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shall
renew their

STRENGTH

they shall
mount up with wings as eagles

-Isaiah 40:31 (KJV)



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EDITORIAL


His Strength in Our Weakness

Another Easter has just gone by, and we are left absolutely astounded by the awesome plan that God had from the beginning to save mankind. The last few days have been a roller coaster of emotions as we remember Jesus's suffering and shame on Maundy Thursday and His painful crucifixion on Friday. I reflected on the events of Maundy Thursday, where we see Jesus spat upon, stripped and flogged, mocked with a crown of thorns and a purple robe, blindfolded, and struck on his face, and asked to prophecy who hit him. He had his beard pulled and torn, and I shudder to think that He bore all this for me. The perfect Lamb was a wilful sacrifice for me and my kith and kin. He who knew no sin became sin for me, you, and all mankind. As if this were not enough, His agony on the cross was palpable when He cried out in a loud voice, "Father, why have You forsaken Me?" a journey wherein the Father turns His face from His SON. A journey where He took it on our behalf to pay the price in full for all our iniquities.

Our Jesus's love for His creation is unparalleled in all time. He intercedes from the Cross for the Father to forgive us, for we know not what we do. Dearly beloved, it is we who drove the nails in His hands and legs; it is we through ignorance or knowingly sin time and time again. Let us take stock of our lives and review our shortfalls - "For we all have fallen short of the glory of God." By His death, He paid our price, and by conquering death in His resurrection, He provided us with life eternal with HIM. What an awesome God we have! Peter writes about these things, which even the angels longed for and desired to look into!

There were many people who stood around the cross. One of them was His mother. We see His Care for His Mother from the Cross when He said to His mother - woman behold your son! He then addressed His beloved disciple and told him behold your mother. It is written that from that point on, the disciple took Mary to his home. Another who stood was a centurion who saw all that took place and concluded surely this is the Son of God!!

My focus today is especially on the thief who was crucified alongside Him. He was the only one who asked Jesus to remember him when Jesus came into His kingdom. He recognised that he was a sinner and that Jesus was the Way, the Truth, and The Life, and that no one can come to the Father except through the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord Jesus replies that the thief will be in paradise with Jesus today.

A silhouette photograph of three crosses on a hill against a sunset sky. The crosses are of varying heights and are positioned in a line. The sky is a warm orange-red color, and the silhouettes of the crosses and the figures around them are dark against the bright background.

This same God will soon come again—not as a Lamb or a Shepherd but as a King and Judge. He has given each of us a purpose and a revelation of His will for us to fulfil. We are all part of His Body the church, and we are called to work together for His Glory and the extension of His kingdom. My prayer is that we are good stewards of what He has blessed us with and use the gifts we have wisely.

This Lighthouse edition has several enlightening and thought-provoking articles and puzzles that I believe will surely rejuvenate you, refresh you, and increase your faith as you abide in Him and walk in obedience to His good pleasure in your lives. I pray that you will be blessed as you navigate your way through the Lighthouse and remember the price He paid for us—HE GAVE HIS ALL TO SAVE US.

-Mr. Dev Daniel
Editor-in-Chief

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With **God's strength**, you are **unstoppable**.

In moments of **weakness**, lean on **God's unwavering strength**.

Trust in God's strength to **guide** you through **challenges**.

You are **capable** and **empowered** by **God's strength** within you.

God's strength within you is greater than any fear or doubt.

God's strength fuels your faith.

God's strength is your anchor.

THE GONDS

The Gonds, India's second largest tribe, reside in Gondwana, Jharkhand, and are classified as a Scheduled Tribe in various states. Divided into four tribes, they maintain their identity despite facing various challenges over the years. Gond culture is renowned for their traditional knowledge of agriculture, herbal medicine, and crafts, with art and traditional instruments playing a significant role. They have strong family ties and traditional governance through village councils. Gonds primarily rely on agriculture for their revenue.

The Gond people's religion is primarily animistic, focusing on worshipping animals, nature, ancestral veneration, and spirits. Christianity made inroads through the gospel brought by missionaries and interactions with Indian Christians. Some Gond communities adopt Christianity while maintaining their culture, while others adhere to traditional animistic beliefs.



