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From My Heart



My dear precious partners in the Lord,

Greetings to you in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We had a very powerful fasting prayer for three days in Theni last month. Nearly two thousand and five hundred people attended the meeting. God manifested His glory through His Word revelation and power. The Holy Spirit challenged the younger generation for the glorious call of God. Many were filled with God's burden and committed their life to fulfill His calling and ministry. We give all the glory to the Lord and thank you for your prayers.

Right now, the forty days Leadership Training School is going on in our campsite. Around 261 candidates have come from Maharashtra, Goa, Haryana, Arunachal Pradesh, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, New Delhi, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and from France, Srilanka and Germany. Pray that God may work very deeply in them and make them powerful leaders to raise mighty warriors in the Kingdom of God with signs and wonders.

Last year we had a very powerful Apostles and Prophets Conference. Till today, we hear mighty testimonies from it. This year we will again have our Apostles and Prophets Conference from 19th to 23rd of February. This conference is for you if you are already an apostle or prophet or if you have this calling. It will take your ministry and anointing into another level of glory.

We have our next batch of School of the Holy Spirit for Ladies from 1st of March to 5th of April. Ladies, please visit our website and YouTube

*It is not how you start your ministry,
how you finish it is what matters*

- Prophet Ezekiah Francis

to watch the testimonies. Do not remain quiet, apply immediately and come to the school to discover your calling and to release your anointing. You will never be the same person again. The Holy Spirit is faithfully and eagerly waiting to release His joy, healing and liberty into your life.

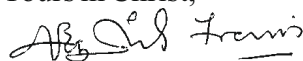
We are also praying and preparing for other Schools of the Holy Spirit in Madhya Pradesh and Kerala. Pray and send the right people who will take the challenge and rise up powerfully to do mighty ministry with signs and wonders.

We are planning to conduct seminars in Punjab and Gujarat this year. We need your prayers and participation. Continue to follow us on Facebook and visit our website www.ezekiahfrancis.org to know the details of our seminars. Please do pray for all our programs this year.

Beloved, you are an imparter of God's Spirit and gifts. This is your privilege and position in Christ. The apostles imparted the anointing upon the deacons and believers (Ac.6:6; 8:17). Paul was full of the Spirit and imparted spiritual gifts (Ac.19:6-7,11-12; Ro.1:11; 15:29; 1.Ti.4:14). As Moses' anointing came on the seventy and on Joshua, and as Elijah's anointing came on Elisha, your Lord's anointing came on you. You can also impart your anointing upon others. You can transmit God's power to the needy. Stay full of the Spirit and impart freely TODAY!

Pray for me and my wife, for our leaders, staff and for our ageing parents. May the Lord Almighty establish your territory and make you a blessing to the nations. Be the head and never again the tail. Lend to nations and never borrow again. Let the blessings run before you and overtake you in Jesus Name!

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See Yourself In Christ

RECEIVING BLESSING IN CHRIST

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. God has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ (Ge.12:2; Eph.1:3)

“I will bless you” is the grand promise given to Abraham, which includes every type of blessing.

Spiritually: In Christ, you are not going to be blessed, you are already blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (Eph.1:3). You can take any good thing as a blessing of the Lord. You are blessed with all the spiritual blessings, the gifts and the fruit of the Spirit (1.Co.12,14; Ga.5:21-22). You are blessed with divine nature and everything you need to live a godly life (2.Pe.1:3-4).

For Abraham, it was a promise, but for you, it is a fact. A promise is for the future, a fact is already accomplished in the past. A promise must be claimed and expected with faith whereas a fact must be enjoyed with thanksgiving. You are righteous by faith like Abraham, so all blessings are on your head right now (Pr.10:6). Every good and perfect gift is from above (Jas.1:17).

Materially: The blessing of the Lord makes you rich, and He adds no sorrow with it (Pr.10:22). It is this blessing that gave Abraham flocks, herds, silver and gold, male and female servants, camels and donkeys (Ge.24:35). You too are blessed like Abraham with riches, finances, vehicles, faithful

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servants and all the other materials. Remember, He adds no sorrow with it. Your storehouses are blessed, everything you do is blessed (Dt.28:12).

