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Don't Give Up

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer"

- Romans 12:12

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*For everyone who has been born of God
Overcomes the world:
And this is the victory that has overcome
the world - Our faith*

1 John 5:4

Editor's Note

The theme that has been prayerfully chosen is “**Don’t Give Up**”. The theme is a caption taken from the verse Romans 12:12 that requires us to *Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*

I reflect on the turmoil unleashed on the globe in the recent past in the form of the pandemic and impending doom and gloom.

The Bible warns us that the days ahead will get much worse (Matthew 24:22) – so bad that God shortens the days otherwise the elect – that is we will not survive.

I praise and thank God that we have a Father in Him who is perfect, just, compassionate and above all has our best interest in His wonderful heart. I love the Psalms that give us great insights into the psalmist’s testimonies of a Father’s heart that has taken us from the depths of despair to the pinnacle of triumph. The very popular Psalm 23 v – David experiences the depths of despair as he states

"Even though I walk through the shadow of the valley of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me and thy rod and thy staff comfort me".

David testifies that there is safety not in the absence of danger but in the presence of God.

I pray that you will experience the victory that David had as he walked closely with God through all the threats and pestilences that plagued him and that the E-magazine will be a blessing to you and will encourage and spur you on in a closer walk with God.

I sign off with verse 1 of Psalm 91 –

Don’t Give Up As You Dwell in the Shadow of the Almighty!!



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Hidden Books of the Bible

A worldly speaker once made a few unspiritual remarks about hidden books of the Bible to be found in a series of short paragraphs. This lulu kept some people looking intensely for facts and more clear revelation. Many listeners were in a jam, especially since the books were not capitalized, but their enthusiasm produced eternal truths that struck large numbers of readers. It seemed like a hard job at first, to look for these hidden books, but it quickly became a most fascinating opportunity.

Yes, there will be some real easy ones to spot, while others will be very difficult to locate. If this causes disagreements among our visitors, it may require judges to finally settle the matter before a mass exodus from these games occurs. We must admit it usually takes a minute or two to find some, and others might take several minutes. This often produces loud lamentations from at least one or two readers.

Jane was quick at finding book names. She brews her coffee and then places donuts on the table, so that she can eat and search at the same time. Her older brother Joe is a practical joker, a mimic ahead of his time who thinks looking for book names is too difficult, but he is very wrong, for any old hag gains a level of expertise in just reading these short paragraphs. Joe lets his personality get in the way. He lived in Johnstown for a few years but moved to York after he tripped over a hose, and broke his leg falling into the flower bed. When he tried to learn to play the banjo, "Nah, I'll never get it," was his reply. So, Joe left the big city and came back home. Meanwhile, Jane was dating a guy named Gene who likes to share his talents. Gene's is the personality that more people should have, because he writes poems, essays, proverbs, and adventure stories for her. Love is strong between them. Her younger brother Jud, examines and proofs this literature before it is sent to the publisher, for it's not often that someone cares for your sister like that.

Well, this exercise is just about over. It would be interesting to chronicle some of the many things that you have been doing while reading. Did you eat a banana? Hum a tune? Drop a pen? Rejoice in the Lord while licking some candy? Hopefully, you had a good time and found the names of many books of the Bible.

You can list out the Bible book names you find and send the answers to
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GODLY WOMEN

Characters from the Bible (Continuation....)

- **Priscilla (Acts 18, Romans 16: 3 & 4, 2 Timothy 4: 19)**

Priscilla is a committed Christian. She is a beautiful example of a holy woman in the Bible. Along with her husband Aquila, she dedicated her life to God. They had a reputation for excellent ministry and generous generosity to those in need. Many people want to engage in ministry with their spouses, but not all spouses are really supportive. We must pray fervently for God to use our spouse to serve others. Stay faithful to your calling.

- **Hannah (1 Samuel 1: 2 - 2:21)**

Hanna is known for Truthfulness. She was barren for many years and prayed for a son. She earnestly prayed that she would give her son to God's work if He blesses her womb. God heard her cry and blessed her with a son. True to her word, she gave her son to God's work. We often fail to fulfill the covenants we make with God once our prayers are answered. God wants us to be truthful to Him. Do not make covenants that cannot be fulfilled.