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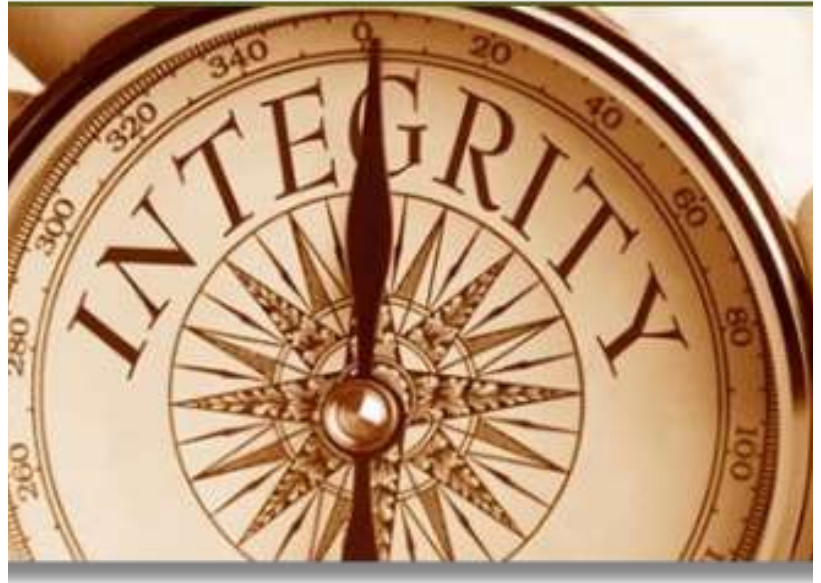
A Higher Standard



“Ye have heard that it hath been said...But I say unto you...”

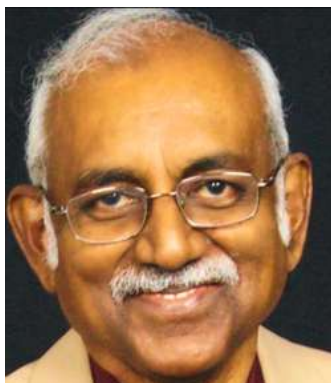
-Matt. 5:38-42, KJV

When he was 6, he saw his father bribe a cop who caught him speeding. His dad explained, that’s what everyone did. At 15, he was on the school football team, and the coach showed him how to grab his opponent’s shirt so the official wouldn’t see. In his first job at the supermarket, he was told how to pack overripe tomatoes at the bottom and good ones on top. Each time, he was assured that it was okay as everyone did it. At 19, he was offered test answers, which he bought and used. But he was caught and sent home in disgrace. His family was shocked. No one likes a kid who cheats!



One time during my 25-year stint at TCS, I became concerned that my team leaders were being tempted to lie to avoid unpleasant customer reactions. So, I started a series of emails to everyone in my group. In each email, I described an actual unpleasant situation where the person could escape with a falsehood. I asked everyone to write down the best way to handle it. A week later, I would explain the potential consequences of the ‘easy way out’, while decisions with integrity made business sense and stood the test of time. During the ISO 9000 certification for my group, the German auditor was impressed by my team’s quality practices that went way beyond what was specified. So, he certified, ‘Has world-class quality practices.

Jesus tells us, “I know everyone does it. But I believe you can rise above to a higher standard—my standard.” His standard is detailed in His Word. I believe the Bible is the best management book ever written. It tells us of leaders, like Joseph, David, Daniel, etc., who faced situations like we do today and made decisions with integrity and courage.



As a leader, you need to passionately believe in high ethical standards. You must articulate this to your team, both in word and deed. You may wonder whether you look like an idealistic simpleton. But everyone around you is observing you closely and learning. You may not hear when others say of you, “It’s not okay; he or she will never do it.” But God will hear and applaud.

Father, help me to lead my team as you would. Amen!

-Mr. Federick Mony

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E-Magazine Knowledge Challenge

This quiz tests your understanding of the latest insights and information from February 2024 issue. Try it out!

- 1) Where is Tel Hazor located? _____
- 2) _____ forms the essential foundation, and personality should be firmly rooted in it.
- 3) Do your best and let _____ do the rest.
- 4) Do you know the Bible context in which the incident of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were protected by God inside a burning furnace? _____
- 5) As mentioned in the article “Beyond the Hearts Reach”, conditional love is based on _____, _____ and _____.
- 6) In the article “Serving God in Faithfulness,” God uses _____ and _____ people to build his kingdom and to demonstrate the surpassing power of Jesus Christ!
- 7) In 1 Samuel 17:4, the height of Goliath is mentioned as six cubits and a span. What is the height of Goliath in feet and inches? _____
- 8) Hazor is mentioned several times in the Bible including in the books of _____ and _____.
- 9) The promise verse given in the February 2024 issue is _____
- 10) **Complete the Bible Verse:**
When you pass through the _____, I will be with you; and through the _____, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the _____, you shall not be burned, and the _____ shall not _____ you. – Isaiah 43:2

Answers in Pg. 25



BIBLE ANAGRAMS



Exercise your problem-solving and wordplay skills!

