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“I AM” AND HE WILL TEACH YOU NEW THINGS ALL THE DAYS OF YOUR LIFE, IF YOU ARE WILLING TO
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Dedication

This book is dedicated to my dear wife Veena
& my lovely daughters Salome & Kezia.

....but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. (Joshua 24:15)

FOREWORD

It was a cold winter morning and the sun was shining on the old stone buildings in downtown Beckley, a coal mining city in West Virginia. The usually busy streets were rather quiet as it was the weekend. I was on my way to drop my daughter to the Raleigh General Hospital, as she was doing a High School project. As I waited at the signal lights, my attention fell on an old rugged homeless man sitting in the sidewalk looking straight on across the street. He was covered with his multi layered jackets and wore long boots and thick gloves. For a moment I thought it was just another homeless, lost in his own world of misery and loneliness. As I looked at him intently, I noticed that his lips were moving; it seemed like he was making a conversation with someone with an element of seriousness which I could comprehend. I said to myself, he has probably lost his mind, talking to himself like this. While I was still making my own judgments and starting to feel sorry for him, I heard a Still voice in my spirit speaking to me – “Moansy, my son is speaking to me, I am having an intimate conversation with him”. I cried as I continued to drive towards my destination. The Lord’s incisive voice had changed my perspective about being lonely and lost.

I have known Pastor Johnson since April 2011, when our paths crossed during a church service in Doha, Qatar. It has been a fruitful and spiritually enriching relationship that I have had with this mighty man of God. It has always challenged me when I see his zeal for the kingdom of God and the commitment in his life towards the calling to minister the Word of God. An anointed teacher of the Word of God and gifted with dreams and visions; he has touched many a life and personally he has been a tremendous blessing and encouragement to my ministry.

I believe, as you embark on this journey of reading this book, the Holy Spirit will release a special anointing in your life to understand the deep things of the Word and a greater revelation of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and a practical road map of how these gifts in you should be exercised to be a blessing for others around you. God bless you.

Rev. Moansy Thomas
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FOREWORD

Dreams given by God help us fulfill life's purpose and connect us to our destiny. They inspire us to think big and achieve phenomenal results. All throughout the Bible, God spoke to many of his servants through dreams. Today, we are living in a stressful world that is looking for answers to life's problems. I believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has graciously released his mysteries into Ps. Johnson's heart and the Holy Spirit has inspired him to write this book at the right time.

Today many of us are constantly seeking for someone who could show us the right direction in life. The Word of God is the constant guide for us regarding this, but God speaks to his children through dreams and visions too. He called Abraham his friend and God's word in Genesis 18:17 states, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do". This book covers Pastor Johnson's journey with Yahweh and describes unique ways in which God has inspired him with words of knowledge and words of wisdom. As he shares his dreams, visions and godly thoughts, some of them, like Job tells us in Job 33 are warnings to turn from sin and others, to rescue men from perishing.

Pastor Johnson is a man who hungers constantly for God's word. He is a teacher and preacher with sound doctrines and passionately intercedes for saints.

It's my prayer that God's precious Holy Spirit will manifest himself to you as you read this book. May you experience the warmth of the love of Jesus, enjoy his explosive power and be transformed as you read of the amazing ways God communicates to his servants in these last days, before Christ's coming in the clouds at Rapture. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are the tools that would enable you to establish God's kingdom in every city and nation of this world. Let this book arouse your appetite to press in to more of God and may you encounter the God who gives us supernatural dreams. God bless you.

Pastor Ranjith Philip,
Head Of Retail, Jumbo Electronics.
Pastor, New Life Fellowship, Doha, Qatar.

**A few reviews regarding the
1st and 2nd Editions of "Dreams, Visions, The Still Small Voice & Miracles.**

Good Day Dr. Johnson, **My name is Anthea and I am from South Africa.** I've just finished reading your e-book and I was very blessed by your insight, your love and obedience for God. Your book has been a real blessing to me. God bless.

Praise the LORD! I thank the Lord Almighty for His grace and gifts of the Holy Spirit in your life, and your obedience in using them to bless others. God bless you man of God! I thank you for your book about dreams, it is a great help. It has also encouraged me a lot in my walk with God. May God be with you and your family always. **Lucy C. Masinde, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.**

May the peace of the lord be with you Sir; I had the opportunity of reading one of your books- dreams and visions and I was blessed by your write up concerning the topic, because these days most men of God try to elude this topic...**Harvey Eghedose, Senegal, Dakar.**

Shalom, I read your book of dreams and visions; I very powerful book. I do believe in dreams. **Julia Balu, Kenya.**

Hello Pastor, Praise the Lord!!! I downloaded your app long ago, and had read your dreams pdf today! What a blessing it is!!!! Your testimony encourages me to seek God and trust Him more! Please pray for me and my family and church. God bless you. In Him, **Niharika, India.**

Good morning man of God. I read a book of yours this week and I am really inspired. How can I also build such a close relationship with God and how do I hear that still small voice? **Appiah Matilda, Ghana.**

Dear Pastor, I am so thrilled to have read your book: dreams and visions. I am so blessed! Thank you for writing such an interesting and eye opening book that you made available for people like me. Thank you so much and may God continue to increase your anointing and fill you with fresh fire sir. Amen!
Olayinka Adetunji, USA.

Dear Sir, I just started reading your book and in just a few a chapters, my faith in God has increased. I am a full Gospel Pentecostal. I am a Sunday school teacher and we just started our women's group. I am going to share this book with everyone. Thank you for sharing your experiences with the Lord. May God bless. **Vikki Sanker, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies.**

Dear Pastor...Your writings have inspired me a lot to understand the works of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for all those inspiring real life stories. Thank you Pastor. God bless you abundantly for the glory of His name. **Juana Patrick, Malaysia.**

Hello..My name is **Alicia Anderson Rhoden**..I live in **Jamaica**...I was drawn to this book of dreams because I was have dreams sometimes and they happen...yesterday I downloaded your book. It spoke to me and I accept every word..... Praise God....

Hello Dr. Johnson, My name is **Delma** and I am from **Papua New Guinea**. I was delighted and blessed to have read dreams PDF. God is good.

Dear Sir, I have just finished reading one of your books on Dreams, Visions and Miracles. I find the short stories very interesting and enlightening and I can totally relate to them. I too have a gift similar to yours and would like to read more of your works. I am an in-flight attendant stationed in **Nairobi, Kenya** but fly frequently to India (Mumbai) and Dubai. Thank you and God bless you. **Greg.**

Greetings in the most precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I do not know how, but I stumbled upon your "Dreams & Visions" app, while searching for biblical content. I loved it. I am usually a poor reader, but I finished the readings in a day. It kept me engrossed. I felt some sort of connection, though I do not know who you are. Do email me any free PDF of your Christian writings / books. I would love to read them. **Abraham John, Dubai, UAE.**

Praise the Lord Pastor. I read your book on visions and dreams. It was great. Jesus spoke to me a lot through this book. Your book is very powerful pastor. Thank u for this book. Pray for me Pastor. Praise the lord. **Gayathri, Tamil Nadu. India.**

Hello Sir, My name is **Sujin Mathew**. I am a student in **Canada**. I have been reading your book about your visions and dream; it encouraged me a lot. Whenever I travel to and fro from my work, I read your book and it was an amazing experience. Recently, I started to pray for the anointing of Holy Spirit. My favorite dream in the book is the "hands that clean an unclean vessel to fill new oil". I'm also eager to have the same washing and filling of Holy Spirit. Please pray for me to be filled with the Holy Spirit. God bless you.

Hello Thank you for sharing this book in the form of an app... Be Blessed!!! **Marti Hernandez, USA.**

Blessed day Sir Johnson. I am reading your book about dreams and visions and I like it. I pray that you can share your books here in Philippines. God bless you and your ministry. **Bishop. Randy N. Penoliad, Philippines.**

Excellent book, I enjoyed reading it and gained spiritual strength. Love this book so much. A must read for all. **Anish Pratap. Kuwait.**

5 STARS... Read the whole book in one go. The book is so lively that I never took a break in between. Really wondering about the different ways in which God communicates. Great Job Dr. May God Bless you and your family abundantly...**Denice Mathew, Dubai, UAE.**

Dear Mr. Johnson, My name is **Salote Sobusobu** and I am from a small country called **Fiji**. I have been inspired by the good works that you have been doing for the kingdom of god. It is such an awesome feeling when I read some of your dreams or visions and I compare it to what I face every day; it helps me a lot with the Bible verses you include with each vision.

Surely the LORD is at work. Greetings in the matchless name of Jesus. I am part of the Pentecostal Movement, living in **Jamaica**. Last night while searching for a KJV version of the Holy Bible that will work on my phone, I stumbled upon this book and thought "looks interesting, since I'm always getting

dreams, seeing visions and hearing that still small voice and I'm sometimes unable to interpret them". I downloaded it and shortly after was covered in shivers, tears and worshipped God for his mighty works. **Tashika Newman.**

I have been oppressed for several years. I read this book and it lifted from me and I am still fine after 2 weeks. **Cheri Toms.**

Thank you for this app; it came to me at a time when I needed it the most. **Madhavi Maharaj.**

I give glory to God for this book for helping me grow spiritually. **Mwansa Bwembya.**

This is a true blessing. I am glad to have the ability to see into the true works of God for all of us when we believe and work with our faith. Please pray for such insight and prosperity for my family and I. The author is a truly blessed man. Please pray for me and continue on your great works for Jesus. **Ebony Burns**

The app is the best app that I have ever had, thanks to Dr. Johnson for this. **Isaac John.**

This is the best dream app ever, godly dreams with clear interpretation. **Dog Nama.**

Dreams Insightful, i just love it. It's great and a blessing. **Frances Badger.**

Dear Pastor Johnson, I would like to say a big thank you for the work you are doing in God's kingdom. I have just completed reading your book (Dreams, Visions and the Small still voice). It's such an inspiration. I got it online and all the episodes are educative. God bless you so much. My name is **Nanyonga Christine**, a sister in our Lord Jesus Christ living in **Uganda.**

Greetings man of the Most High God. You are a blessing to me. I learnt a lot from the book you wrote, I am deciding to pray after every dream I am able to remember. I gave my life to Jesus Christ at my teenage years. I am very encouraged and felt the presence of God as I read this book. **Lindiwe Nonhlanhla Mkhize.**

Hi Dr. Johnson, I recently downloaded your app of visions and dreams on the app store. God truly spoke to me in so many ways. I am in God's class, still very new, but I am excited of what I am learning. **Jennifer Ramela, South Africa.**

Dear Pastor Johnson, Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am **Evangelist Abraham Johnson Maiga** from **Ouagadougou, Burkinafaso, West Africa.** Thank you very much for the good and powerful messages in your book "Dreams and Visions" It has helped me a lot to grow in my spiritual life. God bless and protect you and your family in Jesus Name.

How are you Dr. Johnson, My name is **Lilee Magoronga** and I am a **Zimbabwean.** I have been reading your book for the last couple of days and it has really been worth the while because it has in its own way motivated my faith to another level.

Brother Johnson, I live in the **UK** and I recently read your book about dreams and visions. Please, I just want you to pray for me to figure out God's will for my life . I don't want to take any decision that's not God's perfect will. **Christopher Dwirah.**

Good day Pastor, I am grateful to God for the grace I received to read your book on 'Dreams and Visions'; it's really a blessing, especially in areas where I have been praying to God for direction and possible next steps; the book just answered most of them. Best Regards, **Samson, Lagos, Nigeria.**

Dear Sir, I am very glad to have read your book on Dreams and Visions. **Thong Yuol. Ethiopia.**

God bless you Pastor Johnson for your book on dreams and visions. I have just finished reading it. It has enlightened me a lot. I am a Pastor of Deeper Life Bible Church in **Ghana**. Kindly remember me in your prayers. Greetings to your family. God bless you. **Peter Baba Tindana.**

Hello Dr.Johnson Cherian, My name is **Mere Ralagi**, I'm from the beautiful country of **Fiji**. I read your book about Dreams,Vision, Still Small Voice and Miracles. I really love it and it also motivates me. Thank you so much, may God bless your family and ministry abundantly. Kind Regards.

Good day Dr. Johnson, Your book inspired me a lot. Your book is very encouraging. It just adds so much to God's realness. Thank you for putting your book in a app form. What a wonderful idea. Thank you; your book is amazing. **Annadene Adlem. South Africa.**

Hi Dr. Johnson, The book you wrote about dreams and visions has really inspired me a lot. Your experience is really awesome and encouraging. May Jehovah Ebenezar continue to grant you good health and peace and use you to continue touching many souls around the globe. **Ojohn Silumande. Zambia.**

Dear Dr. Johnson, I've read about your daily walk with God through dreams and visions. Can you please help me to pray to God for a closer walk and fellowship with him. I want to hear him when he speaks. I want to know the Holy Spirit and his ways of communication. This is my heart's desire. **Margaret Tettehfo.**

Dear Dr Johnson, I greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I would like to thank you very much for your book on dreams. I got it today and read the whole of it in one sitting because it is just what I needed. Best regards, **Christopher Sirali. Kenya, East Africa.**

Hi Dr. Johnson, I've been reading your testimonies through the Android App this morning and what a wonderful revelation they are to me! I live in **Pretoria, South Africa**. I sense so much of who you are through your writings and I feel a profound Christ-like love for you. God bless you richly my brother. **Paul Albrecht.**

Author's Preface

It will be in the last days, says God, I will pour forth of my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams. Yes, and on my servants and on my handmaidens in those days, I will pour out my Spirit, and they will prophesy. (Acts 2:17, 18)

This is the story of love; of fellowship; of intimacy; of walking with God. In the pages that ensue, you will read of how God loves to fellowship with his children, how he is interested even in the little details of our lives as believers in Jesus Christ.

These are the dreams and visions that the most High God; the triune God (God the Father, God the Son & God the Holy Spirit) has shown me over the past 25 years as a believer and as a minister of the Gospel. Of the 1000's of dreams, visions and personal dealings of God, I have hand-picked 200 to share with you. As you leaf through the pages of this book, I believe God will speak to you; you will understand the great love that God has for you and you will yearn for greater intimacy with God.

There are skeptics of such dealings of the Almighty, but the God who dealt personally with scores of ordinary people of whom we read in the Word of God, the Bible, has not changed and his desire is to walk with each of his children in the same manner. At present, of course, the Word of God is the ultimate source of God making his will to known to all, yet he also deals with us on a personal front through dreams, visions, his still small voice and through any means he desires.

The God who loved walking in the Garden of Eden in the cool of the day and call out to his first human creation Adam, in a fatherly way, "Where are you?" still lives and desires to have intimacy and fellowship with each of his children.

Most of the experiences that you read here are of God directly or indirectly involving him in all aspects of my life; be it spiritual, physical, material, ministerial or work related. I have included only a few matters which concern cities, nations or the world.

I have often pondered on the question, "Can man walk with God?"

We read of very few people in the Bible of whom it is written that they walked with God; Enoch (Genesis 5:22, 24) and Noah (Genesis 6:9) to name a couple of them.

After experiencing intimate dealings of God through dreams, visions and hearing his still small voice countless times, I believe that it is God who chooses to walk with us; for what are we to walk with a God of whom Paul the Apostle writes...***who is the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and eternal power. Amen. (1Timothy 6:15, 16)***

Do I have the answers to all questions that pertain to my life and living because God deals with me so intimately? No! I go through many situations where life has to be lived like everyone else and there are unanswered questions. Moreover there are times when God chooses to keep quiet and not answer my queries immediately. There are other times when his presence is so very close that I feel he is living with me (Read John 14:23).

In this book, when you read the term “dream”, it pertains to what I see while sleeping (As in Genesis 28:12, Genesis 37:5-8, Matthew 1:20), the term “vision” pertains to what I see as images or words while praying in a wakeful state or while I am about to enter sleep or a state called trance (As in Acts 10:10, Acts 11:5, Acts 22:17) and the term “still small voice” is what the Lord extraordinarily speaks in to my mind (As in 1 Kings 19:12) (something I cannot bring up by my own thinking).

As with all the materials (tracts, books, CD’s) that we distribute freely for the expansion of the kingdom of God, this book is distributed free of cost. I took this decision a few years ago, when the Lord spoke to me while in prayer one day; He said, “A sower went out to sow and not to sell.”

I express my deep gratitude to all who have prayed and keep interceding for me and my family at all times. I thank my wife Veena and daughters Salome & Kezia for their continual love and affection for me. I am grateful to my parents and my sister and family for their kindness and understanding towards me. I thank Pastor Johny K John and members of my Church “El Shaddai” in Kerala for their constant support in prayer. My special thanks to Pastor Moansy Thomas and Pastor Ranjith Philip for writing the forewords for this book and for their constant encouragement and support with prayer. I express my thanks and regards to the Elders and members of New Life Fellowship, Doha, Qatar who have been kind to me at all times and have prayed for me and my family and keep praying continually. I thank St. Joseph’s Printing Press, Thiruvalla, Kerala for helping in printing and publishing this book. Above all, none other than God Almighty deserves all praise, glory & honor for making this book a reality; for without him, this would not have been possible. God bless everyone who reads this book. My humble request to all who get this book is....After reading, please gift the book to someone else. Let them be blessed too. “Freely you have received, freely give.”

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DREAMS, VISIONS, THE STILL SMALL VOICE & MIRACLES

1. RAPTURE

In the year 1994, one night I had a dream. In the dream, I was walking along with a very close friend of mine on the road near my clinic. Nothing spectacular happening. The usual buzz of people going about their businesses and traffic plying by. We seemed to be discussing some recent events in our lives, enjoying the good weather as we walked along.

We both had umbrellas to shield us from the slight drizzle that ensued. Suddenly it started getting dark. Still walking along we were not disturbed by the rain as it was very mild; but the darkness seemed to be getting worse. A very strange fear gripped me as the darkness increased. My steps faltered. I told my friend, "I feel something terrible is going to happen. I can't go any further." My friend reassured me, "Why do you worry? The Lord is with us." The darkness not only increased but there was lightning and thunder. Never in my lifetime had I heard such thunder. It was terrible. It almost seemed to break my back.

My friends' poise renewed my inner being. He said, "Come, let's praise the Lord. No evil will befall us. The lightnings were now striking very near us. "Despite the terrifying atmosphere, we started praising the Lord whole-heartedly and took giant strides forward. "Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord", we shouted in unison.

And then it happened. In a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, a huge lightning came right up to us and sucked us up into the skies. As we ascended into the skies, unspeakable joy filled our hearts. We were still praising the Lord. And there the dream ended.

In the days that ensued, I meditated on the dream a lot and delved deeply into the scriptures to find its meaning. I found the following 2 passages from the Holy bible corresponding to my dream.

***Behold, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this corruptible will have put on incorruption, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then what is written will happen: "Death is swallowed up in victory."
(1 Corinthians 15:51-54)***

***For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with God's trumpet. The dead in Christ will rise first, then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. So we will be with the Lord forever.
(1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17)***

These are the two most significant passages from the Holy Bible that speak of an event called "Rapture". Though the word "Rapture" is not found in the Word of God, this is the term used by Bible Scholars for the above said event. This word brings indescribable hope and joy to some and confusion to others.

What is the “Rapture”?

The word “rapture” is derived from the Latin word “raptu”, which means “caught away or caught up.” This Latin word is equivalent to the Greek “harpazo” translated as “caught up” in 1 Thessalonians 4:17. This event, described here and in 1 Corinthians 15, refers to the catching up of the church from the earth to meet the Lord Jesus Christ in the air. It involves only the faithful of Christ’s churches. It literally means that when it is the Lord’s time, He will take born again believers away from this earth to be with him forever.

Rapture should be nothing less than the great hope and eager expectation of every true Christian. It is what the early church longed for and through the centuries has continued to be the hope of many who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.

It’s been 21 years now, since I saw the dream. I believe it will happen sometime in my lifetime. And may the Holy Spirit prepare you and me for that blessed moment.

The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some count slowness; but is longsuffering towards us, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

2. EARTHQUAKES

In 2004-05, when several earthquakes were occurring all over the world and in India, I awoke with a start one night after seeing a dream of a massive earthquake occurring in Kerala, South India. In the dream, I was driving my car to our Church, but to my horror, the roads were split wide open and I could neither go forward or backward. Obviously it was a warning from the Lord that a quake would hit our state, so I prayed about the matter that night and for a couple of days and then forgot about it.

A week later, the Lord showed me another dream wherein an earthquake had already taken place in our state and I am giving people directions as to where to find shelters. I prayed about the matter again, this time more seriously.

To tell me that my prayers were not enough, the Lord showed me yet another dream of an earthquake that had hit a locality near my house, with broken bridges and fallen electric lines. For several days I and my wife prayed fervently that these earthquakes may not happen.

I resorted to corporate prayer and asked my church members to fast and pray for a day to avert this calamity. God was merciful and answered our prayers.

God directs his people to pray and avert calamities. His children are always standing in the gap every place on earth according to the counsel given by the Holy Spirit. As a result, not only believers but those who don’t believe in the Lord Jesus Christ are also saved. Praise God that He gives prior warning to His children who walk with Him.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

3. TRAPPED IN A WOODEN CAGE

On July 10th 2006, I saw a dream at night. In the dream, one of our Church members was trapped in a large wooden cage with nets all around. The brothers from our church were trying fervently to get him

out and I too was with them. Finally I was able to tear the nets covering one side of the cage and the brother was freed.

After I woke up seeing the dream at around 2 am, I prayed for the matter for quite a while. I knew that the Holy Spirit was showing that this brother was going to be attacked by Satan and I would be able to free him by taking the appropriate action. On Sunday morning when I reached the church that I pastored, I wanted to immediately tell this brother to be alert in prayer but to my surprise the others there told me that he had been hospitalized at 2am that morning with excruciating abdominal pain and vomiting.

We prayed for this brother fervently during Worship and after the service, several of us visited him in the hospital. He seemed to be in dire straits with bad abdominal pain and vomiting. Yet, because I knew what the cause was, we joined together in prayer and I laid my hands on this brother and rebuked the evil forces that were afflicting him. By evening he was better and the next day he was free of pain and vomiting and was discharged from the hospital.

Not all sicknesses are sicknesses. Some are demonic afflictions and such can be freed by rebuking the evil forces/demons in Jesus' name.

What the Holy Spirit showed in the dream (me freeing him by forcibly tearing the nets that caged him) was rebuking the demons that afflicted him.

Praise God for the Holy Spirit who is our Counselor and guides us in all things.

The LORD helps them and rescues them. He rescues them from the wicked and saves them, because they have taken refuge in him. (Psalm 37:40)

4. WHIRLWIND

One night in May 2003, I saw a dream which frightened me a lot. In the dream, I saw me and my wife stepping into a vehicle without wheels, somewhat like the basket of a hot air balloon. All of a sudden a gust of wind propels the basket like vehicle into the air. I and my wife hold on to the sides of the vehicle. The wind increases in might and speed and turns into a whirlwind. Both of us cling on in desperation with the whirlwind swinging us round and round, up and down in all directions.

Finally everything becomes calm as the wind subsides and we utter a collective sigh of relief. Because of the intensity of the dream, I woke up in fear. I knew it was the Holy Spirit speaking to me of turbulent times ahead. I prayed about the matter immediately and also with my wife later that morning and also in the coming days.

In the second week of June, almost a month after I had seen the dream, my father-in-law aged 72, had facial convulsions and in 2 weeks was diagnosed with malignant cancer of the brain. Inoperable, not responsive to chemotherapy or radiation. This was a really testing time in our lives, with both me and my wife busy with ministry work and me with my medical practice. In and out of hospitals we went every few days and later on as his disabilities progressed, we really had a tough time trying to control his generalized convulsions. While he was in the initial stages of the sickness that afflicted him, my father who was otherwise healthy suddenly came down with Dengue fever. His platelet count fell rapidly and he started bleeding profusely from the stomach. I was called to attend to him while I was leading a Sunday worship. I was with him for about 2 weeks in the hospital while he was saved from death by the prayers of many.

He was given 10 platelet transfusions. My father-in-law's health meanwhile deteriorated and he was bedridden and unconscious for the last 2 months of his life.

During this period, I developed chest discomfort and breathlessness because of too much stress and strain and this problem lasted for around 3 months.

My father-in-law died on Nov.10, 2003 after 5 months of suffering, my father recovered totally and I was healed by prayers. All in all we had a whirlwind like situation as the Holy Spirit had shown.

My ministry, medical practice, the children's schooling and household matters were all disrupted for a while, but then the God of all comfort, who comforts us in our afflictions, comforted us and we had peace that passes all understanding during those turbulent times.

The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves those who have a crushed spirit. (Psalm 34:18)

5. DOUBLE BLESSING

We had been desperately searching for a house on rent as we had to vacate the one we were staying in because the contract term was over. For almost 2 months we looked here and there, asking, enquiring and inspecting. But our search did not yield fruit. Initially our prayers were routine, but as time passed and the deadline drew near, our prayers were fervent. During that period, one night I saw a dream.

"A very rich man, dressed in white, was distributing sweets to people gathered for a function. To everyone he gave one sweet but when he came to me, he smiled and gave me two sweets." The dream ended there.

I woke up the next morning and wondered what the dream was all about. Surely a double blessing was coming my way. I prayed for the same, not knowing in which area of my life it was to be.

"A man in white and a rich man too."

Men who wore white were few in our town, except of course a certain group of Pentecostals called "The Pentecostal Mission" or TPM. But I had no contacts with them whatsoever.

I forgot about this dream and our quest for a rented house continued. It was almost 2 months that we had been searching. One day after finishing my clinic work, I stopped near a wayside shop to buy a few things.

As I stopped and got down from my vehicle, I saw a Pastor known to me, stop his bike near me. After we exchanged pleasantries, I told him about our search for a house. He spoke of certain possible locations where we could still seek. As we talked, a car came to a stop on the opposite side of the road. Out of it emerged 2 persons both short and well built, one older and the other younger, an aura of the rich around them. The Pastor with me said, "Come, let's us ask that person, pointing to the older person who had stepped out the car. I said, "That's fine with me."

When both of them neared us, the Pastor with me shook hands with them and asked them when they had come from abroad. After talking for some time, he introduced me to the two and told them that I was searching for a house on rent. Immediately the older man said "That's no problem, you can take my house, the top floor is vacant."

Come let me take you home. Pausing a little, he then said, "let me first show you this new shopping complex that I have built."

A little walk from there, a four storied building built recently came into view. He took me to every floor and showed me the rooms; on the top floor he paused and said, "This hall I have specially built in remembrance of my parents." It is a prayer hall that I got made and it can be availed by any one free of cost to conduct prayer meetings or worship services. In front of me was a wonderfully constructed hall with a side room and bath room. I told him that it would be a great blessing to those who worshipped there. "You can conduct meetings here if you want, he said." "Me?" I was almost startled.

What did this man know of me to so suddenly give a prayer hall to conduct meetings free of cost? All he had heard from the Pastor a little while ago was that I am a Physician doing God's work. I smiled at his offer saying I'll think about it. A little later we proceeded in my car leaving the younger man, the other man's son at the shopping complex.

As we traveled he asked me about the work that I was doing for God, about my family, about my clinic. He had a wonderful house with a beautiful garden, with lots of flowers and all kinds of plants and trees. "Come, he said as we entered his house." He introduced me to his wife and told her that we were searching for a house on rent. Later he took me to the 1st floor of the house which was vacant. "You can stay here" he said showing me all the rooms.

The house seemed ideal for us after such a long search and the rent he asked for was reasonable. I said I'll discuss it with my wife and let him know.

As I took leave of him, he said "You can use the prayer hall, it's free." I smiled and returned home with the great news. In a few days' time after praying regarding the matter, we shifted to the new house and started a new church meeting in the prayer hall that the man gave us. For 4 years we had been praying for a good hall to worship God. Till then we were worshipping in a dilapidated rented house several miles away. Now God had given us this wonderful prayer hall, all of a sudden. I believe while we prayed, God was building a hall for us at another place.

Jesus once said, "My Father is still working, so I am working, too." (John 5:17)

Before we shifted to the new house, one night while I sat in prayer (the next night after I had met the man who gave me his house and the prayer hall) I praised God for his kindness and his love for giving us this rented house and the prayer hall.

"Thank you Jesus." I burst into spontaneous praise for some time. "As I praised and then sat quietly before the Lord meditating, the Holy Spirit suddenly said, "It's a double blessing."

It was then that my mind raced back to the dream that I had seen about a month ago. "A rich man giving me 2 sweets while he gave only one to others."

My heart again welled with praise as I thought about the dream being fulfilled. But one part of the dream made me wonder. The man who gave me 2 sweets wore all white but when I had met him he was just wearing a casual shirt and pant. As we had talked the previous day he had told me he too was a Pentecostal, but I had forgotten to ask him to which group he belonged. (The man whom God had shown in the dream was to be from TPM as I had recognized in the dream)

To make sure, the next day morning I called him and after greeting him asked him casually to which

Pentecostal group he belonged.

Oh! We are from "TPM" (The Pentecostal Mission) why do you ask? He queried.

Nothing! Just asking! I said, my heart rejoicing for God's faithfulness.

Know therefore that the LORD your God himself is God, the faithful God, who keeps covenant and loving kindness with them who love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.... (Deuteronomy 7:9)

6. LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Once when I lived in a rented house, though the owners were kind to me, the person who was looking after the house when the owners had gone abroad was always seeking an opportunity to make us leave the place because of vested interests.

I happened to know this because the Lord would show me a dream regarding this each time the fellow planned evil against us. Every time I would pray to the Lord not to allow his tricks to work.

When the Lord started showing me several dreams regarding his plans, I developed a dislike for the man and I changed my prayers. I started praying that the Lord should instead send that fellow away from that place. Some sort of hatred developed inside of me because outwardly he pretended to be kind but was scheming secretly.

Finally when the Lord had been repeatedly showed me these dreams, I asked the Lord, "I have been praying all along about this, why you don't do something?"

The Holy Spirit spoke to me at that moment and said, "Love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you".

I understood that my attitude as a Christian towards this man was wrong. So I confessed my sin to God and decided to do something good for this man for all the wrong that he was doing. I had a brand new shaving set with me and I decided to present him that. That same day when I met him, I presented that set to him. He looked surprised and thanked me. Because of the act, I found great peace in my heart. I was happy that I had obeyed the voice of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord was pleased too and I know it for sure because in 2 days, he sent the fellow away from that place, no more to trouble us.

The LORD is in his holy temple. The LORD is on his throne in heaven. His eyes observe. His eyes examine the children of men. (Psalm 11:4)

7. GOD'S TIMING

My father-in-law was bedridden and deeply comatose for the last 2 months of his life because of brain cancer. We had him admitted in a hospital for nursing care. Initially there were many relatives and friends coming to visit, but later on no one except me and my wife and a couple of others visited. There was nothing much to do except to pray for God's will to be fulfilled.

In addition to my father-in-law's sickness, my mother-in-law was blind and sick too and needed my wife's constant care. Both of us were tired, physically and mentally because of the circumstances. We

were living in a place where people were mostly nominal Christians. Most of them had no personal relationship with Christ and hardly approved of our walk with Christ.

Many speculated as to when my father-in-law would die. Some said he would lie in a comatose state for several months, others were not sure.

It was almost 2 months since he had been admitted to the hospital. During that difficult period, one night the Lord showed me a dream. In the dream I am in the hospital room sitting and watching my unconscious father-in-law, when suddenly he sits up in bed, leaning against the wall. He smiles at me and says, "Come and visit me tomorrow and day after. I'll be going to heaven on the 3rd day from now."

I told my wife about the dream and we knew that his end was near. Now here was a challenge put by God. Did I have the courage to tell the nominal Christians that this would happen on the 3rd day from that day and make them realize that our walk with Christ was not fake but for real?

I took up the challenge and told our relatives and neighbors there, that the Lord had told me that my father-in-law would die on the 3rd day from then. Some of them scoffed, some said that he would lie like that for several more months; some of them just laughed it off.

We visited 'him' for the next 2 days; he was in the same condition; no apparent change! The third day was a Sunday and after worship, we went to the hospital again at around 3pm. We were there till around 8pm and he lay there with no change in his condition for better or for worse. We travelled back to my wife's house, prayed, had dinner and slept.

At around 11.30pm that night, we received a phone call from the hospital conveying that my father-in-law had passed away. We travelled to the hospital immediately and asked the nursing staff how he had died, because when we left, he was just lying there, comatose as usual. They said that as soon as we left, his breathing became labored, he was given oxygen, but he went into cardiorespiratory failure at 11 pm.

The days after this were very hectic, but later when we thought about the dream and my father-in-law's death; we realized that what God had said in the dream was true. His timing was perfect as it always is. God also made the nominal Christians realize that God was with us and our walk with God was not just a show after all.

***Also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent; for he is not a man, that he should repent.
(1 Samuel 15:29)***

8. POWER TO THROW DOWN

Once I saw a dream in which a man (from South India) who claimed that he was a minister of the Most High endowed with great power was standing on stage demonstrating his skills. In the dream, I was standing with a couple of friends at the back of the vacant auditorium. He mumbled something with his mouth and gestured towards us to throw us to the ground forcibly, but I sensed the presence of an evil power within him and told my friends not to fear. As he gestured towards us, I rebuked the evil power within him and immediately I saw the spiritual form of a huge eagle rise upwards from his body. It had a huge body and great wings. No harm befell us because I rebuked the evil power; the dream ended there.

Nowadays, there are many people who claim to be servants of God, who use the name of Jesus and demonstrate their power by throwing people down. Many of them in fact use the power of evil spirits as this man was trying to do. Even the elect are deceived because they do not exercise restraint or seek the help of the Holy Spirit in discerning what is right.

Test everything. Hold on to the good. (1 Thessalonians 5:21)

9. OIL WASTED

During the early part of my life as a minister of God, an evangelist once invited me to his house for a prayer meeting. I was happy because this was another opportunity to preach the Word of God. I prepared a good message after spending quite a while in the presence of the Lord.

The night before the prayer meeting, I saw a dream. In the dream, I was at the house of the evangelist and the prayer meeting was going on. I had a vessel full of oil with me as I sat there, but after a while I emptied the vessel of the oil by pouring it on the ground and quietly leave the place. The dream ended there.

I did not understand the dream when I woke up, but as the events of the day unfolded I interpreted the dream, but it was too late then.

As agreed, I went to the evangelist's house for the prayer meeting. The evangelist who had invited me gave me a seat outside the prayer hall as there were many people inside; I felt a bit discomforted for he could have made room for me as I was a minister of God, but I quietly sat there outside waiting for him to call me to preach. Many preachers were called upon to preach and I thought that perhaps he would call me in the end. I waited and waited and finally the prayer meeting ended but there was no call. I felt insulted and left the place quietly after saying bye to the person who had invited me. He did not seem to care about how I felt and I left the place quite disappointed by his dismal treatment. As I drove home, the Holy Spirit reminded me of the dream that I had seen the previous night. The oil in the vessel was not used, but poured out on the ground and was wasted. From then on, whenever I was invited for Gospel meetings, I took the counsel of the Holy Spirit as to whether I should go or refrain from going. Listening to him is always best for us. He is our Counselor and Guide.

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring to your memory all that I said to you. (John 14:26)

10. AN UNKNOWN FACE

One night, several years back, in a dream, I saw myself preaching to a congregation. Some of the faces in the audience were very familiar to me, friends and members of my church, but then as if a camera were zooming in on someone, one face stood out from the rest. It was of a middle aged man, partially bald, medium height and stout. He was in the 2nd or 3rd row, listening intently to my message.

I woke up the next morning and as I recollected the dream, I remembered the face that had stood out from among the rest, but wondered who it must be, for I had never met that person.

That Saturday, I was called to preach in a prayer meeting held at a friend's house. Friday night, as I sat for prayer and asked the Lord what I should preach the next day, He gave me the verses from Joel 2:12-14

Yet even now," says the LORD, "turn to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning." Tear your heart, and not your garments, and turn to the LORD, your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness, and relents from sending calamity. Who knows? He may turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, even a meal offering and a drink offering to the LORD, your God.

And there was a surprise waiting for me when I reached the house where the prayer meeting was held. There in the 2nd row sat the man the Lord had shown me in the dream. Instantly I knew that the message though for everyone, was especially for this man.

As I preached, the Holy Spirit led me through several portions of the Bible where the apostasy of the Israelites is evident. "Enquiring and worshipping Baal instead of Jehovah. The Holy Spirit led me into speaking how Christians get trapped when they involve themselves in idol worship.

After the service, the man I had seen in the dream came hastily to me and told me his story. He was a believer who had got involved in idolatry and now his daughter was mentally ill. He had done everything in his capacity to get her cured with medicines but to no avail. He had come on holidays from another state to our native place and was returning in a couple of days. I told him that the message that day was especially for him from God and that he should obey accordingly and that I would be praying for him and his ailing daughter.

It was very evident here that God wanted to give him another chance and that's why the message-"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate..."

I do not know whether he took the Lord's counsel or not, for I have never seen him after that.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go. I will counsel you with my eye on you.
(Psalm 32:8)

11. ANOTHER RAPTURE DREAM

1994 was the year in which I saw myself and a friend being caught up in the clouds in a dream regarding "Rapture". The second Rapture dream that I saw was several years later. It was a time when I was passing through a phase of spiritual barrenness; there were frustrations in life, worldliness and I was not living in close fellowship with God.

In the dream, it was night time and the moon and stars were shining brightly. I saw many people clothed in white ascending to the heavens from different directions. I stood watching and rejoicing about the fact that Rapture was taking place. Then a sudden realization dawned on me that I was only watching and not being caught up. This made me sad and my countenance fell. The dream ended there.

When I woke up the next morning, I was very sad because the Holy Spirit had hinted that I would be left behind because I was not walking in close communion with God.

The dream made me realize that unless one lives a holy life and is in close communion with God at all times, it would not be possible to be caught up with Jesus at Rapture. Repentance and drawing near to God was the right thing to do and I did the same with the help of the Holy Spirit of God.

Therefore be watchful all the time, asking that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will happen, and to stand before the Son of Man. (Luke 21:36)

12. REJECTING THE TRUTH

Once, a youth started regularly attending our worship services after I had explained to him the Gospel truths. He was involving himself in all the activities of the Church and seemed to have taken a decision for living for the Lord.

Then one night, the Lord showed me a dream regarding him. In the dream, we were having dinner and I was serving him food. He seemed to be enjoying it for a while and then all of a sudden he just throws away the food that I had served and gets up and walks away.

I prayed about the dream that it may not happen like I had seen. The Lord was showing here that initially the fellow would accept all the spiritual truths that I fed him with, but then he would just discard the whole thing.

Though I prayed about the matter, what the Lord had shown took place, as in the dream. Just 1 week after I had seen the dream, without any specific reason, he stopped attending the worship and wouldn't come back, despite our prayers and pleadings. It was sad that he backslid and wouldn't choose to live for the Lord.