- **Rahab (Joshua 2, Matthew 1:5)**

Rahab is recognized for her hospitality. She was an unlikely candidate to become God's servant who favored God's people. She provided shelter and protection to God's people despite the fact that her life would be jeopardized if her people discovered she was assisting them. She didn't think about herself and instead made room in her home for God's people. Serving God's people is a wonderful thing to do. It will gain favor with God. What we do for God will be returned to us many times over.

Women Who were Ungodly

- **Salome (Matthew 14:1-11)**

In 1st century Palestine, she was the royal princess of the Herodian dynasty. She was a lovely, intelligent young lady who could dance well. "Dance of the Seven Veils" was the name of the dance she performed before King Herod. She is the one responsible for the beheading of John the Baptist. When compared to the rest of God's feminine creation, women are beautiful. God has bestowed numerous gifts. The question is, "Are we using it for God's glory or to ruin God's people?"

- **Queen Jezebel (1 Kings 21:1-16)**

Queen Jezebel was the Queen of Israel but was not faithful to God. She plotted and killed Naboth who refused to give his vineyard which was an inheritance from God to His people. She used her power to kill a God-fearing man. But God was with Naboth and when Jezebel was dead, she was eaten by dogs. *How are we using our power? For good things or for our selfish ambitions?*

- **Delilah (Judges 16)**

Delilah was a beautiful woman from Philistine, who tempted Samson and led to his arrest. She betrayed Samson who loved her truly. Because of her, God left him. Let us ponder if we are faithful to God and His people or are we causing the fall of God's people.

- **Lot's Wife (Genesis 19:26)**

Abraham's nephew is Lot. His wife came from a God-fearing family, but she disobeyed the Lord. God commanded them to run to the mountains and not look back to witness Sodom and Gomorra being destroyed. If they turn back, God said they will turn into salt. When Lot's family was fleeing the destruction, Lot's wife turned to glimpse the destruction and instantly transformed into a pillar of salt. We must learn to obey God in all circumstances and to let go of the things that God has told us to let go of.



Don't be discouraged. Give every to God because He knows all your pains and will heal you.

- **Potiphar's Wife (Genesis 39:5-20)**

She yearned for Joseph's company, for the companionship of a handsome man. Joseph was tempted. When that didn't happen, she lied and blamed Joseph. We should not desire worldly pleasures or power. We must learn to please God and desire heavenly things.

Bible says in II Corinthians 12:9 that His grace is sufficient for us. Are you rejected by your family, friends, or at work, or facing sickness, financial crisis, or relationship problem? *Don't be discouraged.* Give everything over to God because He knows all your pains and will heal you. Be loyal to God and let's use our talents, knowledge, and everything for God's glory alone.



Ms. Arin Benitta

MY ROPE OF HOPE

- Ms. Epha Briana Didla

When the light in the darkness seemed bright
It's the knight in might I see in the light
Thence my soul said to Thine
To swirl around this hope of mine!