Identify Each Bible Book

- Money due to ‘R’
- I select cases
- O, I had B A
- Hurt
- Metal nations

Identify Each Biblical Word

- Aeemnssttt
- Eimoprss
- Bkoos
- Aeehn v
- Cdeilpss



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HOW TO STAY *STRONG*

WHEN WEARY AND WEAK



-Mrs. Shalini Manohar

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU NEED?

You must have heard the above question many times, especially at restaurants. After you place your order, the food is served, and before you ask for the bill, the waiter will ask, "Is there anything else you'd like to have?" Have you ever been tempted to say, "Yes, a little peace, a little strength, a little grace, a little patience, a little quiet, and so on...?"

IMAGINE IF GOD WERE TO ASK THE SAME QUESTION. WHAT WOULD BE YOUR RESPONSE?

"What do you want God to do for you?" is one of the profound questions that Jesus asked. We read in Mark 10 from 35 to 52. Jesus asked this question twice in a span of 15 verses. He first asks this question to his disciples James and John in 10:36, and they respond by asking for power and glory. He later asks this question to a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, who asks Jesus for his sight.

In both cases, Jesus responds with compassion. Yet while He grants the gift of sight to Bartimeaus, He challenges the requests of James and John. This encourages us to get in touch with Jesus for all the deep and desperate desires of our hearts and to mention them honestly before him.

27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God?

28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:27-31

HOW ABOUT ASKING FOR STRENGTH WHEN WEARY AND WEAK?

Let's read Isaiah 40:27-31.

Isaiah claims that those who trust or hope in the Lord will "*soar on wings like eagles*" (Isa. 40:31).

REMEMBER, "ASKING" FOLLOWS HOPE OR TRUST.

Unless we trust or have hope in a person, we will never ask.

Have you watched the majestic eagle with its superb aerial skills, which stands as a symbol of strength and courage?



There are many articles that talk about the uniqueness of the process of the eagle's restoration of strength. An eagle's wingspan can reach up to eight feet. Though it weighs 10-14 pounds or 6 kg, an eagle can average up to 30 miles or 50 kilometres per hour in flight. Eagles get stronger with age, while humans get weaker with age. This is because the eagles have a restoration or renewal process in their mid-40s. The eagle goes through a painful process for 5 months as part of this restoration. The process requires that the eagle fly to a mountaintop and sit on its nest. There, the eagle knocks its beak against a rock until it plucks it out. The eagle will wait for a new beak to grow back, and then it will pluck out its talons. The eagle will then wait for new feathers to grow, and once they grow, the eagle recommences its famous flight and lives for 30 more years. The eagle regains its strength, lives longer, and soars higher.

At the age of 71, George Mueller embarked on a 17-year missionary journey. He visited over 40 countries and travelled over 200,000 miles. All this happened when he waited on the Lord and entered a new phase with renewed strength.

**THE LORD IS ASKING,
"IS THERE ANYTHING
YOU NEED?" TELL HIM,
"LORD, I NEED YOUR
STRENGTH AND YOUR
PRESENCE,"**

and then embark on a new journey with His renewed strength. What a reassuring promise! ***"They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."***

**THIS TEACHES US
THE IMPORTANT
SPIRITUAL
DISCIPLINE OF
SOLITUDE,
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GOLGOTHA

THE BALD MOUNTAIN



The Bald Mountain

Bald Mountain is also referred to as Golgotha in Armenian, which means "Place of the Skull." The Hebrew term גולגולת (gulgôlet) means skull. In Kiev, Bulgakov's native town, there is a Bald Mountain too. It is told that witches gathered there to affirm Satan's rule over the world. Another term for Golgotha is Calvary. The Bible states that the killings took place outside of Jerusalem, although no specific site is given. It is the biblical place linked with Jesus' crucifixion.