For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his life? (Mark 8:36)

13. GOD'S PROVISION IS WORLDWIDE

Nothing is impossible with God. Often we say we have faith, but our words and actions point in the opposite direction. Sometimes I too stand guilty regarding this matter. This was another occasion that God spoke clearly regarding what we often think.

Sometime back, I saw a dream concerning a servant of God. He is a good friend of mine and has the gift of prophesy. He has a widespread ministry in Kerala, South India.

In the dream, I saw that God was preparing a way for this servant of God to go to one of the Gulf countries to minister. The next morning I called him up and told him what I had seen. Immediately he said, "That's impossible. I have no relations there and no one there knows me too." I was speaking on the phone and as soon as he said that, the still small voice spoke to me and said, "Joseph had no relations in Egypt, yet I gave him a home there and I blessed him...."

I marveled at what the Lord said.

God is all powerful and once He gives us a promise, He doesn't back away, but fulfills it in His own wonderful time, however impossible the situation be.

For nothing spoken by God is impossible. (Luke 1:37)

14. HOLINESS OF GOD

This was a very short but significant dream that I saw in the year 2014. It was early morning and time for me to wake up after a good night's sleep. As I was waking up I saw God's glory shining brightly from his

throne. It was very pure and holy and as I watched, I immediately realized the unholiness and unrighteousness in me when looking at it. It was so bright that I shielded my eyes not wanting to look at it. The purity was blinding.

We, born again Christians, serve a God who is very holy. The Bible affirms, “Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, Fearful in praises, doing wonders?” (Exodus 15:11)

It is God’s desire that we live a holy life. He told his chosen people, the Israelites and he tells you and me.....

You shall be holy to me, for I, the LORD, am holy, and have set you apart from the peoples, that you should be mine. (Leviticus 20:26)

15. THE DEMON OF SEXUAL LUST

One night, a couple of years back, the Lord showed me a dream of this demon that afflicts millions of people worldwide. Lying on a couch, was a huge ugly naked demon gyrating and making lustful sounds. It had such a great force of attraction though it was ugly that it could draw many to it and there were many who fell to its evil power.

This is one demon that many believers fall prey to, not to speak of unbelievers. With the advent of Internet and television, there is no escaping involvement with this demon because of the amount of time people spend browsing the web and watching TV.

Many believers go through the cycle of lust, fulfillment, repentance, lust, fulfillment, repentance over and over again. Most of them pray when they come to Church that the Lord may not tell anyone of their lustful desires and so the Lord does not make it public. Yet, this sin distances them from God.

The only way to get rid of this sin is to be severe with it. If the internet or television is the cause, cut it off; have no involvement with it. Might seem very drastic, but Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount said the same.

Dealing with lust (Matthew 5:29, 30) – A passage that some think is controversial for Jesus speaks of plucking out the eye that causes to sin and cutting of the hand that causes to sin. Jesus, in fact was teaching his followers that sin like lust or any other must not be dealt with a lackadaisical approach but in a way that one does not commit or repeat it. That does not mean harsh treatment of the body, but gaining control over fleshly desires with the help of the Holy Spirit. As Paul the Apostle writes,

Those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. (Galatians 5:24)

16. SLEEP, MORE SLEEP

The nights were very cold that December. It was natural, my flesh thought, to snuggle under those covers and snore away 6-7 hours.

“Hello! It’s time to pray”, the Holy Spirit would gently nudge me in the middle of the night.

Literally, I would drag myself out of bed and pray the classic 45 seconds prayer. The first 15 seconds kneeling on the ground, the next 15 seconds semi reclining and the final 15 seconds would be spent in the ongoing process of dragging me back to bed and onto delightful slumber.

This went on, I guess, for quite a few days and then the Holy Spirit thought it wise to instruct me a bit more firmly than the usual nudge at night.

I woke up one morning seeing an unusual dream. In the dream, I saw myself hugging a dog and holding my face against one side of its velvety body. I seemed to be enjoying this when suddenly; the other side of the dog came into vision. This side was rotten, covered with wounds and stinking. Instantly; I backed off, pushing the dog away. I realized the Holy Spirit was speaking to me regarding my fondness for sleep. He seemed to be saying, "One side of sleep is good. It gives rest to your tired body and mind. But sleep has another stinking, rotten side which must be kept away from, by the believer. It takes away valuable time of prayer and fellowship with the Lord and the results can be disastrous.

The great preacher Solomon says, "A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man." (Proverbs 6:10, 11)

How true. Many invaluable blessings maybe lost in that extra nap that we often tend to take.

Don't love sleep, lest you come to poverty. Open your eyes, and you shall be satisfied with bread. (Proverbs 20:13)

17. ENEMIES LIVE AT PEACE

Once when we lived in a certain place, there was a person living in another house close by who showed that he was very friendly, but the Lord showed me his true nature one night in a dream.

In the dream, this person comes to visit me and he talks with me for a while; then when I go into another room to get something, he takes hold of our pet dog and strangles it, laughing slyly. That was all that the Lord showed me. It was a message from the Lord to beware of him because he was a wolf in sheep's clothing.

I prayed about the matter that the Lord may not allow him to do any harm to us. Since he was in close proximity to us and dealt always with us, there seemed no way to avoid him. I kept praying about the matter that the Lord may provide a proper solution to this problem. Then another night, as I slept, the Lord showed me another dream.

In the dream, I see this person on the path leading to his house and I tell him that God is going to open a way for him to go abroad. As soon as I say this, his attitude changes and he is overjoyed and does a jig. That was all I saw. A couple of days later, I saw him in the same spot as I saw in the dream. I told him what I had told him in the dream. He was very happy and went away merrily. From that day his attitude towards us changed. He started being genuinely helpful and respected me. Indirectly, through his wife, he asked for our prayers and was a changed man altogether.

I often marvel about the wonderful things that our Lord can achieve through small things. A few right words to this man changed his attitude towards us. What I told him about his going abroad was also fulfilled in due time. Praise the Lord.

When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. (Proverbs 16:7)

18. THE GOD OF ABRAHAM

Behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac. I will give the land you lie on to you and to your offspring. (Genesis 28:13)

It was a time of fresh spiritual lows in my life. Many distressing situations coming one after the other. One night I just woke up and instead of praying or praising God, I just sat on my bed, thinking of all the problems in my life. I just sat brooding, feeling sad, contemplating the situations. It must have been quite a while, but then I heard the unmistakable voice of my Savior Jesus speaking clearly to me saying, "I am the God of Abraham." It startled me and I sat upright thinking that there was more to come from the Lord, as He often speaks to me; but this night, it was just those few words, "I am the God of Abraham"

That set me thinking. Surely and truly, Jesus was involved in all my problems, as He was with Abraham's. Abraham had quite a few spiritual lows in his life (not fully trusting God and taking Hagar as wife and all the ensuing problems, telling Pharaoh in Egypt and Abimelech in Gerar that Sarah was his sister to escape death at their hands, being left with a desert land when Lot chose the plain of Jordan[to name a few])

Yet God was with him through all things, never leaving him nor forsaking him. By telling me that He is the God of Abraham, God was affirming the truth to me once again that "as He was with Abraham, so He was with me."

And you who read this, be assured that you are not alone in your daily struggles; your Lord Jesus is with you.

The LORD appeared of old to me, saying, "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love. Therefore I have drawn you with loving kindness. (Jeremiah 31:3)

19. PRAISE WORKS

In 1996, for 3 months I suffered greatly from a chest ailment. It all started with an allergy to petrol fumes which made me breathless with a feeling of tightness in the chest. This increased rapidly with allergy to other smells too and day in and day out I used to feel breathless. To add to this I had a problem of acidity in my stomach. I did not have peace of mind and had very little sleep. I could not work properly at the clinic and could hardly preach. The suffering was terrible.

I got some relief from my chest problem on having medicines but the medicines increased the problem in my stomach. This made me quit taking medicines. I prayed and fasted but to no avail. The problem persisted and increased.

After one month of suffering thus, one night as I prayed, the Lord spoke to me saying, "You will suffer from these sicknesses for 3 months. After that I will heal and deliver you totally."

Another 2 months of suffering! I became dejected, but there seemed to be a glimmer of hope. I waited expectantly for the next two months to get over.

The sickness had started on September 16. I kept praying and reminding God often, "Lord remember your promise, you must heal me on December 16th." The next two months were difficult to get through. It was by sheer grace that I made it to December 16th.

Here was the day that I waited for so anxiously. December 16th came and went but I did not receive the healing.

On 17th I was at my wits end. Anger and grief flooded me.

I told the Lord, "Look Jesus, you said 3 months and now my condition is just the same!"

That night as I sat to pray, I heard the still small voice of the Lord say, "You have forgotten to praise me all the time that you were sick". It was around 11.00 p. m. that I heard the Lord say that. I started praising him, one by one for everything and everyone that my mind focused on. I kept praising him till late at night and went to sleep praising Him.

In the morning when I woke up, God had worked another great miracle in my life.

Healed and Delivered from 3 months of bodily suffering and mental agony. All gone, when praise ascended to heaven. Praise the Lord!

He is an unchanging God

His love for you is great. He wants you to be healed and living a healthy life. So trust in Him and His promises. And do not forget to praise Him every day of your life.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)

20. WHY ONE NEEDS A GOOD FELLOWSHIP

Some of the dreams that I dream are like short movies and this was one of them. I saw this dream long back, when I was a new believer and not yet in the ministry.

In this dream, I was being chased by a villain with a revolver. He's shooting at me and some of the bullets just graze my body. I run through alleys and through the streets as fast as I can and escape his attack narrowly.

As I heave a sigh of relief, he's back again, now chasing me with another dangerous weapon. He almost gets near me and tries to knock me down with the weapon in his hand, but I escape and run away from him. While running I pray to the Lord and say, "Lord, I don't think I'll survive another such attack, so help me."

Before I finish praying, I see the enemy approaching me with a machine gun, laughing viciously, telling me that there's no escape now.

He aims at me to fire, but before that, suddenly out of nowhere, I see the members of the fellowship that I worship with, come around me and join hands to form a cordon around me. The enemy starts firing furiously, but the bullets just bounce off the cordon of the believers around me.

After firing for some time, the enemy gets tired and feels insulted that he's not able to even cause a minor bruise and walks away dejected.

Through this dream, the Holy Spirit was indicating that all believers need corporate prayer and the prayer support of believers who worship in spirit and in truth to ward off the attacks of the enemy.

A “spiritual wall of prayer” is essential for every believer to escape the attacks of the enemy. It is God’s will that each of us have “corporate prayer support” from believers who worship in spirit and truth.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And his ears open to their prayer; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. (1 Peter 3:12)

21. WATER BAPTISM

Water Baptism by itself does not guarantee a place for the believer in heaven. In other words, one does not take water baptism to go to heaven. The Bible says, ***...for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, that no one would boast. (Ephesians 2:8, 9)***

But that doesn’t mean one should not take water Baptism. Water Baptism is taken by the believer after he/she accepts Jesus Christ as Savior and for the following reasons:

- 1) It is the Lord’s command (Mathew 28:18-20)
- 2) It is an act of being obedient to God (Mark 16:16)
- 3) It is an Apostolic Doctrine for the New Testament Church (Acts 2:36-38, 41)
- 4) It is a pledge of a good conscience (1 Peter 3:18 -22)
- 5) It is a public profession of faith in Jesus & His victory over Satan (Romans 6:3-5)
- 6) It fulfills all righteousness (Acts 10:44-48) (Mathew 3 13-17)
- 7) It is an act of faith (Colossians 2:11-12)

Some say, “Let God speak to me directly, then I’ll submit to this. He has spoken about it clearly in His Word. Perhaps He has been speaking but they are not listening and obeying.

Let me give you an example.

One day as I traveled to my clinic in my car, I heard the still small voice of God telling me, “Sir has not taken Water Baptism yet.” Very unusual I thought because I hadn’t been thinking about that man or praying for him. God was referring to a man who left his vocation in teaching and administration to serve God as a minister of the Gospel. He is a good believer working for the Lord in his capacity; often I had been telling him for the past 2 years that Water Baptism is important and that he should take it. And now the still small voice tells me “Sir has not taken water baptism yet”

I parked my car and walked to the clinic; got busy with seeing my patients. After I had seen a few, guess who walked in? “Sir & his wife.” After exchanging pleasantries I asked him why he had come. And he said, “Doctor, did you forget? You told me to come here today.” I was surprised. I asked him. “When did I ask you to come?” Yesterday Night” he said.

“But I didn’t meet you yesterday night.” I replied smiling. “Well, I called you at 8.00 p. m. and you told me that I can come and meet you today at 10.00 a. m. today.” More surprised now, I said, “It couldn’t have been. I was preaching at another place yesterday at 8.00 p. m.” “But that’s impossible! He said, “I called you at home and you gave me an appointment today.”

“Sir! I came home at around 10.00 p. m. yesterday and there were no phone calls after I had left home according to the servant of whom I enquired when I came back. “Look! He said; Isn’t this your number? You gave it to me three months back when I saw you last. When I saw the number, I immediately knew what this was all about. The number that he showed was of my phone which I had already cancelled and given back to the exchange. This was an astounding miracle that God had done just to bring this man once again to me so that I tell him to get water baptized. Sure, he must have dialed the number that he had. But perhaps God or his angel answered him on the phone and said “Come tomorrow, 10.00 a.m. “I laughed and told him the thing that God had spoken to me while I travelled to the clinic that morning. God’s voice being very clear “Sir has not taken Water Baptism yet”

He and his wife listened very intently as I once again spoke to them about Water Baptism; they left after a while astounded at what had happened. But the tragedy of it all.....

I met this man after about 3 months and while conversing I asked him, “Sir, so did you finally take baptism?”

“No he said, God has yet to speak to me about it”.

Jesus once said,

In them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says, ‘By hearing you will hear, and will in no way understand; Seeing you will see, and will in no way perceive.. (Matthew 13:14)

22. HAVE I DONE YOU ANY WRONG?

Spiritual lows are frequent in the lives of believers and it’s nothing different for me as a teacher and preacher of the Word. One night as I sat to pray, I could think of nothing else than all the problems in my life. One thought piled on another as I started thinking and it seemed to be like a huge mountain in the end.

So I started complaining to the Lord about all the problems and the causes of the problems and the persons involved.

It must have been quite a while that I kept on and when I finally did end, I dozed off a bit and in the semi-sleep stage, the Lord startled me with His unmistakable voice and said, “Son, have I ever done you any wrong?”

That question not only made me awake again, but also brought tears to my eyes and I replied to the Lord, “No, Lord, you have never ever done me any wrong, only good.”

Yes, Our God is the God of all compassion. He says,

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving kindness.” (Jeremiah 31:3)

No matter what the problem in our lives, He is always there to help and heal, save and deliver. And when the problems pile up, he’s even closer. Praise God for such a Savior.

The LORD of Armies is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge. (Psalm 46:7)

23. THE BLOOD OF JESUS

On the night of March 17th 2006, I saw a dream. In the dream I happen to be walking along a road and there are a few others walking beside me. After a while 3-4 vicious looking guys come from the opposite direction and they have several fierce looking dogs with them. As they come near me, the guys command the dogs to attack me and the whole pack rushes at me barking and snarling. In the dream I am at a loss of what to do but as the dogs are about to pounce on me I rebuke the dogs in the mighty Name of Jesus and pray to Jesus to cover me with His precious blood.

As soon as I do that, the dogs just stop in their tracks as if they are hit by something violent and they seemed to be weak and helpless. Soon they recede and disappear.

This was a warning from the Holy Spirit that a satanic attack was about to take place in my life, but if I trusted in the Name and Blood of Jesus, victory would be mine.

The next day morning, I experienced shortness of breath and chest discomfort. I remembered the warning that the Holy Spirit had given me and rebuked the evil forces that had brought that upon me. The difficulty persisted till evening, but God delivered me as I placed my trust in the Name and Blood of Jesus.

The songwriter says,

There is power, power, wonder working power in the blood of the Lamb. There is power, power, wonder working power in the precious blood of the Lamb. How true.

The Blood of Jesus is our protection. Each day, every believer must cover himself/herself, their family, finances, homes and whatever they have been given by God with the Blood of Jesus. The Blood of Jesus not only cleanses us from all sin but also protects us from our enemy-the devil who is out to kill, steal & destroy. Praise God for the Blood of Jesus.

They overcame him because of the Lamb's blood, and because of the word of their testimony...(Revelation 12:11)

24. A FUNERAL

One morning as I traveled to my clinic, I was thinking about a certain servant of God who had died a couple of days back and that day his funeral was to taking place. As I approached the place where the cremation was to take place there was such a big queue for the last time view of the servant of God. There was a mammoth crowd and people were thronging around the place.

Certain thoughts regarding the event came to my mind and I was making my own conclusions-Certainly this man deserved this kind of a last minute send off, if one could call it that. He had labored for Christ for so many years that such a heavy crowd had turned out for his funeral. Surely any one so great will naturally have many admirers and it was logical that people had to wait in large queues to get a last glimpse.

Quite unexpectedly Lord spoke to me and very clearly said something unique. He said, "There was no one around when I buried Moses."

Now this was something extraordinary. I could never have brought up this thought by myself. It's just the way that the Lord speaks to us. "Out of the blue" on certain occasions. He didn't say another word but just what He had already said, but that itself was worth a day's thinking.

Moses was a great servant of God. The Bible does vouch for that.

So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the LORD's word. He buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth Peor, but no man knows where his tomb is to this day. Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eye was not dim, nor his strength gone. The children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the days of weeping in the mourning for Moses were ended. Since then, there has not arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, in all the signs and the wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, and in all the mighty hand, and in all the awesome deeds, which Moses did in the sight of all Israel. (Deuteronomy 34:5-8, 10-12)

Wonderful, isn't it?....All the things that are written about this great servant of God. Perhaps some critics may argue that He deserved a better burial but there couldn't have been a better burial for Him. God Himself set the time and place and conducted the funeral rites.

Of course before the actual burial took place there was a fight for his dead body as we read in the book of Jude.

"But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, The Lord rebuke you!" (Jude 9)

I often wonder why devil contended for the body of Moses. Perhaps he was trying to establish the view point that Moses disobeyed God regarding speaking to the rock instead of hitting it. Well, the devil has all sorts of tricks up his sleeve. But he got the right reply from the archangel Michael who said that his accusations against Moses and his contending for his body deserved a rebuke from the Lord.

The Bible says that the Lord knows them who are his and He knows them who are truly faithful to Him even though the devil may bring all sorts of allegations and accusations against them.

Praise the Lord for He is always just in all His ways.

Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are your ways, you King of the nations. (Revelation 15:3)

25. YOU CAN'T TRICK THE LORD

One day as I was finishing my work at my Clinic in Kerala, my assistant informed me that someone from the vigilance department of the police wanted to see me urgently. I wondered what the cause was and asked my assistant to usher him in. After saying "Hello", I asked him what the reason for his coming was. He was reluctant to say much and proceeded to show me a letter that had been received by the vigilance department. I asked him what the letter was about and again hesitantly he stated that someone had sent a written complaint that I was 'a quack' and did not have the required qualifications for practicing Medicine.

This made me smile and I told him amusedly that this was the 5th year that I was practicing after my post-graduation in Medicine. He said that he had been enquiring the matter and knew that there was

foul play involved but they couldn't really pinpoint the culprit behind this. Anyway as this was considered as a serious offence, the Superintendent of Police had sent me a notice to appear before him on a set date with all my records. After he left me, I wondered who could have played such a trick on me, because I did not have any overt enemies in that place and never was any animosity shown towards me by any one in that place.

That night I prayed to the Lord and asked for His guidance regarding the matter, all the while wondering who could have played such a trick. As I slept, I saw a dream. In the dream I am in an elevator with a man who works in a coffee shop near the Clinic. As we ride the elevator, this man smiles at me and says, "The police will never know that I wrote that letter." Waking up at night after the dream, I praised God for His faithfulness and asked the Lord why that man did so? In reply the Lord said that the man didn't like the Gospel work that I did at the Clinic-distributing tracts and books and it was a sort of harassment that he had planned. I knew this man very well but did not go to confront him regarding the thing leaving the matter into the Lord's hands.

A few days later, early one morning, I traveled with my wife to the SP's office to show him my records. It so happened that the SP was sick that day and as soon as I entered his office, he asked me to prescribe some medicine for his illness. He just glanced through my records and told me that he was sorry for the trouble, but he was just following regulations. I asked him whether they were able to catch the culprit but he just shook his head and said, "It's not so easy." I felt like telling him that it would be easy if he could ask the Lord for some help, but just kept quiet knowing that he wouldn't probably understand or appreciate what I said. As I said "Good Bye", he smiled and wished me the best.

To end the story, I do not know for sure whether it was God's way of avenging for what the fellow had done, but in a drunken brawl that week itself this man was stabbed and was hospitalized for quite some time.

God is faithful in all His ways and He says, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

And His Word exhorts us in this manner,

Repay no one evil for evil. Respect what is honorable in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as it is up to you, be at peace with all men. Don't seek revenge yourselves, beloved, but give place to God's wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay, says the Lord."
(Romans 12:17-19)

26. 4 LEPERS

A pastor friend of mine had to find a house on rent urgently as he and his family had been asked to vacate the rented house that they were living in as soon as possible. He had been praying fervently about the matter and searching for a house in different places for the same, but to no avail.

I too joined in the hunt and for several days searched and enquired of houses that were to be rented. It had almost been a week and the pastor had to vacate the house that he stayed in now, the next morning.

Early next morning I had to go to the market to buy groceries and as I drove my car towards the market, I was telling the Lord how my master friend needed a miracle that day. It was then that I saw them- 4 lepers walking together and in a moment the Lord spoke to me & reminded me of the 4 lepers during the great famine of 7 years when Elisha was prophet in Israel.

Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate. They said to one another, "Why do we sit here until we die? If we say, 'We will enter into the city,' then the famine is in the city, and we will die there. If we sit still here, we also die. Now therefore come, and let's surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they save us alive, we will live; and if they kill us, we will only die." They rose up in the twilight, to go to the camp of the Syrians. When they had come to the outermost part of the camp of the Syrians, behold, no man was there. For the Lord had made the army of the Syrians to hear the sound of chariots, and the sound of horses, even the noise of a great army; and they said to one another, "Behold, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us." Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their donkeys, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. When these lepers came to the outermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and ate and drank, and carried away silver, gold, and clothing, and went and hid it. Then they came back, and entered into another tent, and carried things from there also, and went and hid them. Then they said to one another, "We aren't doing right. Today is a day of good news, and we keep silent. If we wait until the morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come, let's go and tell the king's household."
(2 Kings 7:3-9)

What the Holy Spirit was impressing me was that 'this was a day of good news' (verse 9 above). At once I knew that my pastor friends' prayer had been answered.

Surely enough later that day one of the patients who came to consult me in my clinic told me (without me asking him) that his brother's house was available for rent should someone whom I knew needed it.

I smiled when he said that and soon my friend had the rented house that he needed so urgently. This was another occasion that the Lord had spoken to me clearly and performed a much needed miracle. Praise the Lord.

By awesome deeds of righteousness, you answer us, God of our salvation. You who are the hope of all the ends of the earth, of those who are far away on the sea. (Psalm 65:5)

27. A WAKE UP CALL

"Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?" The watchman said, "The morning comes, and also the night." (Isaiah 21:11, 12)

The winter mornings were very cold that December. Still I ventured out on to the terrace of the house where we stayed, pulled up a chair and eased myself into it wrapping myself in a warm blanket to keep the chill away. It was 5am and the stars were not yet gone and a slight fog was around. Praying didn't seem easy that morning with the cold atmosphere and as it sometimes happens in my life, I began wondering whether this was so important so early when I could get another hour of sleep.

Half praying, half pondering over things, I was startled to hear a voice distinctly call out from the lane nearby, "Watchman, what is left of the night? Watchman, what is left of the night?" As I turned my head and looked, I could see a man riding his bicycle on the lane nearby and disappearing into the fog. But before his figure faded into the fog, he answered the question that he had himself asked, saying – "Morning is coming, but also the night"

I remembered this verse from Isaiah 21. This small incident invigorated my spiritual life for many months. Unmistakably it was God's way of speaking and affirming the truth. Perhaps He had sent an angel to give me a wakeup call.

Firstly, He had made me a watchman for the city. To watch and pray; whether it was warm or cold or rainy; I was not to forget my duty. Secondly, as Jesus told His disciples in the Gospel of John, Ch.9, v. 4.

I must work the works of him who sent me while it is day. The night is coming, when no one can work.

Thirdly it was God's assurance that He is with us through the thick and thin of it all, day in and day out.

Dear friend, If God has chosen you as a watchman to watch and pray over your city, do not backtrack. Remember, there are several precious souls at stake.

Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel. Therefore hear the word from my mouth, and warn them from me. (Ezekiel 3:17)

28. THE GIRL'S CRY

I have been noticing the cries of a little girl every morning as her father leaves for work. They stay in a flat on the floor above mine and every morning she calls out "Papa" several times as her Dad leaves the flat, enters the elevator and comes down to exit the building and walk away to work. This morning as I stood at the entrance of the building, I could hear her shrill voice crying out "Papa" repeatedly even as the guy was in the elevator and coming down.

As soon as he stepped out and heard her cry, he shouted back...What's it baby....I'll be back soon...Promise. And she in turn cried back....Don't be late....I'll be waiting.....Promise, he shouted back. Then she became quiet.

Do we long for Jesus in the same manner? Do we love to be with him day in and day out? Are we waiting expectantly for his return? He says.....

Behold, I come quickly. My reward is with me, to repay to each man according to his work. (Revelation 22:12)

29. YOU ARE NOT A QUITTER

One Sunday I was invited to attend a Bible College Worship and deliver a message from the Word Of God, but when I woke up that morning, I felt very sick in my stomach. I had griping pain and loose motions. Usually I fast on Sunday mornings and eat food only after the worship, but this time I couldn't help it, so I took some medicines for the ailment. As the time drew near for me to travel to the venue, I had a fear in my mind whether I could really make it to the venue and preach because my stomach was in a bad condition. I was praying and praising God for this problem to go away but there was no relief. In between a thought came to my mind that I should perhaps call my hosts and tell them that I wouldn't be coming, but this program had been arranged a long while ago and a last minute cancellation could mean problems for the college authorities. So I just kept praying and hoping that God would heal and everything would be OK.

I had prepared my message, but contemplating on whether I should cancel my trip that morning, it just came to my mind to pick a book from the shelf and read a bit. It was a true life story of Harold Morris, the author of "Twice Pardoned" (a great read). This book was called "Beyond The Barriers" and I just opened it casually to a page and I was just stunned at the words that leapt in my face the moment I opened the book. It was God speaking to me directly in my situation. Here is what it said.

“One thing I know about you is that you are not a quitter, you can surely do it.”

I did not check what was really happening in the book or who was saying to whom, but God here was directly speaking to me. I was so over whelmed with tears of joy flowing down my cheeks. God had spoken and I didn't need any more assurances. That morning as I traveled and as I attended the Bible College worship, I just kept thanking God for His love and care for me and my family.

I didn't have many problems with my tummy after the words that God had spoken to me through the book that morning. I could preach well to the students at the Bible College that morning and it was a good day for me and my family.

Praise God that He speaks to us and comforts us in our times of distress.

Blessed be the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my petitions. (Psalm 28:6)

30. GOD IS IN CONTROL

God's ways of speaking to His children are quite amazing and also amusing sometimes. Have you ever felt speaking to you through bumper stickers/ stickers pasted on vehicles? Well, I have had the grace to get His advice in this manner on quite a few occasions.

Several years back when one of my uncles' died and the funeral was taking place, I was very worried about my now widowed aunt as they had no children and she was not keeping very well. After the funeral, my mind kept musing over the unfortunate condition of my aunt and the more I thought about it, the more sad I became. It so happened that I had to travel to another place after the funeral and as I got into a cab with these thoughts running wild in my mind, I saw this sticker pasted on the inner side of the front glass and I knew for sure that God was speaking to me. The words just jumped at me and gave immediate peace. The sticker said, “Relax! God is in control.”

Quite amazing! I mean God is so powerful that He can just speak to us through even the most insignificant of things.

Recently stormy winds hit the area where we live and the electricity was disrupted because of trees having fallen over the electric cables. Lack of electricity, I guess is a major problem for us who have been used to its availability since the time we were born. And not having it for a couple of days was just too upsetting for me. So as I traveled back from my Clinic, I was just speaking to the Lord and telling Him of my woes of not having electricity and the resulting difficulties. Suddenly another vehicle overtook my car and God just spoke to me from a sticker on the back of that car. It read, “Rejoice in the Lord always.” God was just saying, “Whatever be the circumstances son, rejoice in me.”

I believe God is always speaking to His children. If only our ears and minds were tuned into His loving voice, we would hear Him more often.

For God speaks once, yes twice, though man pays no attention. (Job 33:14)

31. THE RIGHT WORD

A few years ago, I was invited to speak at a Christian Convention in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India. As I sat in the presence of the Lord for the right Word for my sermon, the Lord impressed on me this passage from the book of Judges: ***Manoah said to his wife, “We shall surely die, because we have seen***

God.” But his wife said to him, “If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he wouldn’t have received a burnt offering and a meal offering at our hand, and he wouldn’t have shown us all these things, nor would he have told us such things as these at this time.” (Judges 13:22, 23) This is a happening in the Old Testament of the Bible where a childless couple meet an angel of the Lord who gives them the message that they are going to be blessed with a child. When Manoah, the man realizes that they had seen the angel of the Lord, he felt they were going to die, but his wife corrected him saying that, “If the Lord had meant to kill us, he would not have shown us all these things or now told us this.”

My message that day was about dreams and visions that the Lord gives his children. I said, “If the Lord shows a blessing coming to you, pray that it may come to pass, whereas if the Lord showed something calamitous was going to happen, pray fervently that it may not happen and the Lord will hear your prayer and the disaster will be averted.”

I stressed the point that.....”If the Lord had meant to kill, he would not have shown.....” and when I repeated it, a man in the crowd raised his hand and shouted, “Praise the Lord.” Later, after the meeting was over, the same young man approached me, shook my hand and said, “Thank you, that message was definitely for me. I had seen a couple of dreams last week, in which I saw my wife die. I have been very sad and depressed because of the same since almost a week. I believe the Lord has spoken to me and heard my prayer and will bless my wife with a long life. I prayed with him briefly.

Travelling back, that evening, I marveled at how much the Lord cares for each of his children. The Holy Spirit had chosen just the perfect verses to speak to one of his, who was burdened and feeling low. God is good, all the time. Praise his Holy Name.

With God is wisdom and might. He has counsel and understanding. (Job 12:13)

32. THE SIGNAL IS GREEN

I was at a traffic signal the other day crossing a road and many were waiting with me as the signal was red. A girl with her mom stood beside me. As the signal turned green, people started walking across the road. I too started walking, looking back because the girl who stood beside me was tugging at her mother’s hand and telling her that the signal had become green, but the mother just stood there and seemed to be thinking about something else.

The girl then started shouting and finally her mother seem to come out of her thoughts, but then the signal had already turned red.

God spoke to me through this as I walked on. On many occasions in our life God shows us the green signal to go ahead with our projects or plans that we place before him, but we ignore/ delay them and finally we are not able to achieve the desired results.

I know your works (behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one can shut), that you have a little power, and kept my word, and didn’t deny my name. (Revelation 3:8)

33. ETERNAL GOD IS YOUR REFUGE

For a visa change in the U.A.E. I happened to travel by a small aircraft from Dubai to Kish island. Looking through the window, I could see the vast ocean on my left. It just stretched for miles and miles. The

thought that if something went amiss with this small plane sent a fear signal through my system, but then God brought to my mind the promise of Deuteronomy Ch.33:27.

“The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms....”

However vast the ocean and however small the aircraft, the unchanging factor was the “everlasting arms.”

Neither was I in control of the plane, nor could I have any authority over the sea, but I realized I was in safe hands. The hands that bled for me.

Unchanging promise....Unchanging love.....Unchanging Savior....Praise the Lord.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen. (1 Timothy 1:17)

34. THE WOLF AND THE LAMB

Several years back, we happened to be ministering in an area where most of the local people were idol worshippers. The spiritual warfare was intense and we often despaired at the tactics of the evil forces in thwarting the Gospel work that we were doing there.

During such a time, one night the Lord showed me a dream. In the dream, a wolf was following a lamb at a very close distance, trying to frighten it. The lamb would run away from it, but the wolf followed it stealthily and suddenly appeared in front of the lamb and frightened it again. This went on for quite some time and then in the dream, I saw myself picking a stick and hitting the wolf on its head. This wounded the wolf and it was enraged and jumped at me to attack. Surprisingly instead of retaliating, I just meditated on the name “Jesus” and the wolf disappeared from the scene in a while.

I was quite perplexed on waking up the next morning, thinking about the dream. What could it possibly mean? I thought of telling my wife about the dream as she brought in the morning coffee, but before I spoke she said, “I have been feeling quite afraid these days, especially at night times. Whenever it is dark, I feel I am being watched by someone; it’s an old woman like figure with long white hair and shining eyes. It just appears out of nowhere and then disappears when I start praying, but it keeps troubling me.

Immediately I understood what the Holy Spirit had shown me in the dream. An evil spirit (shown as a wolf in the dream) was trying to frighten my wife (shown as a lamb in the dream). Not wasting anytime, I rebuked the evil power (that was troubling my wife) in Jesus’ Name.

I knew that the evil spirit would retaliate against me, when I rebuked it because the Lord had shown that in the dream and it did by afflicting me with a headache for quite some time that day. But the Lord had already shown me how to gain victory over the evil power in the dream itself and that is exactly what I did. I meditated on the name of our Lord and Savior “Jesus Christ” and was delivered soon.

The evil power did not trouble my wife anymore and we praised the Lord for giving us victory. This episode made me realize that there is great power even in just uttering the name “Jesus”. No wonder, it’s the name above all names. Praise the Lord.

Therefore God also highly exalted him, and gave to him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, those on earth, and those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:9-11)

35. ALL GREEN SIGNALS

As I walk to work each day (2009), I come to a place where I have to cross 3 traffic signals simultaneously. Sometimes I have to wait at each signal, wait for the green and cross, then wait again for the green and cross and the same again for the last crossing. But today was different. As I reached the 1st crossing, the green was blinking and I hurried through, the second had me walking through casually as the signal was green and as I crossed the 2nd, I could view the green at the far end of the 3rd crossing starting to blink green. As I scampered across and reached the other side, the red was on and the vehicles rushed past.

Funny how life is so similar to these crossings. Some places we get stuck with problems and have to wait for God's openings and deliverances, other times we just have to hurry to keep pace with God's moves. At some places we just scamper through escaping the evil one's schemes by a small fraction. Sometimes doors just open up one after the other like the 3 green signals that I crossed today.

I just thought about the Israelites crossing the Red Sea. They were all walking on dry ground with the walls of water on either side. Most of them must have hurried through, not very sure whether they would really get to the other side. There were no traffic signals though, just a man of faith raising his staff and stretching out his hand over the sea.

I will bring the blind by a way that they don't know. I will lead them in paths that they don't know. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. I will do these things, and I will not forsake them. (Isaiah 42:16)

36. A JAR OVERFLOWING WITH OIL

Early in my ministry, I decided to spend one whole night in prayer. My purpose was to seek more power while ministering for the Lord. I had read in the Gospels how Jesus sometimes spent whole nights in fervent prayer and that inspired me much. I had a very light dinner that night and sat down to pray. Though tiring it was a delightful experience. As the night progressed, I was a bit drowsy at times. I took care not to lie down lest I go off to sleep. My prayer topic that night, as I have mentioned before was for God to fill me with more of the Holy Spirit for ministering with power.

As the dawn neared, I was too tired and just leaned against the wall and dozed off. That was when the Lord showed me this dream. He showed me an unwashed jar and a hand washing the insides of the jar with water. After the insides were washed and cleansed with water, I saw fresh oil being poured into the jar and the jar overflowing with oil. The dream ended there.

The dream was an answer to my prayer that night. God was speaking to me and saying, "When you have been cleansed thoroughly with the Word of God, you will be filled with the Holy Spirit to an overflowing state."

The Lord wants to fill us with the Holy Spirit, not only to minister the gospel with power but also to live

strong Christian lives bearing good fruit. And if we pray and seek the Father in heaven for more power of the Holy Spirit, He will surely answer our prayers.

The Bible says,

For he whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for God gives the Spirit without measure. (John 3:34)

37. LEAP OF FAITH

I saw a tiger striped kitten jump from one bonnet of a car to another in a parking lot. It seemed to have taken it as a new game. It jumped from one to another and then another. I don't know what the owners would have thought about that but it seemed not to care a hoot. We exchanged glances for a second; it looked at me like I was a predator, so I just walked ahead. The next vehicle that it had to jump was higher and a bit far, so as I walked I thought that would be the last it would be jumping. Thud.. came a sound from behind and I looked back expecting it to be on the road and in discomfort, but to my surprise I found it standing tall on the SUV bonnet.

Could that have been a "leap of faith"? Perhaps it was, though the kitten may never have realized it.

There's always an element of risk when we attempt things/projects with faith in God and His Word. That "suppose it doesn't work" thought often hinders us from doing things for the Lord.

King Nebuchadnezzar had ordered Daniel's friends to be thrown into the fiery furnace. But they answered, "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." (Daniel 3:17, 18)

They had faith in God, but there was an element of risk involved too as we see from what they told the king. But God honored their faith and no harm befell them.

So shall we put our faith in to action?

The Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you would tell this sycamore tree, 'Be uprooted, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Luke 17:6)

38. HE WILL GUIDE US

Early in my ministry, most of the members of my church in South India, were from the lower strata of society; many of them, daily wage earners. Sometimes I felt that it was because of these poor people that the well to do people avoided joining my church. So I started praying to the Lord for well to do families to accept the true Gospel and join our church instead of people from the lower strata of the society.

It was during one of those early days of my ministry that the Lord showed me this dream. I was climbing a mountain and there were a lot of small houses here and there on the mountain. The people living there were poor and destitute. There is a father like figure walking beside me as we begin the climb. The father like figure is guiding me as I enter each house. I speak to the people about their life and share a small message from the Gospel in one house as he looks on. Next we proceed to another house and there too I speak to the residents.

On the way up the mountain, there were a few reptiles lying on the path, but they did not attack me

because the father like figure protects me from them. After a while, I develop a dislike for these poor houses and think of how to avoid these. I start moving away from the path, but the father like figure holds my hand firmly and says, "Not that way son, this way" and again leads me into another small house with poor people. After we exit many such houses, we both look towards the mountain top and smile at each other, me acknowledging that the father like figure is the best guide for me and he affirming to me that he is there to guide me till the end of my journey.

God has cut a clear cut path for each of us in our work for Him. If we let Him guide us, He will be with us continually, even though the path cut out for us be as one climbing a mountain with hurdles on the way. And if He has called us to work among the poor, that would be the best place for us to be, as He showed me in this dream.

