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The *GOD* of my rock;

in *HIM* will I TRUST;

He is my *SHIELD*, and the *HORN* of my *SALVATION*,

my *HIGH TOWER* and my *REFUGE*

my Saviour, thou *SAVEST* me from violence.

- 2 Samuel 22:3

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Celebrating 70 Years of God's Faithfulness

A Simple Beginning of a Simple Man of God

By Dr. Paul Ebenezer

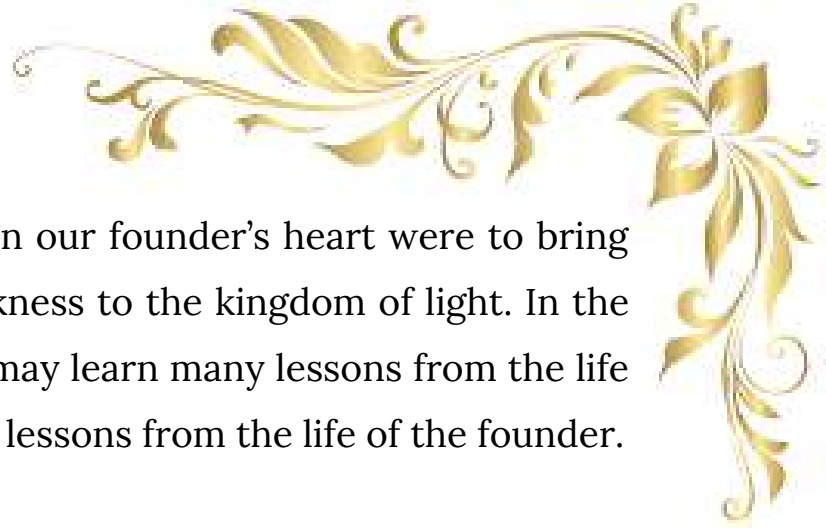
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The Hindustan Bible Institute (HBI) celebrates the Platinum Jubilee Celebration on 19th February 2022.

Indeed, this is a precious moment for each and every one of us because aside from the fact this platinum Jubilee day celebration underlines our institution's successful back-to-back 70 years in its realm of imparting knowledge, influencing lives with the love of Christ, and impacting the societies towards transformation and establishing the Kingdom of God and developing godly leaders in this Nation.

HBI and College was established by the late Dr. Paul V. Gupta in 1952. After having received a saving knowledge of Christ, call and commitment to serve the Lord, he had cultivated a passion for the Lord and compassion for the perishing souls in India. To accomplish this task, he integrated the teaching and training programs to equip and enrich the committed young men and women to take the word of God to the whole world.



The vision and mission that God placed in our founder's heart were to bring perishing souls from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light. In the process of his kingdom engagement, we may learn many lessons from the life and ministry. However, may I present ten lessons from the life of the founder.

Today, HBI & College is one of the leading and largest theological colleges in India

- It expands its horizons from evangelism to discipleship and church planting and Church Growth Movement.
- It enhances the leadership training such as non-formal and formal to have effectiveness in accomplishing its Mission.
- It develops the cross-cultural missionaries, theological trainers and indigenous leaders to inspire, influence impact the Nation with the word of God.

COMMITMENT ON PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

- Let us revisit our paths to place ourselves in this vision
- Let us realign our perspectives to place ourselves in this mission
- Let us restructure our priorities to place ourselves in this passion

A man of *Passion*

A man of *Prayer*

A man of *Proclamation*

A man of *Preaching*

A man of *Perseverance*

A man of *Planning*

A man of *Projects*

A man of *Principles*

A man of *Partnering*

A man of *Preparation*



EDITOR'S NOTE

When a boat is sailing on the sea, the sail is easier when the tides are calm and the winds are favourable. But if a storm comes, the boat is tossed by the high tides and the waves crash on the boat making the sailors fear and tremble that they might sink.

Our life is also like a boat sailing off the sea. When everything is going well, we are happy and content with life. But when we face challenges be it medical, financial or emotional, fear engulfs us and stops us from going forward. We start feeling hopeless.

But Bible says in 1 Peter 5:7 “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” When we look up to God and seek His face diligently, He will remove all our fears and help us overcome the storm.

***Let God be in your boat (life)
You will never sink!***

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KNOW YOUR STRENGTH

by Ms. Arin Benitta

Once upon a time, there lived a big tree in a forest. A small leak was growing near it. Seeing how small and lean it looked, the big tree began teasing the leak and kept saying proudly,

I am handsome and strong. No one can defeat me.

The leak told the tree,

Dear friend, don't be too proud. Pride is not good.