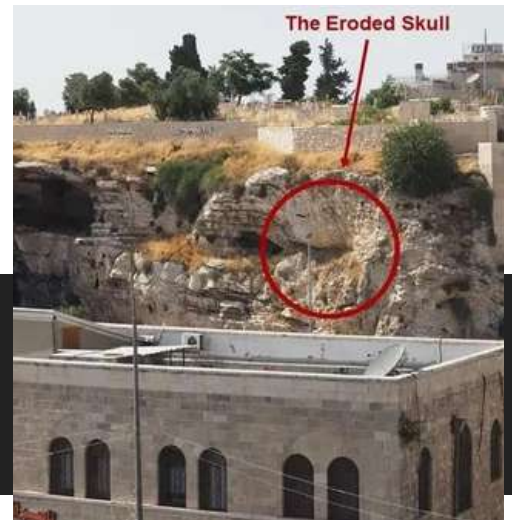
While its precise location has been a topic of debate among historians and archaeologists, there are several historical facts and understandings regarding Golgotha.

Meaning of Golgotha

The name "Golgotha" is derived from Aramaic and Greek words meaning "Place of the Skull." This name is mentioned in the New Testament Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and John.



Source: MasterandMargarita



Source: Revealedtruth

Biblical References

The crucifixion of Jesus at Golgotha is described in the Gospels, particularly in Matthew 27:33-56, Mark 15:22-41, Luke 23:33-49, and John 19:17-37. These accounts provide details of Jesus' journey to Golgotha, the crucifixion itself, and the events surrounding his death.

Early Christian Tradition

The identification of Golgotha as the site of Jesus' crucifixion dates back to early Christian tradition. Accounts from the 4th century, including those of Eusebius of Caesarea and the anonymous Pilgrim of Bordeaux, mention Golgotha as a prominent place of pilgrimage in Jerusalem.

Location

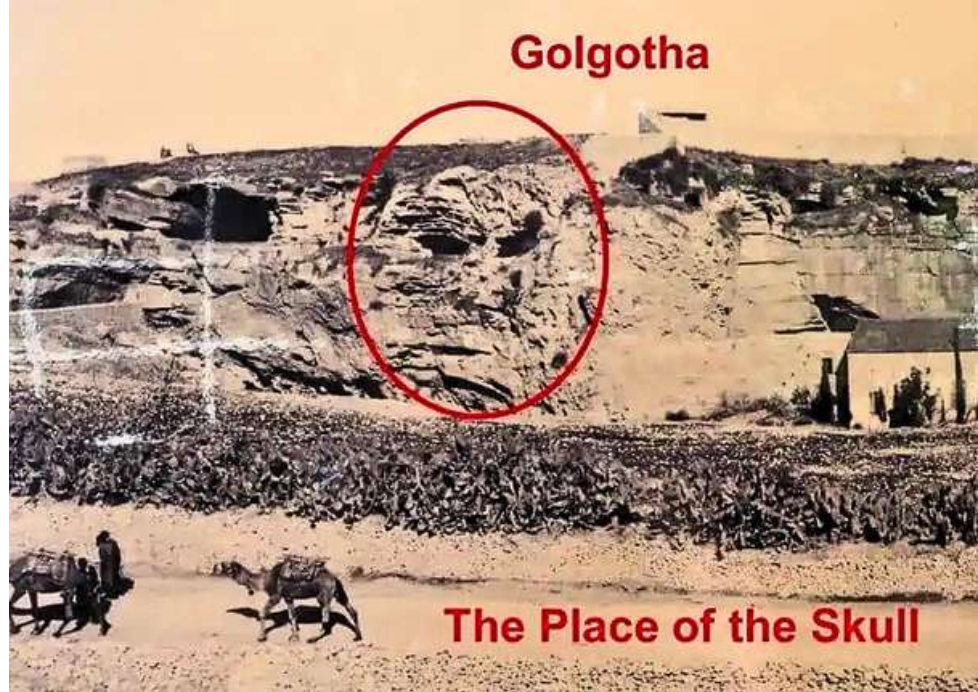
While the exact location of Golgotha remains unknown, historical tales and archaeological discoveries have supplied some clues. Golgotha is traditionally thought to have been positioned outside Jerusalem's walls, near a major route, as a public demonstration of Roman authority and punishment.

Roman Crucifixion Practices

Crucifixion was a common form of execution used by the Romans for criminals and enemies of the state. It was intended to be a public and humiliating spectacle, serving as a deterrent to potential dissenters. The choice of Golgotha as a crucifixion site would have been strategic, ensuring maximum exposure to passersby and travelers.