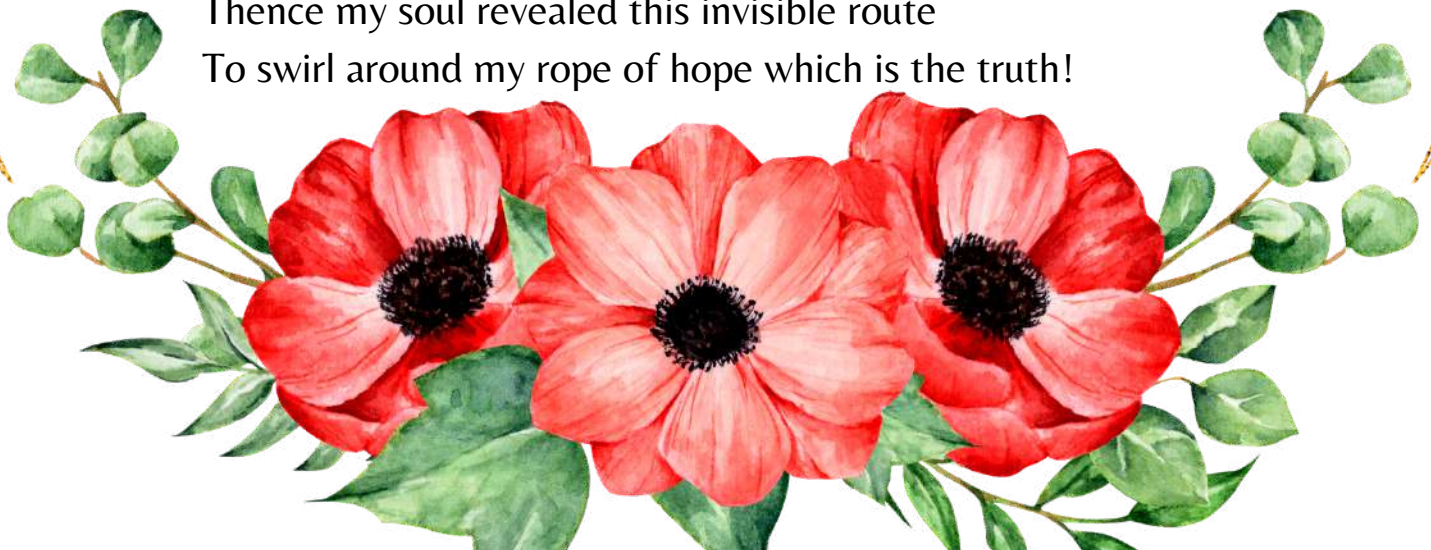


When the colours of spring faded away
It's the dew of new I see along the way
Thence my soul said to Thine
To swirl around this hope of mine!

When the grills of iron shuttered down around me
It's the golden roll that rolls as a crown on me
Thence my soul said to Thine
To swirl around this hope of mine!

When the waves of storm dispel my boat
It's the ray of joy that frills my coat
Thence my soul said to Thine
To swirl around this hope of mine!

Hence, when thou seem all lost and broken
When thy means all cracken
Thence my soul revealed this invisible route
To swirl around my rope of hope which is the truth!



**Bounce back,
don't give up,
*it's just a hurdle***

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Princy Kimbha

May Issue - Biblical Puzzle Answers

- A) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23)
- B) Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness; (Psalm 30:11)
- C) On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
- D) Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me

Virtues of Esther

- Esther 2:17



Ms. Rebecca Sunitha

Among all the virgins, Esther found favor and grace in King Ahasuerus' eyes. Instead of Vashti, he made her his queen. She was crowned queen of 127 nations.

We can learn from Esther's virtues that it is always right to do the right thing, even when the circumstances appear to be completely opposite. Even though she felt God's absence, she did not give up and clung to God for victory. She fasted and poured her heart to God.

A moral to learn from Esther's story is:

“Waiting period may be difficult but pursuing God to the fullest at those times will give you the victory”

Virtues of Queen Esther

- Esther means “star” – She shone like a star to all the Jewish people.
- Esther was beautiful and the king was pleased to see her and she was favored by the king over all other women.
- She was not an outspoken person. She held secrets and conveyed them only at the appropriate time.
- Her uncle Mordecai took her in as an orphan and raised her. She was obedient to him and relied on his authority.
- She was determined to rescue the land of Judah and fasted for three days and night.
- She was a wise and brave woman who could handle difficult situations.
- She waited patiently to speak to the king at the right time.

Prayer Calendar - July

Day 1 Praise Point: 75 Children attended our Vacation Bible School. Prayer Point: Pray for Sister Vivita who is in need of a kidney transplant.	Day 2 Praise Point: Praise God for the healing of Sister Glory who had knee surgery. Prayer Point: Pray for 5-year old Yashika who is diagnosed with blood cancer.
Day 3 Praise Point: Benches (furniture) were refurbished in HBI. Praise God! Prayer Point: Pray for Sis. Allis who is undergoing dialysis and needs healing.	Day 4 Praise Point: Praise God for keeping us safe in this hot weather. Prayer Point: Pray for healing of Sis. Ilavarasi spinal cord problem.
Day 5 Praise Point: Praise God for having 8 Regional Centers, Schools, and structural facilities of buildings available in different states of India. Prayer Point: Pray for people who are involved in anti-social activities.	Day 6 Praise Point: Praise God for the opportunity to provide various training to the grassroot level men and women. Prayer Point: Pray for complete healing of bro. Vijay's knees as he is not able to walk after the surgery.
Day 7 Praise Point: Praise God for the committed staff in different states in the Regional Training Centres. Prayer Point: Pray for more admissions for both Residential and Online programs.	Day 8 Praise Point: Praise God for the team of staff serving in the CMCT Department. Prayer Point: Pray for a new Academic session that starts in July 2022.
Day 9 Praise Point: Praise God for Dr. Gupta Schools teachers' good health. Prayer Point: Pray for the Graduation Program which will be in the month of August.	Day 10 Praise Point: Praise God for giving 25 new admissions in Dr. Gupta School. Prayer Point: Pray for new recruitment of facilities for various positions.
Day 11 Praise Point: Praise God that the Reporting Department was able to send Pastor's Report on time to the sponsors. Prayer Point: Pray for the MTI Course 6 (graduating students) training & MBI Course 12 (Ordination Pastors) training.	Day 12 Praise Point: 2021 - 2022 Academic year was completed. Praise God! Prayer Point: Pray for travel mercies of students & teachers and all who will attend the MTI Course.
Day 13 Praise Point: Praise God! we were able to train some of the students to be Godly leaders. Prayer Point: Pray for financial needs for the training program to be met & also for all the upcoming training programs.	Day 14 Prayer Point: Pray for the ministry works of the grassroot level pastors & their family members & believers.

