worries honestly before God. Speak to Him in simple words. Take one small step forward, trust Him with today, and **remember that you are never walking alone. God is with you.**

15 June 2026

Joy Comes After The Night

“Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.”
- Psalms 30:5

Everyone goes through nights that feel long and difficult. Sometimes it is the stress of finances, problems in relationships, disappointment at work, health struggles, or simply feeling emotionally tired. In those moments, it can seem like the pain will never end. But this verse reminds us that **difficult seasons are temporary.** Just as night slowly changes into morning, **God can bring hope even after painful experiences.**

Life often teaches us **patience** through **waiting**. A farmer does not plant seeds and expect a harvest the next day. There is a season of watering, waiting, and trusting before growth appears. In the same way, healing and peace may take time, but **God continues to work quietly in our lives** even when we cannot immediately see results.

Sometimes “**morning**” may not mean that every problem disappears overnight. Instead, it can mean **receiving new strength, peace** in the middle of stress, supportive people around us, or the courage to take the next step. **God often restores us little by little.**

If your heart feels heavy today, do not lose hope. Crying and struggles are part of life, but they are not the final chapter. **Hold on to God through the night, trusting that His light will shine again.**

Lord, help me trust You during difficult seasons. Give me strength for today and hope for tomorrow. Amen.

16 June 2026

Trusting God's Word In My Life

Have there been moments in your life when you questioned whether God's Word is truly real and trustworthy?

Perhaps you heard a sermon or discovered for yourself the archaeological evidence, historical records, preserved manuscripts, and fulfilled prophecies that affirm the truth of Scripture. We are truly blessed to live in a time where there is abundant evidence that strengthens our faith, reminding us that **Christianity** is not based on blind belief, **but on truth that is both spiritually and historically grounded.**

Yet, despite ***knowing*** all this, the **heart can remain restless.** The mind may still feel troubled, and the memory of our sins may continue to weigh heavily upon us. Somehow, it can feel as though God's promises are true for everyone else but not for us personally.

And in our weakness, we sometimes misinterpret His Word, choose to believe only the parts we like, rather than what the Scripture is truly saying or silence our conscience through unbelief for our own reasons. But God declares in the **Book of Isaiah 55:11: "So is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."**

God's Word has proven itself true through **history**, **prophecy**, and its deep understanding of the human heart. Because of this, we can trust that His promises are faithful and certain. But merely ***knowing*** the truth is not enough; it must also be experienced personally. ***God invites each one of us to encounter His goodness firsthand.*** As it says in the **Book of Psalms 34:8: "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!"**

Faith grows deeper not only by hearing about God, but by walking with Him, trusting Him, and experiencing His faithfulness in our own lives.

17 June 2026

Grace to Serve: Different Gifts, One Purpose

In Epistle to the Romans 12:3–8, Paul teaches us an important truth: God does not **expect** all of us to be the **same**, nor does He require us to be **perfect** or **multitalented** in order to serve Him faithfully. **Paul writes: "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us." (Romans 12:6)**

Many times, elders in church, family members, or people in fellowship may expect us to serve exactly as they do, believing that their way is the only right way. But is that necessarily true? **Not always**. Jesus is not asking us to become perfect before serving Him. Rather, **He calls us to faithfully** use whatever gifts and abilities He has graciously given us. Paul continues by explaining that if someone's gift is prophecy, let them prophesy; if it is serving, let them serve; if it is teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, or showing mercy, let them do so wholeheartedly. **Each calling matters in the Kingdom of God.**

Humbling ourselves before God and before others, not taking pride in our abilities, but remaining willing to learn and grow, **is itself a form of ministry.** God calls each of us to serve Him wherever we are and with whatever He has entrusted to us. At the same time, this does not mean we should limit ourselves. When **God gives** us **opportunities**, **strength**, and **guidance** through His Spirit, we should be willing to do more for His Kingdom with obedience and joy.