But the tree kept teasing the leak and the leak felt sad and ashamed of its appearance. When strong winds blew, the leak couldn't stand straight and it bowed down. But the tree was strong and stood straight. This made the leak feel more ashamed.

One day a storm came and strong winds began to blow and it rained heavily. The leak bowed down and stood firm on the ground but the big tree, though strong was uprooted from the ground.

*Fear thou not;
for I am with thee:
be not dismayed; for I am
thy God:
I will strengthen thee;
yea, I will help thee;
yea, I will uphold thee
with the right hand of my
righteousness.*

-Isaiah 41:10

What do we learn from this story? When life becomes hard and strong winds blow in our lives and the circumstances go against our will and people began to tease and speak ill of us and our situations. We start thinking that we have failed in life and feel discouraged. What do we do in those situations? Do we give up or stand firm in our faith in God?

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

-Isaiah 41:10

**Have an unshakeable
faith on God
and
He will help you**

God says in Isaiah 41:10 that He will strengthen you and help you. So, when situations seem hopeless look up to God and He will strengthen your soul and spirit to face the challenges with confidence and overcome them. When the situations around us make us feel depressed, we began to feel that no one is there to help us or encourage us. Bible says in Phil. 4: 6 -7,

6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 6-7

Our God is the ever-present help in times of trouble. He is there to hear your sorrows and encourage you. He is the best friend anyone can have. All we need to do is be still and continue seeking Him diligently and we must have an unshakeable faith in God.

Just like the leak, we might bend and bow when strong winds blow but are assured that God is there to strengthen us and help us build our lives. But when God lifts us up we must be humble and not be proud like that big tree to receive God's grace as given in James 4:6,

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

- James 4: 6



Ms. Arin Benitta

Cast all your care and situations on God and be calm. God will help you overcome the situations and hurdles. He will make you a testimony for others to see His glory.

Never fear, face your obstacles head-on!

God is with you to strengthen you and lead you through the waters.



LIVING WITHIN A BELIEVING FAMILY

Mrs. Diana Joel

The origin of the family began when God created Adam and Eve. Family plays a vital role in everyone's life. Every household falls in the plan of God to reveal His glory.

In the times of the early church, there was literature called "household texts". Apostle Paul in his letters to the churches speaks about individual households and larger households. He gives specific guidelines for the household of God- the whole church.

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Ephesians 5: 22, 25

The purpose of the individual household texts was to give a clear picture of the guidelines for life as a family, especially in light of how those families were to live in the community. Paul and Peter used the format of their culture to explain how families of Christians were to live within the church- God's family. We could see that there are three individual household texts in the New Testament letters.

Ephesians 5:22-29, Colossians 3: 18- 4-1 and 1 Peter 3: 1- 7.

In a time when the guidelines for marriage and family life are being redefined in our culture, it is vital that we build our marriages and families upon God's design.

We could see Paul directly addresses each household member: wives, husbands, children, fathers, slaves and masters. Husbands are to love their Wives. Wives are to submit to their husbands. Children are to obey their parents. Slaves are to obey their masters and Fathers are to patiently train their children.

It is very important for each of us to know our responsibility in our family and submit to his or her responsibility. God has blessed and placed us in our family with a big purpose and plan. Christ's plan centers on the church being a family of families.

The husband is to love his wife as much as Christ loves us, even giving up his life for her. He is to cherish and nurture her. He is to give significant, patient attention to the development of his children.



Mrs. Diana Joel

God expects the families to be orderly for the church to function orderly. God created order to things, and when we follow His created order, families and churches work.

In today's world, we could see our families are diminishing, authority is not practiced good and we are creating a generation of children devoid of all the benefits, character and securities of stable family life in which men are leaving their homes.

Sadly, most Christians fail to understand what is living within a believing family and they end up in failure and separation. Christian files most of the divorce cases in India.

Each of us is called to serve the Lord for He has given us a new life to love one another in Christ and live in holiness. Let us keep our focus on Christ and have a renewed mindset.

Christ has a plan for His church, which includes guidelines for individual families. He expects us to follow it.

*Husband love your wife
Cherish her and nurture her*

Wife submit to your husband

THE HOPE A NAME CAN BRING

A thought on Genesis 17: 1-8



Mr. Isaac Newton

- **Problem – Genesis 17: 1a**

We read that God appears to Abraham when Ishmael was 13 years. Abraham went ahead of God's promise and had Ishmael through Hagar, listening to his wife Sarah's advice instead of waiting for God's promise to be fulfilled.

- **Power of God – Genesis 17: 1b**

God reveals His power to bless Abraham after he reconciles with God.