Listen, my beloved brothers. Didn't God choose those who are poor in this world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the Kingdom which he promised to those who love him? (James 2:5)

39. ROLLING ROCKS

Once in a dream, I saw myself standing beside a path with a father like figure (one that I have mentioned in other dreams). The path is quite strange because it is full of rocks that are rolling through the path at high speed.

We both observe this for a while and then he tells me, "Come let us walk through that path." I say, "No way, I am not going to walk through those rolling rocks, they'll surely crush me." But he insists and holds my hand and says, "Come". Hesitantly, I give in to his call and we start walking. In an instant there is a great change because as soon I start walking with him, it seems like we are floating over the rocks. Before walking I had imagined being crushed by the rocks, but to my surprise we were miraculously walking over the rocks. The dream ended there.

When I meditated upon this dream the next day, the Holy Spirit spoke to me saying, "That's a life of faith. Giving yourself completely into the Savior's hand's and letting him lead you. In your life journey, many troublesome circumstances may arise (rolling rocks), where you may think that you will be crushed by their intensity, but if you give yourself into the Savior's hand, he will lead you out of them all, without letting you getting harmed."

The Word promises us,

The LORD is your keeper. The LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil. He will keep your soul. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time forward, and forever more. (Psalm 121:5-8)

40. O ME OF LITTLE FAITH

Early in my career as a Physician running my own clinic in Kerala, once in a dream I saw myself and a few others riding bikes on a highway. After sometime we turn to the left and traverse a narrow path that leads to a steep staircase. When we near the staircase/steps, my companions just increase the speed of their bikes and ride effortlessly on the steps and go away. But I stop my bike at the foot of the staircase and look dejected that I cannot do what the others did.

After waiting for some time there, with much effort, I push my bike upstairs. As the dream ended, I could see myself dejected and upset about the whole thing.

When I woke up, I couldn't really decipher what the Holy Spirit was hinting about, but I prayed that I may not land up in any problems that day.

I had a hectic day at the Clinic. Many patients and not a minute of rest till around 1.30 pm. As we (me & my wife) sat for lunch in the rest room that day, I could hear some commotion in the examination room. My assistant informed me that a patient (10 yr. old boy) who had come that day had been brought again because he had giddiness and vomiting on taking the medicines. When I enquired, the parents told me that they had given the medicines on an empty stomach. The boy looked pale and was restless and the parents were tense.

Suddenly, I panicked and instead of reassuring the parents and the boy, I told them to take the boy to one of the bigger hospitals in the area.

Though I prayed about the matter all through that evening, I feared of something catastrophic happening to the boy. Would he die? What would be the consequences? I became very dejected and it upset me a lot. I couldn't really believe that God is able to handle every problem that comes my way.

What the Holy Spirit had shown in the dream was true. Others would have been cool in a situation like this (effortlessly riding on the steep staircase), but I would handle the situation differently (pushing the bike up the staircase with much effort and dejection).

Nothing really happened to the boy, he was given a couple of drips in another hospital and he was well (I enquired the next day), but I had spent an evening in unbelief, doubt and dejection.

Will God really take care? Is the question that often arises in the minds of believers even after they pray much about some matters. Doubts and unbelief persist.

Jesus seeing the unbelief of his disciples once asked them,
"Where is your faith?" Sometimes He asks us the same thing—"Where is your faith?"

He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then he got up, rebuked the wind and the sea, and there was a great calm. (Matthew 8:26)

41. THE ONE EYED MAN

Some Christians are so legalistic in their living that they cause harm and misery not only for themselves but also for others.

There was a believer living and working in the Middle East, who was healed miraculously by God of a life threatening illness. He was given the best of medical care during his illness but he went from bad to worse and finally was written off by doctors as a "cold case", meaning nothing more could be done medically and his relatives were informed of the same. During his prolonged illness, several believers were praying for him and he was healed totally by God after he was written off by the doctors. Since God had healed him and since the medicines had failed, he took a decision not to use medicines anymore in his entire life. This decision was fine because it was his personal matter, but he also took a decision that none of his family members should take medicines when they are sick but should only pray to God and receive their healing.

This man had 3 children and the children suffered because of the decision of their father. They were put through much pain because they were not given medicines when they were sick.

It so happened that this man was coming to my house when he was on vacation. The night before his arrival in town, the Lord showed me a dream. In the dream I saw this man coming with his family to meet me at my home. They come in a car and as this man steps out of the vehicle and approaches me, I notice a peculiarity. He has only one eye instead of two and that eye is located in the center of his forehead. All the while that he is with me I keep looking at his unusual appearance and marvel. The dream ended there.

The Holy Spirit here was indicating how some people observe everything only according to their own perception or view point. One eye, here shows how this man looked at everything according to his own thinking. Perhaps he could have restricted the “not taking medicines decision” to himself, but his decision of not letting his children also take medicines resulted in so much pain and misery for them. He was a man with a “one eyed vision.”

Undue legalism in our Christian lives tends to hurt many. One miraculous healing from God doesn't mean that we shouldn't take medicines never ever in our lives again. A balanced view regarding medicines and many other things in life helps much in alleviating pain and misery.

He has shown you, O man, what is good. What does the LORD require of you, but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

42. BLESSED FUTURE

I saw a young sparrow half jump, half fly from a tree this morning. It looked bewildered, to say the least, on landing on the ground. Could that have been a leap of faith or a flight of faith. Either way, it seemed to be thoroughly confused on landing. The legs seemed to give way on landing and it didn't seem to know what to do next. I saw the mother (or was it) soon landing next to it and seem to chirp away at a frantic pace. The young one still looked dazed and didn't seem to budge from it's place. The parent took off twice and landed by it's side again, perhaps showing it the art of flying. Hop, hop...was all the baby could and then stop.

Perhaps the mother was having unrealistic expectations from the young one like we do sometimes with our children. Children are born with diverse God-given talents. Some may be good at studies, others at games, others at music and several other things. I have seen many children of unbelievers to be brilliant in studies while children of believers doing average. Some parents then chide their children, “If they (unbelievers) are getting such good marks, why can't you who are praying?”

Some parents pressurize their children to perform better to such an extent that they eventually steal the joys in their lives. Of course the argument is, “I am only doing it for his/her good.” Okay, at what cost??

It would be better if believer parents look at their children's lives with eternity in perspective, encouraging children to use their God given talents to the maximum, helping them flourish and at the same time being careful not to steal away the joy and peace in their lives.

Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve kings. He won't serve obscure men. (Proverbs 22:29)

43. A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION

One night in a dream, I saw my wife and me sitting in our room talking about certain matters. Suddenly through the open window, I see a dark woman running towards the front of our house. Her hair is strewn around her head and she has a wicked laugh. I run to the front room to check her out and as I enter the front room, she flings a coiled thing into the front room through the open window. I feel it is a python that she has thrown into the room, but then on checking I see that it is just a small snake, which slithers away into a pile of newspaper under the cupboard.

Meanwhile my wife comes into the front room and says, "I saw that wicked woman throw in a monkey. I corrected her saying, "That was not a monkey, it was a snake that she threw in."

But my wife was adamant and me too. We did not want to change our opinions. As the dream ended, we were still arguing and finally both of us were unhappy that the other was not willing to give in.

The next morning we prayed about this matter in our family prayer. We realized it to be a satanic attack and if we were not prayerful and vigilant, there was bound to be a problem.

Later that day, in the evening, we (me and my wife) were talking about some family matters and soon the talk became an argument. We were going to get deeper in the argument when suddenly I remembered the dream that this was exactly what Satan was trying to achieve. I became quiet for a while and then told my wife that the Holy Spirit had already hinted that there would be an attack by Satan on our family life. She understood what I said and we prayed to the Lord and finally everything was fine.

The dark lady in the dream was indicative of an evil spirit. When she threw a coiled thing into the room, I thought it was a python (big problem) but in reality it was a small snake (small problem) which just slithered away without causing harm (trivial matter that subsides soon). My wife arguing that it was a monkey and me taking a stand that it was a snake represented the difference of opinion that was to take place.

If we heed the voice of the Holy Spirit, and pray, surely many problems in our life can be averted and more peace can prevail. All glory to Jesus.

Listen, my son, and be wise, and keep your heart on the right path! (Proverbs 23:19)

44. LEAVING A CHURCH

Long back, early in our walk with the Lord, we happened to be worshipping in an Interdenominational Church. For 2 years, we really enjoyed the worship. Then came a time when some of the members of the Church started behaving in an inappropriate manner in their relationships with each other. Though this was very evident to all, they were not warned/stopped/forbidden in their indecency by the Pastor/elders. This brought great grief to me and my wife and we no longer could really worship the Lord wholeheartedly there.

Finally we asked the Lord whether we should continue worshipping there or leave the Church and let Him lead us elsewhere. In answer to this the Lord showed me a dream.

In the dream, I am examining a patient who is lying on the examination table. 2 of his toes on the right

foot have been severed by an accident and they are just hanging on to the foot by thin strands of skin tissue. Immediately I call a surgeon to examine this case and ask him whether the 2 toes can be reattached by stitching them to the foot. But he replies in the negative saying that the wound was a bit old and deep and the toes could no longer be stitched back to the foot. The dream ended there.

The Holy Spirit here was indicating that the 2 toes (a figurative representation of me and my wife) were almost separated from the rest of the foot i.e. we were almost ready to leave the Church (just hanging onto the foot by thin strands of skin tissue). The surgeon opining that the toes cannot be stitched back indicated that our leaving the Church would be final and that there would be no return. The Lord has His own ways of speaking to us and this dream was just one of His ways.

Jesus loves us and wants to instruct us in every matter that concerns our lives. Most of the times He uses the Word to speak to us, but if there are specific matters that we would like to have His counsel, He's always there to guide us if we wait for Him and seek Him diligently.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you shall go. I will counsel you with my eye on you. (Psalm 32:8)

45. ELEPHANTS

Late in 1997, for a period of 2-3 weeks, my 5 year old daughter, who usually enjoyed worship and prayer with us at home and church seemed to be irritable and disinterested when it was time for prayer. She seemed to be troubled when the prayer time approached and because of the trouble she created, the joy of worship was lost. We tried to pacify her in different ways but nothing seemed to work. If I scolded her, she would cry immediately and there would be more problems. We prayed to the Lord to restore peace during our worship and prayer. The problem persisted for quite a while and then the Lord showed me this dream one night.

I, my wife and our daughter are walking together on a street, singing and praising the Lord joyfully. Suddenly, out of nowhere a herd of elephants rush at us and our daughter is separated from us. The elephants chase our daughter and she flees from them.

One small elephant blocks her way as she cries and runs and this elephant frightens her and nudges and pushes her with its trunk. We cry aloud on seeing this, praying to the Lord fervently, because we are helpless and the herd is a big one. For a while we feel that our daughter will be destroyed by the elephants, but then a huge hand comes down from above and shields her from the herd, not even allowing the elephants to see her. We run to her and my wife picks her up and we are overjoyed that no harm had befallen her though the elephants had troubled her so much. The dream ended there.

This was obviously a satanic attack on our child and we decided to fast and pray for our daughter's deliverance. Soon she was her old self again, praising and worshipping God with us and God restored peace as only He is able to.

The elephants represented a host of satanic powers out to disrupt our worship and prayer life. They did this by attacking our little child bringing irritation and fear upon her, but the mighty hand of God shielded her from harm and set her free. Praise God for his protection and deliverance.

But you, LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, and the one who lifts up my head. (Psalm 3:3)

46. SECRETS

Once when I fasted for 7 days, I had very close fellowship with the Lord. I had been fasting and praying for several reasons including personal sanctification and the members of my church. Sometime towards the end of the fast, one night the Lord showed me a dream. It was not exactly about the people I had prayed for, but believers and people in the ministry in our town.

3 distinct sins were shown to me and that too by believers and men and women in the ministry who on the outside were very pious and held in high esteem by others.

Sin number one was alcoholism. The Lord showed me a prominent 'so called' believer who couldn't end his day without taking a swig of the dreaded stuff. Sin number two was prostitution, by some who were regarded as prophetesses. Sin number three was extortion by ministers who had immoral motives too.

I was truly astonished on seeing this and woke up at night feeling very sad and was in tears for quite a while.

I asked the Lord why He had shown me this, because I had not prayed about any of these people. He just said, "I just wanted to show you how some believers and ministers of the gospel are. You show so much respect to such people without knowing the truth. A day will come when everything will be revealed and many will then suffer shame and destruction."

Or don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's Kingdom? Don't be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor extortionists, will inherit God's Kingdom. (1 Corinthians 6:9, 10)

47. SCORPIONS

A time came in our lives when we (me & my wife) decided to leave the house where we lived with my parents and move to a rented house closer to my clinic. There was opposition regarding this from several relatives and we were in a quandary whether to shift or not to shift. We knew that it was God's will that we should move out for a while, but the opposition was real too.

One night as I slept the Lord showed me a dream in which I am in a precarious situation. I see myself standing in my parent's house wearing a shirt which is covered on the front and back with live scorpions. The scorpions are not stinging me but just clinging onto my shirt and body. I fear they'll sting me and try frantically to remove them but to no avail. Suddenly my father comes in to the room and takes his bath towel and strike at the scorpions which fall to the ground and I heave a sigh of relief. The dream ended there.

What the Lord showed was that, though my relatives were clinging onto me with arguments of their own for us to not leave the house, my father would help me in this. And that was what happened exactly. When the time came, my father gave us the "go ahead to move out" quieting all the people who had their opinions against us moving out.

This dream could also mean "the Heavenly Father" helping us in the process of moving out (my father being shown in place of the Heavenly Father)

For you have been my help. I will rejoice in the shadow of your wings. (Psalm 63:7)

48. GOD REMEMBERS

Sometime back I had to travel to a neighboring state in India for some personal reasons. Before I traveled and in between small talk with my children, my elder daughter (aged 10 at that time) made a request. She said, "Papa, when the train goes through a tunnel, remember me." I thought of it as a strange request, but said yes and forgot about the whole matter.

The day of journeying arrived and I was traveling and suddenly after a couple of hours of the journey, the train passed through a tunnel. Right away my mind raced back to the moment that my daughter had said, "Papa, when the train goes through a tunnel, remember me." I had a chuckle all by myself and thought about the many little requests that children make of their parents.

I believe Our Father in heaven also remembers our small requests that we make of Him day in and day out in our lives. Perhaps after a few years we may think of that request to have been trivial. Perhaps people who hear of our requests may think it to be strange, but Jesus loves us so much that He doesn't consider any thing that we ask of Him to be trivial.

Sometimes we ourselves may forget some of the things we asked of God; but He doesn't forget us or our requests. He says,

Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yes, these may forget, yet I will not forget you! Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands. Your walls are continually before me. (Isaiah 49:15, 16)

People have the habit of forgetting, but God never forgets. In the book of Genesis we read of Joseph, Jacob's son who explained the dreams of the cup bearer of the Pharaoh and then requested him to say a kind word about him to Pharaoh and get him released from prison, but the cup bearer forgot the whole matter. Yet God did not forget Joseph and delivered him from prison and made him the 2nd in command in Egypt.

Remember this day, that Jesus will never forget you or the work that you do for Him. He will reward you plentifully when the time comes. Know this that He never regards your requests to Him as trivial. The Bible says,

Like a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. (Psalm 103:13)

49. WHAT AN EXAM!

I had hard time while I was doing my MD in General Medicine in Gulbarga (a town in Karnataka state, India). We were eleven of us to appear for the exams. Even before the exams took place, everyone concerned said that only four or five people would get through. The subject matter in Medicine is too vast for anyone to study everything and go for the exams. The theory and practical exams are really tough. The internal examiner who is supposed to be a comfort to any student was himself a terror for us. We were all afraid of him. Being an outsider (from another state) I had more disadvantages. There didn't seem much hope for me to get through.

Those were the days (1992) when I had begun experiencing the wonderful presence of Jesus in my life. I had given my life over to him and given my burdens and grief's into his hands. So even though circumstances were in the negative. I had one hope and that was my trust in Jesus. I believed he would

get me through. My prayers to him were fervent. The theory exams did not carry much weightage; the practical was the one that mattered.

I still remember it was Sunday that the practical exams took place. Those days I had made it a habit to fast on Sundays and so I went for the exams fasting. I had a throbbing headache by the time I reached the exam hall. One internal and two external examiners. Two short cases and one big case (patients with sicknesses) to be examined and diagnosed in the given time. And it was really tough. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and a lot of grilling. One of my colleagues was sent away for just talking casually to someone else during the exam time. That for him meant another wait for six months to reappear. I was glad that it was finally over by 5 p.m. Six of us appeared on the first day and five on the next. The speculations were that only 3-4 out of eleven will pass. I couldn't sleep for the next two days thinking of the result.

Despite speculations, despite unfavorable circumstances; despite evaluations, despite unfavorable people, my hope lay in Jesus because I knew only He could save me. And that is exactly what his name means: Jesus – He saves

At around 2 a.m. a couple of nights later, there was frantic knocking on my door. Three guys heaving and panting and three wonderful words – “You have passed”. I didn't know what to do. Laugh or cry. But one thing I did and that was to thank Jesus for his saving grace. The predictions were true. Only four of us passed. But I was one of them. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord.

The Bible says, “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

And that is exactly what I did. Not only did I pass, but Jesus helped me to get second rank in the university. Praise the Lord. Truly, Jesus cares for us like no one else can.

For nothing spoken by God is impossible. (Luke 1:37)

50. XRAY DIAGNOSIS

My grandmother once had persistent cough and wheezing for around 4-5 months. I put her on medication but the condition persisted. I got her blood tests done and changed the medicines, but there wasn't any improvement. The x-ray of her chest didn't reveal any problems with her lungs or bronchial system. She and others at home were disturbed by the constant hacking cough and I was in a quandary.

We were praying about the matter regularly, but a healing didn't come soon. Then one night the Lord showed me a dream. In the dream, I am examining my grandmother's x-ray and this x-ray is different from the x-ray taken in the hospital. While examining the x-ray, certain parts of the lungs are focused upon and I can clearly visualize worms in the lungs. That was all I saw in the dream.

When I woke up, I realized that I had missed the real cause of the cough. The Lord here was showing that the cough was “allergic” because of larvae of worms that had migrated to the lung because of worm infestation. Mild ascariasis (round worm infection) with only a few parasites in the body may cause no symptoms. Symptoms occur with moderate or heavy infestations, sometimes progressing as the parasite migrates through the body. After a person ingests ascaris eggs, they hatch in the intestine and the larvae migrate into the lungs causing persistent cough, shortness of breath and wheezing.

Once I knew the diagnosis (and this couldn't be wrong because it was the Lord himself who had shown it), treating her was easy and within a few days, my grandmother was perfectly healed.

To the question, "Is there a better physician than the Creator himself?" The answer is No, and that's final.

This also comes out from the LORD of Armies, who is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom. (Isaiah 28:29)

51. SICKNESS & HEALING

My parents had been suffering from acute gastroenteritis and I had been taking care of them. It seemed to be a virulent infection with my mother and then my father getting infected in quick succession. As a doctor, I took the necessary precautions so as not to get the infection myself. But I had a fear that I would also get the infection because of close contact in helping my parents and checking their condition often.

After a couple of days of my father getting the infection, he had to be admitted in the hospital because of repeated diarrhea & vomits. I was with him during the daytime and then went home in the evening. As I slept at home after the busy day, I saw a dream in which I am trying to escape the clutches of an evil presence. I keep evading it by running and hiding but suddenly the evil presence just grabs hold of my hand and pulls me away and I exclaim in the dream, "Finally it got hold of me." But sooner than said, in the dream I was shown to be in a healthy and hale condition chatting with my friends.

The next day as I woke up, I experienced severe abdominal pain. Later on I had diarrhea; symptoms as like my parents experienced. But it did not last for long; as in the dream, the sickness was healed very soon.

What the Lord showed me in the dream was that I too would suffer the sickness which I feared would come upon me, but it would go away soon.

Of course, I had already prayed on waking up after seeing the dream and after the sickness started, my family and church also joined in the prayers.

I had to take medicines but I believe that the Lord shortened the period of the sickness and I didn't have to miss Sunday worship and my ministering.

I will bless the LORD, who has given me counsel. Yes, my heart instructs me in the night seasons. (Psalm 16:7)

52. GOD'S WAYS

A couple of months back, a middle aged man came to me for treatment of his Diabetes. Lean and slender, not more than 5 ft. in height, he looked pale and worn out. His blood sugar was very high. When I told him that, he said he didn't care. He continued, "Last week I took an overdose of Insulin, wanting to die; I lost consciousness, when I woke up I was in the hospital, my wife had taken me there in an ambulance on finding me unconscious." Poor planning, he added, I should have walked away from home after taking the overdose, no one would have known.

Why do you want to die? I asked. No one cares for me, that's why, he said. Talking further, he told me how he had worked day and night to support his family, lived in pitiable conditions in the gulf for some 25 years, helped his sons to complete their education, but now they didn't care about him. I talked about God. He said he was an Atheist. I told him, "No wonder God brought you here."

That set up a discussion. He was stinking of alcohol, but I thought I may not get another chance. He was not in agreement but he said, "I'll come back to hear more." I gave him a couple of my books as he left and asked him to go through them. He agreed. He came back a couple of weeks later and I enquired

how he was. I'm O.K. he said, and then added, "I couldn't get your face out of my mind for the past 2 weeks." Can you explain, he asked?

I laughed thinking of the ways of the Lord. He looked perplexed. Then I said, "I hope God replaces my face with his in your mind."

I talked to him again about Christ's love for him. He didn't seem to agree and left a little while later. But I was happy, a seed had been sown. My part in the great plans of God in his life had probably been done. Never saw him again. Perhaps another person has taken over the baton from me in God's scheme of things.

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" He who hears, let him say, "Come!" He who is thirsty, let him come. He who desires, let him take the water of life freely. (Revelation 22:17)

53. THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and don't lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

The first time I heard about it, I was both fascinated and intrigued. I was and am always fascinated by the power of the Holy Spirit but this was new. A man filled with so much power so as to be able to blow air from his mouth upon another in front and make him/her fall down on the ground. They called it "Slain in the spirit"

Wow! This is great; I said then (This was sometime in the 90's). My wife was averse to the phenomenon saying that it didn't seem right. But then the, man in question preached the full gospel and seemed to have a genuine experience of God as he spoke and wrote his testimony. His books were and are filled with lectures of the Holy Spirit and the anointing.

I read a lot about the phenomenon. As much readable material (news abstracts, and books) I could lay my hands on, I read. I searched the Bible for an answer. I wrote an article in a leading Indian Christian magazine (Faith Today) vouching for the genuineness of the phenomenon.

The man in question was coming from abroad to India and a large crusade was arranged in a neighboring state. "This is a must; we must go"; I told my wife. She was not really enthusiastic but still agreed. What made me even surer of this man's ministry was that another man of God from Chennai had invited him to conduct the "Miracle Crusade" as it was called. I remember a servant of God introducing "the man in question" that 1st day of the crusade as the "Man of God for the hour".

The singing continued long; the man preached only for 20 minutes or so and then announced suddenly "The Holy Spirit" is here. 5 of us had gone as a family seeking for more of God spiritually and physically. The so called healing commenced with the man calling out names of sickness. Some went on stage to give testimonies. And then suddenly it started raining so heavily that everyone scampered helter-skelter for cover. But on the beach (where the crusade was held) there was no cover except the sky and most of the 50,000- 1 lakh people were drenched to their bones. We were soaked, the roads were overflowing with water and the traffic jam was bad. To escape the rain's fury we had to reach the hotel as soon as possible. 3 of us 5 got separated because of the crowd jostling. Later we met together after ½ hr. at a road crossing. I rebuked Satan for bringing on the rains but today I wonder whether it was really Satan or God who brought on the rains and whom I had rebuked.

Poor discernment I guess; but God is the best teacher. We attended 2 days of crusade meetings and returned back. A year or so passed. My fascination for the man's ministry grew and I sought God for similar power. And then one night, 1 yr. after we had gone for the crusade I saw a dream. "I saw the man with the great ministry, who blows air to make people fall and speaks a lot of the anointing standing before me smoking a cigarette and me telling him, "That's not right; that's against the "Word of God". He smiled mockingly at me."

The next morning I woke up and we (I and my wife) discussed the dream and when we got free time asked the Holy Spirit during prayer to explain the vision. I knew that the smoking of the cigarette was not indicating that he was a smoker but something deeper a mystery. And what the Holy Spirit revealed was so shocking. "The power was not of God but satanic and the Holy Spirit was not involved in the healings. The phenomenon was from evil spirits mimicking the power of God."

If this was shocking for me, it must be for some of you too. Some of you can't believe it. Trust the Lord and lean not on your own understanding.

We read in the book of Malachi,

Then you shall return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God and him who doesn't serve him. (Malachi 3:18)

When the man in question motioned with his hands for the Holy Spirit to come on the people, through a vision the Holy Spirit himself revealed several evil spirits being cast at the people seeking the power. The Holy Spirit also revealed the man's quest for more and more satanic power. O! What a pity that even God's servants including me are fooled by such satanic tricks.

These are the last days. Even the elite are being deceived by Satan coming as an angel of light. If the great man of God who invited that imposter from abroad was deceived, what about the ordinary (Ordinary in the sight of man) Christian.

The deception is very subtle, so one has to have discerning power of Holy Spirit. We can only trust God Almighty in this matter.

I have been in earshot range (not gone) of so called Christian conventions held by people who say they too are approved by God when they are still worshipping idols and I have been to and take part in true worship in spirit and in truth. These days the deception is so fine that often a person without discernment of spirits can hardly make out the difference. The singing is great, the preaching alike and the ?healings are there for everyone to see.

Yet, the truth is that only God can heal.

It's easy for Satan to pull off a trick on a sick person whom he has afflicted. As the false worship reaches the crescendo the evil spirit that has afflicted a part of the sick person's body just withdraws itself and presto we have a so called healing. The healed person may go off feeling free, only to be afflicted in another way on his person that very day. He takes a new bondage home, so as to say.

Often I have asked the question;

"Why doesn't God destroy these cheats? The answer is,

He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in their hearts, yet so that man can't find out the work that God has done from the beginning even to the end. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

Also that God can bring good out of evil too for He is Almighty. Praise Him for that.

The days are very evil. One must be very careful. Trust in the Holy Spirit to lead you to the right place of worship. Wait upon the Lord and He will guide you wonderfully.

The Apostle Paul writes to the Corinthians.....

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as Christ's apostles. And no wonder, for even Satan masquerades as an angel of light. It is no great thing therefore if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works. (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)

54. BLESSED ASSURANCE

An old pastor used to visit my clinic in Kerala, India, a few years back. He was in his nineties, short, bald and very frail. It was on the insistence of his children that he used to come for physical checkups. The moment he stepped in to the clinic, I knew he was there, because he always had a song in his mouth regarding the Lord Jesus Christ. Most of his songs were regarding eternal life and life with Jesus in heaven. It seemed that he was already living in heaven though on earth. Hope and confidence ++. Not that he was in the best of health, yet the praises were flowing. I marveled at his love for the Lord.

Later, one day, his son, also a pastor, called me to tell me that his father had passed away, the previous night. He continued, "Last night, my father called us as a family to his bedside and told us that his time was up and he was ready to meet his Savior. He spoke of angels coming to take him and breathed his last with a smile on his face." I was at his funeral and testified regarding my observance of this holy servant of God. Praise God for such confidence, such hope.....

For we know that if the earthly house of our tent is dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens. (2 Corinthians 5:1)

55. MANY CONFIRMATIONS

In 2008, I had to appear for a very tough interview for getting a new medical license to work abroad. One night as I prayed and slept, the Lord showed me that the examiner was stamping my papers with an 'ok' seal. I knew that the Lord was hinting that though I expected the interview to be tough, I would get through.

A couple of days later another friend of mine told me that the Lord had shown him in a dream that there would be no problems in passing the exam.

Finally on the night before the exam, the Lord showed me a dream again that I would return to the same place that I had attended the interview, to begin the job. The interview itself was quite tough, lasting for 40 minutes but God helped me and his promises were fulfilled. God is faithful and keeps his word.

This was God's way of confirming a matter. Even when someone asks me for praying for a need of theirs and give God's counsel, I usually ask for 4-5 confirmations through visions from God. When I sit to pray, I make sure that it is not just a thought that came from my mind regarding the matter in question. Perhaps it may be a question regarding an important decision like taking a job abroad. A believer gets a

job opportunity abroad and wants to know God's counsel regarding it; whether to take it or not. When I sit to pray and ask God for his will to be revealed, it may not be a "yes" or "no" that he answers. He may bring images to mind that will mean positive or negative. Sometimes it may be sentences that are negative or positive. And to be sure of what he is saying, I make it a point to take 4-5 confirmations to rule out error coming from my own thoughts. God teaches us everything if we are willing to learn.

Now, LORD God, the word that you have spoken concerning your servant, and concerning his house, confirm it forever, and do as you have spoken..... (2 Samuel 7:25)

56. WARNINGS

A friend of mine, a businessman, happened to call me one day and tell me that his brother had suffered a massive heart attack and died within an hour of his being admitted in the Intensive Coronary Care Unit. I sympathized with him and consoled him at the loss and asked a few family details. I said I would pray for him that the Lord would grant him peace in this tragic circumstance that he faced.

A couple of days later, the Lord showed me a dream one night regarding this friend of mine. He was lying in an ICCU with many doctors and nursing staff surrounding him. In the dream I saw that he was going into cardiac arrest and despite the best efforts of the medical staff, he was pronounced dead.

When I woke up the next morning, I realized that the Lord was telling me that my friend would meet the same end as his brother. Since my friend was an unbeliever though a Christian, God was telling me that I should warn him of this and also pray that this may not happen.

I chose an opportune moment the next day, called my friend to the clinic that I run in Kerala and very plainly told him what I had seen in the dream. He seemed to listen and shake his head in the affirmative when I told him that he must get right with God and pray about the matter urgently.

While leaving, he told me that he would be going abroad for a business trip the next week and that I keep him and his trip in my prayers.

I prayed about the matter that evening before I slept. A week later I received a call from an unknown person asking me whether I was the family doctor of such and such a person. On enquiring further, I came to know that my friend who had gone abroad for the business trip had a heart attack and was admitted in the ICCU of one of the big hospitals in Thailand. It was evident that my friend had taken for granted the message of the dream that I had told him about. Evidently he had not taken the matter seriously or prayed about it.

The phone kept ringing regularly for a few days telling me the progress of my friend's health. I kept praying for his recovery and finally he was able to travel back home. He recovered fully, but still has not taken a decision to live for the Lord.

God gives warnings to many unbelievers through his servants, yet many make light of it and suffer the consequences. Still because of the prayers of God's faithful, God has compassion on them and gives them another lease of life.

...how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation—which at the first having been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard...(Hebrews 2:3)

57. THE MODERN DAY CROWN

“You turn men back to dust, saying,” Return to dust sons of men” (Psalms 90:3)

For the past several nights I have been keeping watch over a man who is slowly passing away from this world. Any moment now he will be a person of the past.

About 3 months back he was hale and hearty, 73 going onto 74, but then it happened suddenly one morning twitching of the right half of the face and difficulty in speaking.

I remember him calling me that morning telling me his symptoms and our rushing him to the hospital and getting him admitted for checkup and management.

The neurologist diagnosed it as a stroke, the CT scan was inconclusive and he was sent home because the recovery was fast.

Those nights, after my work in the clinic during the daytime, I kept him company in the hospital and he talked about his former days and their glory with little talk of God.

He was discharged after 5 days and was sent home for rest and recuperation.

The symptoms reappeared a week later and we planned to get an advanced scan (MRI).

I still remember the radiologist calling me that evening and giving me his radiological diagnosis-Glioma Grade 3 or 4(a cancerous growth of the brain)

A biopsy was decided on and immediately we took him to the best hospital in the state.

Here was a man who had never experienced acute physical pain for years together and I as a physician did not know what a stereotactic biopsy of the brain was.

The neurosurgeon informed us that the biopsy itself caused little pain but the fitting of the rim to the head to do the biopsy was quite painful.

I left him in the hands of capable doctors and met him an hour later with the rim fitted to his skull.

What struck me immediately was the close resemblance that his head had to the head of Jesus with the crown of thorns.

The rim was fitted on the head with nails driven into the front and back of the skull with blood marks as evidence of the painful ordeal.

He shook his head and with tears streaming down his face, with feeble voice asked me,” What’s this? The crown of thorns?”

I couldn’t say much, my voice seemed to be caught unawares temporarily, as he was wheeled to the scanning room where he was made to lie with his modern day crown in the scanning machine and spend another hour to get more scans before the biopsy.

The biopsy over, we returned home in a couple of days .The biopsy confirmed the radiological diagnosis. Advanced cancer of the left brain, in layman’s terms.

We took him to yet another hospital for yet another opinion from the best of neurosurgeons regarding management but there seemed to be not much hope in the words they spoke.

Surgery-out of question

Radiation-basically no effect, but then we can say that we did something

Chemotherapy-no use

Back home, now on essential medication, his speech slurred often and his handwriting went awry.

His focus now shifted to God and prayer. Though no one ever told him the final diagnosis, it was evident that he realized that his time was running out.

He was now more alert to the spiritual aspect of his life. His daughter had been praying for the past several years for his salvation.

His right upper limb was just hanging limply by his shoulder soon.

One night his daughter decided it was time to explain Romans 10:9, 10 and help him pray the sinners prayer with whatever speech was now left and he did it on that wonderful night a month back.

His right side was totally paralyzed soon and he started getting convulsions. He lapsed into a coma 5 days back; still breathing as I write this, waiting for Jesus' time to call him back.

What we are glad about is that God gave him time to get ready for eternity. Pain made him look to Jesus and his crown and pay attention to the Creator and forget his own righteousness with which he had been living for the past several decades. Often we wondered whether there would be a miraculous healing for we and several others prayed earnestly for him for around 3 months. Some who prayed said "yes", some "no" regarding a healing. In a vision the Lord showed me that he would not recover.

The best was said by Jesus, about him (my father in law), one night to my wife (his daughter) in a vision as she prayed....."Your father will live and walkin heaven soon!"
Praise the Lord!

I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' "
"Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labours; for their works follow with them."
(Revelation 14:13)

58. WORTHLESS WORDS

"God, I don't think you really care for me," I said, as I woke up one morning after seeing a horrible dream.

I had just preached my first sermon the other day (April 1994) and was waiting expectantly for my next venture for the Lord.

Well, I don't know just how the words came out, but I believe it must be just as Jesus said, ***"For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks."*** (Matthew 12:34)

I didn't think about the matter much until late that afternoon when I happened to stroll into my room and felt like picking up the Bible and reading it at random.

And the words just jumped out at me and hit me like a hammer inside.

It said....***Therefore the LORD says, "If you return, then I will bring you again, that you may stand before me; and if you take out the precious from the vile, you will be as my mouth. They will return to you, but you will not return to them."*** (Jeremiah 15:19)

The words really sank in and right there made me confess my worthless words that morning. I believe God immediately forgave (as His Word says).

But it was only a long time later that I got to preach my 2nd sermon. And justly too. It was not God's fault that I saw a horrible dream that night.

We read in **Proverbs 29:20...** ***“Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.”*** I had spoken in haste all right and probably faced the penalty.

The Great Preacher Solomon says,

Don't be rash with your mouth, and don't let your heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven, and you on earth. Therefore let your words be few. (Ecclesiastes 5:2)

59. THE DOG AND THE CROW

Travelling to the clinic for my morning practice, I saw a dog, a Pomeranian, lying dead on the road, probably crushed by a speeding vehicle. No one cared to remove it from the site. Perhaps it must have strayed from a nearby villa onto the road and met this gory end. The scene vanished from my mind as I got involved with my work at the clinic.

Travelling back, when I reached the spot where the dead dog lay, I saw a dead crow lying beside it, again struck by some speeding vehicle. This seemed quite unusual and I wondered how the crow now lay there. The only explanation that seemed to fit was that the crow had spotted the dead dog lying on the road and had ventured to peck at it for a while not realizing that death was stalking it also.

Thinking about this, “the still small voice” brought to my mind a few verses from the book of Jude. Maybe not very related but still thought provoking.

“Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear – hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. (Jude 1:21-23)

While evangelizing and dealing with persons who are sinning sexually or in any other way, if we are not really spiritually strong and prepared to deal with these kind of sins and keep ourselves pure, we can easily fall into the same sin and be trapped by Satan to do his bidding.

The attitude of “hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.” Will help us in this.

Flee from youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. (2 Timothy 2:22)

60. PATIENCE

Travelling to work the other day, I happened to be driving my vehicle behind a huge trailer truck. It moved so very slowly, almost creeping, making me impatient, when the “still small voice spoke” in me, saying, “Patience”.

Traffic accidents happen all around us because of people being impatient and rash. Many vehicles zoom (the hares) past us; hardly any of them are emergencies. Most eventually stop at the signal and the tortoises catch up soon.

We learn patience standing for our turns in various queues, be they in shopping mall counters or at the immigration department.

Believers in Jesus Christ have to be patient too, for them to receive answers from God to their prayers. Waiting can be trying at times, but praying and waiting patiently on the Lord eventually brings results.

You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. (James 5:8)

61. PRAY FOR ROSHAN

A few years back, I had been invited to preach in a church in Dubai, UAE (a church where I had never been and where I knew no one except the Pastor who called me). As usual the night before the event, I was at the feet of the Lord asking for God's counsel regarding the message and also for getting His leading for praying for specific needs of the people in the congregation, that the Lord revealed.

Among other things, the still small voice said, "Pray for Roshan."

Many a times, I am wary of calling out names of people in the congregation, but still I obey the Lord's leading.

So, here I was in a church with a congregation of around 50 people. After the worship, the pastor introduced me and said "Dr. Johnson will be speaking in English and the message will be translated into Malayalam (a local language of South India) by (guess who)....Roshan.

"Bull's eye" ...I said in my heart and as I went up on stage; here was Roshan, an upcoming minister, standing next to me, ready to translate. I showed him my small note slip from the night before on which was written "Pray for Roshan" and he was delighted that the Lord had specifically mentioned his name to me.

May be a small incident, but it had a major impact on the guy and on the congregation that night. Marvelous are the ways of God. Praise the Lord.

The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him. He will show them his covenant. (Psalm 25:14)

62. WORKERS

The Apostle Paul devotes half a chapter in Romans 16 to people who may seem quite insignificant if we take the New Testament as a whole. Insignificant because if I asked 100 believers if they knew who Andronicus and Junias are, I guess more than 90% would shake their head in the negative.

Yet Paul the great apostle writes to the Romans,

"Greet Andronicus and Junias, my relatives who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles and they were in Christ before me." (Romans 16:7)

Ever heard of Ampliatus, Urbanus, Stachys, Tryphena and Tryphosa?