Family: God blesses the home of the righteous (Pr.3:33). As Abraham’s family was blessed, your family life is also blessed in Christ. Thankfully accept and appropriate this blessing.

Physically: The food you eat and the water you drink is so blessed it can work like a medicine and heal all your diseases (Ex.23:25). Like Abraham, you can enjoy perfect health and long life.

Righteousness: Abraham obtained God’s righteousness by faith. As his seed, you are made righteous, and all your sins are removed forever (Ro.4:6-12). You are counted righteous, and righteousness was imputed to you.

Everywhere: You are blessed everywhere in every way – in your city, in your country, when you come in, when you go out (Dt.28:3,6).

Beloved, you must know the nature of God’s blessing. When He blesses you, there will be so much so that you won’t be able to contain it (Ge.13:6;36:7; Mal.3:10). When Jesus blessed the bread and fish, thousands had as much as they wanted, were satisfied, and there were even leftovers (Mt.14:20; Jn.6:11-13). When Peter’s net was blessed with fish, it was so much that the net was breaking, and even the two boats began to sink (Lk.5:6-7).

Thank You, Lord, I am the blessed of the Lord. Your blessings are upon my head as I am righteous. Your blessings overtake me. I serve You, and You bless my bread and my water. You take sickness away from me. I am blessed with

riches without sorrow because I am in Christ!

BLESSING OF GREAT NAME IN CHRIST

**I will make you a great nation; I will
bless you and make your name great; and
you shall be a blessing.**

**Among those born of women there is not
a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but
he who is least in the kingdom of God is
greater than he
(Ge.12:2; Lk.7:28)**

Another promise God gave Abraham was to make his name great. Abraham's name was highly honored by God. In Christ, you inherit this blessing, and your name shall become great and highly honored.

Great among kings: Abraham, a wanderer, dwelling in tents, became a mighty prince among other nations (Ge.23:4-6). Abraham's name became well-known even to kings of many nations and commanders of armies like Pharaoh, Abimelech, and all the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah (Ge.12:15-16; 14:17; 21:22). The king of Sodom sought an appointment with Abraham to reward him with riches. Melchizedek, king of Salem, blessed him with bread and wine (Ge.14:17-24). Even today, Abraham is world famous as father of the three major world religions, the Jews, the Muslims and the Christians.

His great Name: In Christ, you have the legal right to use the greatest Name in the universe, the Name above all names (Phil.2:9-11; Heb.1:4). The full honor and power of His Name is at your disposal now (Mk.16:17-19). Wherever you cause His Name to be honored, God will come to you and bless you (Ex.20:24). Magnify His Name, and He will magnify your name (1.Sa.2:30). You are grafted into Jesus who is seated far above all principalities and powers and names. Thereby, you also are highly exalted (Eph.1:20-21).

Your great name: God has blessed you with a

good and honorable name. Choose your good name (Pr.22:1). Your name is so honored that it is even written in the Book of Life (Lk.10:20). Rejoice in this privilege (Lk.10:20)! God will lift up your head in midst of your enemies (Ps.3:3). Even the demons recognize your name and tremble (Ac.19:15).

Early Church: The early church and the apostles were highly esteemed by all the people (Ac.5:13). The centurions and great officials fell at the feet of Peter, the ordinary fisherman (Ac.10:25-26). When God began to work through Paul and Barnabas, people even started venerating them as gods (Ac.14:11-15). No wonder! Because the great God lives in you, people will sense God in you and respond with reverential fear.