A beautiful illustration of this is found in the parable of the workers in the vineyard in the **Gospel of Matthew 20:1–16.** Some workers laboured longer than others, yet the master rewarded them according to his generosity. When others questioned this, the master replied: **"Are you envious because I am generous?" (Matthew 20:15).** This reminds us not to compare our service with others or judge who has done "**more**" or "**less**" for God. Grace is not earned by comparison; **it is given freely by God.**

So let us ask ourselves: ***Where am I standing spiritually? Have I received God's grace? How am I using the gifts He has given me? Am I bringing glory to God through my life? Am I expecting perfection from myself and others? Or am I humbling myself daily and allowing Jesus to lead my life?***

God is not looking for flawless people. He is looking for willing hearts that are surrendered to Him.

18 June 2026

A True Reflection Of Christ

In Acts of the Apostles 7:59, as **Stephen** was being stoned to death, he cried out:

“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

Then, in the very next verse, he prayed:

“Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”

These words closely reflect the teachings and final prayers of Jesus Christ Himself.

While hanging on the cross, Jesus prayed:

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” - Luke 23:34

And later He said:

“Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.” - Luke 23:46

Even in his final moments, Stephen chose to pray for others, especially for those who were persecuting and killing him. This was a **selfless act of love, reflecting a heart that desired not revenge,** but the restoration of souls and the salvation of those who stood against him.

Stephen beautifully reflected the life and teachings of Jesus, proving himself to be a **true follower of Christ.** Just as Jesus called upon the Father during His suffering, Stephen called upon Jesus, understanding the deeper purpose of Christ’s coming into the world: t**o bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and access to the Father.**

Stephen’s life reminds us that **true discipleship is not merely hearing the words of Jesus** but living them out even in suffering. A true follower of Christ reflects **His love, forgiveness, humility, and surrender,** even in the hardest moments of life.

Open Door

(Written after attending VBS 2026 as a Director in a school in Vellore)

A girl gave me a flower. She must have worked on it for hours, I'm sure.
Another drew something for me,
and I'm still scratching my head because I didn't quite understand it.

Yet another stuck to me like glue,
and now I seem to miss them the most. The two who became my favourite children keep crossing my mind so often.

What is the point of this?
To walk into lives for just ten days,
sing and play and teach them about God, then walk away feeling like I've hit a wall.

Such work carries heartache—
I'm surprised to truly realise this.
Every name I recall brings a smiling face. **Jesus, thank You for this open door.**

One child gave me her middle name.
Her eyes sparkled every time I used it.
One child wanted me to upload their song on YouTube so they could listen to it later.

Another was such a gentle angel,
offering to share when no one else did. Even the one they called "**difficult**" cried when it was all over and she had to go home.

What is the point of this? To walk into lives for just ten days, sing and play and teach them about God, then walk away feeling like I've hit a wall.

Such work carries heartache— I'm surprised to truly realise this. Every name I recall brings a smiling face. Jesus, thank You for this open door.

Let's not forget the parents who hosted us so warmly, the ones who shared wonderful feedback about the things their children learned here.

Or the teachers we were blessed with —flowers, brownies, and meaningful friendships. The directors we broke bread with, A true-found family for just ten days.

I think I finally see the point in this: To walk into lives for just ten days. We sang, played, and taught them about God, and now my heart feels like it has hit a wall, not knowing if I'll ever see them again.

Such is the nature of these journeys.
Every memory now carries a quiet joy wrapped in solitude.

Jesus, thank You for this open door.

Growing Together With God

During a camp exercise, fathers were asked to guide their blindfolded daughters through the woods using three instructions: **"I will never leave you, you can ask me anything, and you should only listen to the sound of my voice."**

At first, the father guided his daughter with his hand on her shoulder, but later, he could only guide her through his voice. Eventually, he was instructed to remain silent unless she asked for help. Feeling lost, the daughter was deceived by a counsellor who led her away from the path and into a ditch.