They are all there in the same chapter and of the last two, Paul writes "Those women who work hard in the Lord"

Well, the world as a whole and the Christian world too may not know them as they know Paul but are they insignificant?

Are you and me and our work for the Lord insignificant just because we are not well known?

Many years back, one day as I got some leisure time from my medical work in my clinic in Kerala, I read a Christian magazine that had been sent by a friend and the more I read, the more despondent I felt. Not that it had unworthy content but this was an issue devoted to the greats of the Christian world living now. Self-pity gathered in me rapidly and the Old Man in me started making painful comments.

“Look at them; they are the ones who are doing real work for the Lord”

“Look at you, you are doing nothing”

I tried to argue with the Old Self inside me, but the thoughts of my insignificance increased rapidly and the day was spoiled well and sure.

As I sat brooding for a while, the Holy Spirit spoke to me in a gentle but firm whisper. Actually He brought to my mind the picture of a newly built house and then after a while asked me,

“Tell me Son, How did this house come into being?

Well! I said, I guess someone wanted a house built, so he got an architect to draw a plan and then an engineer to get it built.

The Voice continued,” And who all may have been possibly involved in the construction?”

I thought about it and then replied-Masons, Carpenters, Plumbers, Electricians .

“And what if there were no masons?” the Voice asked

You can’t possibly build a house without masons being involved, I said, rather amused.

“And what if there were no electricians?

“Darkness, I answered.

“If no plumbers?”

No bathrooms, no sanitation, that’s unthinkable!

Well! That’s the point, He said.

What point? I asked

You see, He explained,” Each believer plays a very significant role in the building of the Kingdom of God. The role that you play may seem insignificant to you and to others because it may lack glamour and glitz. No one admiring a house from outside would ever give credit to the electrician, because his work is unseen. But when daylight disappears and darkness falls, everyone’s first thoughts would be to dispel the darkness by switching on the lights and only then the importance of the electrician’s work becomes evident. So also with the plumbers work. Seldom is it heard that a plumber received an award for his work in the building of a mansion.

The “still small voice” finally said,” There’s no need to feel any despair regarding the work that you are doing now. If you are faithful in the work that He has entrusted you with, you will receive your reward,

when the time comes. And if you are willing to pay a higher price in carrying the cross, spiritual promotions are waiting for you in the future”

That pep talk from the Holy Spirit gave me peace in my heart and as I thought about the whole matter I came to some conclusions.

God the Father wants His house built and He has entrusted the task into the hands of The Master Architect, His Son, Jesus Christ and The Master Builder, the Holy Spirit is getting the work done.

For this He has chosen you and me as workers. Our work for Him may differ but our aim is the same and that is to build the House as per the specifications of the Master Architect and Builder. He may use me and you as an electrician (i.e. to dispel the darkness) or as a mason (to give a firm structure) or as carpenter (to bring in fresh air) or as a plumber (to provide proper sanitation). IF YOU THINK ABOUT THESE IN THE TERMS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, YOU WILL REALISE THE IMPORTANCE

Whatever it is, let us be faithful to Him in all the work that He has entrusted us with.

Only then when the time comes, we will be able to hear the Master’s blessed voice saying,

“Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.” (Matthew 25:21)

63. ANGER

Long back, in the early days of my life as a believer, one day because of certain happenings at home, I was very irritated and angry.

Not only that, a patient had come and troubled me no end. Not able to find anyone to vent my anger, I poured a part of it on my wife and children.

One of the ways that God’s speaks to man is through nature. And the Holy Spirit thought this was an appropriate occasion to speak to me in an unusual way.

In to my room flew a wasp and in its desperation to get out of the room, started stinging everything it touched. Enraged, as it was, it did not stop at anything.

Quickly and silently the Holy Spirit spoke,

“Aren’t you like that wasp? Stinging anything and everything (anyone) for no fault of theirs? Before Satan gets a foothold, spit out your anger.”

That counsel put out the fire in me in just a moment.

Sometimes we are like Jonah the prophet. When God asked him, “Have you any right to be angry?”

He said, “I do, I am angry enough to die.” Foolish; one may think! But that was his answer.

The Great Preacher Solomon says; do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools. (Ecclesiastes 7:9)

Mediating on God’s Word regarding controlling ourselves and obeying it will make us meeker in our ways.

A fool vents all of his anger, but a wise man brings himself under control. (Proverbs 29:11)

Be angry, and don't sin." Don't let the sun go down on your wrath, and don't give place to the devil. (Ephesians 4:26, 27)

64. THE ELDERLY PASTOR

One of the Pastors who used to visit my Clinic in Kerala as a patient was aged and suffered from multiple ailments. He was always zealous in the work for the Lord and used to hand out tracts to people on the streets, conduct prayer meetings and arrange conventions. There came a time in his life when his illnesses increased and he met with an accident too. He went in to a depression and felt that he would not live for very long. Even after he recovered from the minor injuries that resulted from the accident, he was no longer enthusiastic about the Lord's work.

One of those days, he visited me and poured out his woes. I told him that I would be praying for him and he left shaking his head in a dejected manner.

I didn't expect the Lord to speak to me about him that night, but that is exactly what happened. I believe the Lord was hearing our conversation in the Clinic that day as it says in the book of Malachi... ***Then those who feared the LORD spoke one with another; and the LORD listened, and heard.... (Malachi 3:16)***

In a dream, I saw the Pastor stand on the top of a ski slope, dressed up with full gear and ready to ski down the slope. He looked cheerful and after taking a close look at the slope he jumps and skis effortlessly.

This dream effectively portrayed that deliverance for the Pastor from his depression was just round the corner and that he would be again working for the Lord with renewed vigor. I called him up the next day and told him what the Lord had shown me. He was surprised that the Lord should speak in such a manner. The next time he came to the Clinic, he was a changed man, full of vigor and cheer. The Lord blessed him with many more years of fruitful ministry. Praise the Lord.

What will I give to the LORD for all his benefits towards me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the LORD's name. (Psalm 116:12, 13)

65. NO POINT IN KISSING WHEN HE IS DEAD

It was a very hectic day. I had spent 8 hours seeing around 50 patients in the Clinic that I work in Doha, Qatar; I had also traveled up and down the city 2 hours that day. By 9.30 pm, when I reached home, I was very tired, had dinner and told my wife that I was going to bed after praying and that is exactly what I did.

Very soon I was in deep sleep, but it must have been just a little while when I woke up with a start hearing a voice which said, "What's the point in kissing him when he is dead?"

I knew it was the Holy Spirit speaking to me of someone close and I immediately prayed that whosoever's life was in danger may be protected and saved by God. Soon a feeling of grief overcame me as I thought of the death of a loved one.

At around 10.30 pm, I received a call from my mother who was in Kerala, India that my father was having chest pain and was sweating profusely. Some of my relatives and a friend of mine took him to the Hospital immediately where he was admitted and diagnosed to have suffered from an acute myocardial infarct (heart attack). He was put on medications and I traveled to India to be with him for a few days. He recovered and God gave him an extension of his life.

Later, I pondered about what the Holy Spirit had spoken that night...“What’s the point in kissing him when he is dead?”

Having attended many funerals in Kerala, I have seen many people, usually relatives, kiss the dead person before he is finally taken for the cremation. Some of them may have never spoken a good or kind word to the person when he was alive. Better would be being kind and helpful to someone when he was alive rather than give him a good bye kiss when he is already in another world. But this is life. All these happen and sometimes we are part of it.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and gracious in all his works. (Psalm 145:17)

66. GOD CARES

I marvel at the timing of God. Though we do not always know what is going on, God is in control of everything.

Like this morning (22/05/08) when I was reading the Word, the Lord reminded me of a childless Christian couple in Dubai where I live now. It had been quite a while since I had spoken to them. I felt like sending the guy an sms. “You both are always in my prayers. Tell me when there is some good news.”

A little while later, I felt in my spirit to send him another sms with a Bible verse. So I typed in Joshua 1:9 which says,

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

Then I got busy with getting ready to go to work.

As I walked to work, the guy to whom I had sent the sms called. We exchanged “Praise the Lord’s.”

He said, “I just got up seeing a dream in which I saw my mother die and I was very sad, then I saw the mobile reminder ringing again and there were your 2 messages. I believe God is with me at all times and loves me that’s why He made you send this message.”

God is good, all the time. Praise the Lord.

But the LORD’s loving kindness is from everlasting to everlasting with those who fear him, his righteousness to children’s children....(Psalm 103:17)

67. HOLD MY HAND

I was walking in the mall holding my younger daughter’s hand and we came to an escalator. As we neared it, she said, “Hold my hand properly Dad, I am afraid, I may fall while I am on it.” I smiled and for a second I acted as if I was releasing her hand from my grip. She held on tightly and as we reached the

top, I told her half in jest, “I will hold your hand like this till I give you in marriage to someone who will hold your hand from then onwards.” She smiled and we went ahead with our shopping that evening.

Later as I thought about it, God put a few thoughts of His in my mind. He said, “The Holy Spirit does the same thing for each and every believer. He holds your hand and guides you through the path of life here on earth and then will hand you over in to the hand of the bridegroom when the time comes. Fears may come in your lives but He will never leave you till He has completed his duty to take you through to the end.”

The Lord says and we read this in the book of Isaiah,

For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, ‘Don’t be afraid. I will help you.’ (Isaiah 41:13)

He also says,

Don’t you be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. Yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness. (Isaiah 41:10)

68. A HOUSE FOR SALE

An old lady wanted to sell me her house. She waited for me to finish the morning consultations at my clinic in Kerala. When I saw her, I remembered that she was one of my patients but had not consulted me for a long time. When she told me she wanted me to buy her house, I smiled. I didn’t want a house; even if I wanted, I didn’t have the money to buy it. I told her the facts. She insisted that I take a look. Just to get her off my back, and considering her advanced age, I said I’ll consider her request, though I had no intentions of going to her house. She gave me an address and I saw that it was on my way to work. I was tired from the morning work and drove home for lunch and the rest of my day was busy as well. The next morning, as usual I drove to work, having forgotten all about the lady and her house. But just as I passed the house, all about the lady and her talks suddenly came back in a flash. The house was just adjacent to one of the biggest Pentecostal Institutions in Kerala. I had by then passed her house, but felt the Spirit of God urge me to stop by and take a look. I put my car in reverse gear and stopped just outside the gate. She answered the door bell and was happy that I had come. As I entered the house, I saw 3 Bibles and 2 Christian song books lying on a table.

So you are a Christian! I said, accepting the welcome in to her house. She laughed and said, “No, I am not.” Then how and why these Bibles? I asked. She answered, “Since my house is so close to this Institution, many Pastors and Evangelists stop by to see me and pray for me.”

Surely they must have spoken to you about Salvation through Jesus Christ. “I interrupted her. “Yes, yes”, she said, but I don’t believe in all those things.

Then what’s your belief about life after death? I asked, now realizing why the Lord had sent me to her house. “I believe that after I die, I will be absorbed into the atmosphere, she said with confidence.”

Here was an amazing scenario. This lady had been living so close to an Institution that churned out 100’s of new Ministers of the Gospel every year and had been visited by many Pastors who must have spoken to her regarding salvation through Christ and she had been gifted several copies of the Living Word Of God, yet she was utterly lost and in her own imaginary world.

God, in his mercy, was giving her another chance to accept Christ as Savior and had brought me to her house to speak once again of his agape love in sending his Son Jesus to the cross for her sake. I took time

to present the Gospel message to her and explained to her God's purposes in sending her to me and then sending me to her; the sale of the house, I said, was just a side story. She listened patiently, but seemed unhappy that I was not interested in buying her house. I left shortly after that, urging her to accept the things I had spoken to her.

A few days later, I came to know that she had sold her house and had moved to her brother's house in another district of Kerala. Whether she accepted God's gift of salvation remains a mystery to this day.

The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked. But now he commands that all people everywhere should repent, because he has appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom he has ordained; of which he has given assurance to all men, in that he has raised him from the dead. (Acts 17:30, 31)

69. DELIVERANCE FROM THE ENEMY THAT PURSUES

A new venture for Christ was initiated by me and family in March 2012 and as the work took root, there was immediate opposition from the enemy. And this time it was bad. It started with a headache that I experienced while at the clinic. By the end of the day it was severe and I took some analgesics for the same and went to sleep with my head feeling heavy. When I woke up the next morning, the ache had eased a bit but my neck was stiff and I had excruciating pain on turning my head to the left side. It was terrible and I took more analgesics. I checked my blood pressure and found it unusually high. I was in a dilemma; was the high blood pressure causing the pain or was it the other way around? I could not even wear my tie as the pain increased immediately. We prayed as a family and also asked for prayer support from our Church members. I took some tablets for the high blood pressure too. While in prayer, one of those days, the Holy Spirit impressed upon me that this was an attack by evil spiritual forces against the Gospel work that I had initiated recently.

The neck pain and stiffness continued for a week. On our day of worship, we as a family sat together and worshipped the Almighty instead of attending Church. I spoke the Word from Mark 16, wherein we read of the women going early in the morning to Jesus' tomb to anoint his body with spices. The thing that they were worried about though was....***"Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?"*** But the miracle had already taken place. To their amazement, they saw that the large stone was rolled away for them.

After worship, as I relaxed, I noticed that the stiffness in my neck was no longer there. I could move my neck freely. God had wrought a miracle. I praised God for his mercy and compassion. That afternoon, we had to go out for lunch with a few friends. After lunch, I felt a distressing pain on the right side of mid-back area. Now what was this I thought? I had received deliverance just a couple of hours back. "The enemy doesn't give up easily", was what the still small voice said, as I sat in prayer. As I pen this, I remember how Pharaoh and his men pursued the Israelites, though the Israelites had found freedom from the Egyptians by observing the Passover. God did a miracle then and the Israelites walked through the Red sea to safety, while the pursuers were drowned. Here and now, I rebuked the evil forces while in prayer and by the end of the day, I was free from the back pain as well. God is good, all the time. I praise his holy name.

He saved them from the hand of him who hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. (Psalm 106:10)

70. GOD'S PROTECTION

For in the day of trouble, he will keep me secretly in his pavilion. In the secret place of his tabernacle, he will hide me. He will lift me up on a rock. (Psalm 27:5)

Have you ever thought about how much God does to keep you and your family safe? Well, we may not really think much about it until some "near escape event" happens in our life and then we are forced to think of how much "He Cares".

"The prayers of believers who live a holy life and pray in one accord" are very important is what the still small voice has spoken to me several times.

Several accidents have happened in the lives of my Church members in the past year and God has been gracious to keep all of them safe; save a few scratches here and there. One brother was on his bike traveling early one morning with a pillion and didn't notice a wire lying broken on the road. As he drove his vehicle the wire just whipped his neck and threw him and the pillion on the ground. The wire slashed the front of his neck but did not cut through or he would have died immediately. God intervened just at the right moment.

This month when I was conducting a baptism, there was a phone call which brought distress to all of us. An auto in which 3 adults and a child of our church were traveling overturned when the driver suddenly applied the brakes because a snake slithered across the road. God intervened promptly and all were saved except for a few scratches.

One of our members, on a rainy night, last week, went out of his house to feed his dog and stepped on a poisonous snake and he became aware of it because it lashed at him with its tail. God had positioned the snake in such a way that he had stepped on its head. Just imagine if it was the other way around.

Another brother who is a welder, had a spark of fire hit him directly in his eye. God saw to it that the spark hit only the conjunctiva and not the cornea for then he would have lost his sight in one eye.

These are just a few of the wondrous deliverances that the Lord has done for us as a church. All who have experienced these near fatal accidents have testified in church about 2 things- 1) It is the mercy of God that they escaped. 2) It is the fervent prayers of the church that is a shield for them.

If you read the verse at the top of this message and think about the near escapes in your life, you will realize that God's Word is 100% truth and nothing else. I also believe that I and my family are shielded by God's mercy & by the prayers of God's faithful ones and it is not our righteousness or integrity that is working overtime in keeping us safe.

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble. May the name of the God of Jacob set you up on high.. (Psalm 20:1)

71. THE FOWLER'S SNARE

Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. (Psalm 91:3)

Those were the days when I was being constantly warned by the Holy Spirit through dreams and visions regarding troubles coming to my life.

It was another day as usual for me. I left the kids at school at 9 am and was travelling to the clinic in Kerala by my car. Nearing a junction on the way, I could see a fight going on between 2 guys. A couple of vehicles had stopped because of the brawl. Suddenly one of the guys picked up a large stone to throw at the other guy. By this time, I had slowed down and was waiting for the vehicles ahead me to go on. Fearing that the other guy may throw the stone, this guy started running with the other fellow chasing him. As they neared my vehicle, I prayed that the stone may not land on my car.

They ran behind my car and I thought they must have gone the other way, when suddenly the guy who was running fearing the guy with the stone just opened the door next to my driver's seat, sat down and locked the door, shouting at me, "Drive."

I tried to remove the seat belt that I was wearing, but he put his hand over my hand and wouldn't let me unbuckle it. I couldn't open my door and get out because of the seat belt.

"Drive", he said and don't stop till I tell you. Meanwhile a few people had restrained the guy with the stone and was holding him back. "Oh Jesus", I said in my heart, "What is this happening?"

I slowly moved the vehicle forward, thinking of what to do next. No solution seemed to spring up, so I asked him what the brawl was about, but he didn't answer and just kept saying, "Drive" "Don't stop".

I thought he must either be drunk or had some mental ailment. Not knowing what to do, I just prayed loudly, "Jesus, please help me."

As soon as I said that, he retorted, "I am Jesus, I will help you."

That alarmed me and I wondered whether I was dealing with a demon afflicted guy. But then immediately he said, "I am thirsty, I need to drink some water."

Is this Jesus intervening as soon as I called? I asked myself. And then I said, "There's a restaurant ahead; I'll buy you a drink there." He agreed.

I had driven half a mile already and there was a restaurant to the left of the road. I slowed down my car and asked him to get out while I parked the car a little to the side of the road. He said "ok" but then warned me not to deceive him. But as soon as he got out, I pulled the door shut and put my foot on the accelerator and sped away. Looking behind in the mirror, I could see him run after me for a little while but then stopped, knowing it was a futile exercise on his part.

I just couldn't stop praising Jesus thereafter for the rest of the journey. I laughed, I cried and I just kept talking to Jesus. Now, what was that? I kept asking him. But one thing stands true in all this drama. I called out to my Savior and he delivered me. ASAP- Always say a prayer. It works. Our Savior neither slumbers nor sleeps. Praise the Lord.

Because he has set his love on me, therefore I will deliver him. I will set him on high, because he has known my name. (Psalm 91:14)

72. RETURN TO DUST

You turn man to destruction, saying, "Return, you children of men." (Psalm 90:3)

The other day I happened to visit a close relative at the hospital. The visit in fact wouldn't mean much to him for he lay in a coma with tubes stuck in his neck and arms and him breathing with the help of a ventilator. "No hope" the Doctor said, "overwhelming sepsis and bleeding from multiple sites."

The margin between life and death became narrower by the minute. One could probably say it hung by a thread. Perhaps waiting for that one command that everyone born and have died and will in future die are compelled to hear.

The golden word being "Return."

Looking at it from a spiritual realm, the word "Return" has such great significance. The one who gives the breath of life commands that it be taken back and no one rich or poor, famed or unknown, big or small can say no to that command. Though Doctors and medical staff may work overtime to maintain the breath and heartbeat with ventilators, defibrillators and expensive lifesaving drugs, they have to bow to the words of the Almighty when He to a person says, "Return."

The psalmist knowing the utter frailty of man thus sums up in Psalm 8,

What is man, that you think of him? What is the son of man, that you care for him? (Psalm 8:4)

73. COMPREHEND REALITY

Why try to open a door that is already open? But that's exactly what I did when I absent-mindedly pressed the elevator button for the lift doors to open up. The doors were open, waiting for me to step in but there I was, not comprehending reality.

It's reported that a man was able to escape from every confinement, from straight-jackets to iron shackles. None could hold him. But there was one time when he was challenged and failed to free himself from a prison cell. He entered the cell wearing only his street clothes, and the cell door was shut behind him. Once alone, he pulled a piece of metal from his belt and began working the lock. But something was wrong. No matter how hard he worked, he couldn't unlock the door. For two hours he applied all his skill and expertise to the lock, but failed again and again. Two hours later he gave up in total frustration and slumping to the floor, hit the cell door with his head, and the door sprung open – it had never been locked.

God opens doors for his children often and then wait for them to enter and find peace, joy and fulfillment, but the children keep doubting and ask again and again for the door to open up. They place several fleeces before God, even though God would have already given them a confirmation. You can't open a door that God has already opened. Just enter and find rest.

For everyone who asks receives. He who seeks finds. To him who knocks it will be opened. (Matthew 7:8)

74. A SUB INSPECTOR PREACHING THE GOSPEL

Long back, one night, I dreamt a dream that made me laugh when I woke up. In the first scene of the dream, I saw one room in a police station where the policemen on duty were walking here and there doing their jobs. In the next scene, I saw another room, where a Sub Inspector of Police was holding a mike and clearing his voice to speak the Gospel. Soon, he walked out with his hand held mike and jumped in to his jeep and went proclaiming the Gospel. For a couple of days, I wondered why the Lord had showed me this dream.

2 days later, on a Thursday, I went for an afternoon prayer that was held in a Pastor's house. There were a few preachers who spoke short messages. Then a man stood up to speak, a man I had never seen before and the Pastor introduced him as a Head Constable. He started preaching and I thought about my dream. It was a Sub Inspector that I had seen; this man was a Head Constable. I felt intrigued.

After a while, he finished his message and another preacher stood up; he was a minister with the gift of prophesy and he started prophesying to several people. He stopped by the Head Constable and spoke to him and said, "God is going to give you a promotion very soon and you will be promoted as a Sub Inspector." When I heard that I was amazed and felt the Spirit of God telling me, that he is never wrong.

After the meeting was over, I spoke with the man and told him what the Lord had shown me in the dream. He was happy that God had given him a confirmation of the prophesy that he had received that day. We had a good time of fellowship. In due time, he was promoted and still does the work of the Lord.

We are his witnesses of these things; and so also is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him. (Acts 5:32)

75. JESUS CHRIST

I have seen Jesus my Savior in only one dream and that too for a very short while.

It so happened that I was invited to a dinner by a friend of mine to meet with a coworker of a TV evangelist (someone God had shown me on several occasions to be a crook) who specialized in what people call "Slain in the Spirit." Before I went for the meeting, I had prayed to the Lord that he may open the heart of the person I was going to meet so that he could realize that he was associated with a false prophet. As the evening progressed, I told him very clearly the several things that the Lord had revealed to me regarding the false prophet, but his coworker would not agree. As the dinner ended and I headed home, I was a bit down and asked the Lord why he doesn't reveal the matter to the people who work for "the man in question". That night, when I slept, in a dream, I saw the Lord Jesus Christ come in to my room for a very short while and speak to me. He smiled at me and all he said was, "I do not reveal this to everyone" and then he quietly walked away.

In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I thank you, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for so it was well-pleasing in your sight." (Luke 10:21)

76. THE HOLY SPIRIT

Some time back, when I was praying for the Lord to take control over many troubling matters in my life, one night I saw in a dream, a smart man who was neatly dressed in a 3 piece suit, arranging all my files and packing them in a briefcase and indicating me to follow him. In the dream, I suddenly felt in my spirit that this was the Holy Spirit of God and I felt honored to be taken care of by the Counselor. Many of my troubles just vanished in the coming days. Praise God.

I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor, that he may be with you forever: the Spirit of truth, whom the world can't receive; for it doesn't see him and doesn't know him. You know him, for he lives with you, and will be in you. (John 14:16, 17)

77. SPICY FOOD

One of my relatives was suffering from a severe cough for the past several weeks. I had been treating her with medicines for the whole duration. Later I sent her for blood tests and an x-ray which did not reveal any abnormalities. The cough continued and it was difficult for her to sleep at night. She prayed, I prayed, others prayed for her, but nothing seemed to happen.

Then one night, I saw a dream. She was sitting at the dining table having food and before her was kept red hot chicken curry and next to it was red fish curry. She was delighted to see the dishes and started pouring the curries in to her plate. She started eating the food and was relishing it, but suddenly started coughing uncontrollably. The dream ended there. God, in his mercy, had revealed the cause- Spicy food.

When I revealed the cause of the cough to her the next morning, she was surprised and a little apprehensive to give up spicy foods that she loved, but eventually gave in. Healing was swift. He who has given us our bodies knows it best. If we wait upon him, he will tell us what is best for us in any area of our life.

The LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel says: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way that you should go. (Isaiah 48:17)

78. HEAVENLY HELP IS ON THE WAY

We drove to Kottayam (a town in South India) from our home (around 40 kms. Away) to get my camera repaired one Friday evening hoping to get it fixed in a day's time and do some shopping too as time permitted and return home by Saturday evening. We relaxed in the hotel room after giving the camera for repairs leaving the shopping for the morrow as time didn't permit us to go ahead with that part of our plan. We relaxed in the hotel room and after prayers talked about our plans for the next day.

As we approached the restaurant for breakfast the next morning everything seemed to be unusually quiet.

What's the matter I asked the manager? Don't you know? Some political factions have called for a 24 hour strike starting last midnight, he said.

'So much for our plans, I thought in my mind.'

All shops closed, vehicles running sparingly and I had to be back home by 6 pm.

I called the camera shop but no one answered the phone. We just walked here and there casually and then retired to our hotel room. I just about managed some snacks for lunch from a shopkeeper who dared to keep his shop open despite the strike. Time seemed to be dragging and the children were restless. By 4pm we just made up our minds- Strike or no strike-let's go home-we all said.

We prayed yet another prayer (there were several that day) just before we left the hotel room. Half an hour on our journey and I sensed some problem with our car. Something was wrong somewhere and it came as no surprise to me when smoke billowed from the bonnet and the car came to a sudden halt. We were stranded in the true sense of the word with no people around and only an occasional vehicle passing by. I opened the bonnet and let all the smoke escape, looked around but couldn't spot the trouble. I walked for a distance, found some houses and enquired if there was a workshop or a mechanic nearby." Strike, no mechanic, workshop closed, only tomorrow" was the reply.

I left my wife and kids and walked off to find someone who could fix the problem. It was getting late and I put up my faith sail high to see where it would lead me. I found an auto rickshaw(3 wheeler vehicle)fellow who was willing to join me in my search and he gave suggestions of people he knew of who could probably help me. We searched for half an hour but couldn't find anyone. I was returning to the place where I left my wife and kids and was wondering what course of action to take. Couldn't possibly leave the vehicle here in the midst of nowhere. What else? My mind gave no suggestions as the auto neared the place where I had left my vehicle .I signaled a thumbs down sign to the three who were anxiously waiting for me.

Here's the climax that Jesus arranged.

Just as I walked dejectedly towards my wife and little ones a van zoomed past us. It went quite a distance from where we were and then it stopped and came in reverse in great speed and stopped just next to us. Out stepped 10 guys. It was already dark and a small fear crept into me. Good or Bad, don't know; trust in Jesus my mind said. One of them approached us and asked" What's the problem? I gave him a brief history." Let's see, he said and quite a few of them examined the gadgets under the bonnet. In no time he proclaimed the diagnosis-fan switch is not working-water got heated excessively so the car stopped because of overheating.

So what's to be done? I asked meekly.

No problem ,he said and he and his friends set about fixing the thing, giving a direct connection from the battery to the fan, filled the radiator themselves by drawing water from a nearby well ,put the key to the ignition and in no time brought the car back to life. All 4 of us heaved a sigh of relief.

My mind shouted Halleluiah and I smiled and thanked him.

I took some money and gave it to the guy who did most of the work but he did not accept it. He and his friends walked back towards their vehicle. I went after him." Who are you and how do you'll know so much about the vehicle, I asked.

Oh! Sorry for not introducing ourselves he said. We all are car mechanics and we had come to Kottayam for a wedding and we were returning after attending the reception. We are getting late, Bye he said and got into their vehicle and took off.

I stood there stunned and speechless for a moment.

All I needed was 1 mechanic and Jesus sent 10.Can you believe it?

And what timing! Just when I had tried my best finding a solution and had failed.

No wonder then that Abraham said-JEHOVAH JIREH

The Bible says-***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)***

Help is already on the way dear friend, in whatever difficult situation that you are in.

Jesus says, ***"I will in no way leave you, neither will I in any way forsake you."*** (Hebrews 13:5)

My reasoning is this-Before a child of God falls into a problem, God has already arranged the solution. So be strong and courageous.

Just to make this point clear-Think of Joseph. His brothers threw him into the pit. And after a while the Ishmaelite's were there and he was sold to them and taken to Egypt. God had already sent the

Ishmaelite's while Joseph was being thrown in to the pit.

A God who prepares in advance.

Praise the Lord.

To end the story, we drove back safely home praising God for His faithfulness.

"Heavenly Help is on the way". So do not worry.

"Great is His faithfulness"

Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD, his God: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps truth forever.. (Psalm 146:5, 6)

79. TIME TO LEAVE A CHURCH AND JOIN ANOTHER

There came a time in our lives when we (me and my wife) had to take a decision to either remain in the Episcopal Church that we had been from the time that we were born or to move to a new church where people worshipped in Spirit and in Truth. A Pastor that we had met sometime back was inviting us to leave our tradition bound church and join his church which was a Bible believing church where prayer, worship and the Word of God were given utmost importance. We were in a dilemma whether to stay where we were and intermittently go and worship in the new church or to totally give up our old pattern of worship. We kept the matter in our daily prayers and ask God for counsel.

One of those nights, I saw a dream wherein I was travelling in the engine room of a train with the minister of the Church that we were in. After a while I saw a station approaching and got ready to get down as the train slowed down. When the minister saw me getting ready to disembark, he asked me not to get down but keep travelling. Reluctantly, I gave in to his advice. The train moved again after stopping at the station and as we travelled further, a group of people came in to the engine room and showed their surprise when they saw me. One of them said, "Why did you not get down at that station? If you had, you would have been in time for the other train that you had to catch. Pity you." I realized my folly, but it was too late.

The interpretation of this dream was easy. It was God's time for us to move to the new Church where we were being invited. We did it without any delay and never had any regrets regarding the same, until it was time for us to start our own Church.

For you are my rock and my fortress, therefore for your name's sake lead me and guide me. (Psalm 31:3)

80. SPARKS AND FIRE

God usually shows dreams of trouble coming to our lives so that we may pray and the problems may be averted, but sometimes, we may not pray enough for the problem to be averted. In this case, I did not understand the dream until it happened. Perhaps I thought more about the matter rather than pray.

In the early stages of my life as a believer, one night I saw a dream. I was watching rain falling on the roof of our house. But there was something interesting. The rain droplets that fell from the roof tops produced sparks of fire when they touched each other and finally there was a fire. The next day in fact was a very rainy day. Since the dream was interesting, I thought about it all morning about what it could possibly mean.

In the evening, there was a discussion regarding some important matter and several relatives had come home. As things were being discussed, tempers rose and the discussions turned in to arguments and finally everyone went back angry and discontented. We too as a family were upset that things had turned sour. After everyone left, as I sat for prayer, it started raining again and then the Holy Spirit swiftly brought to mind the dream and its interpretation. Rainy day; droplets of rain touching each other producing sparks (discussions turning sour) and finally the fire (arguments and discontent).

This incident alerted me and from then on, when I see dreams that I can't interpret immediately, I keep praying through the next day that the Holy Spirit may avert the oncoming trouble.

You see many things, but don't observe. His ears are open, but he doesn't listen. (Isaiah 42:20)

81. GOD'S WAYS ARE AMAZING

Sometime back my elder daughter was ill and her stomach ailments persisted for quite a few days. She was on medication and we as a family and many others prayed for her. Sometimes she felt good but at other times her stomach hurt badly. One night I thought of spending a long time in prayer for her healing. After praying, I fell in to a deep sleep and then saw a dream. In the dream, I was with a friend of mine, who seemed to be quite upset and sitting depressed with his head bowed down. I watched him for a while and then patted his back and told him, "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." The dream ended there.

When I woke up in the morning, I wondered, "I prayed for my daughter and God did not show anything about her; instead he showed a dream of me talking to a friend who needed prayer and a word of comfort."

Great are God's ways. His thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are his ways our ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are his ways higher than our ways, and his thoughts than our thoughts.

My daughter was healed in a few days' time. Praise God for his wondrous deeds.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, through the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4)

82. SHE WILL NOT DIE

One of our Church members delivered a 2nd child, but the baby was in a very bad condition, not breathing properly and not taking feeds. The parents were distraught and the situation was grim. All our Church members were praying and many others. She was shifted to a bigger and better hospital for specialized care but there was not much improvement.

Our prayers continued and she was barely living so as to say.

One night, I felt a great burden to intercede for her and I spent quite a while doing that. When I slept later on, I saw a dream which was very brief. I saw this same child at an age of probably 2 years lying on a bed, healthy and smiling. When I woke up in the morning, I was happy; I knew that God had answered the prayers of all who were faithfully praying for her. She would not die but live.

She started getting better day by day and after some time was discharged from the hospital.

God is faithful in what he tells us and as I write this she is already around 10 years old and doing well in every way. We have a prayer answering God.

By awesome deeds of righteousness, you answer us, God of our salvation. You who are the hope of all the ends of the earth, of those who are far away on the sea. (Psalm 65:5)

83. SLAIN, SLAIN, SLAIN

The matter of being “Slain in the spirit” or “Falling under the power” has been around for quite some time and there are a) people who make others fall, b) people who fall, c) people who catch the ones falling, d) people who vouch for its genuineness, e) people who think it’s demonic, f) people who think it’s a fleshly act, g) people who are averse to it and lot of other categories.

I just write my experience regarding it. As a minister of the Gospel, I was fascinated by this phenomenon when I started seeing it on TV and also reading about it. Later I saw it in some meetings that I attended. I felt here was real power from God being demonstrated for all to see and desired the same. Perhaps the Holy Spirit wanted to deal with me regarding my fascination of this. One night before a Sunday worship, I saw a dream. In the dream, I was standing in front of my congregation and as I waved my hands, all my Church members fell down. Sunday morning I woke up and felt that this was the day that God was going to bestow power on me for this to happen. I believed and waited and prayed and waived but nothing happened. No one fell. But something funny happened. One of the boys in our church felt dizzy when the offertory was being taken and fell down. What followed was this....His mother came running from the women’s section thinking something serious had happened to him. I had to pacify her saying it was nothing serious. He was given some refreshments and he was well. Travelling back, I thought about the dream and what happened and had a good laugh.

That was some 15 years ago. Till date no one has fallen backwards when I lay my hands on people and pray for them. I do not desire that they fall. Yet people are saved, healed, and experience deliverance when I preach the Gospel and pray for them. God has his ways of leading his ministers and he has been (as the Psalmist says) leading me in the paths of righteousness for his names sake all through these years correcting me when I need correction.

Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.. (Deuteronomy 10:12)

84. SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY

That spiritual authority increases with fasting added to prayer rather than prayer alone is a known and time tested fact.

I had been baptizing many who were born again from the beginning of my ministry. I used to fast and pray for 3 or for 7 days intermittently to get rid of unbelief and to gain more spiritual power.

One night, several years in to my life as a minister of the Gospel, I saw a dream. In the dream, I was in a baptismal pool and before me stood a Pastor’s son ready to be baptized. This Pastor had been a close friend of mine for a long time and his family was well known to me. After speaking to him an exhortation from the Word of God, I try to flip him back for baptizing him, but to my surprise I am unable to do it and finally shrug my shoulders and exit the pool. When I woke up the next morning and thought about the dream, I marveled because this was something unusual. More surprising was the

fact that he was already baptized. I did not get an immediate interpretation of this dream. I prayed about it and then forgot about it in a couple of days.

A week later, I happened to visit this Pastor's house and while discussing things, I enquired about his sons (the dream was of the elder son). He called to his elder son, who was in another room and he came. Pointing to his son, the Pastor said, "He has just finished 21 days of fasting and prayer. Looks weak, but is a spiritual giant now."

After a while, when we left the Pastor's home and were travelling back, the still small voice spoke to me and said, "Now you understand, why you were not able to baptize him in the dream...21 days of fasting and spending time with me has made him spiritually of a higher grade than you and so you were not spiritually in authority to baptize him."

It was true that I had never taken a fast for more than 7 days. Things are different when we look at it from the rules of the spiritual realm. Even devils know that those who fast and pray regularly are very powerful spiritually and have greater authority than those who do not add fasting to prayer. Fasting intermittently for cleansing of our unbelief, lack of holiness and unrighteousness is beneficial to upgrade our authority in the spiritual realm.

The dream did not mean that the Pastor's son needed to be baptized again, but that I needed to upgrade my spiritual authority if I wanted to baptize such a person.

We speak wisdom, however, amongst those who are full grown, yet a wisdom not of this world nor of the rulers of this world who are coming to nothing. (1 Corinthians 2:6)

85. FALSE APOSTLES AND DECEITFUL WORKERS

Spiritual discernment is one thing that every born again believer in Jesus Christ should pray for. It's a fact that there are many false Apostles and deceitful workers out there masquerading as angels of light deceiving the spiritually immature and the elite too. Jesus warned his disciples long back regarding the same...

For there will arise false christs, and false prophets, and they will show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones. (Matthew 24:24)

The Lord has warned me several times regarding one international evangelist who has come to India on several occasions and specializes in "Slain in the spirit" of "slaying in the spirit." The amazing thing is that when he comes to India, 1000's of Pastors are the first ones to rush and attend those meetings. So much for spiritual discernment!

Long back, one night I saw a dream of a Christian crusade taking place near my home where this man was standing on stage and I was in the congregation. He smiles at me wickedly and says, "No one will know."

I woke up the next morning and thought about the dream. I checked in the papers and enquired around regarding such a crusade, but did not find any such thing. A week later after finishing a Sunday worship service as I stepped on to the side walk, I saw a poster of a crusade to be held in the place which I had seen in the dream. On reading the matters mentioned in the poster, I understood the meaning of the dream. In this crusade a popular Indian evangelist was to preach; recently he had been abroad to take the blessings from the famed international preacher that I mentioned above and

had been prayed for and blessed by him. Now he was operating under the false unction that he had received.

The hunger for spiritual power is intense among certain believers and ministers and often when God tarries and does not answer according to human clocks, they rush to get whatever power is easily available and then operate with the counterfeit anointing. They use the name of Jesus but operate with the power of evil spirits. The numbers that are deceived go in to millions. Let's pray for discernment; God will answer.

As for you, the anointing which you received from him remains in you, and you don't need for anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, you will remain in him. (1 John 2:27)

86. BIND THE STRONG MAN

In the early stages of my walk with Christ, whenever I sat for praying or reading the Word, I would feel extremely sleepy and start yawning. This became so evident that one day my wife commented about the same. It was then that I too realized that something was amiss and prayed about the same. I often wondered what the possible cause could be, but could not reach a conclusion.