Beloved, you will never be put to shame. Instead of shame, you shall receive double honor (Isa.61:7; Joel 2:26-27). Never fight for your right. Even if people despise you today, they will honor you one day (Ge.42:6-9). Your dignity is safe in His hands. Your whole family shall be honored. This is your inheritance in Christ. You are a King's kid. You shall be popular and famous in any field of your interest. Your name will be highly honored and dignified. National leaders will come to the glory of your light (Isa.60:1-3). You will be the head, not the tail (Dt.28:13). Your light cannot be hidden in a corner any longer (Mt.5:14-16). Serve God with all you heart, and the Father will honor you (Jn.12:26; 1.Ti.5:17). Faith honors God, and God honors faith! Lingering in God's Presence releases God's honor upon you (1.Chr.16:27: 29:12). Fear of God brings you honor (Ps.15:4). Humility before men brings you honor (Lk.14:8-11)

Thank You, Lord, You make my name great. The Gentiles shall come to my light, and kings to the brightness of my rising. You will make me the head and not the tail; I shall be above only, and not be beneath because I am in Christ.

BEING A BLESSING IN CHRIST

You will be a blessing...I will make you a

great nation; I will bless you, And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. ...not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing (Ge.12:2; 1.Pe.3:9)

Another blessing God promised to Abraham is that he shall be a blessing to others. Everyone who came in touch with him was blessed one way or another. Isaac, his son, became a great blessing to the whole world. Even Ishmael is blessed as a mighty nation, just because he is the seed of Abraham (Ge.17:18-20; 21:13).

Also Lot was blessed, just because he went with Abraham (Ge.12:4;13:5-6). His family along with four nations were rescued by Abraham (Ge.14:14). Abraham's intercessory prayer blessed Lot by rescuing him from being destroyed with the rest of the inhabitants (Ge.18:20-33).

As a new creation and a seed of Abraham, you are a channel of blessing to others. You will never be a burden to anybody as long as you live. Anyone who comes in touch with you will be blessed.

Abraham's descendants like Jacob and Joseph inherited Abraham's blessings, too. Even heathen like Laban recognize God's blessings come to them because of vessels of blessing like you. "I have learned by experience that the Lord has blessed me for your sake" (Ge.30:27,30).

You will be a blessing in your work place. You can

excel in your profession. From the time Potiphar put Joseph in charge of his household, God blessed everything he had because of Joseph (Ge.39:5).

When the Ark of God was in the house of Obed-Edom, God blessed him and his entire household (2.Sa.6:12). You are the Ark of God who carries the very Presence of God, and you bless any place you step into. That is why Jesus commanded His disciples to greet and bless the houses the moment they entered (Lk.10:5).

Your house is a blessing, your very shadow is a blessing (Ac.5:15), the very smell of your clothes is a blessing (Ge.27:27), your field is a blessing, your children are a blessing. Everything about you is a blessing. With this revelation, start pronouncing blessing over the people.

Beloved, in Christ, you are a storehouse of blessings and finances. You can be a bank to lend to many nations (Dt.28:12). Share your material blessings with others (Pr.3:27-28; 11:24-26). Like Jesus, touch people and release your blessing. Let your prayers bless people. Let your talents bless people. Let your smile bless people. Let your aprons and handkerchiefs bless people (Ac.19:12). Do it today!

You exist in this world to bless everyone around you. In Christ, you are One with the Source of all blessings. You are a reservoir and channel of blessings for the world. Let it flow unhindered!

Thank You, Lord, I am the light of the world and the salt of the earth. I am Abraham's seed. In me all the families of the earth shall be blessed. I even bless those who persecute me. I

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BLESSING THE BLESSERS IN CHRIST

I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

**He who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward
(Ge.12:3; Mt.10:41)**

This is another one of God's wonderful promises given to Abraham and to you, his seed. Throughout history you can see how those who supported Israel were blessed, and those who opposed Israel were judged. It all happened because of the promise given to Abraham. Even today, those who bless Jerusalem are blessed because of Abraham (Ps.122:6). Those who bless and love you will be blessed and prosper if you dare to claim it.

When a child of God walks in the light of life in Christ, God becomes the supporter of his supporters, the enemy of his enemies (Ex.23:22). The Egyptian midwives who helped the covenant people were blessed (Ex.1:20). The sinful harlot Rahab who helped the Israelite spies saved her entire family (Jos.6:25). Can you believe even the midwives and doctors who helped at your birth are blessed? Everyone who ever stood for your cause and helped you in whatever way will be blessed.