After standing confused and alone for a while, she finally remembered the instructions and called out, **"Dad, are you there?"** Her father immediately responded and guided her back safely.

The experience reminded him of **God's faithfulness that God never leaves His children,** welcomes them to ask Him anything, and calls them to trust only His voice for guidance and strength.

This beautiful story made me realise my initial days of faith journey and how I am now, understanding and growing with God. That I can trust in His instructions, **He will never leave me, He listens to whatever I have to say, and I should listen and obey to the sound of His voice.** I hope it was the same for you, too.

And this beautifully applies to our own lives, as we grow. We grow in age, friendships, relationships, career, and so much more. As we grow, let's remember **His instructions** that always remain constant, with Him being our Good Shepherd, leading us in green pastures and beside quiet waters.

"He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters."- Psalm 23:2

God Rewrites Stories

(Esther 2:7)

Esther's story did not begin in a palace. It began with loss. She was an orphan, a young Jewish girl living in exile, far from home, carrying pain she never chose. **Her beginning looked ordinary, broken, and unnoticed.** Yet God was already writing a greater story.

What seemed like **weakness** became **preparation.** What looked like a **limitation** became **positioning**. Esther could not see it then, but God was guiding every step toward purpose.

Many people today feel defined by where they started. Broken homes. Past mistakes. Rejection. Financial struggles. Painful experiences. The world often labels **people by their beginnings.** But God does not. **He sees beyond your present situation.** He sees potential where others see limitation.

Esther's past did not disqualify her; it became part of the testimony God would use. An **orphan** became a **queen**. A **forgotten girl** became a **deliverer**. That is the power of God's grace. Your current season is not the final chapter.

God specialises in rewriting stories people think are hopeless. **He can turn pain into purpose, rejection into direction, and weakness into strength.** Never let your beginning convince you that your future has no value. With God, broken beginnings can still lead to powerful destinies.

Prayer: Lord, thank You that my past does not define my future. Help me trust that You are working even in difficult seasons. Rewrite my story for Your glory and lead me into the purpose You have prepared for me. Amen.

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Ready To Receive

Waiting does not mean you will never receive what you prayed for. Sometimes, delays are God's way of preparing something far greater than what you expected.

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us." - Ephesians 3:20

When God tells you to **wait**, trust Him and **wait** patiently. There is a reason behind everything He does in your life. If something is **delayed**, there is also a purpose behind that delay.

God reminded me of this verse:

"We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it." - Genesis 37:7

This was the dream seen by **Joseph**, the son of Jacob. One day, Joseph was raised to a position of great honour and authority.

During seasons of waiting, many things may try to confuse you. Certain situations may **tempt you to walk away from the faith** you have in Him. But **never lose your faith in God.** Continue to trust Him completely, believing that **He has prepared something beautiful and greater for your life.**

Wait at His feet, pray faithfully, and receive His promises in His perfect timing. Amen.

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The Power Of Character

(Esther 2:15)

When people think about Esther, they often think about beauty. Scripture itself says she was lovely in appearance. **But beauty alone did not make her queen.** Many women in the palace were beautiful. What made **Esther different was her spirit**. She carried humility in a place filled with competition.

She listened instead of demanding attention. **She gained favour because of wisdom, grace, and character.** Esther understood something this generation often forgets: outward appearance may attract attention, but **inner character sustains influence.**

Today's world places enormous pressure on appearance. Social media teaches people to carefully manage image, filters, and validation. Many spend more time building a profile than building character. But beauty fades. **Character remains.**

God is not only interested in how you look outwardly, but in who you are **inwardly**. A beautiful appearance may open doors temporarily, **but integrity, humility, wisdom, and purity are what keep those doors open.**

"Esther's greatest strength was not her crown. It was her heart."

In a culture obsessed with outward perfection, **God still honours inward beauty.** A heart surrendered to Him shines brighter than external appearance ever could. Character is what you become when nobody is watching. And that is what truly shapes your destiny.