Church of the Holy Sepulchre

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, located in the Old City of Jerusalem, is the traditional site identified as Golgotha. This site has been venerated by Christians since the 4th century AD and is considered one of the most important pilgrimage destinations in Christianity.



Source: Revealedtruth

Archaeological Evidence

Archaeological excavations conducted around the Church of the Holy Sepulchre have uncovered ancient tombs and structures dating back to the Roman period. While the evidence is inconclusive, some researchers believe that the location aligns with historical accounts of Golgotha.

Symbolic Significance

Regardless of its precise location, Golgotha holds profound symbolic significance for Christians worldwide. It is recognised as the location where Jesus willingly sacrificed himself for the salvation of humanity, illustrating the depth of God's love and the promise of redemption through his death and resurrection.

Historical Preservation

Despite centuries of conflict, destruction, and reconstruction in Jerusalem, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre has remained a symbol of continuity and reverence for Golgotha's historical significance. The site has undergone numerous renovations and restorations over the centuries to preserve its authenticity and maintain its status as a place of worship and pilgrimage.

The Chapel of Golgotha is located to the right of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. A flight of steep, narrow stone stairs goes up 4.5 metres to the summit of the "hill" of Calvary, where Christ was crucified.

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This photograph was taken in 1900. The site was first identified in 1849.

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His Grace is Sufficient



- Mrs. Sneha Jayachandran

The word weakness is very common nowadays, so many doors and apps are open to overcome our weakness, e.g., hospitals, counselling centres, community centres, unions, prayer fellowships, etc. We can't say that we are all strong in all areas of life; in some way, we need strength in our weaknesses. God is the only source of strength in our weakness.

- Moses says, "God is my strength" (Ex. 15:2).
- Nehemiah says, "The Lord is your strength" (Neh. 8:10).
- David says, "God is our refuge and strength" (Ps. 46:1-3).
- Isaiah says, "He gives strength to the weary" (Isa. 40:29).
- Paul says, "I can do all things, for Christ gives strength." (Phil. 4:13).

9 And he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

- 2 Cor. 12:9, 10

We have seen many Godly men confessing that God's strength is enough in their weakness. It's a big market globally (others are making money in our weakness), but that is not permanent, and the remedy is not sure. Very soon, people will flee away. The only remedy is the redeemer.

Let's look at some of God's men who found strength in God in their weaknesses.

- **David (1 Sam. 17)**

David defeated Goliath the Giant; it's marvellous to our eyes. David was not a warrior, not trained army men; he is not a big or grown-up man either, but just a young shepherd boy. He is physically weak to face the giant, but the God who is in him was greater than the giant, so he got success. These young men thought he could win because of God's power, so he succeeded.

When you think God is enough in your weakness, you will be strong enough to face any goliath in life.

- **Ruth (Ruth 2)**

Ruth and her mother-in-law were struggling for a livelihood. From early morning until evening, she gleaned the field after the reapers and went back to her mother-in-law to share the food. No prosperity, no food, no income; economically, she was very weak, but she decided to believe and follow the living God without hesitation. The fruit of her decision was that the poor widow became the wife of the great landlord. Economically weak women became rich just because they accepted the trials and suffered patiently.

Even our economic state will change when we patiently walk with God.

- **Joseph (Gen. 37, 39, 42, 45)**

Here, Joseph didn't have any moral support from his early days. Badly treated by his own brothers, they sold him to a merchant; even his father was not happy about his dreams; his owner's wife misbehaved and falsely accused him; he was sent to jail unjustly; and the cupbearer forgot to keep his words. No moral support left him alone, but God was with him, and God is very pleased with him. Now his darkness has changed to light, and he got the promotion, received favour from the pharaoh, and the family has rejoined. Wow, what spectacular things happened in his life! Joseph was weak morally; no one was with him, but when the presence of God was with him, the loneliness of life changed to a lovely life. Now he is surrounded by people, power, and fame.

Dear friend, do you think you are left alone? No, never. When the power of God surrounds you, He will heal all the broken relationships and give back your people. You will become morally strong. Never lose your hope.