- **Peace of God – Gen 17:2**

Once Abraham reconciles with God, God makes a covenant of peace to bless Abraham and multiply him exceedingly.

- **Praise to God: Gen 17:3**

Abraham falls to the ground and praises God for the covenant He made with him.

- **Promise of God: Gen 17: 4-8**

In verse 5 we can see that God says to Abraham that he will be the father of many nations and He changes his name from Abram to Abraham. God gave him a promise and it brought hope in Abraham's heart and today his seeds have filled the earth.

This is the hope a name can bring in one's life.

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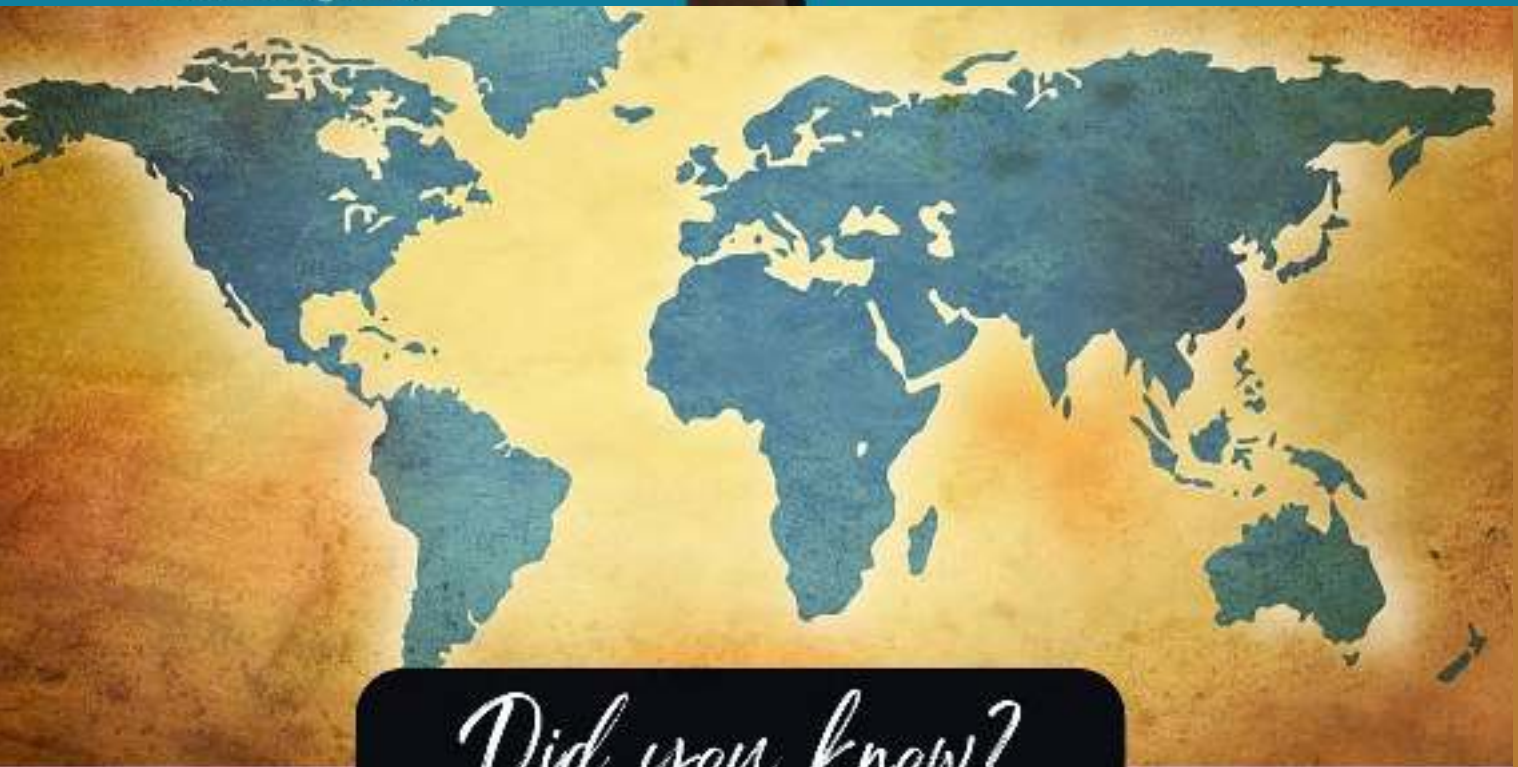
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Bible was written in 3 different Continents

- Major part was written in Asia (Israel).
- Some passages of Jeremiah were written in Africa (Egypt).
- Several New Testament epistles were written from cities in Europe.