Obadiah who hid the prophets of God from Jezebel and fed them was commended and blessed (1.Ki.18:4). Those who help you in times of adversity will be blessed. Those who feed you are also blessed. Jonathan who stood with David obtained God's blessing for his generations (2.Sa.21:7). Even your friends and their generations will be blessed if you walk in this revelation of your covenant rights.

The women who supported the prophets Elijah and Elisha were blessed with miracles of provision, resurrection, restoration and prophecy

(1.Ki.17:7-24; 2.Ki.4:1-7,13). All who support you will be blessed and experience many kinds of miracles, all because you are the heir of Abraham's blessing in Christ.

Paul's partners enlisted in Romans chapter sixteen were insignificant people but became popular because of their sacrificial service to Paul. Even a cup of water given to God's servants shall be rewarded by heaven. As you give to missions, you actually invest in your own heavenly bank account which shall give you 100% interest (Phil.4:16-17). There are different levels of rewards. A righteous man's reward, a disciple's reward, and a prophet's reward. As you serve a prophet, you will have a prophet's reward (Mt.10:40-42).

Beloved, in Christ, you have a double blessing. All those who bless or help you shall be rewarded richly by heaven. You can claim God's miracles for your friends, supporters and prayer partners based on this scripture. Every time you help a believer in Christ or a servant of God, you will be blessed if you claim it (Heb.6:10).

Remember, God always rewards richly those who bless you. He loves you so much that whatever people do to you is done to Him. He has a book of remembrance. He notes down everything people do to you as well as what you do to His children. Help His people and receive His blessing!

Thank You, Lord. You are not unjust to forget my work and labor of love shown toward Your name in ministering to the saints. I will receive hundredfold blessings now and in the age to come for whatever I do for You and Your servants. You shall supply all my need and all the needs of my supporters according to Your riches in glory. Whoever blesses me will be blessed indeed because I am in Christ.

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TESTIMONIES

☼ I am **Divya from Andhra Pradesh**. During Rev. Benita Francis' curse breaking session I vomited, after that I felt relief in my mind and for the first time I was filled with unspeakable joy and got complete deliverance. I had ankle pain for about 2 1/2 years. If I walk more or sit long my ankle would swell. When Sis. Sudha prayed with prophetic word, my body vibrated and I got complete healing. While watching Prophet Ezekiah Francis' DVD on "Bridal anointing", I enjoyed God's love. I enjoyed every session and I am so blessed by Berachah Prophetic Ministries.

☼ I am **Samantha Jyothi from Andhra Pradesh**. I thank the Lord Jesus from the bottom of my heart for giving me this great privilege to attend this School of the Holy Spirit. I learnt new things about God and about healing and how to become strong in mind and emotions. I know that I have a calling but I used to think that I am weak and I can't walk in my calling. After coming here, I understood my calling is apostolic and I got confidence that I can work according to my calling. I started to flow in new tongues and I was filled with unspeakable joy.

☼ My name is **Suvartha**, I am **from Andhra Pradesh**. We are serving God in five places. I was praying for the Holy Spirit anointing and gift of tongues since the month of May. I had a dream of attending this School and I came here borrowing money. Every session was very much blessing for me. After three days, I received the Holy Spirit anointing and the gift of tongues. I am married for 16 years but no children because of fibroids in the uterus. Every monthly cycle, I used to suffer so much with pain and bleeding. After breaking all the curses in the curse breaking session, I have no pain during periods. Hallelujah!

I was strengthened so much spiritually with the Word of Wisdom by Prophet Ezekiah Francis and Rev. Benita Francis and team. Whatever I used to pray in my personal prayer, God spoke the same things through Sis. Sudha and Bro. Alex. I learnt many spiritual secrets here. During my quiet time, God taught me from Paul's letters. Now my spiritual eyes are opened to understand God's word more. God blessed me to write a new song from Philippians 3rd chapter. I will send all my relatives to Berachah to be blessed like me. I saw a vision that God has blessed me with a child. I heard God's voice twice. I thank God for His grace. Thank you, Berachah!