While I was experiencing this, one night I saw a dream. In the dream, a short white man was wrestling with an evil looking giant. The giant overpowered the short white man who was trying desperately to escape him. Then I heard a voice in the dream say, "Bind the strong man and free yourself."²

I woke up after seeing this dream at night and wondered what it meant. Later, the next day, as I sat for prayer and started yawning again, the Holy Spirit spoke to me in His still small voice and said, "Bind the strong man." Instantly I realized what the dream was all about. The Lord was indicating that it was an evil spirit that was making me feel sleepy on sitting for prayer or when reading the Word and the deliverance could be achieved by rebuking the evil power. And that is exactly what I did. I immediately rebuked the evil spirit in Jesus Name and to tell you the truth, the deliverance was immediate.

From then on, my times of prayer and Bible reading are a joy. Every morning I am able to spend around one and a half hours in worship, prayer and Bible reading.

In my ministry, I have met several well-meaning Christians who have had this same problem and perhaps a few of you reading this may have been experiencing the same and the message from the Lord to all such is the same, "Bind the strong man and free yourself."

I will give to you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven; and whatever you release on earth will have been released in heaven. (Matthew 16:19)

87. LOOK WHO'S IN CONTROL

One night in a dream, I saw myself driving a vehicle. It seemed to be a long journey and there were a lot of twists and turns on the way. I seemed to be enjoying the drive and was especially happy that I was at the controls, maneuvering the vehicle in whatever way I wanted.

After a while, I happened to look at my side and saw a father like figure with another set of steering, brake, clutch and accelerator and He too was steering the vehicle. He was smiling at me and then I

noticed that even when I did not use the steering, clutch, brake or accelerator, the vehicle headed in the right direction.

The father like figure seemed to be indicating to me that it was he who was in control and not me. No doubt, I too had the needed equipment to go ahead, it was he who was leading and guiding me all along.

And how true the dream. Often we think that it is we ourselves as believers who are doing all the maneuvering in our journey towards our heavenly destination, but the fact is that God himself is in control, guiding us all along, seeing to it that we reach our goal with the help of the Holy Spirit.

You, in your loving kindness, have led the people that you have redeemed. You have guided them in your strength to your holy habitation. (Exodus 15:13)

88. A DEAD RAT

Ever experienced deadness in your family life, married life or your spiritual life? Nothing seems to give joy anymore. Relationships are strained and at the point of rupture. You know something is wrong but you don't know what to do about it. A silent confusion, just the minimal talk between you and your spouse or between you and other family members.

I think we all go through this once in a while but when it stays for long, we must be aware that the enemy is at work. Jesus said, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10) This fullness of life is what the enemy often tries to steal.

Some years back, this is exactly what the enemy tried to do in my married life. For a few weeks, my relationship with my wife seemed to be strained in many ways. There was no particular cause, but the quietness was very palpable. The talks were minimal and regarding day to day needs; no real lasting peace, joy and togetherness that the Lord gives. It was unusual because our prayer and worship life was on the upward surge and we were having success doing the Lord's work.

During this problematic phase in our life, when we were quite exasperated because of the deadness in our family life, one night the Lord showed me a dream which made me realize how subtly the enemy works. It was just a short dream, but enough for me to realize the truth. I saw a crow flying from far off towards me while I was standing near a well and as it neared me, I saw it having a dead rat held in its beak. Coming near me, it just dropped the dead rat into the well and flew away.

Some of the dreams that I see amuse me and this was one of them, but later when I thought about it seriously, I understood what the Lord was telling me here. The dream just indicated the enemy's tactics of dropping deadness into our family life (crow dropping dead rat into our well). Rebuking the evil powers which were the cause for this problem in our life brought a deliverance almost immediately and we were able to enjoy the fullness of life that Jesus desires to give each one of us, His children. Some of the problems in our life may seem trivial and we may not realize that our enemy, the devil is at work. But the Bible exhorts us to be "watchful" and praying at all times. And that is what we must be always doing.

Be sober and self-controlled. Be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8)

89. IN HELL FOR A LITTLE WHILE

I have often longed to have a glimpse of Heaven in a dream and have prayed for the same many a time but that prayer has not yet been answered except for once seeing God's glory shine from his throne in a dream. On the contrary, I have never prayed to the Lord to show me Hell in a dream, because of the tendency to get frightened seeing the torments (as described in the Bible) there, yet some months ago the Lord showed me some sections of hell for a while in a dream. I did not feel frightened seeing the sights there, perhaps because the Lord shielded me from feeling fearful.

Actually the Lord showed me 3 distinct sections of Hell (perhaps there are many). In the dream, a door opened to me to enter one section of Hell where it was very dark and I could see the skeletons of people there. Though they were just skeletons, they seemed to be moving and speaking and were grieving for things done in their past. I moved from there and walked into another room and here was a ghastly sight. Body parts were scattered here and there on the floor and though they were not in the bodies that they belonged to, they had life and were quivering and trembling with fear and pain. I moved on from there to another room where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth, but no one to be seen as such. The sights that I saw were so intriguing that I waited for some time, just to observe it longer.

Suddenly I heard a sound behind me and looking back, I saw that the door that I had entered through was slowly closing. Till then I had been calm and composed but when I saw the door closing, fear gripped me and I ran back and exited the door just before it closed shut, heaving a sigh of relief that I had escaped.

Hell is a reality, whether anyone believes it or not. And Heaven is a reality too, whether anyone believes it or not.

But I will warn you whom you should fear. Fear him who after he has killed, has power to cast into Gehenna. Yes, I tell you, fear him. (Luke 12:5)

90. THE IMMOVABLE ROCK

During a period of intense struggles in my life, one night in a dream, I saw myself walking through a wilderness. There's no one with me and I feel tired because of the hot sun beating down upon me.

Suddenly there is an earthquake and the earth below me starts caving in. I run here and there trying to escape being sucked into the huge hollows in the earth below. On seeing a rock, I climb on top but the earth below the rock starts shaking and I jump onto another rock. In my mind, I feel it's a futile exercise, even though I try my best to escape injury and death. Hopping from one rock to another and from then to another, I almost give up because the quaking is relentless.

As I contemplate giving in to the circumstances, in a distance I see a huge rock standing undisturbed amidst this astounding earthquake. When the whole place is falling apart, this rock is unmoved. As fast as my legs carry me, I jump from the top of rocks that are shaking wildly and finally jump onto the immovable rock.

Now that I am on the huge rock, I am able to stand firmly and though I see everything being destroyed in my vicinity by the quake, no harm comes to me. In a little while, the earthquake subsides and everything is calm and quiet once again. Thanks to the immovable rock.

The dream ended there.

Those days were very trying in my life. Problems at work in the clinic, problems in the family, problems in my ministry and several other depressing matters. Yet, as the Lord had shown me in the dream, when all other helps (small rocks) fail to save me, the immovable rock i.e. Jesus Christ would be my help.

From the end of the earth, I will call to you when my heart is overwhelmed. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. (Psalm 61:2)

91. UNWANTED RISKS

Faith involves taking risks, but taking unwanted risks in the name of faith can be dangerous and invite problems into our life.

The other day I was out for dinner with my friends. The friend who picked me up that night has a wonderful car and as we travelled to the restaurant, I was surprised by the way he was driving.....over speeding. Time and again as he accelerated, I kept jamming the imaginary brakes in front of me. (I believe some of you have done that.)

Now, he's a good believer but I think accidents caused by over speeding doesn't come in God's protection coverage. Believers need self-control, one of the ingredients of the "fruit of the spirit"

There's no point in complaining, "God didn't avert the accident, after one has been over speeding." We have to respect the traffic laws that are laid down by the authorities."

I spoke to my friend regarding self-control; he smiled and slowed down while we went, but then he was at his best (worst) while driving back.

A week later, I saw a dream regarding this friend; his vehicle was totally smashed and he stood dejected that he was in the accident. I called and told him of my dream and prayed for him. He was more careful from then on.

Those who drive must pray for divine protection each day. God will protect; we must respect the laws too.

Now therefore this is what the LORD of Armies says: Consider your ways. (Haggai 1:5)

92. PRISONER

Around 3 years back, one day when I was at home visiting my parents, I received a phone call. The caller identified himself and said that he wanted to meet me urgently. I said I was busy and would meet him the next day after my work at the clinic. He came the next day at around 12.30 pm and met me at my clinic. He told me that he had been convicted for drug abuse and as an accomplice in a murder case and was in jail for the past several years.

While in jail, he had come across a couple of my books, "Your Future" & "Poison" and after reading that and knowing the truth, he had repented of his sins and prayed to God for forgiveness. He said that "God" had answered his prayers and with good behavior, his sentence was cut short and he was released just a week back.

I extended the right hand of fellowship to this man and invited him to church, helped him financially and gave him several of my books to further his spiritual life.

He asked me to urgently pray that he may get a job and I did. A week later, he came to our church and I allowed him to give his testimony. We prayed for him as a church.

A couple of days later, the Lord showed me a dream one night. In the dream, I am standing at a junction near our church, waiting for this man. Suddenly, I see this man coming out of a shop, smoking a cigarette. I am surprised and as I approach him, he starts walking away laughing wickedly.

I tell him that what he is doing is against the Word of God and a child of God shouldn't do such things. He just laughs and walks away. The dream ended there. I prayed for this man that he may not go back to his old ways and we prayed as a church too.

For a month or so, I did not have any information about his whereabouts, then I was told by someone that he had again been convicted on charges of drug abuse and was jailed again.

What the Lord had shown in the dream was true. He had gone back to his old ways and was now paying the price for it.

Often I think, "God is so good" and gives everyone many chances to "repent" and "come back to him" but some just waste these chances and turn their backs on God.

The Lord is not slow concerning his promise, as some count slowness; but he is patient with us, not wishing that anyone should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

93. ROARING LION

One night as I slept, the Lord showed me a dream regarding how we must always be spiritually alert and not give a foothold to the enemy in our lives.

In the dream I am on the terrace of our house laying clothes on a clothesline. While I'm laying the clothes, I am in prayer and meditating on the Word. Suddenly I turn back and look and see a lion following close on my heels as I walk to and fro laying the clothes. In the dream, I realize that the lion is waiting for an opportunity for me to sit down so that it can pounce upon me. As long as I am walking and praying, it does not harm me, but it is ready all the time nevertheless.

When I woke up the next morning and thought about the dream, the Holy Spirit brought to my mind these verses from 1 Peter Chapter 5.

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings." (1 Peter 5:8, 9)

The Lord reminded me that I was always involved in spiritual warfare and should be careful, lest the enemy gained a foothold in my life. Laying clothes on a clothesline here just denotes "me going about my daily business". The Lord was speaking clearly to me through this dream and saying,

Be subject therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

94. PRAYERS AND NAILS

Once when I was meditating on the Word of God, regarding the topic of "Prayer", the Holy Spirit brought to my mind thoughts as to how the prayers of believers could be compared to nails. He showed me in a vision several nails lying on a table. There were nails that were blunted at one end, nails that

were twisted, nails that had no head and only the body and nails that had good heads, good bodies and sharp pointed ends. The Lord gave me understanding regarding how these nails compare to our prayers.

Firstly, there were nails which were blunt; these are prayers which are prayed without any specific purpose; praying for praying sake; or the one who is praying, prays but is not specific in his asking. He may pray...God give me money, but does not tell him how much; or God give me a vehicle but not what vehicle. Some say that God knows how much or what I need, but prayer does not work that way. God is not a vending machine. He needs his children to get in to a relationship with him, to be specific. Many a time, believers pray for God to provide finances but when they are not specific and they get less than what they need, they say to themselves, "Oh, I should have asked for more." Blunt prayers are like blunt nails which do not bring the desired results.

Secondly, there were nails which were twisted; these are prayers which are not according to the Word of God. For example, there is the prayer of the Pharisee that Jesus speaks of in Luke Chapter 18...The Pharisee prayed about himself: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men; robbers, evildoers, adulterers; or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get." (Luke 18:11, 12) He was telling God that he was righteous and exalting himself and putting down someone else. So also are the prayers which are prayed without forgiving others, harboring malice and jealousy against others.

Thirdly, there were nails which had no head but only the body. There are many who pray to whomever they like. Many pray to dead saints which the Bible never advocates. The ideal prayer should be addressed to God the Father and ended in Jesus name. Since all authority in heaven and earth has been given to Jesus by the Father after his resurrection, we can pray to Jesus also. A prayer prayed by a person filled with the Holy Spirit of God (with the anointing) always has greater power to bring the desired results.

Fourthly, there were nails that were perfect. Good heads, good bodies and sharp ends. Specific prayers prayed to the Father in heaven, led by the Spirit of God, with a humble and contrite heart and with faith that God will answer are such prayers. When prayed in Jesus' name, the Holy Spirit takes these prayers to the Father and one sees the desired results sooner or later in God's time.

***But you, beloved, keep building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.
(Jude 1:20)***

95. WILL YOU DESTROY ME WITH THE WICKED?

One night as I slept I saw a dream in which my father is driving a dirt removing truck which has 2 metal hands with huge scoopers to scoop out mud from a site and throw it away elsewhere. I am seated in one scoop and in the other one is another man, a wicked one. As my father drives the vehicle, the metal hands keep moving up and down and scoops mud and throws it elsewhere. This brings great fear upon me. I wonder when I would be thrown from the thing and get hurt or die. The wicked man in the other scoop is least bothered about all this. Finally I cry out to my father and say, "Will you destroy me, your child, like you are going to destroy this wicked man?" The dream ended there.

During those days there were people in our church who were living worldly lives though they were known as believers. This was causing problems to other believer's and to the church as a whole. The blessings that we usually were receiving from the Lord continually, both spiritually and materially did not seem to flow as usual. There was a hindrance. Though I as pastor of the church knew about this, I did not immediately take action because outwardly these believers did not seem to be doing wrong.

Their secret lives were creating all the problems. As the Lord revealed their activities to me, I warned them many times but they continued in their vile activities.

In many of my dreams, God the Father has been represented by my father. Here God was telling me that if I did not remove the persons who were bent on destroying the church by their worldly living, there was a good chance that I could also be punished for the same. The Church was suffering and if I did not take the right decision as pastor, I may have to go through some troubles to realize the same and take the right decision.

Avoid a factious man after a first and second warning, knowing that such a one is perverted and sins, being self-condemned. (Titus 3:10, 11)

96. FULL TIME MINISTRY

Recently after I preached at a meeting, a believer came to me and asked me, “Doctor, can you pray and tell me whether it’s the Lord’s will that I go into fulltime ministry or that I continue doing my secular job in the gulf. You see a couple of servants of God have told me that it’s the Lord’s will that I go into full time ministry and I need a confirmation.”

That night as I sat to pray for this brother, I heard the Lord’s voice saying, “Yes, I have called him to my work full time.” I made this known to the brother who had inquired of me. But he said, “I have already booked my tickets to go back to the gulf. I don’t think I want to go into fulltime ministry now. Can you pray for me once more and let me know what the Lord has to say regarding my going back.” Not wanting to disappoint him, I said OK.

The next night as I sat for prayer, I asked the Lord what he had to say about the brother’s decision. After a while, I heard the voice of the Lord and He said, “If he wants to go to the gulf, let him go and he will not have anyone but himself to blame for the consequences.”

I made this known to the brother and he didn’t say much; he had already made up his mind to go against the Lord’s directions. This in spite of God speaking to him through several people.

What I tell believers who are seekers of God’s counsel is this: If you want to ask the Lord for directions, obey what He tells you to do, otherwise don’t ask at all. There is no point in disobeying when the Lord tells you his will. It will only lead to disaster. May the Lord Jesus grant us grace to obey His voice.

The Bible says,

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and don’t lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Don’t be wise in your own eyes. Fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It will be health to your body, and nourishment to your bones. (Proverbs 3:5-8)

97. FAITH CHALLENGE

Some time back, I saw a dream where I have to get past a huge door that is locked. I have a big suitcase in my hand and I am trying hard to find a way to get through the door to the other side. Finally I find an opening at the top of the door and with great difficulty I squeeze myself through the opening. Once on the other side, I heave a sigh of relief, but as I look around, I see that I could have just walked around the door to the other side. I had totally missed that aspect in my struggle to reach the other side.

Passing through a financial crisis those days made me struggle hard to find ways to meet the urgent needs. Most of these were efforts on my part without putting my faith in action. Here the Lord was showing me that there is another way to get past these hurdles and that is putting my faith into action by praying and claiming the promises of God that He has given to us in His Word. There may be a period of waiting too in this case.

Often our faith falters when we land in trying situations. We pray and there is no immediate answer and so we resort to the plans that our minds conceive immediately instead of waiting on the Lord. Sometimes we cannot stand up to the faith-challenge. Of course, we may get through the crisis, only to find that there could have been an easier way.

Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to him, for he who comes to God must believe that he exists, and that he is a rewarder of those who seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

98. MULTIPLE DREAMS

There are nights when I dream a lot and most of them will be issues that God wants me to pray about. Unless dreams are vivid, I tend to forget them if I don't think about them immediately on waking, so I make it a point to bring to my mind what I see before they fade away as I go about doing mundane things. Sometimes I write them down, so that I can pray about them later.

On the night of 21st March 2015 and early 22nd morning, I saw 7 dreams; all relevant matters to be prayed about...I saw a Pastor known to me losing his memory, I saw myself closing a door upon a lion trying to enter my house, I saw myself advising a friend of mine regarding choices for joining a Church, I saw myself parking my vehicle on the wrong side of the road with danger of being crashed in to by an oncoming vehicle, I saw myself driving a car with 2 sets of controls, but the other seat empty, I saw myself going in search of houses that I had to visit and I saw myself being accused by a believer of not safe keeping the fruit that he had entrusted me with.

All the above dreams have significance in one way or the other, some of which I may not be able to interpret immediately. Some dreams are easy to interpret, some difficult; so I make it a point to pray a simple prayer in the morning. I pray, "Lord, whatever dreams that I have seen at night and are of something bad about to happen, please let it not happen because of your love and mercy; if there is some good to happen, let it happen by your power." Whether one understands a dream or not, it's best to pray this simple prayer.

They said to him, "We have dreamt a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it." Joseph said to them, "Don't interpretations belong to God? Please tell it to me." (Genesis 40:8)

99. SHOULD I CARRY THIS BURDEN LORD?

Some years ago when I pastored a Church, a lame man joined us for worship. Lame in both legs, he could walk only with his bent knees and hands (very difficult to explain it in words). Yet he would join us for the Wednesday meetings and Sunday worship. Those days we had our church on the 3rd floor and he walked it up on all 4 limbs as there was no lift in the building. The only problem was that I had to continually support him financially. He had no job which was not unusual considering his bodily condition yet with all the financial burdens that I bore during those days, this was an added burden. His spiritual growth was not good either and this made me more apprehensive in supporting him. Sometimes I was not happy that I had to give him money each week but I did it because he had no other means of earnings.

There was a great tussle going on inside of me for some time as I was not able to decide whether to continue to help him thus, even when he wasn't really accepting the Gospel truths that I was telling him. Then one night the Lord spoke to me in a dream. He showed me carrying this man on my shoulder and walking along a narrow path. The man seemed to be relieved that there was someone to care for him. His weight seemed to be a burden on my body and I shift him from one shoulder to another. Initially I find difficulty in praising the Lord while carrying him, but then after a while I start praising the Lord and walk on, not putting him down even though I was in discomfort.

Through this dream the Lord was indicating that I should take care of this man, though he may cause discomfort to me and be a burden. I needed to praise God even in this circumstance.

Living out the Gospel is very different from preaching eloquent sermons. Sometimes believers wish that there was no 2nd mile to walk. But the reality is that, that is when the Lord is really pleased with us.

May God give us the grace to walk the 2nd mile.

In all things I gave you an example, that so labouring you ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'
(Acts 20:35)

100. AN EXTENSION OF LIFE

One night, in a dream I saw one of the pastors in our town dying in an accident. The accident was quite horrific and I woke up with a start, in the middle of the night. I prayed for him that the accident may not happen and that the Lord may be merciful and avert such a mishap. After a while, I slept and again in a dream, I saw a terrible storm hit this pastor's house and him dying in the calamity. When I see a dream twice about the same matter, I know that the matter is urgent and that it will surely happen if I don't intercede. So I spent quite a while in prayer and retired for the night again.

Usually when I see a dream of someone being involved in a calamity/accident, I just pray about the matter and do not urgently inform the person about it. But if I dream about the same matter twice, I have learnt from my experience that it is the Lord's desire that I inform the other person about the matter, so that he/she may pray about the matter too.

I had absolutely no contact with this pastor. I just knew that he lived somewhere in our town. I asked some people in our locality about this pastor's whereabouts and finally got his address. After my clinic hours, I traveled to his house with a friend of mine. He was conducting a prayer meeting at his house that day and I had to call him out to tell him what I had seen. He was quite surprised to see me and more surprised when I told him why I had come there. I didn't wait long, but just told him that the matter was urgent and that he should fast and pray that the calamity may be averted. I believe he took the message I gave him with urgency, for though he was involved in an accident, he escaped with minor bruises. That was 18 years back. He is still alive and works for the Lord.

This is not the only time that the Lord has shown me that someone may die and that I have to pray that the Lord may extend their lives. There have been several instances, some involving my own family members. But God has been gracious and has saved many a disaster from happening because of the warning messages that the Holy Spirit gives. Praise the Lord.

In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came to him, and said to him, "The LORD says, 'Set your house in order, for you will die, and not live.' "Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, and said, "Remember now, the LORD, I beg you, how I have walked before you in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in your sight." Then Hezekiah wept bitterly. Then the LORD's word came to Isaiah, saying, "Go, and tell Hezekiah, 'The LORD, the God of David your father, says, "I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears. Behold, I will add fifteen years to your life. (Isaiah 38:1-5)

101. SPIRITUAL PRIDE

Once I sat in the Lord's presence seeking his face to know what he would answer me regarding my queries of certain pressing matters, but he seemed to be unusually quiet that night. It troubled me and I persisted and finally he showed me a couple of words in my mind which were "Spiritual Pride".

I realized that the Lord was not pleased with some of the thoughts or words or dealings in my life with other people. I immediately confessed the matter to the Lord and asked for forgiveness. I tried to look back at certain happenings that week and realized that I was not appreciative of another servant of God being praised by a friend. In my heart I had looked down upon one of God's elect and he was not pleased with my attitude.

God knows every thought that passes through our hearts. Pride, jealousy, envy and many other ills creep in to our hearts slowly and sometimes we may not even realize that they are there in us until the Spirit of God points out these things to us.

An advice given to Solomon by his father David, was this....***You, Solomon my son, know the God of your father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts, and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will cast you off forever. (1 Chronicles 28:9)***

Yes, the Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts...

Awesome is he and to his understanding there is no end.

Worthwhile then is taking Apostle Paul's advice in regards to our spiritual standing.....

Therefore let him who thinks he stands be careful that he doesn't fall. (1 Corinthians 10:12)

102. GOD HAS MANY SUBSTITUTES

When I worked in my clinic in Kerala a few years back, often the Lord would point to a couple when they visited the clinic and speak in to my heart to talk to them about water baptism for believers in Jesus Christ. I was somehow reluctant to do that because they were from an Orthodox Episcopal Church. They were in their 60's and when they spoke to me about their illnesses and I prescribed medicines for them, the Holy Spirit would nudge me gently to speak to them about the truth and importance of water baptism, but I did not do it, thinking they may respond adversely to it. This continued for a few months.

Later, one day when I entered the clinic in the morning, I saw this couple sitting in corner chairs of the

waiting room and a Pastor (another patient of mine) was discussing something with them. Later when they came in to my room for their consultation and were leaving, I asked them what the Pastor was speaking to them about. They smiled and told me that he was telling them the importance of water baptism as believers in Jesus Christ.

I felt bad immediately and also sad that I had not obeyed the voice of the Holy Spirit in doing what he had told me. I also learnt a lesson that day, that if I did not do what God asked me to do, he would find someone else. If Saul is disobedient, God has a David in store to do his work.

What about you? Are you doing what the Lord has called you to do?

Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even beyond what I say. (Philemon 1:21)

103. HOW MANY MARKS SHALL I GIVE HIM

Once when I was invited to speak at a fasting prayer, the night before the meeting I dreamt a dream. In the dream, I was standing on stage preaching the Word and people in the congregation are listening very attentively to what I am saying. To my left, on the stage were seated a few pastors and a couple of youngsters who were in the choir. In between my preaching, I look to the left and see one of the youngsters writing something in a book that he has and slowly as the dream progresses, the focus comes upon the matter in his book and when I see what he is writing in his book, I am surprised and a bit annoyed because he was not taking notes of the sermon, but evaluating my sermon and giving me marks as if this were an examination and he was the evaluator.

I prayed about the matter the next morning and in the evening when I went for the fasting prayer for which I was invited to speak, I found the same youngster sitting to the left with the pastor of the church. On inquiring, the pastor told me that, that was his son. I felt amused and did not say anything but preached what the Lord had laid on my heart that evening. In the end, I prayed publicly for a few topics that the Holy Spirit had shown me and I also said, "One of you has a bad habit of evaluating preachers; that should stop"; saying that I looked at the pastor's son and he looked at me and guilt was widely written on his face. I am not sure how he responded to the voice of the Holy Spirit that night, for this was an only occasion that I was invited to preach in that church.

There are at least a few in every congregation, who spend time evaluating the preacher rather than hear the message that is being shared. To an extent, one may evaluate a preacher and his sermon, but if that becomes the sole hobby of a person while in church and later on a matter of gossip, the Lord is not pleased.

With the pure, you will show yourself pure. With the crooked you will show yourself shrewd. (Psalm 18:26)

104. THE LORD'S SERVANT MUST NOT QUARREL

It was a very tiring day. My children (aged 9 & 4 then) had to take part in literary and other competitions at a place far away from home and we had left early that morning and had come back at around 11.30 pm. All of us were so exhausted that we sank in to deep slumber as soon as we reached home and hit our beds. It must have been a couple of hours later that I woke up suddenly to the noise of metal hitting

metal. I wondered what it must be but then there was a pause and I relaxed....After a while there it was.... clank...clank...clank in regular succession. I ventured to look out of the window where the sounds were coming from and there was a lorry parked at the road side and some men were busily unloading huge metal pipes....clank...clank..clank it went. I looked back and the children were being disturbed with the sounds and my wife was also half awake. It was 1.30 am now and I was irritated, perhaps because of the exhaustion the day had brought.

I controlled myself for a while, but their work did not seem to stop even after 15-20 minutes. Suddenly, I looked out of the window and shouted out...What do you think you are doing? Don't you have any other work to do? Disturbing people at this time of the night?

This had an immediate effect and the men spoke between themselves and there was quiet. I walked back lazily to my bed and had almost dozed off when suddenly I heard the still small voice of the Lord say to me....."The Lord's servant must not quarrel".

I felt like arguing with the voice, stating my case of exhaustion, how the family needed an undisturbed sleep after a tiring day and the preposterous work timing of the men, but then thought it wise not to argue, for it had been my experience that no arguments with the Lord are ever won. He is always right.

I did not feel happy with what the Lord had said, but there I was...Guilty...I could have done things in a better way...perhaps humbly asked the men not to create so much noise as it was disturbing others or I could have requested them to wait till morning to unload.

The Apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthians, ends Chapter 12 of his first letter by saying...***Moreover, I show a most excellent way to you.***

He speaks in detail regarding this excellent way in Chapter 13...It's all about love....even if it is 1.30 am in the morning..

105. THE MOSES EXPERIENCE

Once when I was pressing ahead laboriously through a spiritual wilderness experience (God seems far and quiet, unbelief and fear sets in & one feels lonely), the Spirit of God spoke to me and said, "Consider Moses; God took him out of Egypt to get Egypt out of him, so that he could later send him to Egypt to get Israel out of Egypt."

I marveled at what the Spirit of God had spoken. It was true. God wanted to use Moses, but Moses was not prepared to be used, so God had to prepare him."

Moses wanted to bring deliverance to his brothers, the suffering Israelite's, but he had his own strategy and not God's, so he failed initially. God prepared him in Midian and then called him back to service on his terms. That took 40 years.

Some of us desire to be used by God for the extension of his kingdom here on earth and God loves that. The desire itself is put in our hearts by God. But with the world and it's lusts inside us, he cannot use us, so comes the wilderness experience, where he removes the worldly lusts from inside of us, so that he can send us back in to the world to win lost souls for him.

If you are going through a “Moses Experience”, hang in there, don’t give up. God is going to use you mightily. Come to terms with him and agree with his strategy.

Now in a large house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of clay. Some are for honor, and some for dishonor. If anyone therefore purges himself from these, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, and suitable for the master’s use, prepared for every good work. (2 Timothy 2:20, 21)

106. THE ANTICHRISTS

I saw these dreams on successive nights in early 2015.

On the first night, in the dream, I saw a man standing amidst a crowd, denying the right of Christians to worship. He was fair to behold, of average height, well built with blond hair; most likely an European. Authority and power were his and he was admired by his followers. As I saw the dream, the impression came to me that he was the antichrist. The next night, I dreamt again of another man who was an Asian and he was ruthless, chasing and trying to kill those who worshiped Jesus. He uttered abuses at Christians and attacked them with weapons.

John, the Apostle, writes about antichrists...

Little children, these are the end times, and as you heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen. By this we know that it is the final hour. (1 John 2:18)

Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the Antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. (1 John 2:22)

....every spirit who doesn’t confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God, and this is the spirit of the Antichrist, of whom you have heard that it comes. Now it is in the world already. (1 John 4:3)

For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who don’t confess that Jesus Christ came in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the Antichrist. (2 John 1:7)

We infer from the above and from the books of Revelation and 2 Thessalonians, that there will be one who will be the Antichrist of the end times. At the same time, through the ages, there have been many and are now, who are antichrists and as John writes there are them who are of the spirit of antichrist.

Paul, the Apostle writes,

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified, even as also with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and evil men; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. (2 Thessalonians 3:1-3)

All said and done, God will take care of his own and see to it that they join him in eternity when the time comes. But we must pray.

107. SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Satan is unhappy when a born again person goes about proclaiming the kingdom of God. He tries various tactics to thwart what is being done by that person. I saw this in a dream sometime back. In the dream, one of my friends, points out to me several troublesome situations in my life, all occurring simultaneously. This included health problems affecting my family members, financial losses, divisions in my church and anxieties arising out of all these.

As he details these things, I reply that this is just another backlash from the enemy for all the work that I am involved in for the extension of God's kingdom on earth and an effort on the evil one's part to shake my faith.

Every born again child of God is in spiritual warfare with the enemy of their souls-the devil. Many do not realize it; some who are spiritually mature and have been believers for some time know that this is something that they have to deal with regularly.

Victory is ours provided we remain focused on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. He has said that he will never leave us nor forsake us. We are to continue steadfastly in prayer, worship and meditation of God's Word. We are safe in his hands. He has called us to be faithful witnesses of his saving grace. He will protect us from the wiles of the wicked one.

God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

108. THE SPIRIT OF GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING

A few years back, on a Sunday, as I was conducting worship, a thin tall youngster came and sat on one of the back benches in our Church in Kerala. I had not seen him before and he was very quiet all through the service; neither singing nor praying.

After preaching the sermon for the day, I prayed for specific topics that the Holy Spirit had revealed to me as I sat for prayer the night before. One of the things that I prayed for was.....You have had a fight with your uncle and you are heartbroken but Jesus loves you and he grants you his peace.

After the service, as I exchanged greetings with the members of our Church, I saw the youngster standing at the back of the Church, looking here and there and then getting ready to leave. As he reached the back door, I tapped him on his shoulder and said hello. He smiled and I saw a glint of tear in his eyes. I asked him who he was and where he stayed. He seemed reluctant to answer but then poured out his story.

He stayed with his parents around 100 miles from our town. That morning, he had had a fight with his uncle who was their neighbor and had got depressed because of the harsh things that his uncle had said and boarded a bus randomly not thinking of where he was going. When the bus neared the bus stop in our town, he felt like stepping off the bus. As he did that, he heard the sound of people praising God and he thought that he would check it out and that is how he came in to the meeting.

I asked him whether he had heard me praying for a person who had had a fight with his uncle and he said "yes". As I spoke with him, I realized that he was a nominal Christian living a worldly life. I took time to explain to him that Jesus loved him and that the Holy Spirit had revealed his problem to me the night

before, because God cared for him and knew what was going to happen in his life. Later, as he boarded a bus returning to his home town, he had peace in his heart, which I could tell from the joy on his face..

A seed of God's love was sown in his heart that day, which I believe the Holy Spirit would nourish till he became the Lord's.

...For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. (1 Corinthians 2:10)

109. GOD IS ALREADY IN YOUR FUTURE

One of my close friends, an ordained minister of the Lord, who earlier was based in the USA had to later leave that place because of certain circumstances that developed in his life and head for Qatar and stay, work and minister there. Still later he headed for Dubai and has now settled there for work and ministry.

One night the Lord showed me a dream regarding him. In the dream, we are chatting about things in life and I ask him whether he can give me the keys to his house in a certain place in the USA. He says, "This house of mine does not have a key for entering, it has a card which has to be swiped for the door to open."

This is something from his future and God will bring it to pass, if the Lord Jesus carries. Staying faithful to God and claiming the promise given will see it being fulfilled in God's time.

The LORD answered me, "Write the vision, and make it plain on tablets, that he who runs may read it. For the vision is yet for the appointed time, and it hurries towards the end, and won't prove false. Though it takes time, wait for it; because it will surely come. It won't delay. (Habakkuk 2:2, 3)

110. NEW YORK

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Saw a dream a couple of weeks back. In the dream, I was watching all the skyscrapers in New York and as I watch, waters seemed to be rising around these skyscrapers and finally the whole city was being submerged in water. Suddenly I realize that I too am drowning in the waters, but I am happy that I would be meeting my Savior soon. But as the dream ends, I find myself in another place going about my daily business.

This was a dream that indicated a catastrophic flood coming upon the city and was shown that I may intercede that it may not happen.

When calamities like this happen, even believers are caught up in them, but praise God that he takes care of his own. A believer in Jesus Christ has an assurance though that even if he/she dies, they will be joined with the Lord in eternity. I seemed to be having that assurance in this dream, but it was still not my time to enter eternity, so I see myself in another place.

I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. (Psalm 27:13)

111. JEALOUSY

Even ministers of God are sometimes jealous when other ministers are blessed by God Almighty in the projects that they undertake. Once when we had released a new Christian song album, I presented a free copy to a minister of another Church, who was an acquaintance. He was friendly whenever we met and we spoke of ministry matters often.

When I gifted him the copy, he was surprised that we were in to music ministry and even more surprised when I told him that we were recording songs for more than 10 years and that this was our 10th album. When we met on a couple of occasions later, he would just say a greeting and walk away.

One night, as I slept, I had a dream wherein I was walking in a corridor and saw this minister standing in priestly robes talking to a young woman. As I approached them, he avoided looking at me and kept talking to the woman. I passed by and as I walked away I knew in my spirit that he was purposely avoiding me because of pride and jealousy in his heart for I had achieved something that he could not.

For insofar as there is jealousy, strife, and factions amongst you, aren't you fleshly, and don't you walk in the ways of men? (1 Corinthians 3:3)

112. GOD'S DIVINE PROTECTION

In a dream that I saw in September 2015, I am seated in a vehicle that resembles a inflated circular seat and my father is sitting next to me. Suddenly the vehicle takes off in to the air at great speed and as we rise upwards to a great height, I look down at the buildings and the other things on the ground. A strange fear grips me as we ascend and the vehicle swirls in the wind; we seem to be travelling to a far off land which resembles an island as we approach it. I fear that we will not make it to the place and perhaps I would fall down from my seat and perish before we reach our destination. But as I look to my left side, I see my father's left arm enveloping me and holding me in such a way that I would not fall. The dream ended with us landing at where we were heading.

This was another dream where God affirmed that his loving arms are always enveloping me when I pass through difficult times in my life. Will I get through/will I make it?, is often a question that arises in my heart when I go through such times, but God has been faithful every single time and His promise to never leave and never forsake stands true. In the dream, God the father was represented by my own earthly father as it has been in many other dreams that I have seen.

The eternal God is your dwelling place. Underneath are the everlasting arms.....(Deuteronomy 33:27)

113. THIEVES

In a dream I saw some time back, I saw myself warning an young evangelist of how other Christians would use his works, especially the songs that he penned, with their names on it. When I called up the young man and told him of the dream, he told me that many people had already done that when he had published his first song. That had troubled him and he had questioned them who had done so, but he

also said that, now he no longer bothered about such things, because even if they had done so, it would only take his work farther and bring glory to God.

I have experienced the same on a few occasions when I send out Christian devotionals on the web. There was a guy who used to send me back the same devotionals with his name typed underneath. It troubled me initially and I confronted him by email, but he did not seem to bother to reply and kept doing the same for a while. God must have dealt with him, for after a while he stopped.

Anyway, we can learn a few things from Paul the Apostle who wrote regarding such things to the believers in Philippi.....***Some indeed preach Christ even out of envy and strife, and some also out of good will. The former insincerely preach Christ from selfish ambition, thinking that they add affliction to my chains; but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defence of the Good News. What does it matter? Only that in every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is proclaimed. I rejoice in this, yes, and will rejoice. (Philippians 1:15-18)***

114. A NEED FOR CLEANSING

In a dream, I saw myself standing under a running water shower and explaining to a young evangelist, how God desired that he cleansed himself of the unrighteousness in his life. The running water shower with which I was being bathed here represented the Word of God.

We may do many things for God and his kingdom, but sometimes forget to cleanse ourselves and live close to God. What matters to God is holiness, without which the Bible says, no one will see God.

A few verses regarding this matter goes in this manner.....

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the assembly, and gave himself up for it; that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word, that he might present the assembly to himself gloriously, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without defect. (Ephesians 5:25-27)

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8)

Therefore prepare your minds for action. Be sober, and set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ as children of obedience, not conforming yourselves according to your former lusts as in your ignorance, but just as he who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all of your behaviour; because it is written, "You shall be holy; for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:13-16)

115. PRIOR WARNING TO PRAY & AVERT SICKNESS

A couple who used to earlier worship with us had a beautiful girl child. They were born again believers, standing true to Jesus in their faith, involved in Bible study, prayer and worship. One night I saw a dream where I saw myself speaking to this family about spiritual matters and as I observed, they had another young infant with them now. He was in his father's hands, but had an abnormally large head, a condition

medically termed hydrocephalus. The dream lingered for a while as I kept looking at the infant and then it faded.

This was a warning from the Lord to pray that the next child that would be born to this family may not have this serious illness. I informed the couple of the same and we prayed together for the matter, that nothing adverse as seen in the dream may happen when they had another child in the future.