Prayer: Lord, help me focus more on developing character than chasing approval. Build in me humility, wisdom, purity, and integrity. Let my life reflect beauty that comes from a heart surrendered to You.

Seen By God In The Wilderness

There was a time when I silently questioned why God brought me to Christian Medical College Vellore. The place I once prayed for became the place where I felt the most broken. I entered B.Sc. MLT carrying dreams, hope, and prayers in my heart. But my journey began with **rejection**, **loneliness**, **failures**, and **silent battles** that no one knew about. I struggled with **English**, **studies**, and **confidence**. I **failed** in subjects. I was **ignored**, **underestimated**, and made to **feel small** because of my background.

Sometimes, I felt invisible in crowded rooms. Sometimes, I cried without anyone noticing. Sometimes, I wanted to give up completely. I even felt ashamed to say that my parents never pursued degrees. Deep inside, **I carried insecurities and wounds I could never explain to people.** But while the world failed to notice me, **God never took His eyes off me.**

In every silent breakdown, He stayed. When my heart was restless, He reminded me: **"Be still, and know that I am God." - Psalm 46:10.** And when I felt abandoned, His promise held me together: **"I will never leave you nor forsake you." - Joshua 1:5**

Just as God saw Hagar in the wilderness, He saw me too.

The same girl who once failed subjects was later **able to score the first mark in the hardest subject in the class,** not because of her own strength, but **because of God's grace.** The same girl who once questioned whether she belonged there completed two years with good marks and now **continues her third year by His faithfulness alone.** And then **God did something I never imagined.**

The girl who once sat unnoticed became **the General Secretary.** The same places where I was once rejected became the places where **God lifted my head high. Psalm 23** became my reality: **"You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."** Today, when people see me, they may see a position. But I see a God who never abandoned me in my wilderness. This is not my achievement. **This is grace.**

This is the story of a **God who took an unseen girl,** held her by her right hand, and **reminded her that she was never alone.**

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Lessons From Little Creatures In The Bible -1

Does nature have something to tell us about God? Have you ever thought about it?

While reading **Proverbs 30,** God spoke to me through these little creatures. It amazed me that even the smallest beings can teach us profound wisdom.

"There are four things which are little on the earth, but they are exceedingly wise…" - Proverbs 30:24

1. Ants: Wisdom in Preparation

- Ants may annoy us sometimes, but the **Bible calls them wise.** Though tiny, they think ahead and diligently prepare for their future needs.
- Many times, we compare ourselves with others, believing that wisdom means being strong or possessing many abilities.

But ants teach us this truth:

- Wisdom is not merely strength; it is **preparation**.
- To face tomorrow, it does not matter if you seem small in the eyes of the world. God's wisdom equips us to prepare for every battle ahead.

2. Rock Badgers: Strength in the Right Foundation

"The rock badgers are a feeble folk, yet they make their homes in the crags." - Proverbs 30:26

- Rock badgers are weak creatures, yet they survive because they build their homes on strong foundations.

The world may define us by our weaknesses, failures, or limitations. But when **God becomes our Rock,** we are secure and safe in His arms. As David says in the Psalms, **He is the One who sustains us.**

Weakness does not destroy us **when our foundation is strong.**

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Lessons From Little Creatures In The Bible -2

“The locusts have no king, yet they all advance in ranks.” - Proverbs 30:27

The next fascinating creature is the **locust.** Some of us may even be afraid of them, yet the Bible points to them as an **example of wisdom.**

Locusts have no visible ruler directing them, **yet they move** with astonishing coordination and unity. Even without a king, they **work together** with purpose.

Sometimes we tend to carry everything on our own, thinking we must handle every battle by ourselves. **But God often blesses us with people who encourage our growth, guide us spiritually, and genuinely rejoice in our victories.** Their support strengthens us and pushes us to run harder for Him.