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Jewels in His Crown

“True Christianity is not only to be good but to do good,”

In 1913 a 23-year-old Salvation Army daughter was rushed to the hospital with appendicitis, her life hanging in the balance. But for months the young woman had felt her spiritual life was also in peril. She'd had a deep, gnawing sense that God expected more of her. As she later recounted, her condition deteriorated until a hospital attendant came to move her into a room set apart for the dying. She struggled to breathe as she heard a nurse say, “She’s going.”

Then she heard another voice: “Now will you go?” She understood it to mean she was to choose between going into eternity or going into ministry. She yielded to ministry. Instantly, she said, the pain was gone, her breathing eased, and she soon regained her strength. Within a decade, the young woman, single mother at the age of 19, would become an American



AIMEE SEMPLE McPHERSON

phenomenon. Though hardly known today, during the 1920s her name appeared on the front page of America’s leading newspapers three times a week. Today, as her International Church of the Foursquare Gospel carries on her legacy, historians consider her (along with Billy Sunday) the most significant revivalist in the early twentieth century

Aimee was born in October 1890, to James and Minnie Kennedy, a Methodist and a Salvation Army devotee respectively, in Ontario, Canada. As a teenager, Aimee was introduced to Pentecostalism through the preaching of Robert Semple, whom she eventually married. When he died two years later, she married young businessman Harold McPherson. They lived in a “gospel” car plastered with Bible verses and slogans (like “Where will you spend eternity?”) and loaded with religious tracts. Slowly she began attracting crowds and the attention of the press. Aimee’s ministry continued to expand. Using Hebrews 13:8 (“Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever”) as her theme, she preached that the “full menu” of Bible Christianity was available for listeners’ firsthand experience. Around the country, she spoke about the lavish feast Christ offered the faithful and summoned people with the words of a familiar gospel song: “Come and dine, the Master calleth, come and dine!”

In San Diego, more than 30,000 people turned out for one of her events, and the Marines had to be called in for crowd control. There, McPherson laid hands on a supposedly paralyzed woman who rose from her chair and walked. The audience reached a frenzy. Today, her followers say the scandalous accounts of her life including mysterious disappearance overlook all the good work she did on the streets of Los Angeles, especially during the Depression. When government agencies failed to clothe and feed the poor, Angelus Temple built by her, “Dedicated unto the cause of inter-denominational and worldwide evangelism”, stepped in helping 1.5 million people get back on their feet.

NEWS

- ✦ Four senior judges of the Supreme Court in a surprise move met the press recently in Delhi, considered the first such event, and aired their grievances. The Chief Justice met the senior judges to find a solution to the issue.
- ✦ The Union Human Resources Development Ministry has said that it would reintroduce annual examinations for 5th and 8th standards, as its recent studies revealed that a seventh class student is unable to solve simple maths of the fourth standard and a fifth class student is not able to read a third standard prose. Currently, in some states, no annual examinations are being conducted till the eighth standard to reduce drop-out ratio.
- ✦ A report suggests that the Ministry of External Affairs is considering an idea to colour-code the passports. It says skilled citizens of India can hold the blue-coloured passports that are currently being given to all, and the unskilled labourers who require emigration checks could be given orange colour passports. The idea behind the proposal is that the government will be able to protect vulnerable labourers from exploitation when they travel outside India. However, critics say, the move will lead to discrimination
- ✦ The UNESCO report says Tamil is in the list of 100 top languages facing the threat of extinction. Out of the 7105 known languages globally, over 880 are in India. Many other native languages have met with extinction. In the last 50 years alone, 220 languages have vanished from the face of the earth.
- ✦ India’s PSLV rocket has reasserted its reliability in launching satellites up to 1.5-ton satellites into low earth orbits by successfully injecting 31 payloads on the 12th of January. They included India’s earth observation satellite “Cartosat-2 Series,” two other smaller satellites developed by India and 28 small and nanosatellites of foreign customers. The rocket faced a brief hiatus due to the failure of the PSLV C39 mission on 31st August last, in which the nose cone of the rocket failed to separate in space, thereby confining the navigation satellite within itself, not allowing it to come out. The ISRO has said it took corrective measures after deep analysis



GOD'S TIMING

What do you prefer in a man - wealth, position, character or appearance? - Appearance - and the sooner the better.