HISTORICAL FACTS

The Story behind the song "I have decided to follow Jesus"

About 150 years ago, there was a great revival in Wales, England and many missionaries chose Garo Hills, Assam - India as their place to spread God's love. Garo Hills are known for the tribes called "Head Hunters". The tradition of these tribes is to cut the heads of their enemies and outsiders who came there and hang them in front of their houses. "The more heads, the bravest man" was their custom.

Many missionaries tried to reach out but ended up dead but one family - Nok seng and his family accepted God and they began spreading God's love among the head hunters.

The Chief of the tribe did not like it and called them in front of the whole village. He told Nok seng to deny God or he would kill his two sons. Nok seng loved his sons, but said,

*"I have decided to follow Jesus,
no turning back, no turning back."*

The Chief ordered the sons to be killed.

As the dead sons lay before him, the Chief told him to deny God or he would kill his beloved wife. But Nok seng said,

*"Though none go with me, Still I will follow,
no turning back, no turning back."*

The Chief ordered and his wife was shot dead by the arrow.



Then the Chief told Nok seng that he would give the last chance to deny God, but Nok seng said,

*"The cross before me, the world behind me,
no turning back, no turning back."*

Nok seng was shot dead. The Chief seeing the faith this family had, to give up their lives for God made him repent from his ways. That day the entire village repented .

The great apostle Sadhu Sundar Singh, heard this incident and wrote a song with exactly the same words that Nok seng used.

Today this song is sung all over the world and has touched many to stand firm in God and serve Him earnestly.



Father's Unconditional Love

by Ms. Suneera Lincy

As I was looking out of the window, feeling the gushing wind on my face as the train moved fast, thinking about my 29th birthday, hoping to have a memorable day, a sudden thought came to my mind. It was about the kind of love God shows on me, a lost sheep.



What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

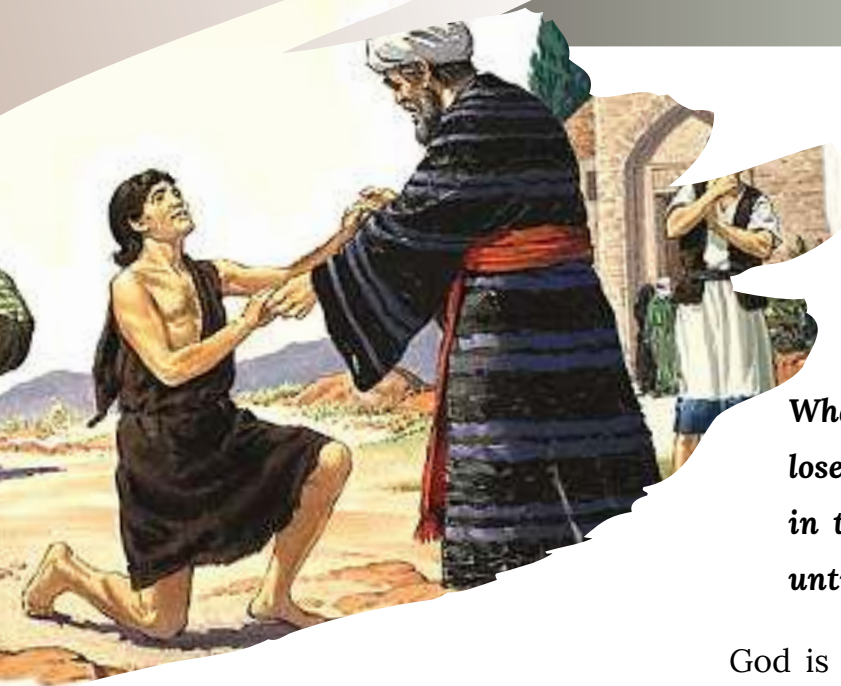
Luke 15: 4

Being a young teenager, full of zeal for Christ, committing my life to His will and being baptised, I didn't understand the spiritual realm that was around me. I am a dedicated daughter in my family and from my childhood, I have seen His love and grace in many ways and seen small prayers being answered. But when I stepped into the real world, I saw the wolves snaring their teeth at me. God chose me to be His own and Satan had his plans to destroy that.

Seeking worldly love and friendship took me far away from my Father. If not for Him, I would not be here today. I was the lost sheep. When we wander away from God's presence, demons take over our lives and keep us completely away from God. They show us the better life around us and make us feel secure with worldly things. Being young and vibrant, too curious to explore new things, young men and women easily fall for worldly pleasures and they end up in destroying their lives.

The parable of the Prodigal's son is a standard example to portray a Father's love for his children. The father gave his son everything he asked for and when the son wandered away from his home, he went bankrupt and had to live among pigs.