As the Bible says, **“Two are better than one.”**

There is wisdom in unity, fellowship, and walking alongside godly people.

“The spider skillfully grasps with its hands, and it is in kings’ palaces.”
- Proverbs 30:28

The **spider** is tiny and easily brushed away, yet somehow it reaches places of greatness, even kings’ palaces.

From the spider, we learn the **importance of focus, diligence, and skillfulness** in what God has called us to do. Remaining faithful in the roles God has entrusted to us can take us to places we never imagined.

As the Bible reminds us, **“Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.”**

God teaches us through every part of His creation. Sometimes the greatest lessons about wisdom, humility, faithfulness, and perseverance are hidden in the smallest things we overlook.

Faith That Resists The Enemy

Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."

We have listened to many sermons related to faith, yet during times of trials, many of us struggle to hold on to our faith and often fall short.

The Bible says in **1 Timothy 4:1, "Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons."**

Let us take a moment to examine ourselves. Are we being deceived, or are we unknowingly following false doctrine?

We see that Jesus Himself was tempted by the devil in the wilderness **(Matthew 4:1).** Jesus overcame those temptations because **He knew the Word of God, His calling, His purpose, and the Creator.** These are the foundations of faith. Because of this, **Matthew 4:11** says, **"Then the devil left Him, and angels came and attended Him."**

Let us take this moment to self-analyse whose words we are listening to and whether we are strong in our relationship with God. If we are not rooted in Him, Satan will try to deceive us. Jesus spoke against Satan with the authority and truth of the Word of God. Can we do the same? The answer is **yes.**

But for that, we must know the **Word of God, and to know the Word, we must spend time with it.** This will help us discern what is truly from God. So let us have faith and show it in the way Jesus did during trials, so that Satan will flee from us.

As the Bible says, **"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."** To resist him, we must remain in the presence of the Lord. Then we will grow more in faith, and through that faith, we will become more than conquerors.

Two-Way Conversation

Let us consider how we communicate with a good friend. We do not keep talking without allowing them to respond. In every healthy relationship, both people speak and listen. Similarly, **prayer is a two-way conversation.** It is not only about telling God our needs, desires, and situations. Rather, it is a sacred conversation where **God also speaks back to us.** As it is often said, **"When you pray, God listens; when you listen, God speaks;** and **when you believe, God works."** Can you believe that Jesus can talk back to you when you speak to Him through prayer? The Creator of the universe desires to communicate with His creation, and we can hear and perceive His voice.

In **Job 23:5,** Job says, **"I would find out what He would answer me, and consider what He would say to me."** Even during his time of suffering, Job believed that God would answer him, showing us that God does speak when we listen. In **Revelation 3:20,** Jesus Christ says, **"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."** And in **John 10:27**, He says, **"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."**

These scriptures remind us that **God speaks**, and **His children can hear Him.** Many believe the myth that God only speaks to prophets, pastors, or those in ministry. But they are human just like us. If they can hear God's voice, then surely we can too. The key is to silence the noise in our hearts, make space for Him, and ask Him to speak. **He is our loving Father and desires to communicate with His children.** Throughout the Bible, we see many men and women of God receiving His guidance, direction, and wisdom to live purposeful lives as His children.

Moses was called a **friend of God** because of the **close relationship and intimate conversations they shared.** The prophets, apostles, and disciples **heard God's voice and followed His direction faithfully.** If they could hear God speak, how much more can we, as **His children, hear from Him today?** So, I encourage every reader: after every prayer, take time to pause and listen for what **God wants to say to you.** Truly, He will respond.

Let us make our prayers a genuine two-way conversation. May God enable us to hear His voice clearly and walk closely with Him each day.