God loves his children and cares for them and through his Holy Spirit makes known to them things that yet remain hidden in the future. Jesus said,

However when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak from himself; but whatever he hears, he will speak. He will declare to you things that are coming. He will glorify me, for he will take from what is mine, and will declare it to you. (John 16:13, 14)

116. LUCK

In a dream that I saw some time back, I and my younger daughter are attending a lucky draw (which we hardly ever do) with many exciting prizes to be won. We wait expectantly for our numbers to be called, but other numbers are called and the winners boast about the trophies and prizes they receive saying that luck favored them. This goes on for some time and then we look at each other and walk away from the place coming to a realization and speaking to each other, that what people speak of as luck is not for us and that as believers in Jesus Christ everything that we get in our lives is given by God either as wages for the jobs or work that we do or as good gifts from our merciful Father in heaven.

James writes in his epistle,

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, nor turning shadow. (James 1:17)

Some Christians justify their stance of playing games of chances frittering away their money and time, by quoting a verse from Ecclesiastes which says,

I returned and saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happen to them all. (Ecclesiastes 9:11)

But as believers in Jesus Christ, we must realize that for us, every blessing that we receive, whether monetary or otherwise is a gift from our loving Heavenly Father because we have put our trust in his son Jesus Christ. Luck has nothing to do with anything that you may even win in a thing that the world calls a lucky draw.

117. GRUMBLING

There are times when I complain and grumble while I speak to God. It happened sometime back when I was passing through difficult times as someone related to us as a family was troubling us much with his

words and deeds. As a family, we had been praying to God for easing the situation but to no avail. Thus the grumbling for God's delay in answering our prayers.

The grumbling was while I traveled back home after my morning session at the clinic. That afternoon as I took a short nap, I saw a dream in which I was in my consulting room and a patient who stood near me suddenly collapsed and fell to the ground. As the dream ended, I was frantically calling for help from the support staff. When I woke up, I prayed fervently that nothing I saw in the dream may actually happen at my work place.

When I reached the clinic, a patient who was waiting to see me came in and told me that he had suffered an allergic reaction to some medications I had prescribed the previous day. At night, he had to be taken to the emergency unit of the local hospital and was given injections and medicines to get rid of the allergy. He said he had endured a difficult night, but was better now. I remembered the dream while he spoke to me and prayed another prayer in my mind.

I examined him for any lingering allergy and seeing that he was good, I sent him away assuring him that he would do fine.

The dream, the problem the patient endured and me.....what was all this about?

It was just God telling me to stop grumbling.....He had been working faithfully while I was sleeping well the previous night....the problem could have been worse with the patient as I saw in the dream, but the restraining hand of God was helping me as well as the patient.

Sometimes we grumble, as the Israelites did in the wilderness, though we experience God's faithfulness day in and day out. They had the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire every day and the manna too, yet they grumbled.

We must realize that God is continually working on behalf of his children whether we see it or not.

As Jesus said, "My Father is still working, so I am working, too."(John 5:17)

118. PERSEVERANCE

I usually record my daily audio messages on a recorder and then transfer it to my laptop for editing and mixing. Recently I recorded an audio message with perseverance as the theme and accidentally deleted it while transferring it from my recorder to my laptop. I wondered for a while as to what was to be done, whether I should re-record it or not, whether to skip sending the message that day or record it at a later date and while contemplating these things, I heard the still small voice in me say, "Persevere". I was not very enthusiastic when I heard that but gave in to the voice and redid the whole message.

Perseverance (persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success) pays off on the long run and especially in Christian ministry, one needs to persevere, because that's the path our Savior chose to walk. He persevered despite adversaries and adversities and achieved the goal that his Father had set for him to achieve- Salvation for mankind.

Christian ministry has its ups and downs, the mountains and the valleys experiences, (not as projected on TV with some preaching only blessings or the mountain experiences). The valley experiences bring discouragement, depression and frustration and it can last a while, but as ministers we need to persevere to achieve whatever goal God Almighty has set for each of us to achieve. The Holy Spirit of God, as our Counsellor, will help us in this matter.

Therefore let's also, seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let's run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising its shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1, 2)

119. GOD REFRESHES THE WEARY

A minister and his family joined the church that I used to minister in. He and his wife were at crossroads in their ministry having given up a house church because of local opposition. They had quite a few believers in their house church who were directed to join other churches. Their passion for Christ had been blunted by the recent happenings in their life. A few days after they joined the church that I ministered in, one night I had a dream about them...The minister and his wife were standing by a river dismayed and confused, not knowing what to do. After a while they decide to swim in the river and soon their countenance changed; they were refreshed and rejuvenated and had joyous faces as they came out of the waters.

God, here was showing, how joining the new worship and being filled with the Holy Spirit, would refresh and rejuvenate their lives, which at present was dull and dreary.

They went on from strength to strength as they attended this new worship and in God's good time he went on to minister to the congregation and even become the local Pastor.

For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul. (Jeremiah 31:25)

120. THE ENEMY SETS UP CAMP

Recently, one night I saw a dream wherein the enemy was setting up camp in a city. There were no specifics revealed as to who they were or which place it was, but the dream continued for a long time. I saw how they dug trenches, built fortifications and set up their weaponry. Most of it was an aerial view so I could see clearly that it was an elaborate process and their plan was to kill and to destroy.

Sometimes the Holy Spirit may not give us any specifics of where and who, but only wants us to pray that the plans of the enemy may crash and be shattered.

God is seeking believers and ministers who will pray and intercede according to his desires. Will you volunteer to be one of them? If you are already an intercessor, stay true to your Savior.

***They encourage themselves in evil plans. They talk about laying snares secretly. They say, “Who will see them?” But God will shoot at them. They will be suddenly struck down with an arrow.
(Psalms 64:5, 7)***

121. ROBES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

One night I saw a dream regarding a Pastor friend of mine and his wife. In addition to their secular jobs, they have been laboring in the Lord’s vineyard for quite a few years now. They are trustworthy and despite setbacks in their ministry, have not given up, but have pressed on.

In the dream, they are shown to be setting out for ministry on a particular day. As I watch, they open their cupboards and in it are totally white and sparkling robes kept neatly on the shelves. They take one robe each from the shelves and wear it. When they wear it, they become radiant. When I see that they become radiant, I try to take one of the robes but they tell me that these have been given to them by the Lord and that I should wear what the Lord gives me. Then they set out to minister for the Lord. The dream ended there.

As I meditated on this dream, the Lord reminded me of a few verses from the Word of God.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness. Let your saints shout for joy! (Psalm 132:9)

It was given to her that she would array herself in bright, pure, fine linen: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. (Revelation 19:8)

Nevertheless you have a few names in Sardis that didn’t defile their garments. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. (Revelation 3:4)

Yes, God Almighty clothes his children with righteousness. The fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints and it’s a fact that they who do not soil their garments while living in this world, will walk with Jesus in white for they are worthy. Praise God.

122. DISLOYALTY

Over a period of time, the Lord showed me several dreams of a person who was employed by me. He got his salary the 1st week of every month and received other benefits too, but his loyalty waned over a period of time.

In one dream, he was driving my car; there was litter lying in the car, but he seemed not to care to clean it and after reaching home, he ignored it and went his way. In another dream, he was cleaning my house and all of a sudden he goes away to chat with people who had befriended him, ignoring me and the work that he was doing. I ask him why he was behaving as he was, but he just smiled. In yet another dream, he was shown to have a lackadaisical approach to the work that he was given.

As believers, we are called to be faithful to the people and institutions that employ us or to them for whom we work.

Though the word “servant” in the following verses may seem a bit harsh, there are lessons that we all can learn regarding being loyal and faithful to them for whom we work.

And whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord, and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. (Colossians 3:23, 24)

123. PRAISE BRINGS STRENGTH

Sometime back, I dreamt of myself walking laboriously on a path. I looked tired and weak and every step that I took was tiring me even more. After a while of going on in this manner, I start praising God with whatever strength I have left and suddenly things start changing. My physical strength increases and I start walking briskly and finally when I praise God vociferously, I receive strength to run and my face beams with joy.

Praising God even when we are going through troubles can definitely bring about a change in our whole being as is evidenced in this dream. The Bible repeatedly tells us that God is our strength and that he gives strength to his people and also that his strength is manifest in our weakness.

Habakkuk the prophet puts it aptly when he says, “For though the fig tree doesn’t flourish, nor fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive fails, the fields yield no food; the flocks are cut off from the fold, and there is no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the LORD. I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The LORD, the Lord, is my strength. He makes my feet like deer’s feet, and enables me to go in high places.” (Habakkuk 3:17-19)

God is our strength, he will enable us to go on the heights as a deer as we praise him even when things are not going well for us in our lives.

124. MONKEYLIKE

In a dream that I saw sometime back, a minister known to me, stood near me accusing me that I was not doing right regarding spiritual matters and finances. I smiled and told him that I would consider what he had said and take the counsel of the Holy Spirit regarding the matters. While I was saying this, all of a sudden he jumped in to an adjacent plot of land which was not his, which had many coconut and mango trees. Soon he was swinging around like a monkey, plucking coconuts and mangoes and throwing them to the ground, having an enjoyable time at the expense of others. The dream ended there.

What the Holy Spirit was indicating in this dream was that- here was a minister of the Gospel ready to exhort and correct others, yet not living righteously himself. Monkey business seemed to come easily to him, causing grief and loss to others in the process.....God help him.

All of us who preach to others must take up the following exhortation from the Apostle Paul regarding our lives as ministers of the Gospel.

Don’t you know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run like that, that you may win. Every man who strives in the games exercises self-control in all things. Now they do it to

receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. I therefore run like that, not aimlessly. I fight like that, not beating the air, but I beat my body and bring it into submission, lest by any means, after I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected. (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

125. TRUMP IS COMING

I saw this dream while taking a short nap in the afternoon, a day before the US elections. In the dream, I entered a posh restaurant where a man was busy arranging tables and chairs and putting flower vases on the tables. I watched him for a while and then being curious to know why he was working so urgently, I asked him the same. He smiled at me and all he told me was "Trump is coming", before making himself busy again. The dream ended there.

When I woke up after my nap, the next day being election day, I had a fairly good idea who God's choice for President of the US was. All I did was pray a small prayer that what I saw in the dream would come true. And it did come true.

I believe perhaps my prayer was among the smallest for God's choice of the president and God would have made tens of thousands to pray the same as he had made me (with or without dreams).

We read in the book of Daniel....

Daniel answered and said: ***"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever; for wisdom and might are his. He changes the times and the seasons. He removes kings, and sets up kings. He gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to those who have understanding. (Daniel 2:20, 21)***

Yes, it is God who removes kings and raises up kings....also Presidents & Prime Ministers.

We do not know how Donald Trump will fare as the new president of the USA, but God has his plans and purposes for every person and for every nation. Only time will tell how things go with him and the country he leads. Whatever it be, we live in the end times and we need to keep praying that we be found worthy to join the Lord Jesus Christ when he comes back to gather his faithful.

126. COULD THIS HAVE BEEN APOSTLE PAUL'S THORN?

Sometime back I saw a dream in which the Apostle Paul was being led by a soldier with his hands bound with chains. The Apostle looked to be in his forties and had a beard. After a while the soldier commanded him to kneel down which he obeyed. As the soldier began walking away, suddenly Paul jumped to his feet and pushed the soldier down with his chained hands, making him fall to the ground. The dream ended there.

Could a retaliatory attitude have been Paul's thorn in the flesh was the thought that impressed my mind the following morning when I woke up. The Bible doesn't specifically mention what Paul's thorn was, though many have put forth guesses like an eye ailment, epilepsy, malaria and a few more.

We read in 2 Corinthians Chapter 12

By reason of the exceeding greatness of the revelations, that I should not be exalted excessively, a thorn in the flesh was given to me: a messenger of Satan to torment me, that I should not be exalted excessively. Concerning this thing, I begged the Lord three times that it might depart from me. He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly therefore I will rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest on me.
(2 Corinthians 12:7-9)

Regarding the retaliatory attitude, we read of an event recorded in the book of Acts.....

Luke the Physician writes,

Paul, looking steadfastly at the council, said, "Brothers, I have lived before God in all good conscience until today." The high priest, Ananias, commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! Do you sit to judge me according to the law, and command me to be struck contrary to the law?" Those who stood by said, "Do you malign God's high priest?" Paul said, "I didn't know, brothers, that he was high priest. For it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.'"(Acts 23:1-5)

Paul speaks about the weakness of his and every believer's flesh when he writes to the Romans...

For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwells no good thing. For desire is present with me, but I don't find it doing that which is good. For the good which I desire, I don't do; but the evil which I don't desire, that I practise. But if what I don't desire, that I do, it is no more I that do it, but sin which dwells in me. (Romans 7:18-20)

The great Apostle probably had his moments of weaknesses too, but he taught and lived a Christian life that overcame sin and unrighteousness.

Those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Galatians 5:24)

Indeed Paul was a great Apostle, a true champion of the Christian faith.

127. SUICIDAL TENDENCY

Sometime back, I saw a dream in which I was going up in a lift on the outside of a building. The lift was half open to the outside, meaning that it had railings waist high, the top half being open. In the lift with me was a teen aged boy, son of a young widow, whom I knew for quite a while. He was fidgety as the lift went up, a strange fear writ on his face. He attempted to climb the top of the railings and jump out. I stopped him from doing so twice, but every few moments that passed by, he kept trying even more to do so. The dream ended there.

Every now and then, we read about suicides that happen around us, people taking their lives in desperation because of various reasons. There are evil spirits that incite a person to commit suicide, when the person is desperate. Taking one's own life is a sin and is against the teachings of the Bible.

Through this dream, the Lord was telling me to pray for this boy, so that the evil spirit that was influencing him to harm himself would be stopped from doing so. God is good, all the time.

Praise the LORD, my soul! All that is within me, praise his holy name! Praise the LORD, my soul, and don't forget all his benefits, who forgives all your sins, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your desire with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:1-5)

128. GOD CENTRED LIFE

One afternoon as I took a short nap after my morning session at the clinic, I saw a dream wherein a suited man comes in to my consulting room as a patient. He introduced himself as the head of a Pentecostal organization in the Gulf region. In the dream, all he talked about was the greatness of his organization and how he as chief had made the organization what it was now. The dream ended there. That same evening this minister came to see me for some bodily ailment of his and after I had prescribed him medicines, he introduced himself as the head of one of the largest Pentecostal organizations in the Gulf and all he spoke about centered on the organization and its greatness and how he himself had achieved the position that he was in now. He left after a while.

The question that the Holy Spirit asked me after he left was- Is that truly a God centered life? Is God the true love of your life?

I pondered the matter for a while.....several thoughts came to my mind.....

Our lives centers around many things; for some it is family, for some it is the job that they do, for some it is someone they are in love with, for some it is the Church that they go to and like this minister, some love the religious organizations that they lead or are involved with.

But what does God desire for us and from us???

God's desire for all of us who have trusted in Jesus Christ as Savior is that our lives be God/Jesus centered; that he becomes the true love of our lives, that we listen to his voice and follow him as he wants us to. The Good Shepherd and his sheep. We don't ignore the other things that matter, but our top most priority becomes God and it will be reflected in every aspect of our lives. The way we speak, the way we deal with others and the way in which we bring glory to God in everything we do. A truly blessed Christian life. Praise God.

If any man speaks, let it be as it were oracles of God. If any man serves, let it be as of the strength which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:11)

129. CARELESS CHRISTIAN

This dream was about a youth who had a narrow escape from a gruesome accident, was hospitalized for a couple of months and after intense intercession from his family especially his mother and other

ministers, regained function and strength in his limbs and became ambulant again. He was led to Christ by a Christian minister and his wife, started attending church and was baptized in water. Earlier he had led a life of youthful exuberance sometimes bordering on the wild, but he seemed to have quieted much after him coming to the Lord.

A few months after he started attending church, I saw this dream concerning him. He was standing on a railway track with his arms stretched out looking at a train approaching him from his right. 3 of us: me, his mother and a mutual friend of ours were standing at a distance, shouting and waving to him to move away from the track. The train was fast approaching, but he seemed to care not and laughed as we kept warning him. As the train closed in on him, he moved away at the last moment and when we confronted him for his careless attitude, he remarked, "It's not my fault, it's not my fault." The dream ended there.

There are many Christians who live carelessly after coming to Christ, taking uncalled for risks, involving themselves in worldly lusts, inviting satanic interference in their lives, that jeopardize their spiritual walk. This youth seemed to care not, even though he knew that what he was doing was dangerous and could lead to his death or some sort of disability. Proper worship, a strong prayer life adequate meditation of and complete obedience to the Word of God are all very important to live a strong Christian life. Neglecting these basics can lead to spiritual poverty, which is enough for evil spiritual forces to attack the weak believer and destroy his/her spiritual life and also bring physical ailments or even life threatening situations.

The Holy Spirit did not exactly reveal what risks he was taking in this dream, but in another dream sometime later, I saw the same youth taking part in a booze party.

The Apostle Paul exhorts the believers at Philippi in this manner....

So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God who works in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure. (Philippians 2:12, 13)

A good exhortation for us all.....

130. WHY DID YOU NOT TELL ME?

There are people who send me their prayer requests by e-mail, call by phone or meet me personally and ask for prayers for their problems. For many of these requests, I pray with a common prayer, "Lord, please answer all the prayer requests that have come to me. Answer them according to your will O Lord and let your name be glorified, In Jesus name, Amen."

Of these there are quite a few who repeatedly ask for fervent prayers and also them which the Holy Spirit inspires me to pray continually for long periods of time. Some of these prayers go on for years together till a problem is resolved or a need answered.

One of the amusing things regarding this matter is that many fail to inform me once their prayer has been answered. For example, there have been prayer requests for couples who have not had children

for long and some who need prayers for difficult pregnancies, but once the child is born, many forget to call or e-mail that their prayer has been answered. It can be due to several reasons, best known only to the Lord, but it's always best to be thankful and grateful.

Regarding this matter, I saw a dream. I walk in to a room, where a man in his 60's stands with a big smile and "mission accomplished" look on his face. I recognize him to be a vice principal of a school, who had asked me to pray for his daughter's marriage a couple of years ago. When we used to meet then, he used to tell me how his only daughter who was in her thirties had still not married and how that was a matter of grief to him and his wife. I would tell him that I would be interceding for her continually. This prayer had continued for more than two years now and I used to pray for her, naming her almost every day in prayer to God Almighty.

"What about the matter that you asked me to pray for, dear Sir?" I asked him (in the dream). "Oh, my daughter...she is happily married now. We too have been relieved of a great burden" was his response. His sentence did not end with a "Thank you". To my question, "Why did you not tell me, since I have been praying for her for so long?", he just smiled and looked away.

Some may say, we are thankful and grateful to God for his answers to our prayers, for he is the one who really matters. Right as that be, as Christians, for us, the right attitude would also be to be thankful to them who intercede for us in the presence of God Almighty.

But we beg you, brothers, to know those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you, and to respect and honor them in love for their work's sake....(1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13)

131. THE PAIN WAS REAL BAD, BUT THEN A MIRACLE

The difference in temperatures between the gulf country that I work in at present and Kerala, India hit me hard when I reached home for a short visit. A severe left sided headache and left facial pain hurt me badly as I sweated it out in the day time heat, the only solace being, sitting or lying under the ceiling fan whenever I could. I tried pain killers which partially relieved the headache, but the cheek pain was really bad especially at nights. There were no symptoms of a respiratory illness or a dental problem and I rarely get severe headaches, so I wondered what the cause must be. Since there was not much relief with pain killers, finally I stopped taking them.

One night I woke up with severe pain on the left half of my face; it was around 1 am in the morning and all was quiet. That night it was not very hot and despite the pain, I decided to spend some time in worship and prayer. I began by singing four songs which is the regular count for my morning devotions. Then came prayer time and it continued for more than half an hour. I confessed all the promises of healing and ended my prayer with a fervent plea for healing from God Almighty. I went back to sleep after that, covering the left half of my face with the palm of my hand as the pain was quite severe. While dozing off, I was still wondering what the cause of the pain must be. Having been a Physician for more than 20 years, I had a list of differential diagnosis from the mildest to the more severe types of illnesses. I don't know what the Lord must have thought of that; perhaps he must have been smiling for he knew

what he was about to do. Yes, he did heal me as I slept for when I woke up at 5.30 in the morning, there was absolutely no pain. I tried moving my head and a few other maneuvers with my neck to see whether the pain would return, but it did not. Glory to God for he still hears and answers prayer. By Jesus' stripes I was healed.

But he was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought our peace was on him; and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

132. LOUD AND CLEAR

On 26th Dec. 2016, I happened to travel by train for a marriage to be held in Kochi, Kerala. It was a 2 hour journey from my home town and as I sat in the chair car compartment looking out of the glass window, I thought about one particular problem that had been haunting my family for the past several months. I could have got a deliverance from the issue in question by opting for worldly ways, but had kept following the Word of God to fulfill righteousness. That did not solve the problem, but things got from bad to worse. The more I thought about the issue and the people involved who were troubling us, the more despondent I became. Finally these were the words that came forth from my lips as I sat in the moving train..."You betrayed my trust, dear Lord, you betrayed my trust."

I got down at my destination and traveled to the hall where the marriage reception was to be held. Reaching there, I saw that the bride and groom had not yet arrived from the church where the marriage was held as it was a bit far away. I went to the wash room to wash my hands to take part in the sumptuous buffet that was arranged on the first floor. As I washed my hands, I looked out of a window in front and saw many big hoardings with advertisements but one hoarding stood out prominently...reading the matter written on it startled me. It was like God really heard what I said while travelling by train and already had an answer for me. The words were in the Hindi language though the place was Kochi, where Malayalam is the language spoken by most. The hoarding said, "Ooparwala sabh kuch dekh raha hai" which means "The one who sits above is watching everything..."

The Lord spoke loud and clear to me through the hoarding, that though we as a family were passing through troubled times and were being targeted by Satan through certain people, he was watching all of it.

The Psalmist sings,

The LORD will keep you from all evil. He will keep your soul.... (Psalm 121:7)

Also in the book of Proverbs we read,

The LORD's eyes are everywhere, keeping watch on the evil and the good. (Proverbs 15:3)

It's so very reassuring to know that God Almighty is always watching over his children for their good and he is working to bring deliverance and good in their lives.

Looking at it from another angle, when could have the hoarding been put up? Anybody's guess...days to months; certainly not when I spoke the words while travelling by train to Kochi. So there you are...He knows everything...The one and only Almighty God we serve as Christians....Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent....Praise be to his holy name.

133. THE STORM

Early morning on April 2nd 2015, my wife and younger daughter were to fly from Doha to Dubai first and from there to Tbilisi, Georgia, where they would vacation with my elder daughter studying MBBS there. We had planned to travel to the airport at 10.30 pm on 1st April after I returned from the clinic where I work. There was a gusty wind blowing as I was driving home from the clinic. On reaching home, I had a quick dinner and set out to a nearby hypermarket to purchase a few things to take for my daughter in Georgia. As I stepped out of our flat, I told my wife and daughter to be ready to leave to the airport as soon as I returned.

Out of the building and approaching my vehicle, I saw that the wind had increased in intensity several times and the trees around were swaying dangerously back and forth with small branches flying in all directions. I drove to the hypermarket and parked my vehicle in the parking lot and rushed inside to get the things that I had come for, muttering a few prayers for safety and for our travel to the airport.

A few moments later, they closed the doors of the hypermarket, because the wind was driving dust and debris inside. I finished my purchasing quickly, paid for the same and pushed the trolley to a small door that the security had left open. Once outside, it was like I had stepped on to another planet. The wind was horrific and there was a heavy dust storm raging. I could barely see a few feet ahead. The wind pulled me and the trolley in all directions. I feared something fatal would happen because everything around was being ripped apart by the wind and things were flying all around me. My family was waiting and it was time to leave to the airport. While in the store, I had called my wife and told her about the weather outside and asked her to pray. The pressing issue now was first getting to the house and then to the airport which was 20 minutes away from home. I managed to get the vehicle on to the road and with the hazard lights on, drove slowly towards our building which was a couple of miles away, praying continuously. Visibility was just a few feet and a couple of vehicles passed close by mine. The wind was still swinging the trees wildly and I struggled as I ran with the shopping bags that I had, to the building entrance after I parked the vehicle in the parking.

Once indoors, we prayed again that the Lord may calm the weather so we could travel to the airport. When nothing seemed to be happening for the good and the time for check-in approaching, I tried calling the airways office to cancel the tickets. After a few tries, I got someone on the line, but when I told them that it was difficult to travel to the airport because of extreme weather and poor visibility, the person at the other end informed me that the flight had not been cancelled and unless we reported at the airport check-in counter, it would be counted as a no-show and we would lose our tickets. I called the budget airways Dubai office to check for what would happen to the return tickets that were booked, but I was politely told that unless we traveled that night, the return tickets would also be useless. The thought of the monetary loss troubled me, but I felt that God was in control whatever the situation be,

so after looking one last time at the weather outside through the glassed window, I resigned to the fact that nothing more could be done. We called our daughter in Georgia and when we told her what was happening, she was dejected. My wife and daughter were disappointed too, because several daily prayers had been prayed for this travel since a couple of months. Before I slept, I prayed to the Lord and told him that he could still intervene on our behalf so that we may not lose the money spent in buying the air tickets. I ended my prayer saying, "I don't think I should lose any money, since I have been faithful with finances dear Lord."

Sleep did not come easily with me trying to analyze why all this had happened, but when I did sleep, I saw a dream. In the dream, I was at the airways ticket counter, asking for a refund of our tickets. The man was kind and told me that he would give me a half refund. The dream ended there. When I woke up, I felt that the Lord was telling me something, but I could not fully comprehend it. I prayed to God that he may move the hearts of the airways staff to give me a full refund.

The weather had cleared now when I looked outside and eager to know what had happened to the flight, I called the airways. I spoke to the man at the other end and told him what had happened the previous night and he nonchalantly informed me that the flight had been cancelled due to bad weather and we could re-schedule the flight. All I had to do was call the Dubai office and everything would be taken care of. I heaved a sigh of relief as I shouted a Hallelujah after disconnecting the call. My wife and daughter were happy that there was no monetary loss and they would be travelling soon. All the stress and strain of the past night dissolved in moments.

Everything worked out fine after I called the Dubai office and my wife and daughter could travel a couple of days later in good weather and spend a month vacationing with my elder daughter.

Why the dust storm, why the extreme weather despite having prayed much? Some answers can only be found in God's books. But praise God for his faithfulness.

How precious is your loving kindness, God! The children of men take refuge under the shadow of your wings. (Psalms 36:7)

134. THE AFTERLIFE

I saw this dream regarding me and 2 aged aunts of mine who were widows, one nearing her death being critically ill and the other one suffering from various ailments and incapacitated in many ways.

In a country that has been devastated by a great earthquake, high above on a bridge, a train moves swiftly along a track. The rail tracks seem to go on for ever and ever. On the train, I am with these aunts of mine. We seemed to be very happy despite the land below being laid waste by the earthquake. We talk of times in the past and seem to be enjoying every moment of the journey. The dream ended there.

My aunt who was critically ill passed away a few days later, while the other one still lives on but with several difficulties in addition to being a childless widow since more than 20 years.

This dream was a foreshadow of what will happen when we finish our race here on earth. The afterlife is going to be so different. Though while we live in this world, ageing and sickness and death may come after a while, once a person in Christ steps in to eternity, every sorrow and pain is gone. It's joy and peace forever.

In the dream, the land devastated by the earthquake, denotes the life that we live on earth where pain and sickness and ageing and death finally catches up; the train journey on a very high bridge, a higher journey that will bring everlasting joy and peace; the endless rail tracks signifying eternity. Praise God.

For this perishable body must become imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this perishable body will have become imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then what is written will happen: "Death is swallowed up in victory." (1 Corinthians 15:53, 54)

135. GOD SEARCHES OUR HEARTS

The spirit of man is the LORD's lamp, searching all his innermost parts. (Proverbs 20:27)

A few years back, when I reached one of the Gulf countries to take up a job as a Physician, I desired to minister for the Lord, but doors did not open up quickly for the same in Churches that I visited. In one of the Churches that I attended for a while, the Pastor of the Church seemed friendly on the outside and wanted me to continue in the Church, but would rarely provide opportunities for me to minister in the Church. It was frustrating, but I pacified myself by accepting the thought that it was not God's time for me to minister regularly.

During those days, one night as I slept, I saw a dream regarding me and this Pastor. In the dream, the Pastor was dressed as a butcher selling meat. There were several customers and I too waited in the queue to buy meat. He was giving good and choice portions to the other customers and I too hoped that I could get a good piece of meat, but when my turn came, he looked at me, put his hand in a drawer and brought out a smelly piece of meat, giving it to me, with a shrewd look on his face. I was disappointed when I saw him do that and walked away quietly without accepting what he gave me. The dream ended there.

The real inner attitude of people that we deal with is only known by the Lord. In my case here, though the Pastor was friendly outwardly, his real inner feelings for me were not kindness or of a helping nature, but on the contrary quite adverse as seen in the dream.

After the Lord warned me through this dream, it was not long before I moved away from this Church (at a time decided by the Lord). I kept the matter that the Lord had shown me in the dream to myself and maintained a good relationship with the Pastor during my final days in his Church. After waiting on the Lord in prayer for a few months, he opened several doors for me to minister in different Churches and bring glory to his name. Praise be to his holy name.

136. ALL THROUGH ONE NIGHT

Some time back, one night I dreamt a long dream. There was nothing much seen, except a woman standing in front of a mirror weeping. I knew her to be the wife of a Pastor friend of mine, both doing wonderful service for the Lord in Canada. When I woke up in the morning, I prayed for her for a while knowing that she must be in some kind of trouble. I did not call or mail my friend, but it so happened that while I was checking my mail that day, this same sister-in-Christ came on Google chat. I thought it must have been my Pastor friend, for it was his account. Seizing the opportunity, I told her what I had seen in the dream the previous night. She was surprised and told me that she was undergoing an abdominal surgery that very day and for the past few days she had been apprehensive about it. I was even more surprised when I heard that for I did not expect it to be so urgent a matter. I told her that I would be praying for her. The surgery went well. She recovered soon and they continue their God given ministry, bearing much fruit for the Lord. I believe her family and hundreds of saints must have prayed for her. I too had a small part. Another assignment from the Holy Spirit for me. Praise God.

You who hear prayer, all men will come to you. (Psalms 65:2)

137. TRUE NATURE OF PEOPLE

This dream was regarding a Pastor and an elder that I ministered with a few years back. In the dream, we are in a congregation standing and singing to the Lord. After a while, I feel someone tapping me on my back, but when I look back, I can't see anyone seeking anything from me. This happens a few times and in the dream I wonder who it could be. Then as I look back and sideways, I see a Pastor and an elder laughing and cracking jokes, pointing to me; happy that they had fooled me. The dream ended there.

Some dreams are warnings from the Lord to beware of the true nature of people, be it unbelievers or believers. Though when they meet us, they may show great care and concern, often speaking highly of us, behind our backs, they may be ridiculing us and putting us down in many ways. We may be fooled easily, but God searches the hearts of all and knows exactly how everyone is.

This is not an isolated incident. Many a time, God has warned me regarding the true nature of people with whom I work too. Hidden hostility can be found both in the Church and also in the work place. If we rely on the Holy Spirit of God, he will guide us in all matters, small or big.

Jeremiah the Prophet writes regarding men who were plotting against him...***The LORD gave me knowledge of it, and I knew it. Then you showed me their doings. (Jeremiah 11:18)***

138. NO TIME FOR THE WIFE

This dream was regarding a friend of mine, who is a businessman. Hard working, both with his secular job and also in the ministry for the Lord, it would be hard to say that he was doing any wrong. But this is what the Lord showed me in a dream. A wife who yearned for her husband's love. Her waiting for him to focus on her at least for a little while each day only ended with disappointment repeatedly. Her husband was working all the time, either with his business in the name of keeping the family content with provision or working hard as a minister in the name of the kingdom of God. Sparse kind and loving

words and rare bodily contact had left her frustrated. In the dream, she was walking behind him to catch up with him, but failing. This kept going on and on as I keep watching them in the dream. Slowly things start changing and finally my friend and his wife meet and spend joyful times together. The dream ended there.

When I met my friend sometime later, I conveyed the Lord's message to him. Hopefully, their family would be enjoying better times.

Sometimes, believers, both men and women, can get busy with work and ministry resulting in marital disappointment and frustration. Satan makes most of the opportunity that arises to create more discord. Things can get bitter and frequent quarrels can ensue.

Paul the Apostle writes,

Let the husband give his wife the affection owed her and likewise also the wife her husband. The wife doesn't have authority over her own body, but the husband. Likewise also the husband doesn't have authority over his own body, but the wife. Don't deprive one another, unless it is by consent for a season, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer, and may be together again, that Satan doesn't tempt you because of your lack of self-control. (1 Corinthians 7:3-5)

Peter the Apostle writes,

You husbands, in the same way, live with your wives according to knowledge, giving honour to the woman, as to the weaker vessel, as also being joint heirs of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. (1 Peter 3:7)

Great advice for Christian spouses, be they ministers or not.

139. DON'T EXPECT PEOPLE TO BE GRATEFUL

These couple of dreams were regarding the attitude of people whom we help in their times of need. One was regarding me and a believer with whom I worshiped with sometime back; the other regarding a helper in the clinic that I work in as a Physician. In their times of need, realizing that they did not get much as wages, I would help them monetarily.

The dreams were similar, meaning that they spoke of the same thing. What I saw regarding these men was that when I gave them currency with a greater denomination, they were happy and respected me, but when my monetary gift was of lesser value, they privately smirked and showed their discontent, one throwing it away from a window and the other discarding it in the waste bin. I do not know whether they may have literally done that, but the Holy Spirit was indicating the attitude of their hearts.

Many a time we may feel that people whom we help monetarily or otherwise would have a grateful heart towards us, but that is not the case. Of course there may be some who are grateful, but many may not be. Their thinking may be awry and often they may despise us privately.

Such attitude from those whom we help may bring grief to us, but over the years, both in my secular and ministerial calling, the Lord has taught me to overlook such matters, for we should not give to earn something, not even the gratitude of people. God is the true rewarder of all that we do and even when we do works of charity, it should be as we are serving Jesus Christ and not people. Eternal rewards are incomparable to what little or much gratitude we can receive from recipients of our gifts here on earth.

Also to you, Lord, belongs lovingkindness, For you reward every man according to his work. (Psalm 62:12)

140. 100'S OF DREAMS REGARDING 2 MATTERS

Over the past 25 years, where I have seen 1000's of dreams while sleeping at night, there have been 2 kinds of dreams that the Holy Spirit shows repeatedly. They are of 1) attacks by the evil one upon my life and others and 2) warnings to keep myself free from immorality.

The first kind of dreams have been of any length, short and long and what God expected from me was to pray and avert satanic attacks causing harm to me, my family, our congregation and anyone that God wanted to protect from evil befalling them, be it believers or unbelievers (mostly believers).

When prayer is insufficient on my part, the Lord may show repeated dreams on successive nights regarding the same person, for me to continue prayer till his divine purpose is achieved. Some of the matters regarding a person's life can stretch over a long period of time, till the person is delivered from the evil that has been troubling him/her.

Immorality is the other issue that God keeps speaking to me often. This can come as a satanic attack or because we live in a fallen world where we have to deal with several people in all our walks of life, be it the work place or the church or the community where we live.

Immoral thoughts, impure thoughts, sexually lustful thoughts can trap a believer and render their spiritual walk fruitless, so the warnings have kept coming through the years. The heavenly advice through dreams may be subtle like the bad intentions of others or severe warnings to keep away from certain people who are already living immorally. Over the years, I have learnt that heeding God's voice, continuing in prayer, worship and meditation of the Word of God and maintaining a close relationship with my wife is the only solution to this grave problem that afflicts scores of believers worldwide. With the advent of high speed internet, the trap has only increased by leaps and bounds and more and more believers are being sucked in to the pornography cesspool.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

141. AN AIRCRAFT FAILS TO TAKE OFF

This was a dream that I saw when the medical center that I worked in had financial and management issues and the employees were exasperated with salaries not being paid. There was a lot of confusion for several months and things were going from bad to worse.

Finally there was news that another company would take over and run the medical center and a few of the top executives of that company visited the place and had talks with many of us doctors. There was a wave of relief all around.

One of those nights, I saw a dream. In the dream, I saw a big aircraft, fueled up and ready to take off. I am in the the aircraft and so are the executives who were to buy the medical center. Everything is set and the aircraft starts moving for the takeoff. It surges ahead speeding on the runway to takeoff but suddenly it loses power and grinds to a halt. I exit the aircraft with a sigh realizing that the aircraft would not fly and looking around I could no longer see the people who were to buy the medical center. The dream ended there.

It was a simple dream to interpret; the Holy Spirit was telling me that the plan to buy the medical center by the new company was not going to work out. It would come to a halt after showing much promise at the start (aircraft ready, moving, gathering speed but finally coming to a halt). It did happen like the Holy Spirit showed me. The plan fizzled out.

Much later on another company took over the reins. Prayers were answered. Praise God.

I know that you can do all things, And that no purpose of yours can be restrained. (Job 42:2)

142. TIME TO GO TO THE FATHER

A few years back, a distant relative of mine fell ill with a rare brain disease. Though from a Christian denomination and also a church goer, he barely had a relationship with Jesus Christ and lived a care free life. He had a good job, a good family and lived in his own villa in one of the little known towns of Kerala, India.

Previously whenever he visited my clinic for mild ailments, I used to speak to him about Christ; he would listen to what I had to say but did not respond to my talks except with a smile. There were many Christian tracts and booklets in my clinic and he would occasionally take some as did many other patients.

The initial symptoms of his brain disease were mild and he came to me for the treatment of the same. When the symptoms progressed fast, I referred him to a neurologist who did an MRI and diagnosed it as a rare brain disease which had no curative treatment. He was admitted to a hospital for palliative care.

During that time I had to go out of the country for a couple of months and when I returned, I was told that he was still hospitalized and was unconscious for the past few weeks. When I saw him in the hospital, he was shriveled up in his bed, comatose and responding only to painful stimuli. He had lost around 10-15 kg of weight and his skin had darkened; he was just a shadow of his old self.

There were many servants of God and believers visiting him, speaking to him of eternity and praying for him for the past several months but his condition had deteriorated and his life was ebbing away. As I left the hospital I wondered whether he had finally committed his life to Christ before he had lost his

consciousness. Having known him from my school days, I felt sad thinking whether his spirit and soul would suffer eternal punishment after his time on earth was over.

A couple of weeks later, one night I saw a dream. In the dream, I am in my consulting room and suddenly this relative of mine walks in. He is dressed in a three piece suit and has a wonderful glow on his face. He smiles and tells me...It's time for me to go to my father....then he walks away from my presence.

I received news a couple of days later that he had passed away from this world. His wife and children were heart broken and took a long time to cope with the loss of husband and father respectively.