- **Gideon (Judges 6)**

Here we see Gideon being so fearful of Midian and hiding himself from them. He thinks he and his family are weaker sections and can't fight against the Midians, who are great in numbers, but you know what happened. God made him a mighty warrior, and he saved his people from the hands of mighty men. He had confidence in God that he'd overcome the oppression and suppression given by the Midian. Later, he became the judge of the Israelites for many years.

Trust God and His power; you will do great and mighty things.

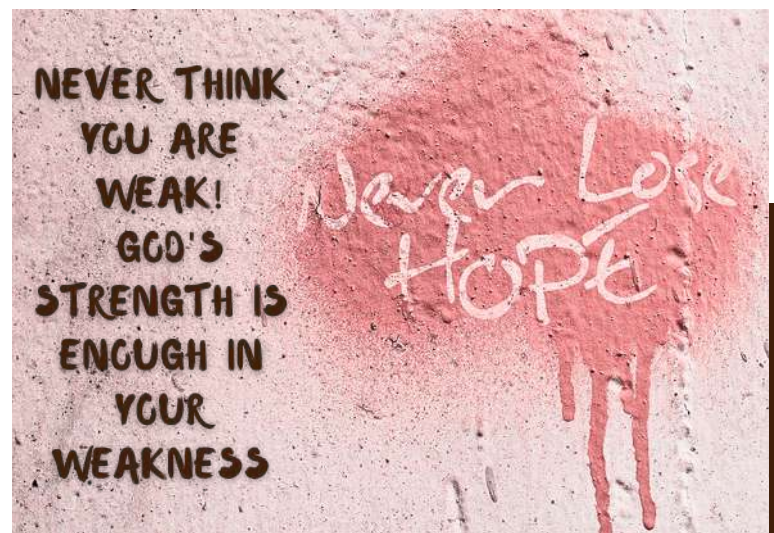
LET THE WEAK SAY, "I AM STRONG"

If we obey God and walk by His guidance, surely He'll use us to deliver people.

Dear Friends The Bible says in Joel 3:10 Let the weak say I'm strong. Yes, we, the children of God, should confess every day and every minute that we are strong, and through the strength of Jesus Christ, we can do all things. The power of God enables us to be strong in our weakness. Never think you are weak "GODS STRENGTH IS ENOUGH IN OUR WEAKNESS".

- **Esther (Esther 4)**

Here we see the gender weakness: although Esther is a queen, she still can't meet the king as she likes. She was crowned queen, but she was still inside the golden cage, with no rights or power to meet her husband. On the other side, her uncle or guardian misunderstood her accusations without understanding. She's weak, but God made her strong. God used her to deliver His people from the hand of Haman. Dear women, don't think we are weak; we're just women of a weaker gender. What can we do? Nothing. No, never underestimate yourself and think that God will not consider us or that he'll not use us. With God, there's no gender difference; that's not a problem, but obedience is what matters.



Triumph Over Chris's Weakness

Here's the story of Chris, who had a serious lifelong illness but sought God's strength and gained resilience, faith, and perseverance to overcome life's greatest challenges.

Chris, known for his caring nature, was suffering from fibromyalgia, a serious, lifelong illness.



Chris, once active and vibrant, found himself confined to his bed, unable to engage in his once-loved activities.



When his pain was unbearable, Chris turned to God for comfort and strength.



Here, Grandma! This should last you a month!



Here is some food for you, sir!



Chris, we have a new treatment plan that can give you relief from your pain and help you with your day-to-day activities.



Chris got a new treatment plan that provided relief from symptoms, allowing him to regain his life and pursue his passions once again after years of searching.

Chris's Fibromyalgia journey strengthened his faith, inspiring others to trust in God's plan and find hope in adversity.



Despite his own pain, Chris continued to give to the poor, offering support to those in need.

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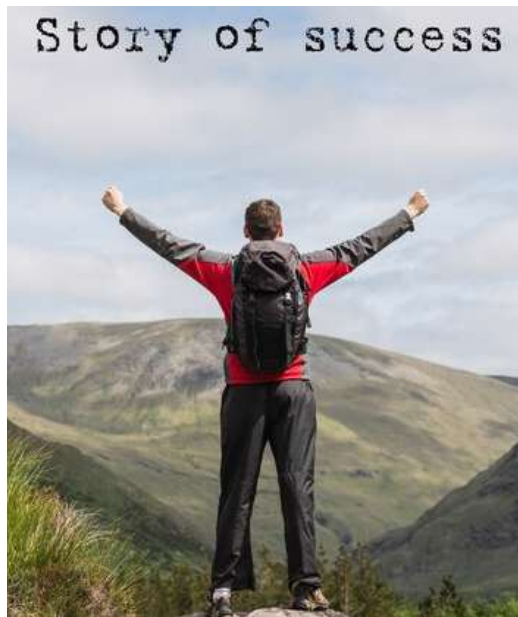
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Navigating Success As a Young Christian