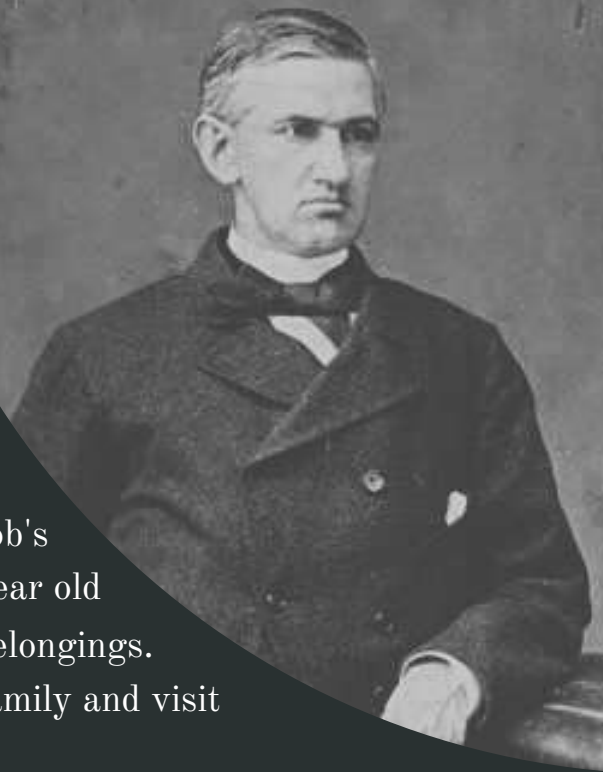
<p>Day 15 Prayer Point: Pray for God's anointing & wisdom upon the teachers who will be training the pastors.</p>	<p>Day 16 Prayer Point: Pray for all the activities at the Regional Centres among the local community like Conducting School Education, Drop-in Centres, Kinder Kare, Community Programs for the Women and Children Upliftment.</p>
<p>Day 17 Prayer Point: Pray for the new projects and other community development programs among the poor and people groups in different states of India.</p>	<p>Day 18 Prayer Point: Pray for the ongoing building maintenance work and other activities in the Regional Training Centres.</p>
<p>Day 19 Prayer Point: Pray for the Regional Centres' supports programs, to be implemented.</p>	<p>Day 20 Prayer Point: Pray for the Non-formal and In-formal training to be conducted in all the training centres.</p>
<p>Day 21 Prayer Point: Pray for the need for a new staff team who will be multicultural and multi-talented for the Regional Centres.</p>	<p>Day 22 Prayer Point: Pray for the upcoming Webinar on 15th July 2022.</p>
<p>Day 23 Prayer Point: Pray for the upcoming Webinar on August 12, 2020 on "Language of Justice in Acts".</p>	<p>Day 24 Prayer Point: The IT Department requires a Editors and Hardware personnels. Pray that God will bring the right person for the roles.</p>
<p>Day 25 Prayer Point: Pray for new admissions for the year 2022 - 2023 in Dr. Gupta School.</p>	<p>Day 26 Prayer Point: Pray for the school students to be regular to school.</p>
<p>Day 27 Prayer Point: COVID 19 should be eradicated completely.</p>	<p>Day 28 Prayer Point: Pray for all the staff and their families.</p>
<p>Day 29 Prayer Point: Pray for the Spiritual Life Conference conducted for the theological students.</p>	<p>Day 30 Prayer Point: Pray for the faculties and freshmen students to adapt the new culture, environment, and the studies.</p>

Note: Prayer and Praise Points for the month of August will follow.