"God's love is unconditional, No matter who you are or what you are, You are accepted when you repent"



When we seek him earnestly, we will find Him. Confession and reconciliation can restore the joy and peace in Christ. Luke 15: 4 says,

What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

One day he was reminded of his father's house and decided to walk back home, puzzled if he would be accepted at least as a servant. But to his surprise, his father who was standing at the house gate waiting for his son to return, ran to him and hugged him. He put one of his rings and clothed him rich and had a banquet to celebrate his son's return. This is the love that our heavenly Father has for each perishing soul. When a soul is saved, heaven rejoices. There is no comfort greater than God's love.

God is love and when His children wander away, He comes in search of us to save and redeem us back to Him.

Cory Asbury wrote a song "Reckless Love" and the lines "The overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, It chases me down, fights till I am found, leaves the 99" are the exact words I can put my whole life into and here I am alive to see my 31st year.

**"I am His
and
He is
Mine"**

When I look back, I saw his loving arms embracing me, saw Him carrying me in His arms through the difficult times and pain. Now I can boldly say "**I am His and He is Mine**".



Ms. Suneera Lincy

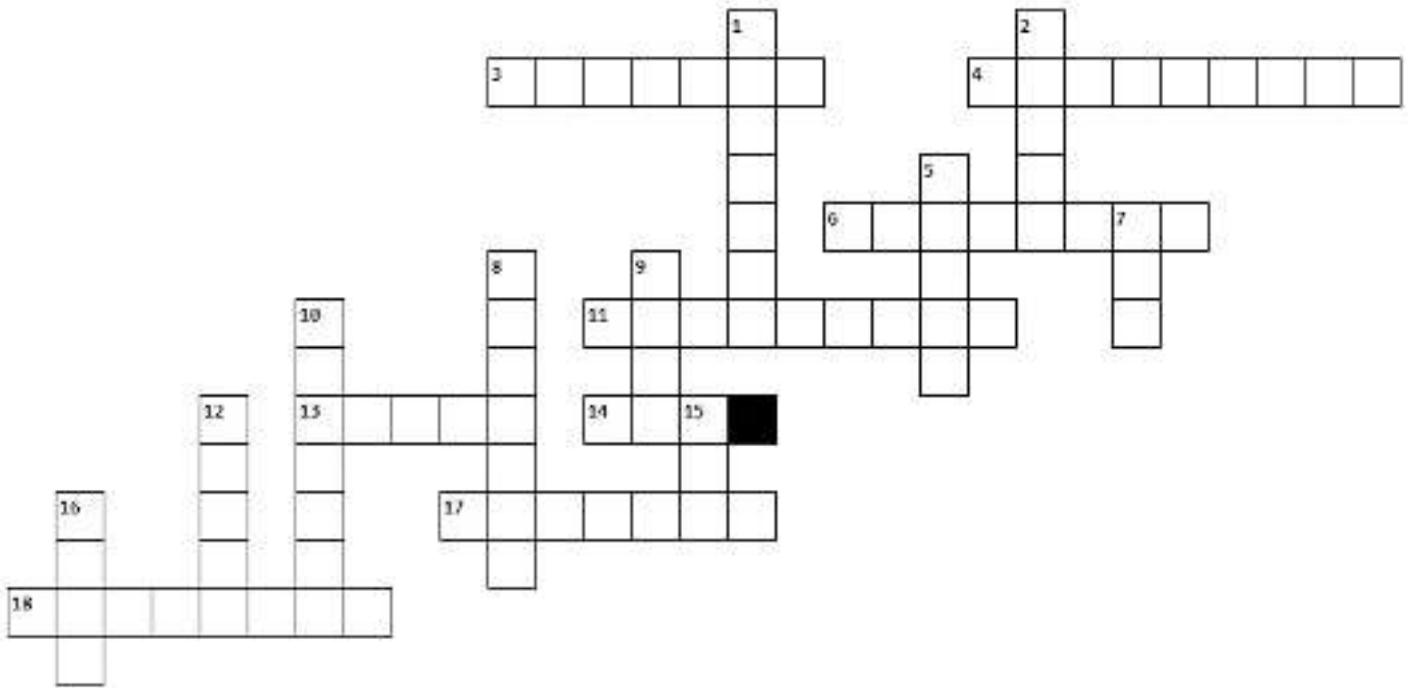
I still don't know what He saw in me to love me this much but here I am saved by His grace and yes, it is Free!

The Unconditional love of God, completely free and without any demand. All we need to do is confess, accept Him and submit to Him.

Rest.....Daddy will Take care!



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