-Mr. Vijay Benjamin

As young Christians, we're called to embark on a journey towards success, guided by our faith and commitment to God's word. Success isn't just about reaching a destination; it's about embracing the journey, every step of the way, knowing that each step brings us closer to our goals. But how do we navigate this journey effectively while staying true to our Christian values?

Let's explore 4 practical tips, grounded in scripture, to help us achieve success while honouring God.



PLAY TO YOUR STRENGTHS

“

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

”

God has uniquely gifted each of us with strengths and talents. While it's important to work on improving our weaknesses, it's equally important to recognize and utilize our strengths.

When we focus on what we do best, we not only honor God's design for us but also experience the joy of using our gifts to their fullest potential. These short-term successes not only motivate us to keep pushing forward but also serve as reminders of God's faithfulness and provision in our journey towards success.

BRAND YOUR POTENTIAL

“

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.

Colossians 3:23

”

As Christians, everything we do should reflect our commitment to Christ. Our actions are a testimony to our faith, and it's important to be known for our work as a child of God. Whether it's at work, home, or in social settings, let's strive to use our talents to glorify God in all that we do. When we volunteer for projects that align with our skills, offer assistance to those in need, and actively seek opportunities to grow and serve in God's name, we not only fulfill our purpose as His followers but also shine His light in the world. Let's be intentional about leaving a positive impact wherever we go, showcasing the love and grace of our Heavenly Father through our words and deeds.

CREATE THE CONTEXT FOR SUCCESS

Surround yourself with people who support and encourage your journey towards success, for no one can thrive alone. Seek out mentors who can offer guidance and wisdom, drawing from their own experiences and faith journeys. Having mentors and role models not only provides valuable insights and perspectives but also offers encouragement during times of doubt or difficulty.



SUCCESS

FAIL

FAIL

FAIL

“

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

Proverbs 13:20

”

Build relationships with like-minded individuals who share your values and goals, forming a community of support and accountability. Together, we can create an ecosystem of success rooted in faith and community, where we uplift and inspire one another to reach our fullest potential in Christ.

Having mentors and role models allows us to learn from those who have walked the path before us, gaining valuable wisdom and insight along the way. They serve as beacons of hope and encouragement, reminding us of the power of perseverance and faith in our journey towards success.

CELEBRATE SHORT-TERM SUCCESS

Every small victory is a testament to God's faithfulness and provision in our lives. Take time to acknowledge and give thanks for the progress you've made, recognizing that every step forward is a result of His grace and guidance. By acknowledging God in every detail of our success, we humble ourselves before Him and acknowledge His role as the ultimate source of our achievements.

Celebrating these successes not only fosters a positive mindset but also serves as a witness to others of God's power and presence in our lives. It invites others to join us on our journey towards greater achievements, showcasing the joy and fulfillment that come from walking in faith.

In our pursuit of success, let's remember that it's not just about reaching our goals but about glorifying God in everything we do. By aligning our efforts with His will and seeking His guidance along the way, we can navigate the road to success with confidence and purpose. So, let's continue inching ahead each day, trusting in God's plan for our lives. Amen.

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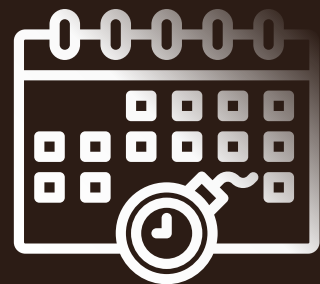
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*Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain:
but a woman that feareth the Lord,
she shall be praised.*

-Proverbs 31:30

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WHEN THE KING OF KINGS IS YOUR ABBA FATHER