HISTORICAL FACT

THE STORY BEHIND "IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL"

In the 1800s, Horatio Gates Spafford was a lawyer and a wealthy man. He was fortunate to have five children. Tragic events struck his family, much as they did in Job's family in the Old Testament. Scarlet fever killed his 4 year old son. Then, a year later, a major fire destroyed all of his belongings. Spafford had intended to travel to England with his family and visit great friend, evangelist Dwight L. Moody, two years later.



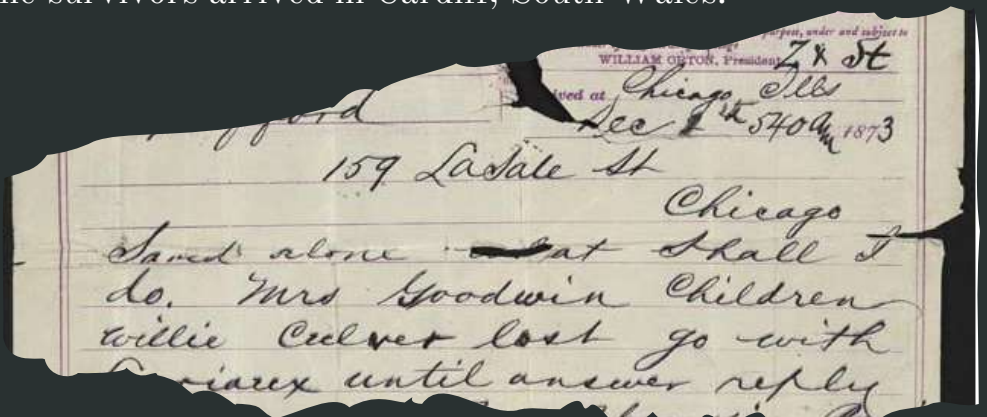
Due to a business agreement, he was unable to join his family, so he sent his wife and the four children, Anna (11 years), Margaret (9 years), Lee (5 years), and Tanetta (2 years), aboard the Ville du Havre (ship), unaware that further catastrophe would befall them.



Ville du Havre was travelling across the Atlantic when it was struck by an iron sailing ship and it sank into the deep sea within 12 minutes, killing 226 people, including his four loving daughters.

Anna Spafford, his wife, was one of the few survivors. "Saved alone, what to do?" she telegraphed her husband once the survivors arrived in Cardiff, South Wales.

On his way to visit his wife, Horatio Spafford was summoned to the deck by the Captain, who showed him the exact location where Ville du Havre had sank and where his daughters had perished.



The voyage was a painful one for Horatio and he went to his cabin and wrote,


*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul.....*

His faith in God never wavered amidst his grief and sorrow. Anna's half-sister received a telegram from Horatio saying, "On Thursday last, we passed over the spot where she went down, in mid-ocean, the waters three miles deep. But I do not think of our dear ones there. They are safe..... dear lambs".

Anna gave birth to three more children but one of the children died at the age of four. In 1881, Spaffords left America and settled in Jerusalem to serve and care for the sick, and took in homeless children. He died of Malaria in Jerusalem and his wife Anna continued to serve the people sharing God's love until she died. Surely, "It is well with their souls".

Horatio's friend Phillip Bliss composed music for the poem Horatio wrote and it was sung as a new hymn at Dwight L. Moody's crusades. Thus the hymn "It Is Well with My Soul" was birthed.

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The Sign of the Covenant

- Mr. Isaac Newton

COVENANT was established by God and is administered by God. The Covenant's fulfillment is Abraham's obligation.

a) EVERLASTING COVENANT

Gen. 17:7 - I will establish My covenant as an everlasting covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

1. Nation of Israel was set apart
2. Divine revelation to the prophets
3. Nation will be a part of a covenant

b) ETERNAL COVENANT

Deut 10:16 - Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer.