Unfortunately, this joke is all too true. Their deep inbuilt desire for intimacy can throw both men and women into deep despair. The urge to just "have somebody" can destroy more than just the physical innocence. It can destroy entire lives through wrong choices.

God doesn't want you to suffer all the pain and heartache a wrong selection of spouse would bring into your life. Even in this area, His eternal principles apply:

4 Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.

5 Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass (Ps.37:4)

You will only have a happy marriage if you have learned to be a happy single. If you expect a spouse to make you happy, you are already set up for disaster.

Repenting time

Please understand: No human being can ever fully understand and fulfill you. This is something only your Creator can do, since He only knows every fiber of your being. If up to now you expected happiness from your future or present

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spouse, the first step out of disaster is to repent. You are breaking many of God's commands, beginning with the very First Commandment itself:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me" (Ex.20:2-3)

If you don't expect any- and everything you need first of all from your God but from any human being, you actually commit idolatry!

See the wonderful promise He gives you:

Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass (Ps.37:4-5)

Hallelujah!

Returning time

Maybe you were like a sheep, going astray, running after love in all the wrong places. Don't worry.

You can right now repent and be set free from any wrong relationship which brought only damage to your soul and emotions. You can come

back to your God who loves you with a pure, everlasting, completely unselfish love:

For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls (1.Pe.2:25)

Let this be the song of your life. Celebrate every day the fact that you have returned to Jesus Christ, the One who will take care of your soul and protect you from harm and hurts like nobody on this planet could do!

Waiting time

Maybe you tried to trust God for some time, but your miracle took longer than you expected. Now the temptation to take your life into your own hands is again knocking at your door. What should you do during your waiting time?

My very best recipe and life motto is Mt.6:33: ***“But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”*** Praise Him. Worship Him. Admire Him. Study His Word. The more you know Him, the more easily you will detect counterfeits. If you know Jesus, you won't fall for a man or woman who doesn't display His character. By knowing God, you will be automatically inoculated against evil.

Active time

If loneliness keeps bothering you, ask Jesus

whom you can bless at this very moment. Make a phone call or a visit. Bring some flowers or cookies to a hospital or senior citizens home. Ask who doesn't receive visitors. Share your little gift together with God's Word and a prayer for them. This is a practical, active way of obeying Matthew 6:33 - and all the other things SHALL be added unto you in His perfect time.

Trusting time

Please, for heaven's sake, don't try to push or convince or overpower God. Do you remember the people of Israel asking for a king? Do you remember God's broken heart when He had to understand that His people were not satisfied with His Presence, His guidance, and His Kingship? They just wanted to be "like all the nations" (1.Sa.8:5-9). God gave them their desire, although not without clearly warning them (1.Sa.8:10-22). You can read all throughout the Old Testament the great trouble and sorrow ungodly kings brought upon the entire nation.

I have seen tragic cases of sisters really pestering God, first for a husband, then for a child. In some cases, it really seemed to me like God was saying, "Ok, if you are so desperate, and if you really feel I am not enough for you, I will give you your desire." The horrible thing is that these sisters afterwards suffered just like the people of Israel did under their self-selected kings.

One pastor's daughter stormed heaven for a child. When she finally had the child, both her

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husband and her father-in-law died in a car crash. As a widow without a child, she might have had a slight hope of remarriage. With a child in Indian culture, however, she is doomed to live alone for the rest of her life.

Another sister insisted in marrying and having a child at the age of 46. She finally married a man who is around 20 years younger than her, and their child was born with Down syndrome. What an unnecessary suffering for the rest of their lives! What a waste of life-time and energy that could have been used for God's Kingdom work!