Then Live Like a Prince & Princess of Heavenly Kingdom

- Mrs. Sneha Jayachandran

- Not living in a **luxurious way**, but living with a **low spirit**.
- Not with **pride in heart** but with the **power of the Holy Spirit**.
- Not walking with **lust**, but with **love**.
- Not for a **crown** but for the **cross**.
- Not for **adornment**, but with **aroma**.
- Not with **head weight** but with **humbleness**.
- Not take **foolish vengeance**, but be wise in **handling issues**.
- Not **misusing their rights** but **standing for the rights** of the poor.
- Not **hasty in shedding the blood** but **bearing one another burdens**.
- Not as a **persecutor** but as a **prayer warrior**.
- Not a **self-seeking person**, but a **selfless person**.
- Not **walking by self-will** but **walking by God's will**.
- Not a **problem creator**, but a **problem solver**.
- Not as a **coward by hiding the truth**, but be **courageous by proclaiming the truth**.
- Not seeking **pity or pleasure** but seeking the **presence of God**.
- Not as **dictator** but **dedicated** to the word and spirit of God.
- Not **magnifying the worldly people**, but **magnifying the majestic work of God**.
- Not as a **monster** but as a **mentor** to the children of God.
- Not **overruling the rules** but **obeying the rules** as a good soldier.
- Not **escaping the trials** but **ready to face any trial** for Christ's sake.

Answers for the Quiz in Page 08

- (1) Northern Israel | (2) Character | (3) God | (4) Daniel 3: 24, 25 |
(5) Mutual interests, behaviours, and outward appearances | (6) weak, ordinary |
(7) nine feet and nine inches | (8) Joshua and Judges | (9) Phil. 4:13 |
(10) waters, rivers, fire, flame, consume

Sharing in the Body

-Mr. Isaac Newton

As you begin:

Read **Romans 12:6**. How have you seen churches or other organizations help everyone participate in some way? What helped them do that?

God Gives Gifts

Paul says something similar in the book of Ephesians.

- Why is the participation of every member of the church necessary?
- How do the leaders help the church members? How do the church members help the leaders?

God is a Triune God

God is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This means God is relational. God wants us to work together. He has not created you to bear the burden alone. Our significance is not in our leadership. Our significance is to point to Jesus and to help every member point to Jesus. Recall the gifts of your church members, which we discussed earlier.

- How does your church help each member use their gifts?
- What are the barriers to each member using their gifts? How can you overcome the barriers?
- As we conclude, pray together and renew your commitment to point to Jesus. Pray for each other's churches so that every member will work together to point to Jesus.

Rooted in the Gospel

In love, God has placed leaders among a community of people. He is the one who gives gifts to every member of the community. Then the leader is not alone, and each member finds an important calling, serving the church, serving others, and serving the community on God's mission. **1 Peter 4: 10-11**

Our Significance Comes from God

Our lives point to someone far greater.
Read **John 3: 27-30**.

John the Baptist faced a lot of opposition. Yet he knew he was called and accepted by God. He lived a life set apart, sustaining himself in God. Yet he also knew the significance of his life. This helped him face opposition.

- Whom did John point to? Whom do we point to?
- What differences would you see between a leader who points to Jesus, and a leader who points to themselves?

Our Unique Calling

John the Baptist had a unique calling. You also have a unique calling. So does each member of your church.

Read **1 Corinthians 12:6-7**.

- In this passage, who receives the spiritual gifts from God?
- According to this passage, why are the gifts given?
- As you think about your church, what gifts do you have? What gifts do other members of your church have?
- How is God honored when we allow everyone to use the gifts God gives them?

Planting Seeds of Practice

Before the next session:

- a. What is one thing that you will do to affirm someone else's gifts?
- b. Share your plan with someone in your group and pray for each other. If you are doing this individually, ask someone to pray for you.

Blessing

May you be lifted up and surrounded by a team of servants committed to our Lord and your community. May you have the joy of serving alongside each other in the power of the Risen Lord.

Source: This material is a section of the Timothy Leadership Training video and pdf course; if you are interested in studying this material as a group, please contact Mr. Isaac at (+91) 8438534525 or isaacbsf@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW?



Garden Tomb

The Garden Tomb, located just outside the Old City walls of Jerusalem, is a serene and tranquil site believed by some to be the burial place of Jesus Christ.

Surrounded by lush greenery and flowering gardens, it features a rock-cut tomb resembling those from the time of Jesus. Visitors are drawn to its peaceful atmosphere, where they can reflect, pray, and contemplate the events of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

While its historical authenticity remains debated, the Garden Tomb holds spiritual significance for many Christians and serves as a quiet retreat amidst the bustling streets of Jerusalem.



Burial Tomb of Jesus



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