Circumcise your heart and make a conscious decision to love God above all else. Don't be stubborn. Be willing to submit to God's authority.

c) GRACIOUS COVENANT

Deut 30: 6 - The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.

God's sovereign grace helps you to circumcise your heart so that you might love God and live eternally with Him. The Holy Spirit will convict you of sin and console you.

d) DEMANDING COVENANT

Jer 4:4 *Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.*

Circumcise yourself and remove your heart's foreskins, which have become insensitive to the WORD.

Jer 9: 24 - *But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.*

Act 7: 51 - *You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! -Heart has been far from me.*

Rom 9: 28, 29 - *For a person is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is true circumcision something external and physical. 29 Rather, a person is a Jew who is one inwardly, and real circumcision is a matter of the heart—it is spiritual and not literal. Such a person receives praise not from others but from God.'*

Source: Dr. Steve J. Lawson TBC

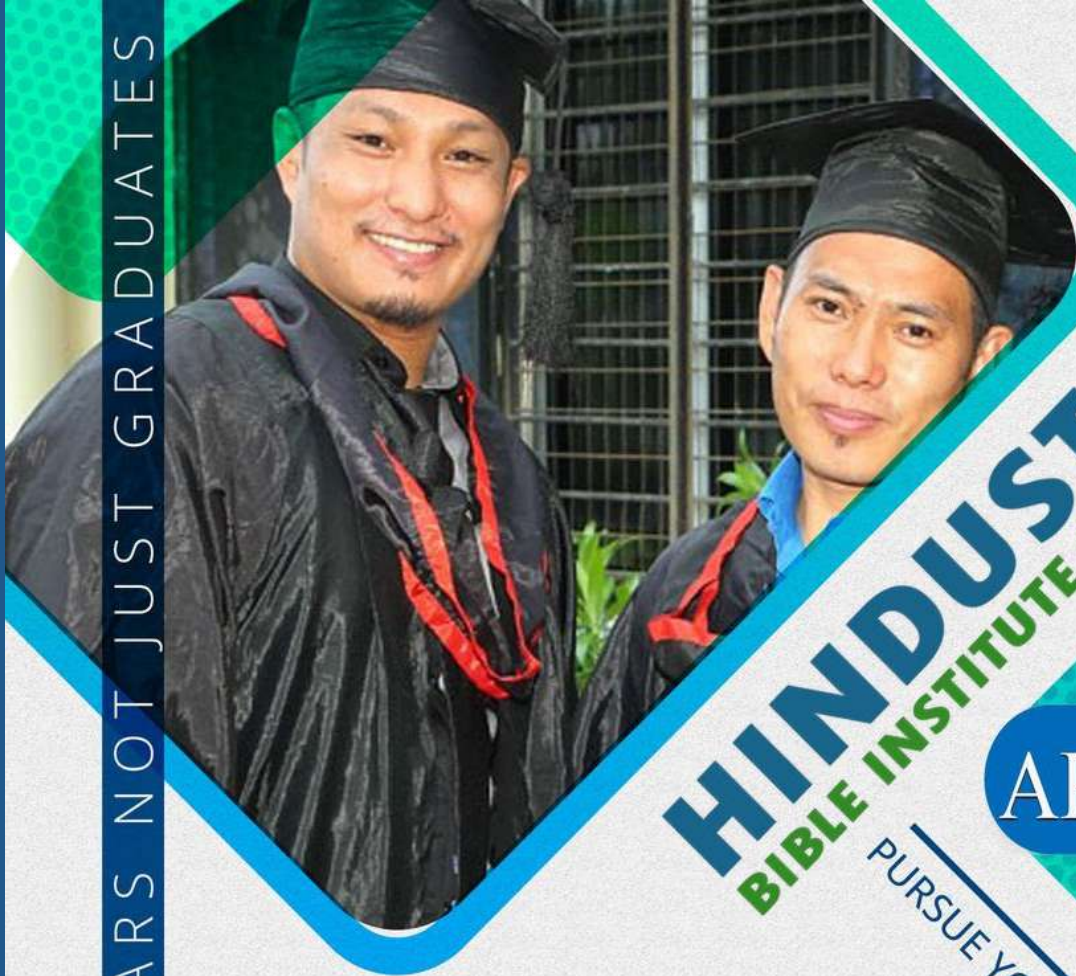
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