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What does God Truly

As Jesus hung on the cross, one of the criminals beside Him experienced a remarkable change of heart. He confessed his own wrongdoing and said, **"But this Man has done nothing wrong."** What caused him to recognise the innocence of Jesus in that moment? How could a dying criminal suddenly understand who Christ truly was? It was the work of the Holy Spirit bringing conviction, repentance, and revelation. Unless the Spirit of God opens our hearts, we cannot fully understand the ways of the Lord. And Jesus responded to him with these powerful words: **"Today you will be with Me in paradise."** What amazing grace! The thief had no chance to prove himself through rituals or good works, yet Jesus saw his repentant heart, faith, and sincerity.

This reminds us that God sees beyond outward appearances. Humans often focus on outward behaviour, rituals, and religious identity, but **Christ looks at the heart.** Sometimes we focus so much on the outward form of Christianity that we forget Jesus came to bring **salvation, forgiveness, and reconciliation with God.** Baptism, obedience, and holy living are important expressions of faith, but salvation is not earned through rituals alone. It is received through **repentance**, **faith**, and the **grace** of Christ. A person may ask: ***If deeds alone determine salvation, how did the thief on the cross enter paradise?*** That question humbles us. It reminds us that salvation is ultimately the work of God's grace, not human pride or comparison. At the same time, genuine faith transforms how we live.

Baptism is not merely a **"ticket to heaven,"** but the beginning of a life surrendered to Christ. The Christian life is not about outward performance alone, but about **daily walking with God in sincerity and obedience.** We should also be careful before spiritually confronting or judging others. In the Gospel of **Luke 21:14–15,** Jesus says: "**Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict."** God reminds us that it is not merely human effort or intellectual ability that defends truth. He Himself gives wisdom, discernment, and words to those who seek Him sincerely.

Ultimately, what God desires is not empty religion, but **hearts that truly turn toward Him** in **repentance**, **humility**, **faith**, and **love**.

Setting Boundaries: Learning From Jesus

I came across a quote by **Anna Taylor** that made me pause and reflect for a moment: **"Love yourself enough to set boundaries. Your time and energy are precious, and you get to decide how you use them. You teach people how to treat you by deciding what you will and will not accept."** This quote makes a lot of sense.

We cannot always be overly accommodating, because that is often how people take advantage of us. Sometimes, we need to **set boundaries.** Without boundaries, we tend to carry burdens that belong to others, overextend ourselves, and eventually become emotionally and physically exhausted.

Now, let us look at how **Jesus**, while living on earth as a man, demonstrated the importance of setting boundaries during His ministry. In **Luke 5:16,** it says: **"So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed."** This shows that Jesus intentionally set boundaries, even with those around Him, including His disciples, so **He could spend time alone with God.**

In **Mark 6:31, Jesus said: "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."** This reveals how much **Jesus valued physical rest and self-care,** even while serving and healing others.

He understood the importance of stepping away from the crowd **to restore His body and mind.** If Jesus saw the need to set boundaries, how much more do we need them? In **John 6:15**, we read: **"Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to a mountain by Himself alone."**

Setting Boundaries: Learning From Jesus

Jesus never allowed others to control His life or define His purpose. He was guided by the **will of His Father in heaven.** Despite pressure, expectations, and persecution, He remained faithful to the truth and to the Word of God.

In **Matthew 10:14,** Jesus said: **"And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet."** This teaches us that it is acceptable to walk away when people reject us or refuse to receive what we have to offer.

Other scriptures also show Jesus setting boundaries when people around Him did not accept Him: **Matthew 12:15 "Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there." John 11:54 "Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews." Luke 4:30 "But passing through their midst, He went away."** These verses remind us that even **Jesus stepped away when necessary.**

If Jesus, while living as a man on earth, set healthy boundaries to protect His mental, emotional, and physical well-being, then **He has set an example for us to follow in our own lives.** Let us learn to set boundaries on what we say and what we do not say, where we go and where we choose not to go, and what we should and should not do.

May the Lord Almighty help us to establish healthy boundaries and lead lives that are balanced, peaceful, and spiritually healthy.

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