Dear brother, dear sister, let me give you the best counsel you can ever get. Of course, it is a counsel from God's Word, the owner's manual written by the very Manufacturer of your life. Where else could you expect to get the right counsel?!?

***5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths (Pr.3:5-6)***

You can fully entrust your soul to your faithful, loving Creator. You can keep doing good to others, no matter how much you may desire for your spouse to show up NOW itself (1.Pe.4:19). God will make sure that the right person makes his or her appearance at the right time. And since you are fully in tune with God and with His precious Holy Spirit, you will be walking in the spirit and not miss your opportunity. Glory to God!!!

Compassion ministry time

There is a very interesting verse in Exodus 1:21. You probably know the story. Pharaoh, the cruel king of Egypt, had commanded the Hebrew midwives to kill every Hebrew male child and to let only the girl babies live. By this he hoped to weaken the nation of Israel. These two midwives, however, refused to murder the male children because they feared God. God appreciated this so much that He rewarded them in two beautiful ways.

First of all, for their heroic bravery in disobeying the most powerful person on earth at that time, He recorded their names in the Bible for the entire world to know for centuries to come (Ex.1:15)! Wow!

Think about it! What does our modern society do? How easily people decide to just "delete" or "erase" an unplanned child, as though an abortion were just a click on a computer keyboard! Women claim a right to their body, to their womb. They think they can just enjoy sex with anybody and murder a God-given life, a precious human being, in case they become pregnant.

Oh, excuse me! I forgot... we are supposed to call it "embryo" or "fetus" or anything else that doesn't remind us of the fact that it is a very distinct, living human being from the very moment of conception!!!

How true is God's Word! How much the god of this world has blinded the eyes of the unbelievers (2.Co.4:4)! What an utter darkening of mind it is when people are convinced they have the right to murder a human being (Ro.1:16-2:11; Ex.20:13-14)! The second reward with which God honored the commendable disobedience of these two midwives is found in Exodus 1:21:

21 And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.

Isn't this interesting? God didn't just provide husbands for them; He provided households for them! He provided a safe, secure, established living place and the possibility of having children inside the safe haven of marriage for those who protected others' innocent, defenseless babies from cruel murder, even though this murder seemed very reasonable and politically correct, the one and only option to secure their jobs and even their very lives. Wow...

Dear brother, dear sister, if you desire a happy marriage and a safe home, why not start out like these two wise midwives? Why not find ways to

protect the underprivileged? Why not make God's heart cry for the orphans, the widows and the foreigners your own?

In my life, this is one of the secrets for the wonderful, joyful and spiritually fruitful household God has provided for me now. From the very beginning of my real Christian life, I used to ask God to give me His heart burden for the salvation of the lost.

Even though I was an extremely shy young woman, this burden compelled me to go to hospitals, senior citizens homes, orphanages, prisons and refugee homes to preach God's Word. Sometimes I would get infested with lice there - a truly traumatic experience for a German! Yet not even that could stop my zeal to help the underprivileged. The love of Christ compelled me to no longer live for myself, but for Him who died for us and rose again (2.Cor.5:14-15).

I went around the world to many extremely poor nations where I sometimes suffered for weeks without electricity or running water, at times even got amoeba or other diseases - just to bring the Good News of salvation to a suffering humanity. Preaching invitations from rich nations didn't excite me at all. I always preferred to go where the need was greatest.

I am very convinced that my determination not to obey our modern Pharaoh who wants to squeeze us into forced labor and make us ineffective for God's Kingdom is a major reason for all the blessings I enjoy now (Ex.1:8-14; 6:9; Ro.8:17).

Let me encourage you! It may sound difficult at the beginning, but once you start helping the poor, you will never want to stop.

You will be filled with heavenly joy and anointed with God's Holy Spirit for each task. Your joy and anointing will even increase with each rejection and persecution you suffer. Your reward will be great, both on this earth and also in heaven (Lk.15:1-10; 1.Pe.4:14; Mt.5:11-12).

So please, stop sitting around waiting and whining and complaining. Go out and find your harvest field, in Jesus' Name!

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