The dream was an answer from God to my query of whether my relative had crossed over from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light before he lapsed in to unconsciousness. His statement in the dream.."It's time for me to go to the father" said it all. God permitting, I hope to see him some day in heaven.

I still meet the widow and pray with her and the children. Sometime back, the Lord inspired me to share the dream with the family.

The days of our years are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty years; yet their pride is but labour and sorrow, for it passes quickly, and we fly away. Who knows the power of your anger, your wrath according to the fear that is due to you? So teach us to count our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (Psalms 90:10-12)

143. CHIP IMPLANT

On 09.04.2017 I saw a dream in which I am walking on a highway with 2 friends of mine. As we walk, we talk about things that have been recently happening in our lives. The topic shifts to chips that had been implanted in our hands by the authorities a few days ago. One of my friends asks me what the implications of the same would be and I tell him that every aspect of our lives would be monitored from here on; our travels, bank accounts, all transactions, purchases, phone calls and internet activity would be under scrutiny. The dream ended there. When I woke up in the morning, I prayed to the Lord that such a thing may not happen and that me and my friends may not be forced to take the implant.

This issue has been talked about much in recent years and there are countries which have initiated the implementation of the same. We live in perilous times and the chip will mostly come in to global existence in the name of protection and safety. What it will be used for finally remains to be seen, but the Bible gives us an insight in to this.

I saw another beast coming up out of the earth. He had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke like a dragon. He exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence. He makes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. He performs great signs, even making fire come down out of the sky to the earth in the sight of people. He deceives my own people who dwell on the earth because of the signs he was granted to do in front of the beast, saying to those who dwell on the earth that they should make an image to the beast who had the sword

wound and lived. It was given to him to give breath to it, to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause as many as wouldn't worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, the small and the great, the rich and the poor, and the free and the slave, to be given marks on their right hands, or on their foreheads; and that no one would be able to buy or to sell, unless he has that mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. He who has understanding, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. His number is six hundred and sixty-six. (Revelation 13:11-18)

144. CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION

This is a dream that I saw several years back. It was regarding a great persecution rising against all Christians in India; it was not against any one denomination as such, but against all Christians in general. In the dream, I was running around telling all Christians to unite; this was no time for denominational rivalry, we must get together and stand united for Jesus Christ. Though I seemed to be shouting this out over and over, not many seemed to be concerned. The dream ended there.

There has been a manifold increase in persecution against Christians in India and all over the world in the past few years. Vandalism against Christian buildings and physical and mental persecutions abound in many countries. According to Open Doors, USA, extreme Christian persecution prevails in at least 10 countries and very high persecution in 20 countries and India falls in the second group.

United prayer and intercession are so very vital for God to intervene on behalf of the persecuted. Will Christians unite? May the Lord help.

I exhort therefore, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and givings of thanks be made for all men: for kings and all who are in high places, that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and reverence. (1 Timothy 2:1, 2)

145. THEY MAY NEVER KNOW

Often God shows me a series of dreams regarding a person or persons to avert a calamitous situation arising in their lives. This would need constant prayer till the Lord's assignment is complete and the matter has been taken care of by him. The person/persons involved may never know that someone has been praying for them and the issues may be so sensitive that it's best not to discuss the same with them.

Sometime back, I saw a series of dreams regarding a young Christian woman from Kerala. She was in her mid 20's, unmarried and worked in a neighboring state of Kerala; her parents were Christian too, church going, but not very spiritual. They were known to me and the Lord showed me in the first dream that the woman, without her parent's knowing, was having an affair with a man in Kerala. In the dream, she was already having intimate relations with him and planned to marry the man even if her parents did not agree. I prayed for the matter shown in the dream for a couple of days, then saw another dream in which she was shown having moved in with the man in question without her parents' consent and before marriage. I continued my prayers for her that she may only do what was right in God's eyes, not

being worldly and not going against her parents' wishes. A few days later, in a third dream, she was shown having already given birth to a child and she sat gazing at it. The Holy Spirit made it known to me in my spirit that this was not God's plan for her life and I prayed for the matter for a few more days. There were no more dreams regarding her after that and I believe God's prayer assignment for me concerning the matter had ended. I came to know later that the company that she worked in, transferred her to a foreign country and she lives and works there now. As far as I know she has not married yet. I still pray for her marriage that it be as God intends it to be.

Neither she nor her parents may ever know that there were prayers raised on their behalf. God works in mysterious ways and there may be many who are unknown to us, but nevertheless interceding for us, for our good.

May God be merciful to us, bless us, and cause his face to shine on us. That your way may be known on earth, and your salvation amongst all nations, let the peoples praise you, God. Let all the peoples praise you. (Psalms 67:1-3)

146. A WOODEN HORSE

One night I saw a dream wherein I stood before a wooden horse and tried to jump over it to the other side. I tried a couple of times but had no success. I then stood there and thought of times in the past where I could effortlessly jump over this horse. The dream ended with me again and again, trying and failing, trying and failing. After waking up the next morning, I prayed to the Lord that he may not let me fail in whatever matter he had shown me in the dream.

I pondered on the dream later on to know what the Lord was telling me. It was a time when I had, without the Lord's approval, given a large sum of money to a person, but when I wanted the money to be returned, the guy said no. I had prayed for the matter several times, but had received a reply in the negative. This affected my faith and I got depressed that the Lord had not intervened. I tried to muster faith but negativity ruled. I could not jump (my faith was not rising) over the problem (wooden horse) as seen in the dream. Prayers and intercessions took a back seat for a couple of days because of the depression. But since I had prayed regarding the dream that God may not allow me to fail repeatedly, soon the depression was gone and I could pray and worship as before. The Lord moved the heart of the person to whom I had given the money and he returned it.

This dream could also have been regarding "fasting" which had been nearly non-existent in my life those days. Though earlier I could take fasts to bolster my prayer life and humble myself in the presence of the Lord, now because of a few illnesses that I suffered from, I did not have the faith or courage to take fasts; perhaps the inability to jump over the horse pointed to this and when I prayed regarding the dream, a few days later the Lord strengthened me to start fasting again.

God's strength is manifested in our weaknesses as we cry out to him. Praise be to his holy name.

The LORD is my strength and song. He has become my salvation. (Psalms 118:14)

147. FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

A couple of days before travelling on a flight from Kerala to the Middle East, I saw a dream in which I was surrounded by flight attendants and they were all smiling and talking among themselves. The dream did not seem troubling, so I did not pray much about it. The next day we had a 3 hour journey to reach the airport. I was not feeling very well in my stomach that day, so I skipped lunch and did not have much dinner either, just a few chips and a glass of juice. It was an early morning flight and things seemed fine when I and my family boarded the aircraft. Halfway through the journey, I felt that the atmosphere in the plane was getting stuffy. Thinking I would feel fresh if I went to the toilet and washed my face, I proceeded to the front of the aircraft without waking my wife and daughter who were asleep.

Once in the toilet, after locking the door, suddenly everything around started spinning and I felt my mind clouding. I opened the door and stumbled out, swaying to both sides. The flight attendants saw me in that condition and quickly grabbed my hands and put me on a seat nearby. There was a flurry of questions, regarding my seat number, whether anyone else was travelling with me, whether I was a diabetic/hypertensive/had heart disease. Though weak with my dizziness persisting, I answered them. Someone informed the captain and he radioed for a doctor, but there were none on the flight. I kept saying, "I am a doctor, I am a doctor." Someone gave me a glass of orange juice and I drank it. I was offered sugar and I had that too. My wife and daughter were near now as they had been called; they fanned my face for fresh air. Slowly things started clearing up in my mind and the dizziness subsided. When I looked around, just as in the dream, I could see several flight attendants around me, smiling and talking. The stuffy atmosphere in the plane coupled with my blood sugar dropping because of skipping meals had brought on the malady. Soon it was time for the flight to land and things returned to normalcy.

Musing on the dream later on, I felt I should have taken the dream more seriously and prayed better.

But praise God that he was in control all throughout my difficulty though.

Behold, God is my salvation. I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD, the LORD, is my strength and song; and he has become my salvation. (Isaiah 12:2)

148. IRON CHAINS AND ELEPHANTS

A day before there was a heavy sand storm in the gulf country that I stayed, I saw the following dream. Several elephants with their hind feet shackled by huge iron chains walked together along a path; their progress was laborious with the chains making their forward march difficult. Waking up the next morning, I did not fully understand what the dream meant but I spent some time in prayer asking God to avert any calamity in my life that day. It was only when I drove in my car towards work that I realized what the Lord was hinting through the dream. Half way to the clinic I worked in, I saw a huge mass of dust rising from one side of the horizon and it rapidly engulfed the roads on all sides, reducing visibility to a meter or so in front. I prayed another prayer while maneuvering my vehicle carefully as vehicles suddenly slowed down because of the unexpected sand storm. Many were blaring their vehicle horns to avoid mishaps. But then a miracle happened. As quickly as the sand storm had appeared, so quickly did

it clear up too. Everything was back to normal in a few minutes. That afternoon, I praised God for keeping me and my vehicle safe and for his faithfulness in my life, revealing a coming calamity that could have been catastrophic because of poor visibility and traffic congestion.

There are many disasters that the Lord averts in the lives of those who dwell in the secret place of the Most High. Some of them he reveals to them, the others he just averts without revealing anything. Great is his faithfulness.

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers. Under his wings you will take refuge. His faithfulness is your shield and rampart. (Psalm 91:3, 4)

149. STEALING MUSIC

This dream concerned a person known to me since a few years. He is a talented musician himself, yet in this dream, he was shown stealing the tune that I had composed for a Malayalam (local language of Kerala) song of mine. In the dream, I was surprised that he was doing such a thing. When I woke up the next morning, I felt sad that the person concerned was playing foul and prayed to the Lord that he would not allow it to happen. It was a time when I was planning to release a new album and I did not want any confrontations with the person concerned.

Many Christians have a bad habit of using their names on music, literature, photos and videos created by others. Some post devotionals on social media after removing the names of the authors who really worked hard to write it. I once had a devotional sent to me with the name of the person who sent it in the subtitle, when in fact I had written the devotional and e-mailed it a few days earlier.

Praise God for his faithfulness in small matters too. He is watching over all matters concerning his children. If he is concerned about someone stealing a song tune of mine, I believe he is concerned about everything else in my life. And you who read this can be sure that he is concerned about every little matter of your life too, if you are his child. Trust in your Savior Jesus. He is faithful, so is his father and so is the Holy Spirit.

All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; but the LORD weighs the motives. (Proverbs 16:2)

150. 2 VICIOUS SNAKES

As I and a few of my friends stood in an open ground, I saw 2 snakes emerging out of the ground in this dream. They looked vicious and venomous and leaped in to the air, threatening to bite, hurt and kill. But as they rose from the ground, I saw that they had no body, but only heads and these flew in the air menacingly. I yelled to my friends to shoot them down, but no one seemed to be able to help; it was like they couldn't do anything about the situation, but a little while later, as if a miracle had taken place, I saw the snake heads on the ground and someone had placed large stones over them, so that they were pinned down and could not move anymore. The dream ended there. I was troubled much on seeing this dream and prayed for a while regarding it when I woke up.

Those were the days when there were people accusing me and my family of wrong doing though we had not done any wrong. Especially two of them were often accusing, harassing and threatening us. We looked to Christian friends for help, but they could not solve the problem. The snake heads represented the evil powers that were instigating the two persons to attack us viciously. They looked menacing and brought fear in to my heart, but despite no one being able to help, they were subdued by God Almighty himself, not allowing them to accomplish their evil plans. As I had seen in the dream, after a few days, the trouble makers were subdued by God himself and we had peace again. The snakes lacking a body perhaps indicated that the allegations of our accusers were baseless or that the evil spirits did not have enough power as they were trying to show.

No weapon that is formed against you will prevail; and you will condemn every tongue that rises against you in judgement. This is the heritage of the LORD's servants, and their righteousness is of me," says the LORD. (Isaiah 54:17)

151. A TWO YEAR OLD BOY BEARING BURDENS

This dream was concerning a young child, the only son of one of my friends. The boy was around 2 years old, but had not started speaking even a few words, which were normal for his age. The parents were anxious and they tried their best to get him to speak, sometimes even scolding him. He was a bit naughty and as like other boys his age, inquisitive regarding things at home and in the vicinity. This kept the parents on their toes and he often got minor bruises trying to explore things; consequently receiving more stern talk from his parents.

In the dream, I saw the boy pulling a rope which had a large stone at the other end and as he dragged the stone with difficulty, his tongue was being stretched automatically, leaving him in a state where he was unable to speak even a single word.

The dream was simple to interpret. The boy was bearing burdens in his mind and this in turn was affecting his ability to speak. I counseled my friend regarding this and he received the message from the Lord with humility.

Sometimes parents/adults disregard the mental status of children. Harsh words can adversely affect the mind of growing children. Maybe it's because some adults think that it is only they who shoulder burdens. But that's not true. Children have their share of burdens. Often harsh words can hurt their little minds in a manner that can negatively affect their growth. Disciplining is good, but there should be limits.

God gives us counsel for our good. The Apostle Paul writes,

Fathers, don't provoke your children, so that they won't be discouraged. (Colossians 3:21)

Kindness, compassion and love shown to children will definitely promote their physical, mental and overall wellbeing. May the Lord lead all parents who read this in the right path while dealing with their children.

152. DO NOT TOUCH MY ANOINTED ONES

This dream was regarding how God's judgment could come upon a person who mocked a true servant of God. In the dream I saw a Pastor who was known to me, preaching the Word of God and then going about doing his daily chores, living a life that was pleasing to God. In the next scene, I saw a lady, also a believer known to me, mocking this servant of God, because she felt that his preaching was not good enough and because his church doctrines did not match hers. As I watched her mocking, suddenly I saw her abdomen swell to a huge size almost the size of a full term pregnant woman. In the dream, I knew it was some type of a cancer that she had developed and she looked to be in great distress. The dream ended there.

This was a warning for the lady that she should not be doing what she was doing against the servant of God. Though she did not do it publicly, God was watching her and he knew that the thoughts of her heart towards the Pastor were not righteous in his eyes. After praying for the matter, I rang up the believer who was well known to me and explained the matter to her. She did not argue and accepted the counsel of the Lord.

If the Lord really wanted to afflict her, he would not have shown me the dream. In his compassion, God gave her a chance to repent of her sin.

The dream also serves as a warning to many unbelievers and believers who mock true servants of God and land up in trouble with several being afflicted with sicknesses and other problems.

Nothing untrue in the statement.....***"Don't touch my anointed ones! Do my prophets no harm!" (1 Chronicles 16:22) (Psalm 105:15)***

153. WARDING OFF EVIL

People from many families do things to ward off evil in the lives of their children, especially newborns and young ones. One of the things that they do is to apply "kajal"(kohl/surma) to the babies eyes. Others apply a kaala tikka (black dot) on the forehead of the baby or behind its ear. This is to ward off bad spirits from affecting the child adversely. The trend may be understandable in the lives of them who are not believers in Jesus Christ, but when a believer does it and more so, a minister of the Gospel, it becomes a matter of concern for the Holy Spirit of God. Thus this dream.

In the dream, I saw a minister friend of mine, a young man in his thirties with his wife in their room, looking at their newborn son who was lying on the bed. As a camera zooms in to see things in macro, in the dream, my eyes were drawn towards the face of the baby which had a big black dot drawn on it. Seeing that, surprised me and I looked questioningly at the parents. The dream ended there.

Surely a believer in Jesus Christ, more so a minister should know what keeps evil away from his family. Jesus & Jesus alone.....Then why would he/his wife do it?

Surprising as it may seem, many so called Christians follow this and several other practices to ward off evil. The matter is perhaps of lack of faith in ones prayers and the promises of God and the lack of confidence that God alone is enough to keep us safe.

Do we, as believers in Jesus Christ, believe in our prayers? Do we believe in the promises of God to keep us safe from the evil one? Do we believe that God alone is enough to keep us safe from evil?

Perhaps a re-evaluation is needed in the lives of many believers.

You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it will not come near you. (Psalm 91:5-7)

154. ABORTION

Over the past 25 years that I have been in Christian ministry, a few times the Lord has shown me dreams of how some couples, some even believers, commit the grievous sin of aborting a baby growing in the womb. Some of them have a "I don't care" attitude regarding the same and this grieves our Savior.

Some of these dreams have been shown by the Lord for me to pray and intercede that the couple involved may decide not to abort. Perhaps they may have been confused and indecisive regarding what to do and then intercessory prayer makes the Lord's hand to move their hearts to take the right decision and continue with the pregnancy.

God considers a baby in the mother's womb a living human being and ending it's life is contrary to the Word of God and a grievous sin. Most abortions (>95 %) are done because the (wife/husband)/(single woman/male partner in a relation) does not want to have the baby.

David, the great king of Israel speaks of how, God was watching over him while he was being formed in his mother's womb.....

For you formed my inmost being. You knit me together in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. My soul knows that very well. My frame wasn't hidden from you, when I was made in secret, woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my body. In your book they were all written, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there were none of them. (Psalm 139:13-16)

And God speaking to Jeremiah confirms his involvement in the creative process of every human being born in to the world.

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I sanctified you. I have appointed you a prophet to the nations. (Jeremiah 1:5)

May the Lord Jesus Christ lead us all in the paths of righteousness.

155. FAITH ENHANCED SPIRITUAL VISION

In this dream, I was preaching to a congregation regarding the difference between how our mind interprets situations in our lives and finds solutions for problems and how our spirit bolstered with faith in God and the promises in his Word visualizes situations and gets results where our mind often fails with it's quests.

It's true that with our intelligence, wisdom and life experiences, we decipher difficult circumstances in our lives and find solutions, but then comes complex trials in our life where it becomes difficult for our natural faculties to get results despite seeking several options. In these situations it is only faith enhanced inner vision that can make our spirit believe in the supernatural power of Almighty God and believing, get the desired results.

One who believes in God Almighty and his word and has his spirit bolstered by faith can see beyond what his mind can see.

To cite an example from the Old Testament.....Elijah, that great Old Testament prophet had a promise from God after 3 and half years of famine, that God was sending rain on the land. There were no signs of rain, yet the prophet confidently told king Ahab, "Get up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain." So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he bowed himself down on the earth, and put his face between his knees. He said to his servant, "Go up now, and look towards the sea." He went up, and looked, and said, "There is nothing." He said, "Go again" seven times. On the seventh time, he said, "Behold, a small cloud, like a man's hand, is rising out of the sea." He said, "Go up, tell Ahab, 'Get ready and go down, so that the rain doesn't stop you.' " In a little while, the sky grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain.

Jesus once said, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."(Mark 9:23)

and the writer of Hebrews says,

Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, proof of things not seen. Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to him, for he who comes to God must believe that he exists, and that he is a rewarder of those who seek him. (Hebrews 11:1, 6)

156. BOASTING

In this dream, I saw a friend of mine, a managing director of a multinational company who is also a minister of the Gospel, talking or rather boasting about his success in business and ministry, while walking towards a railway station to board a train. It was an important journey for him, one that had far reaching consequences regarding his future, but he was so engrossed in his boasting that the train arrived and left and by the time he reached the station, he could see the train gaining speed and disappear away. In the next scene of the dream, he was shown to be dejected and depressed, the business having failed and his ministry being in shambles.

The dream was for me to pray regarding my friend, that he may not fail, despite pride and arrogance having come in to him. The important journey that would have far reaching consequences in his life was to be his righteous walk with God, but that he missed because success had made him haughty. And failure had resulted in dejection and depression.

We read in the book of Proverbs....

When pride comes, then comes shame...(Proverbs 11:2)

Pride goes before destruction, and an arrogant spirit before a fall.(Proverbs 16:18)

A man's pride brings him low... (Proverbs 29:23)

I pray for him every day that he may not fall. I guess someone else may be praying the same for me too.

A good advice from the Apostle Paul to all believers and ministers is this.....

Therefore let him who thinks he stands be careful that he doesn't fall. (1 Corinthians 10:12)

157. 3 SONGS

In 2010, when we were planning to release our second Christian songs album in Malayalam, I wanted a few songs to be sung by professionals. I had a liking for 2 great Christian singers who were very popular but I wanted a counsel from the Lord as to his will regarding the matter. We had planned a 10 song album and we were singing as a family for the same. I prayed regarding the matter for a few days and then one night I dreamt the following dream.

I was standing in an open ground and a table was before me and on it were 10 pieces of colored cloths neatly folded and kept side by side. After a while I saw the 2 professional singers come to the table and I picked up 3 pieces of cloths and gave it to one singer who accepted it graciously and went away smiling. To the other singer, I did not give any and he just walked away after a while. The dream ended there.

God was just making known his will regarding the request for counsel that I had placed in his presence. As I was shown in the dream, I had the chosen professional singer sing three songs for our second album.

This was a simple dream, which even a novice to dreams could have interpreted.

God speaks, if we are willing to wait in his presence. He has answers to our questions.

Of course, some of his answers may not be readily understood by our finite minds now. That will change when join with him in eternity.

Counsel and sound knowledge are mine. I have understanding and power. (Proverbs 8:14)

158. DEATH OF A PROPHET

A Pentecostal minister hailing from Kerala, India, who helped us immensely at the beginning of our (me and my family) spiritual walk with Christ, went to be with the Lord recently. He was gifted with prophesy and we met him around 22 years ago, at a time when we needed answers to many questions (difficult situations) that troubled us. His preaching was strong and he upheld strong Christian values; the prophecies that he gave regarding our lives enriched us and we were able to overcome several difficult circumstances that we faced. Additionally, when I started preaching in Kerala, he was one of the interpreters, who interpreted my English messages in to Malayalam, the local language. There was a time when I regularly preached in a meeting in his house every Thursday. That was around 15-17 years back. Later on when we started a Church of our own, he visited us once in a while to preach the Word.

I met him last around 6 months back, when I had asked him to meet me for praying regarding a certain issue. He had been sick for a couple of days prior to that and he spoke regarding the same, prayed at my home and left after having a cup of tea with us. I had to travel back to Qatar to rejoin my job after a short vacation in Kerala and a few days later, I got the news that he was sick and hospitalized. After he was discharged and was resting at home, I called him on several occasions to check on his health. He seemed reluctant to tell me what his sickness was; had breathing difficulty whenever I called him and spoke very little. His condition seemed to be worsening as time passed.

During those days, I saw 2 dreams regarding him. One was a dream where I saw his Chest X-ray in which there was a round opaque lesion in the upper zone, which I felt in my spirit was a tumor mass. The morning after I had seen the dream, I prayed for a healing for him. I did not tell him what the Lord had shown me. When I rang him up, his condition had worsened and he complained of dizziness and imbalance while walking. A month later, I saw another dream regarding him, in which he was shown to be with us in our house, talking with us, but when I go in to another room and return, I do not see him anymore and was left wondering in my dream how he had suddenly disappeared.

A few days back, my wife messaged me the sad news that our friend had died. That day, I grieved for quite a while, remembering the good fellowship that we had with him for years together. He was a blessing to thousands, leading many to Christ, mentoring many more. He was a chosen channel of healing and deliverance to innumerable people through the God given preaching and prophetic ministry that he had.

His sudden disappearance in the second dream was an indication from the Lord that he would abruptly depart for his heavenly home.

As he neared his end, I believe the Holy Spirit would have sounded the words of the Apostle Paul in his mind several times.

“I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. From now on, the crown of righteousness is stored up for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day; and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved his appearing.” (2 Timothy 4:7, 8)

My friend had fought the good fight, he finished the course; he had kept the faith. Praise God.

159. FUTURE MINISTRY

Several times in dreams, the Lord has shown me different places that I would visit in the future, either alone or as a family; some for ministry and some for vacation. Some of the places are located in the middle east, some in Africa and some in the United States. One of the dreams among these stands out because it had mention of a place I had never heard about.

In the dream, a pastor friend of mine was prophesying to me and he said, "The Lord will take you to Whiteland, where you will have a ministry among the people there." When he said that, in the dream, I think, "Whiteland, Whiteland" ...never heard of a place with that name. Maybe the pastor means that I will go a land where I will minister among whites. The dream ended there.

The name intrigued me and so early next morning, I thought of Googling the name and was pleasantly surprised...There actually existed a place called Whiteland in Johnson County, Indiana, United States.

When and how I will reach Whiteland remains a mystery as of now, but I believe God will open doors when it is his time. Praise God for his plans.

The Apostle Paul, while travelling to Rome to stand trial before Caesar, had a 3 month ministry near a place where the ship in which he was travelling was destroyed. A place called Malta, of which the Lord did not inform him beforehand. Though it was unannounced by the Lord to Paul when he had spoken to him earlier, he had a great ministry among the people there with God doing great miracles.

God can surprise his children with his plans sometimes. No coincidences or sudden plans for him though. Everything planned to perfection, with him knowing the outcome of situations before it ever happens.

***The counsel of the LORD stands fast forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
(Psalms 33:11)***

160. GIFTS FLOURISH WHEN THEY ARE USED

There are many believers who are given gifts of the Holy Spirit, but they hardly use it for the benefit of other believers or unbelievers for the propagation of the kingdom of God. And if not used, the gifts stagnate as they do not benefit either the recipient of the gift or others. Some believers take the gift of tongues very lightly as if it is not a great gift, perhaps because they don't see any external evidence of it bringing them any blessing or because believers in Jesus Christ who do not believe in the gifts ridicule them and they get discouraged.

I saw a dream regarding a believer in Jesus Christ being troubled by a demonic force and saw his wife who was gifted by the Lord with power to drive out demons unable to exercise her gift and set her husband free because she had hardly used the gift and now did not have faith to use it.

Speaking secularly, a gift is like a new skill that one has learnt and when used repeatedly, the person using it gets better and better, because the results are evidenced. With a spiritual gift, when results are seen, faith increases in the user and he/she is able to exercise the gift with better and consistent results.

The Holy Spirit of God gives spiritual gifts to all who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It is imperative that every believer comes to a knowledge of their gifting and use it for the glory of God and for the extension of his kingdom here on earth.

Do not ignore your gift, but fan it in to flame as Paul the Apostle exhorts his spiritual son Timothy.

Don't neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the elders. (1 Timothy 4:14)

I remind you that you should stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. (2 Timothy 1:6)

161. ADVERSITY AVERTED

This dream was regarding a patient of mine who was working in a multinational company as a storekeeper. One night I dreamt that certain colleagues of his were planning to falsely accuse him and do harm to him. I prayed for the matter on waking up the next morning that the Lord may avert any adversity that was to come upon him. He used to visit the clinic once in a while to consult me for his illnesses but it was quite a while since I had seen him. One of his family members visited me a couple of days later and I inquired the whereabouts of this person and told him what the Lord had shown me. Immediately he told me that his relative was indeed involved in a problem. It seems he had an altercation with a couple of his colleagues and they were now behaving rudely with him and threatening him with dire consequences. I told him to convey the Lord's counsel to his relative of maintaining calm and praying regarding the matter, for the Lord would not allow his enemies to harm him. I was informed later on that things had calmed down in his work place.

Concerning the said person, he was not someone who lived close to the Lord, yet God in his mercy chose to save him from an adversity that was to come upon his life. Perhaps it was God's way of letting him know that God loved and cared for him.

We read of God conveying a message through his prophet to a gentile king in the book of Isaiah. It says,

"I am the LORD, and there is no one else. Besides me, there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not known me, that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is no one besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no one else." (Isaiah 45:5, 6)

God chooses to reveal himself in the lives of many people and he does it in many ways. Praise God for his mercies.

162. THE LORD IS MY ROCK

Recently, I was to preach at a church late in the evening. I had already taken a Bible Study that afternoon and also preached in another worship that day. Working all through the week as a Specialist

in Internal Medicine where the second shift ends by 9 pm and 11 pm would be the time when I would retire for the day, travelling and preaching on the day of rest sometimes has a toll on my body and it was so that evening. By the time I reached the Church premises, I was tired because the walk to the place after parking the vehicle was a long one. I thought of freshening up by washing my face in the wash room. My mind seemed to be focused on my being weak and whether I would be able to deliver the sermon effectively. As I mused on these, suddenly a few lines of a Malayalam song that I had not sung for many years quietly ran through my mind. The words of the song were so powerful that it instantaneously refreshed me and gave me confidence that all would go well. I believe it was none other than God who made it happen.

The few lines of the song that went through my mind were these.....***The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (Psalm 18:2)***.....He will not let you down. He will not let you fall.

This is not an isolated event. There have been many instances where God has spoken to me through songs and the answers to the problems troubling my mind has been spot on.

It's true that God the Holy Spirit who lives in us, knows every thought that passes through our minds and speaks to us with his still small voice in many ways...sometimes playing a song for us in our minds from his vast treasures.

We need to be sensitive to the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It's wonderful that God himself dwells in us; us who have accepted the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross at Calvary. Praise God.

163. PEOPLE WHO DO NOT CARE FOR OTHERS OR FOR THEMSELVES

Early one Friday morning, as I dozed off after an hour of prayer, I saw a dream. In the dream, two guys on bikes wearing leather jackets and black helmets who were on the first floor of a building were being directed by another guy to commence their mission. Immediately they raced their bikes and sped towards an open balcony on the first floor and violently crash landed in to the crowd standing on the ground floor. As they did this, I was horrified that they did not care any for the hundreds of people down below. I could not identify the people involved or the place, but the reality of the matter was that the two men involved did not care either about their own lives or about the lives of scores of others. I prayed for the matter immediately and hopefully a disaster was averted somewhere in the world.

The wickedness of man has increased over the centuries to such a level that many have become extremely brutal in their attitude to fellow humans. Killing, maiming and destroying innocent lives have become commonplace and men are willing to do it at the price of their own lives. They may or may not realize it, but the wrath of God will eventually overtake them and their destination will be hell and the lake of fire, if they do not repent of their sins and unrighteousness.

The Apostle Paul asked for prayer from the believers in the church at Thessalonica regarding protection from the wicked...

And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith. (2 Thessalonians 3:2)

Day after day, as children of God, we can cry out to our Savior Jesus Christ to keep us safe from the wicked; he is our rock of refuge.

An exhortation from the book of Proverbs goes like this:

Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evil men. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way. For they cannot sleep till they do evil; they are robbed of slumber till they make someone fall. They eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble. (Proverbs 4:14-19)

164. ONE NIGHT ASSIGNMENTS

Sometimes the Lord shows me multiple dreams in a single night regarding problems that different people are facing so that I can pray for them. I pray for these issues as soon as I wake up in the morning after seeing the dreams; if possible I inform the people involved regarding the same and ask them to pray. Some issues may be sensitive, so I just pray for them and do not inform the people involved. If the Holy Spirit shows me the dreams regarding the issue of a person repeatedly, it means more intercession is need for that issue/person and I continue praying for the matter.

Recently one night, I dreamt of 3 different people with 3 different issues. One involved a Businessman, a Minister of the Gospel too, who was very dejected because his business and ministry were on a decline and he was expressing his woes to me in the dream. Next was regarding a brother in our Church whose wife had gone to her parents' home for the delivery of their first child and I saw and heard loud verbal arguments among her relatives in the house that she was in. The third dream involved a friend's friend who I saw in a dream losing a great amount of money when he sold his ancestral land. All these people were known to me and I did inform them of the same and asked them to pray. Sometimes I may not be able to contact the people involved immediately because of not knowing their whereabouts or contact numbers, but prayers do bring results. In the case of the man who was shown to lose money regarding, I could contact him only after a week or 10 days. When I did tell him of the dream, he told me that he had recently decided to sell his land for a purpose, but then decided against it at the last moment. He said he would pray and be careful when he decided to sell it again.

Are you ready for such assignments from the Lord? He needs intercessors. Will you be one? His suggestions may be subtle like bringing repeatedly to your mind the face of a person you know; a relative, a friend or someone at your work place. As I said, he is looking for ordinary men and women, his obedient children, who will pray as he asks them to.

Then Samuel said, "Assemble all Israel at Mizpah and I will intercede with the LORD for you." (1 Samuel 7:5)

165. REJECTING THE CALL UPON HIS LIFE

This dream was regarding a friend of mine, who had come out of Christian idolatrous worship. After I had shared the Gospel with him for a few months, He accepted Jesus Christ as Savior, got baptized in water and worshiped in a Pentecostal Church. The Lord was gracious to him and he received the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the prophetic gift along with it. We would sit together and pray regarding various issues related to our lives and the Lord would reveal the solutions to various problems through the visions that he received while he spoke in tongues. He had a difficulty in interpreting the

visions that he received, but God granted me grace to interpret. He would spend quality time reading the Word and soon started exhorting the congregation that he attended with Bible truths. His family did not join him and they continued in Christian idolatry though prayers for their salvation continued day after day for several years. One night I saw a dream regarding this friend of mine. He was shown to be pastoring a church and was conducting Holy Communion. We were both shown to be enjoying Christian fellowship with other believers in the dream. I told my friend regarding the dream and he too agreed after praying that it was God's call upon his life.

19 years he worshiped the Lord in spirit and in truth, led the church as an elder, exhorting a congregation. His wife and children were rebellious and did not join him even after years of prayer. Then came the time for his daughter's marriage and since a groom was chosen from the same idolatrous church that he attended 19 years back, his family pressurized him with threats of ostracization and he fell to their compulsion. He went back in to idolatrous worship, throwing away all the spiritual blessings that the Lord had bestowed upon him. His deeds and actions hurt and grieved me much and often I lamented about it. I prayed for him that he may return, asking the Lord's forgiveness, but he continued in his rebellious ways. I still pray for him and his family to consecrate themselves to the Lord, shunning their idolatry. If I as a friend was grieved so much, how much more must have Jesus his Savior grieved at what he did?

As believers in Jesus Christ, we must ask ourselves the question....."Will we stand for Jesus or will we fall from grace being pressurized by the world".

The author of the book of Hebrews writes,

Therefore don't throw away your boldness, which has a great reward. For you need patience, so that, having done the will of God, you may receive the promise. "For yet a very little while, He who comes will come, and will not wait. But the righteous will live by faith. If he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the saving of the soul. (Hebrews 10:35-39)

166. WIDOW'S WOES

A series of dreams of how a widow was defrauded by a near relative of hers after the death of her husband came to me over the past few years and I prayed for the restoration of her wealth and property regularly but did not see any deliverance. This is one of the cases that has not yet been solved by the court in heaven and I do not know why. Perhaps it's been 10 years since I saw the first dream regarding this. Initially the widow had great sorrow regarding this and expressed her grief to the nearest of confidants, but then as the years passed and seeing no deliverance, she found peace through her Savior Jesus and has lived with the lightened burden.

The widow is quite aged now and so also is the offender. They both suffer from various illnesses and are inching towards the final years of their life.

Sometimes it's difficult to understand what God's plan regarding this is.

Perhaps the judgment relates to the eternity of both, the widow going on in to eternal joy and fulfillment, the offender to eternal damnation.

The Apostle Paul is very clear regarding the fate of those who sin in such a manner....He writes to the Church at Corinth.....***Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor***

thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 6:9, 10)

I believe the Lord made me pray for her over the years so that her hope and trust in her Savior may not fail and that she steps in to eternity without any un-forgiveness in her heart.

167. REMINDER

This was a dream concerning a church member of mine in Kerala, India. I had baptized him many years ago; he works in the Middle East now and stays with his family there. He attends a full gospel Pentecostal church. Several years back, I had spoken to him about God's call upon his life in Christian Ministry and he had taken small steps in that respect. Perhaps there must not have been much progress thereafter, so a reminder concerning the same through a dream.

In the dream, I was walking along a path and I see this Christian brother walk up to me with a fishing rod and two freshly caught medium sized fish. He showed me the fish and asked me...what kind are these? I smiled at his question and explained to him regarding the fish. He listened intently to what I was saying, nodding his head, accepting what I was telling him. The dream ended there.

I had a Whatsapp chat with him the next day, reminding him of God's calling upon his life to be a "fisher of men". He replied that he would pray about the matter earnestly.

How far he would go in pursuing the evangelistic call upon his life remains to be seen.

The Apostle Paul had many exhortations for young Timothy in his two letters to him, telling him to pursue the heavenly calling upon his life. A couple of verses from his letters go in this manner....

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the elders. (1 Timothy 4:14)

Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. (2 Timothy 1:6)

Perhaps this write up will be a reminder for someone somewhere in the world.....

168. DON'T LOSE YOUR OWN LEG

A far relative of mine was bedridden for a couple of months, one of his leg bones being infected after an accident. The wound was oozing pus profusely and not healing despite the best of antibiotics and supportive treatment. I happened to visit him as someone asked me to check the wound and opine regarding the management. I did as requested of me, opining regarding the case and left after praying for him as he was in pain and I thought praying was appropriate as I was a Christian minister.

Thereafter I visited him several times as I stayed close to the hospital where he was admitted and prayed for him regularly before I left after inquiring the progress of his illness. The wound was no better and things were getting worse. During those months, one night I saw a dream. In the dream, I was on a hospital bed with one of my legs propped up on pillows and I was suffering from the same disease that my relative was suffering from. He was not healed either and was lying on the bed next to me. The

dream was confusing and it took a while for me to interpret it and the revelation came after I spent quite a few hours in prayer.

Some sicknesses are punishments from God for rebellion against him and these do not go away till God has dealt fully with the person; healing will come only if the person repents and cries out to God in his/her misery. Prayers will not bring healing because the root cause is rebellion against God. God was just showing me that my prayers were not going to bring healing to this person because he was unrepentant for whatever sins he had committed and still continuing in his rebellion; on the contrary there was a chance that I would also be afflicted of the same illness. It was not God's will that I keep praying for the healing of his sickness.

There are several causes of sicknesses coming to a person. It may be infections, it may be due to changes in weather, it may be due to satanic attacks or it may be just rebellion against God. The guidance of the Holy Spirit of God would help us discern how to go about praying for the sick and afflicted.

169. GOD DOES SPEAK...IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER

Passing through a severe trial sometime back, I felt it difficult to go to church and conduct Bible study and preach. I skipped my assignments for a Friday (the day of rest in the gulf state that I work in) informing the Pastor in charge and a good friend of mine that I would be resting for a couple of weeks. Prayer, praise and bible meditation continued, so also a bit of sulking because things were not really pleasant on several fronts.

The next day morning, I received an audio message on Whatsapp from a friend of mine residing in another gulf country. It was a short message by a Christian minister and what he said was this....Traffic police have to do their jobs whatever the season be...the sun may beat down upon them or it may be stormy weather. A lot of lives depend on their directing the traffic showing the right signals or using whistles, keeping trouble at bay; so also a Christian minister has to go about doing his duties whatever pressing personal situations he may encounter in his life. Challenges may come, but they need to be faced head on and the Lord will grant grace to overcome them.

I knew that the Lord Jesus himself had sent me the message through another servant of his and I shelved my plans of taking a break. God speaks in one way or another, if we are keen on listening.

170. THE LATE REV. BILLY GRAHAM- 07.03.2018/ 10.45 AM

Undoubtedly one of the greatest Christian evangelists of our generation, the Rev. Billy Graham passed away from this world (Feb. 21, 2018) and entered in to eternal life. For many decades, he was a divine channel of blessing to millions of people all around the world and a great inspiration for believers and ministers of the Gospel.

Last night I saw a dream about this great man of God.

He was old and fragile, still laboring for the Lord in the dream. As I watched, in between he paused to wipe away sweat that ran down his face and neck and then continued to work.

His shoes were worn out and had collected dust, so I thought I would get a cloth and wipe the dust off his shoes as he labored.

As I waited to do that, my thoughts went on to a prayer that I had been praying for the past many years. Since the Lord had been showing me countless dreams since 23 years, I had also been praying that Jesus himself appeared to me in a dream, so that I could fellowship with him for a while. That prayer had not yet been answered, though I had a glimpse of him in a dream long back.

And then I thought in the dream....perhaps in this earthly life of mine, I may not be able to meet my Savior and touch his feet in reverence, I could always wipe the dust off the feet of his true servants; servants who labor tirelessly for the kingdom of God; servants who are not really servants, but his friends.

So I waited patiently till the very old Mr. Graham took a break from his work, which seemed to me a very long wait.

171. BITTERNESS

I saw this dream regarding close relatives of mine. In the dream, I am visiting their home and while there, I see many bitter gourds growing out of their walls. Walking through the corridor of the house towards them, I see more of these growing through the floor tiles. Surprised to see these, I ask them how this came to be. They just stare at me but do not answer my question. The dream ended there.

This was an easy dream to interpret. My relatives were an elderly couple, whose children were away and they were suffering from many illnesses. Added to this was a recent happening in the family that had shaken them up. Bitterness had crept in to their lives and it was evident when I spoke to them after seeing the dream. Through the dream, the Holy Spirit was just prompting me to pray for them that the bitter situations in their lives and bitterness in their hearts would subside.

Frustrating life situations, sicknesses and humiliation can often bring bitterness in to our hearts and it can stay for a long time, if we are not careful. The more it stays, the more pain it brings in to our lives. It not only affects us, but also people we deal with, friends and family. Bitterness can bring sicknesses in to our lives as well and a host of other evil. Better to deal with it early, so that we can maintain a healthy fellowship with God.

Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man will see the Lord, looking carefully lest there be any man who falls short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby the many be defiled... (Hebrews 12:15)

172. FRESH WOUND

My wife had a fresh lacerated wound on her left forearm in this dream that I saw. I asked her how it came to be and she said, "It's because of witchcraft that such and such a person is doing (she named a young man related to us). It was a deep gash and was still fresh and bleeding. Then I noticed that there were a couple of similar wounds on her body which had healed and only scars were visible. The dream ended there.

Witchcraft, sorcery, black magic and other evil practices still abound and evil people target both unbelievers and believers in Jesus Christ to gain their own selfish objectives through them. These kind of evils done against unbelievers often bring great harm and calamity to them, but because the believer in Jesus Christ has divine protection by the blood of the Jesus Christ, they are minimally hurt or not at all.

The Holy Spirit here was making us aware as a family that such evil things were being done against us and that we must remain vigilant and pray.

Praying and confessing the promises found in the Word of God, the Bible, can thwart evil attacks of the enemy upon our lives. Psalm 91 is a wonderful Psalm which highlights the importance of always staying in close fellowship with God for divine protection from the enemy.

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of Yahweh, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler, From the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions. Under his wings you will take refuge. His truth is a shield and a buckler. (Psalm 91:1-4)

God hears our prayers and sees our faith when we confess his promises and grants deliverance from evil attacks of the enemy.

173. 3 DREAMS- UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

This dream concerned a relative of mine, a woman in her early forties, a person whom I had known since her birth. In her childhood days, I had often been with her at an uncle's house, a place I visited almost every day, because they were very close. As a child, she was cheerful and jovial. After my initial college years, I had to move away to another state in India for my M.B.B.S studies and later had very less interaction with her. Marriage and my clinical practice took me to Kerala later on and I visited her only once after her marriage around 10 years back. She was settled in life after marriage, was working and had 2 children. Her parents were close to me in my childhood days and we occasionally kept in touch.

Around 1 month before she fell ill, I saw a dream in which someone had died in her house and a corpse was being carried out. I prayed for the matter that God may avert any calamities coming to their household. It was after a month that I received messages from this relative of mine that she was ill and admitted to a hospital for a checkup. She and her family requested prayers and I prayed regularly for her for a healing. What seemed to be a mild disease at first was diagnosed to be life threatening one and the prognosis was very bad. Only a bone marrow transplant could save her was the bottom line. While her treatment continued, I and hundreds of others prayed for her. She used to message me the progress of her illness and I kept encouraging her with the Word and with prayers.

After several weeks of her illness, I saw another dream concerning her and in the dream, her condition had worsened and she seemed to be just clinging on to life. I increased my prayers for her after I had seen the troubling dream, seeking God's mercy. Nothing seemed to be changing, yet all hope was not lost. The transplant date was set and prayers of the faithful continued.

The third dream was unsettling, because in it, I saw an aged aunt of mine who lives in Kerala, rush to Mumbai where my relative was admitted for her transplant.

The worst of fears of her parents, husband and close ones happened soon. A few days after her transplant, she passed away from this world. I believe she is safe in the arms of Jesus now, away from pain, sorrow and sickness. The sorrow of her loved ones, whom she left behind is great and words can bring little comfort. All they can do is lean on the Savior Jesus for comfort and peace.

For me, several questions remain unanswered. If she was to die, why the many dreams to pray, with the first dream almost a month before she fell ill?

In the past, on many occasions, when the Lord has shown me dreams of illness/accidents/death coming to people, I have prayed and the Lord has averted calamities and death coming in their lives. Why not her?

Perhaps she was not yet ready for eternal life in heaven before she fell ill and the Lord was preparing her. Only God knows. To receive answers to some questions, we may have to wait till we enter heaven.

174. AN ELDER BROTHER

In this dream, I am walking along a narrow path on a mountain side with an elder brother. The path is not smooth and there are stones and small rocks lying scattered here and there. Often I stumble because of these, but my elder brother helps me to get up and keep walking. On the left side is a precipitous fall and I am careful not to stumble and fall down. My brother keeps me from falling by holding my hand now and then. Then we come to a place where I need to maneuver a rock with a small opening to get to the other side of the path. I hesitate there as I have to jump and hold the narrow opening in the rock and climb up. I try a couple of times and then give up. My brother tells me to step aside and he shows me how it can be done. I follow his instructions and not without difficulty climb through the opening to the other side and again resume our walk on the path. The dream ended there.

This was a simple dream to interpret. In real life, my only sibling is a sister. In many dreams in the past, Jesus is seen as my elder brother. The path to eternal life is a narrow path as Jesus said; on one side there's always the chance of falling in to sin and that could be quite dangerous as shown by the precipitous fall. On the other hand, there are difficulties and hurdles along the path too where I need his help continually. Sometimes on the path is a major obstacle which can be quite perplexing to maneuver, but there again, the elder brother is there to guide me as to how it can be done. Jesus is not only our loving Savior, but also an elder brother, speaking spiritually.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers...(Hebrews 2:10, 11) (ESV)

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (Romans 8:29) (ESV)

Jesus Christ, our Savior, is truly Emmanuel, God with us.

175. GOD RESTORES

A friend of mine who had suffered a stroke because of high blood pressure was on treatment and was not able to go to his travel agency office for quite some time. I had been praying for him regarding recovery from his illness and one night I saw a dream about him. He was back again in his office and doing things as he did before. When I called and told him about the same, he was skeptical. I had not met him after he had suffered the stroke because I was working abroad at that time, but when I went home for vacation, I paid him a visit and prayed with him. A few weeks later, after I had returned abroad, when I called him to know how he was doing, he was back in his office, working as before. Though not fully recovered, he was able to walk and do the things that he did at first.

God is good and he brings to pass the good things that he reveals to his servants.

**He has caused his wonderful works to be remembered. Yahweh is gracious and merciful.
(Psalm 111:4)**

176. CHAMELONS ON A TREE

This was a dream that I saw when I was to preach on “Healing of past hurts” in a Church service. I saw a tree with many chameleons in the dream, and when I start preaching the Word of God, a sudden rush of waters is poured out on the tree and the chameleons all fall to the ground and run helter skelter.

The dream was easy to interpret as God was showing the power of the Word of God. The chameleons represented the evil spirits/hurtful feelings that would be struck by the divine power of the Word of God (represented by the rush of waters) and their falling from the tree indicated deliverance for the congregation (represented by the tree).

The Psalmist sings in Psalm 147...

He heals the broken in heart, And binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:3)

God’s word can heal hurtful feelings that believers have sustained in the past. Verbal and physical abuse in childhood or early adulthood can leave scars on minds which haunt believers even after they accept Jesus Christ as Savior, but the Word of God can heal these wounds. Evil spirits can trouble believers by provoking these hurtful memories time and again, but the Word of God brings deliverance from these. Praise God.

For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)

....for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the throwing down of strongholds, (2 Corinthians 10:4)

177. EARTHQUAKE & A HUGE CRATER

I saw these dreams just a few days after there was great flooding in Kerala in August 2018. In the first dream, I saw a great earthquake that had struck our town and our house was tilted to one side unfit for staying anymore and there was great misery in the place. In the second dream, I saw a huge crater/hole that had developed due to a natural calamity near Kochi International Airport. The airport was functional but only partially. There were very few flights taking off and people were standing in big queues trying to get their travel matters sorted out by airport officials.

God shows dreams of natural calamities, so that his people can pray and these can be averted or the effects minimized. There were indeed few tremors in Kerala in the next few days with cracks appearing in the walls of many houses but no major calamities.

The goodness of God is manifested in the lives of his children in myriad ways. Praying for the places that we and our loved ones live in is so very important.

There are natural calamities taking place all over the world; prayers of God's people can make a difference and it is their responsibility to pray. Also, in a world that is nearing its end because of man's wickedness, God desires to keep his people safe, until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, when his faithful children will be joined with him forever.

Because he has set his love on me, therefore I will deliver him. I will set him on high, because he has known my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him, and honor him. I will satisfy him with long life, And show him my salvation. (Psalm 91:14-16)

178. RUBBER BULLETS

In this dream, I saw myself shooting rubber bullets at a believer whom I worship with. She seemed to be in some discomfort when the bullets hit her and I run towards her to check whether she is bleeding from the wounds. No blood was seen coming from the wounds but she seemed dazed. My relations with her and family have always been cordial, so I wondered what the dream meant, but had no clue. For some time, the next morning, I tried to interpret it, but could not. So I just prayed about the dream that God may avert any untoward incidents in my dealings with her when in Church. On the next couple of days, whenever the dream came back to mind, I tried to decipher it, but could not.

On the next day of worship, I was conducting the Bible study and I saw this believer come and join the study. She rarely came because of job and time constraints, though her husband was a regular. As usual whenever I conduct the Bible study, I ask those attending a lot of Bible related questions, some of which are difficult. Some find it a bit tough.

As I kept asking questions, I looked at her and thought of asking her too, but suddenly the Holy Spirit reminded me of the dream and said, "Better not ask; don't shoot bullets at her before she becomes accustomed to the study."

I felt like laughing thinking of how easily the dream got interpreted when the Holy Spirit wanted me to know. Many dreams are difficult to interpret when seen, but God reveals secrets at his time. Whenever I find it difficult to interpret dreams, I just wait upon the Lord and he usually reveals interpretations at his time. Praise God.

179. MAMMOTHS

This dream was quite vivid and I found myself moving under sea waters. I was not using any under-water equipment or oxygen to breathe, just moving under water looking at the beautiful surroundings. There were a lot of fish, small and big swimming next to me and above. Some were quite big ones and I marveled at their sight. Some moved swiftly and some had a slow and sluggish pace. It was a great experience. Then a thought occurred to me; would there be other creatures too, there, in the depths of these great waters. As the thought was being processed by my mind, I saw a procession of huge mammoths moving like I was, but in the opposite direction. They had huge tusks and looked daunting. I felt a bit tense when I saw them, because they looked dangerous. The dream ended there.

As I meditated on the dream the next morning, the still small voice spoke to me regarding how the body of believers or the universal church is. The waters are the world that we live in, I am moving through the waters, living out my life as a believer; there are many fish (believers) surrounding me, big and small

ones (depicting spiritual maturity), some with strong spiritual lives, some weak (depicted by their being active or sluggish.) But there are also strange and dangerous mammoths who are not true believers, but the agents of the evil one. They move in the opposite direction, not as the believers, meaning their intent and end is a different one from that of the believers.

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 7:21)

180. FRUITFUL IN THE MIDST OF TRIALS

A sister in Christ with whom I used to worship had gone through very many trials in her life and had a great desire that God spoke to her personally and specifically.

Not knowing this, a couple of nights before a Friday worship, as I prayed at night, the Holy Spirit brought to my mind the face of this very sister and showed a large bowl full of ripe grapes and impressed upon my mind that she had a very fruitful life at present.

Again while in prayer that night, the Lord had shown me the name of a man and asked me to pray for him during the worship.

During the Friday worship, as I preached the Word of God, I looked at her and told her what the Lord had revealed to me. Also I called out the name of the man at the end of my sermon and prayed for him.

After the benediction, this sister came up to me and told me that she had been praying for many days that God spoke to her specifically. I was surprised when she told me that; but I was even more surprised when she said that the name of the man that I called out was her brother, who lived in another country. I told her that God loved her greatly and had a wonderful plan for her life though now she faced many trials.

I marveled at the love and compassion that God has for every child of his and how he answered a prayer that this sister prayed, giving her a double confirmation that it was indeed him speaking to her.

Yes, God loves each of his children with an everlasting love and responds to their cries and righteous desires in his own inimitable way. Praise God.

181. 2 DREAMS TO STRENGTHEN A FRIEND

I saw 2 dreams regarding a friend of mine. In the first dream, I was explaining to him how God showed Joseph (Old Testament) dreams which came in to fulfillment long after he had seen them and how he had to go through a lot of problems till the dreams found their fulfillment. In the second dream, as I stood with this friend in a city with skyscrapers, suddenly there was an earthquake and the buildings started swaying, my friend was terrified, but there were no casualties and everything returned to normalcy after a while and I tell him, "It was not that bad after all."

I did not fully understand the dreams when I saw them, but when I later shared it with my friend, he poured out his story of a long period of emotional trauma that he had gone through. Tears were flowing while he recounted family issues, having to deal with believers who acted good on the outside but were backstabbers and also how he suffered different illnesses and bodily weaknesses often. I listened to him while he shared his story and then said words to comfort him.

The dreams depicted how he had great hopes of a very successful life as a believer, but how his life was shaken up by attacks of the enemy with some from his own family and church hurting him. The fact that remained all through his ordeal was that God had sustained him and kept him going.

No doubt, like Joseph, he was suffering, but God had scripted a good end to his story and looking back at the grace that God had poured out in the midst of his trials which was like an earthquake that had left him terrified, he could say, "It was not that bad after all."

No, in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37-39)

182. TO COMPROMISE OR NOT

One night I dreamed regarding a friend of mine who is the head of a very big academic institution. He is also an evangelist and a Bible teacher. In the dream I saw him standing near a table and in his hands is a very huge sword which is shining brightly. As he is looking at it, suddenly a couple of guys come near him. They are dressed like thugs and have small knives in their hands. They invite my friend to go with them on an errand. My friend looks at the big sword in his hands and then wonders whether to go with them or not. The dream ended there.

When I spoke about this dream to my friend, he said there were a couple of people who had approached him regarding a matter concerning the institution that he was working in. He was not sure about their motives and so needed to be cautious when dealing with them.

In the dream my friend had a big shining sword in his hands which indicated him standing with the Word of God, which is also called "The sword of the Spirit". When approached by a couple of worldly characters, my friend is faced with the decision whether to go with them or not. He had a choice to make.

Sometimes in our day to day lives as believers in Jesus Christ, we are faced with choices to make. The question arises then whether we would compromise with the written Word of God. Choosing the wrong path may bring immediate benefits in our lives, but the question is whether it would please our Savior Jesus Christ. Choosing the right path may bring clashes with others and delays in things working out, but we would definitely have God's support because we stand for the truth, according to God's Word.

Often we compromise with the world telling ourselves that is OK. When we pray to God regarding the compromise, we even try to justify our wrong choice.

The Bible says that we must not live to please ourselves and that whatever we do, we must do for the glory of God. When we make the right choices, we will have the peace of God in our hearts and our hearts won't condemn us.

183. DOVES & SPARROWS

I saw this dream on the night before I was to preach in a church. The verse that the Lord had given me was this.... Joshua 10:14...

There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a human being. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel!

In the dream I saw many doves and sparrows caught in a hole and after I touch them, they are set free and fly away.

It was a simple dream to interpret. God was showing me that through the message that I preached the next day, many in the Church would receive deliverance and that is exactly what happened after I preached that the Lord would fight for his people. The message was based on how God fought for Joshua and the Israelites against many kings and also stopped the sun and moon in its daily course.

Many truly experienced healing and deliverance. While praying I said that the Lord was healing a person with pain in the lower back with tingling and numbness in both lower limbs. I also called out a couple of names of people that the Lord brought to my mind and prayed for them.

After the meeting was over, a woman testified that she had pain in her lower back and problems in both her lower limbs and she had received healing. One of the names that I called out was the name of the daughter of a woman in the congregation. She came and told me that it was her daughter's name that I had called out. Her daughter was in India and she was here, working in Qatar. I could then pray for her and her daughter. Many others in the congregation also found deliverance that evening and they testified later.

The dream had come to pass. What the Lord had shown came true. The doves and sparrows caught in the hole represented the believers in the congregation and their flying away after I (touched them) preached, signified them being set free from their problems. Praise God for his faithfulness.

184. ANOTHER HEALING

From June 2018, for 3 months I suffered from an irritating cough. The itchy sensation in my throat persisted throughout the day and whenever I woke up at night. Initially I used throat lozenges and took a course of antibiotics, but it did not have much effect. Anti-allergic tablets (antihistamines) made me drowsy, so I stopped them. Prayer was not a second option; I had been praying all along for a healing from the Lord Jesus Christ. I stopped taking cold liquids and fruits that could irritate and increase the problem, resorted to taking warm liquids and continued with cough lozenges. Since it did not give me relief, I took another course of antibiotics. Meanwhile I had to travel to many places and air travel and air conditioning increased the problem. Preaching worsened the cough on occasions and it was more difficult during those times. There wasn't much I could do but continue to pray and wait upon the Lord for a healing. Every day I confessed the promises of healing found in the Bible. The miracle happened after around 3 months; one day I woke up and found that the irritation in the throat had gone and there was no more cough.

Over the past many years, God has healed my sicknesses on so many occasions and I am grateful to him for that. What the Gospel writer Matthew says is true..."He himself took our infirmities, and bore our sicknesses."

When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken

by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. (Matthew 8:16, 17)

185. HERE A DREAM, THERE A DREAM

One night the Lord showed me a dream concerning a believer, who was a member in a congregation where I preached and taught the Word of God. I was giving her a big and beautiful cake with fruit toppings. That was all. I rarely had any interaction with this believer, perhaps had wished her with a "Praise the Lord" and received the same in return. I could not interpret the dream immediately, so waited for an opportune moment to speak to her to see what the Lord had in mind. Around 7-10 days later, I happened to meet her and told her that I had seen a dream about her. Immediately she said, "I too saw a dream about you. In the dream, I was handing over an infant in to your hands." When I heard that, I was even more perplexed.

I took some time talking to her to find out what the Lord's purpose was concerning these dreams. She was a middle aged woman who had been working in this gulf country for a few years. She came from a religious background where the Church that she went to, in her home country, was involved in idolatry and also prayed to many saints. Presently, she worshiped in the Church that I was ministering in, a Bible believing Church, worshiping in spirit and in truth.

As I kept talking, I realized that she still had spiritual ties to her old Church and believed in many of the practices there. Now understanding the dream, I knew Jesus wanted her to consecrate herself to him and worship the Trinity only. God was granting her the best (in the form of the beautiful cake in my dream-the Gospel with it's right doctrines), but she would have to give whatever she held on to (the infant in her dream- her immature knowledge of the Word).

I explained the dreams to her and prayed for her that the Holy Spirit of God may guide her in to all truth. I believe God will complete the work he has started in her and bring glory to his name. Praise the Lord.

Paul the Apostle writes to the church at Corinth about consecration or being set apart for God...

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. (2 Corinthians 6:16-18)

186. A SONG TO QUIETEN MY SOUL

Passing through difficult days with many heavy burdens on my soul, I shed a few tears lamenting that there was no one whom I could really call a friend and share my deepest thoughts. Not many believers and ministers really have the gift to listen and be there. Often there will be a quick piece of advice or a strategy to pray, perhaps rebuke the devil. Moreover ministers rarely find believers who can be there to listen to them, for they are already weighed down by many things and expect the ministers to help them out.

Away from family, sitting quietly in the stillness of the night with a over-burdened soul, I said in my heart, "If only there was someone who could understand and care..."

Of course, I knew that God cared, but these were moments where I felt he was God and me a mere mortal and in a world with billions of people, how could he possibly stand still and hear? I pondered over the problems that persisted despite praying for a couple of years and grieved.

A few tears flowed and then in the stillness of the night, the still small voice sang an old song to my soul, one that I had not sung in years. It was a Malayalam song, the lyrics of which went in this manner...Jesus is greater than all, a dear friend to my soul, even if a mother forgets, he will be a friend who never forgets me; even if everyone deserts me, Jesus will always be near me; every problem I face will fade away as I rest in his arms. The tears flowed even more as I listened, but these were tears that brought peace and rest to me. My burdens were lightened. Praise God.

Have you heard a song in your heart when you are distressed and burdened? Not a song which you have taken an effort to remember and bring to your mind, but one that you feel came out of nowhere? That one that came out of nowhere was the still small voice of God speaking to your heart. Remember, he loves you with an everlasting love because you are his child.

187. ARE NOT 2 SPARROWS SOLD FOR A PENNY?

This dream was a regarding a doctor friend of mine and his wife. I saw the dream a couple of days after I had a conversation with them. When we had the conversation, they were both happy and we talked about several matters. In the dream, they were looking downcast and I was praying for them earnestly. The next morning I wondered what it must be that was troubling them suddenly, but just prayed for them and went about my normal routines. Every day, as a part of exhorting believers, I send out an audio on Whatsapp and my doctor friend was also on the list. The audio message that I sent that day was about Jesus comforting his disciples by saying, ***"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. Even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. (Matthew 10:29-31)"***

After I sent the message, this doctor friend of mine replied saying that the message was just for him and his wife, because they, especially the wife was downcast that day regarding some matter. Since I had seen the dream about them, I called him up and inquired what the matter was. I told him of the dream that I had seen. The reason for her being sad and upset was that she was overlooked for a promotion in her job and her junior was given the opportunity. After listening to the audio, they had peace in their hearts now. God had comforted them.

God is concerned about every small need and desire of ours. There may be many reasons why we miss out on certain blessings, but that doesn't mean God has forsaken us. He is truly Immanuel, God with us. In our distresses, he is also distressed and this is evident in him making me pray for my friends who were upset regarding the job issue that they encountered.

Truly, God's children are worth than many sparrows in God's sight and he cares for them like no one else can. Praise God.

188. FALSE CHRIST

In this dream, I saw myself walking through a town where many people were going about doing their daily chores; my wife and children were with me and we were ambling along. Suddenly out of nowhere, a huge evil looking spiritual being which had a faint resemblance to Jesus appeared and immediately there was evil happening all around. People ran away with fear and my family was scattered too. I looked at this evil spirit that was the size of a 3 storied building and its presence itself was creating havoc. I rebuked it in the name of Jesus Christ and spoke the verses which declared the victory of Jesus Christ on the cross over Satan and all principalities and evil powers. After a while, the spiritual being faded and things quieted down.

Paul writing to the Ephesians speaks of principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places (Ephesians 6:12). Satan's kingdom has a hierarchy and there are evil spirits assigned to cities, states and countries. They have power to create havoc in a larger way than evil spirits assigned tasks to bring misery and downfall of individuals and houses.

However God has equipped believers in Jesus Christ to war with such evil powers and gain victory in the name of Jesus and with the power of the Holy Spirit.

The anointing of the Holy Spirit empowers believers to overcome satanic forces. But the question that believers must ask themselves is whether they are willing to use the spiritual power invested in them by Jesus (with faith) to war and overcome the enemy.

The main weapon that Paul the Apostle writes to the Ephesians in the spiritual armor to be worn by every believer is the "Sword of the Spirit" which is the Word of God. Spiritual warfare can only be waged effectively by having an in depth knowledge of God's Word. This weapon when used with faith and the anointing destroys the power of satanic forces as it happened towards the end of the dream.

(Of what I have learnt in my walk with God, false Christs are the evil powers that rule over nominal Christians and lands involved in idolatry and can do great great signs and miracles as Jesus says in Matthew 24:24- in reality they are evil and create havoc)

Here's Paul exhortation regarding spiritual warfare to all believers in Jesus Christ:

Therefore, put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having the utility belt of truth buckled around your waist, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having fitted your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; with all prayer and requests, praying at all times in the Spirit, and being watchful to this end in all perseverance and requests for all the saints. (Ephesians 6:13-18)

189. 10 DREAMS- A DIFFICULT NIGHT

God's ways are amazing and at the same time intriguing. There may be nights where I may not see any dream or just a single one, but there are other nights, where one prayer assignment follows another, with me waking up several times just to pray for an issue that I am shown and go back to sleep. One such night was the 29th of November 2018. One dream followed another and I had to wake up several times after I slept at around 11 pm. By 3 am because of the repeated waking up and praying, I was very tired. The next morning I had to go for a medical conference at 7 am and I also had to preach a sermon in Church in the afternoon. So I prayed to God to grant me a 2 hour peaceful sleep from 3-5 am and he gave me such a deep sleep that I was really fresh by the time I woke up at 5 am.

One of the dreams that I saw among others that night was of a lorry/truck that had overturned and many people were trapped under it. The lorry was carrying huge cement sacks and because it had overturned in a populated area, many were trapped and in distress. Rescue operations were going on and I stood at a distance watching and praying. This dream actually continued through the night, even when I was seeing other dreams. I do not know how to explain that, but it came on and off several times till God's purpose of saving people was done with. The next day I wondered where the calamity must have occurred or was to occur, but my assignment to pray and intercede had been done with and I praised God for saving many from death.

Amazing are the ways of God and I believe he uses his children all over the world to pray and intercede according to his guidance. We can also sing about his loving kindness as the Israelites sang in the wilderness- ***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; For his loving kindness endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods; For his loving kindness endures forever. (Psalm 136:1, 2)***

190. NOT MUCH OF A DREAM, YET SIGNIFICANT

One early morning, the Lord showed me the face of a friend in a dream and the word "Prayer" written next to it. The dream must have lasted for say 10 seconds as a whole, so I wondered what it really meant. Was I to pray for him, which I did on waking up or did it mean something else? When I happened to meet this friend during the weekend, I mentioned this while we talked about other things and I said, "I really don't know what this dream means, are you in need of prayer for anything specific?"

He smiled and said, "I understand what it means. I have not been praying much lately because I have been very busy at work and also because of certain troubling issues that have come up. It is God hinting me to spend more time in prayer, he wants me to pray properly."

It may sound very trivial, but God is interested in all aspects of our lives. When he sees a believer becoming sluggish in his/her prayer life or worship or meditation of the Word, he speaks, mostly through his still small voice. Sometimes believers ignore his voice and keep going their merry ways leading to more problems and also distancing themselves from God. They who once had an intimate relationship with God stray far away and are then prone to attacks from Satan. God keeps watch and warns us to be sober and to be vigilant.

Be sober and self-controlled. Be watchful. Your adversary the devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8)

Regarding some of the dreams I see...sometimes I may not understand what they mean, but I have experienced that if I tell the person concerned, they may immediately understand it and know what God is trying to convey. Praise God for his ways.

191. TAKING TOO MANY RISKS

I saw this dream concerning a friend of mine. I was with him in his house. He was walking about doing some work, but in between he was also doing something strange. There was a lampshade with no bulb in the bulb holder. In the dream, I knew that if he touched the bulb holder, he would get an electric shock because the switch was on and electricity was flowing in to it, but he seemed not to bother and often tried to touch it. As the dream ended, I was warning him repeatedly not to touch it.

I prayed for my friend the next morning that he may not go through any calamity and that he may be safe. I discerned from the dream that he was taking unwanted risks regarding certain matters, but did not know what until a few days later when I met him.

He had taken many loans from different banks and was now in a fix trying to pay back the money with interest. His calculations had backfired and this was affecting him badly. Too many risks financially, was what the dream indicated here; almost a shocking experience. I agreed to pray for him regularly till his problem was solved.

Sometimes believers take too many risks, some financially and some otherwise. Of course it's best to live without taking any loans, but sometimes we may need to. Wisdom and guidance from God is essential in this, for too many loans can make one land up in financial crises which can affect the spiritual life adversely.

For God gives wisdom. Out of his mouth comes knowledge and understanding. (Proverbs 2:6)

192. NO TIME TO SULK IN THESE "LAST DAYS"

It was one of those weeks where I was ill and having abdominal problems- indigestion, reflux and bloating. By Thursday, I was in bad shape by the time I finished work and was at home by 5 pm. There was an intercessory prayer in Church at 7.30 pm, but I was in no mood to go and I had a reason for God. I was unwell and anyone would understand. So I was on my couch, sulking, telling God, I needed a break. The next day was a worship day (Friday, in the gulf countries); I had a sermon to preach, conduct a Bible Study and there were a few new believers getting baptized (a rest was justified). I did not want to miss all that, though the baptisms and preaching would be done by the main pastor. As I rested, there was this song that came suddenly to me without me thinking of it. It was a Malayalam song which spoke about the Lord's coming and how very little time was left to do the Lord's work. I shut out the song from my mind and continued resting and slept for more than an hour, putting my mobile on silent mode.

When I woke up after a good rest and checked my Whatsapp messages, there was a video message from our pastor. It was a song sung by a young boy who was differently abled. The lyrics of the song spoke about how he still trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ despite his disabilities and his weaknesses. It spoke of how the potter had all rights over the clay to create what he desired and how he would still worship the Lord despite his developmental abnormalities. Tears flowed from my eyes and I felt ashamed of how easily I could justify resting, when compared to this boy, I was far healthier. I did not have to think twice then whether to go for the intercessory prayer. The Holy Spirit had dealt with me. The prayer was a blessing, though my abdomen was not well yet. That night as I slept, the Lord spoke to me in a dream and said that all things would go well the next day and so it was. Despite not recovering fully, I could conduct the Bible Study, water baptize 3 believers and preach a sermon. Our pastor and a few believers faithfully prayed for me and God upheld me by his righteous right hand. Praise God.

193. THE NARROW PATH

I saw this dream on the night of 9th February 2019. In the dream, I was exhorting a new believer on the narrow path that Jesus advises us to follow so that we may inherit eternal life. I saw myself standing in a narrow passage of one of the floors of a building. There was little room to maneuver. There were many bends in this path and I had to be careful while walking lest I trip and fall. Every now and then, the walk seemed to be more difficult. The new believer stood to one side watching me with concern and amazement. The dream ended there.

This dream was easy to interpret. It was a graphic description of what Jesus says in Matthew 7, verses 13 & 14.

"Enter in by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter in by it. How narrow is the gate, and restricted is the way that leads to life! Few are those who find it."

Restricted is the way.....(narrow is the way- KJV)

Though we as believers in Jesus Christ are called to look to the Author and Finisher of our faith Jesus Christ, new believers also look to them who have been believers and ministers for long to see how they walk their Christian faith. Sadly many are not good examples and this affects the spiritual growth of new believers.

This is what the writer of Hebrews says,

Remember your leaders, men who spoke to you the word of God, and considering the results of their conduct, imitate their faith. (Hebrews 13:7)

Also Paul, the Apostle writes to the Corinthian church,

Therefore I urge you, imitate me. (1 Corinthians 4:16)

Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

It is God's desire that those who are ministers and those who have been believers for long, that they be good examples to them who have recently accepted Jesus as Savior and Lord.

194. SHUNNED

I saw this dream regarding a worship leader in a Church. In the dream, as he walked in to the Church, many of the men sitting there made faces looking at him as if expressing their dislike or disgust. He quietly took his place and had a sad look on his face. The dream ended there. I happened to speak to this brother in Christ some time later sharing my dream and he told me that many in his Church had that kind of an attitude towards him. Perhaps it was because he differed in his opinions regarding various matters that were discussed among them, he added. I comforted him by telling him that the Lord knew everything about it and that things would change with prayer as the days went by.

This is something that many brothers and sisters in Christ experience in their Churches. They are ignored, shunned or overlooked by many who are prominent members or persons in the leadership.

In many Churches there are several factions or groups that ridicule other believers in the same congregation. Some honor believers who are rich overlooking or ignoring the poor.

Paul the Apostle writes to the believers in Corinth regarding factions..

Brothers, I couldn't speak to you as to spiritual, but as to fleshly, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk, not with meat; for you weren't yet ready. Indeed, not even now are you ready, for you are still fleshly. For insofar as there is jealousy, strife, and factions among you, aren't you fleshly, and don't you walk in the ways of men? For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," aren't you fleshly? Who then is Apollos, and who is Paul, but servants through whom you believed; and each as the Lord gave to him? I planted. Apollos watered. But God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. (1 Corinthians 3:1-7)

James, the Lord's brother writes,

My brothers, don't hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, [the Lord] of glory, with respect of persons. For if a man with a gold ring, in fine clothing, comes into your assembly, and there come in also a poor man in filthy clothing; and you pay special attention to him who wears the fine clothing, and say, "Sit here in a good place;" and you tell the poor man, "Stand there," or "Sit by my footstool;" haven't you shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? (James 2:1-4)

Here's an exhortation for all of us from the Apostle Paul,

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, outcry, and slander, be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God also in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:31, 32)

195. BOILS WITH PUS

I saw this dream regarding a believer in Christ who was known to me; in the dream, she was in a room, lying on a bed and as I went near her, I saw that she had many boils on her legs, most of them filled with pus. Seeing her in that state, I felt it would be good to relieve her of the pain by removing the pus from the boils, so I took some needles from a table lying nearby and approached her, but suddenly she panicked and ran away. The dream ended there.

When I thought about the dream the next day, I was reminded by God of a few verses from Isaiah Chapter 1. More than the physical ailment shown in the dream, it was the spiritual life of the believer that God was pointing to.

Ah, sinful nation, a people loaded with guilt, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the Lord; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him. Why should you be beaten anymore? Why do you persist in rebellion? Your whole head is injured, your whole heart afflicted. From the sole of your foot to the top of your head there is no soundness; only wounds and welts and open sores, not cleansed or bandaged or soothed with oil. (Isaiah 1:4-6)

Though most believers in Christ sin in one way or the other (thought, word or deed), when they are convicted in their hearts by the Holy Spirit, they seek forgiveness from God and are cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ, there are a few who live in sin and become hardhearted, though outwardly they may show others that they are true believers. Isaiah writes about such people, that, from the sole of their foot to the top of their head there is no soundness; only wounds and welts and open sores, not cleansed or bandaged or soothed with oil. They resist correction and live the life of prodigals.

Regarding such, Jesus said,

If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. (John 15:6)

196. THE EVIL ONE

As I watched, in this dream, I saw the evil one, dressed in finery, showing the riches of the world and glittering cities to a man who stood beside him, telling him that he owned all that. The man seemed to be impressed seeing all the riches and luxury. In just a few moments, the evil one changed his demeanor and toppled a huge dome like structure totally destroying it. I stood at a distance at the back and watched this silently, fear rising in me as I watched the sudden destruction.

God here was showing two main things Satan is doing in the world today. Luring men with riches and luxury and causing devastation as he pleased. The phrases that we hear so often in our times in advertisements are "the best", "the most luxurious", "priceless", "the richest" and so on and so forth.

Countries are trying to beat each other in being the best and because of this, there are wars and battles and destruction. At any given time there are more than 50 wars going on in our world. There's no real peace though there are innumerable summits and conferences on peace going on.

Regarding the devil, Jesus once said,

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy....I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

The full life or life in abundance that Jesus wants to give those who believe in him have few takers. Most are on the road to eternal judgment running after worldly riches indulging in the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh and pride of life, all orchestrated by the devil himself.

Jesus advises us,

Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. (Matthew 7:13, 14)

197. UNSPOKEN SMALLEST OF DESIRES

Last Sunday (17.03.2019), I was in our Church in Kerala, taking part in the service, worshipping along with my family and my brothers and sisters in Christ. The worship was being led by our Pastor and we were singing songs glorifying God for his goodness and mercies in our lives. After a couple of songs were sung, I felt a great desire in my heart to sing the well-known song, "Because he lives, I can face tomorrow", but since the worship was going on, I didn't want to interfere and thought that I would ask the Pastor to sing that song after my sermon.

The worship continued with the Pastor singing another song. It was an enriching experience and I could feel the presence of God in our midst. Finally when I thought that he would stop, he suddenly started singing the one song that my heart desired that day. I was pleasantly surprised and praised God when he sang "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, Because He lives, all fear is gone; Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living, Just because He lives!"

It was a wonderful experience as we all joined together in lifting our voices to heaven and thanked God for his faithfulness once again.

Coincidence is what some may say regarding this, but as a believer in Jesus Christ, I believe that God knows the smallest of our unspoken righteous desires and answers us in his inimitable way.

When Jesus walked the earth more than 2000 years back, as he interacted with people, he knew exactly what they were thinking in their minds regarding him. They did not have to tell him, he knew it. And he has not changed; the Bible says,

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

He knows every unspoken desire of yours too and he will answer at the right time. Praise God.

198. BAPTISM, A SECOND TIME?

This was an unusual dream. In the dream, I was standing ready to baptize a believer in water, but suddenly I realized that I had already baptized him a couple of years back. As we stood in the waters, I looked surprised and amused. The dream ended there.

As I pondered on the dream the next day, the Holy Spirit revealed a few truths to me. Some believers, though they are very enthusiastic at the time of water baptism, taking a decision to be set apart for Jesus Christ, sooner or later they drift away from the teachings about righteousness and live like unbelievers, indulging in worldly lusts and pursuits. It's like they were never baptized, meaning that they nullify the significance that water baptism has; water baptism which is a pledge of a clear conscience towards God, water baptism which signifies pursuing heavenly matters, water baptism which points to being buried with Jesus Christ into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, one may live a new life.

There is another category of Christians. As adults, they are baptized in water with their bodies but do not have any enlightenment regarding the same in their hearts and minds. Perhaps they did it because others pressurized them or they did it just because they saw others do it.

Whatever it be, here was a person whom I had baptized, now needing to renew his commitment to his Savior Jesus Christ. (Not that I would baptize him again, there's no Biblical precedent for that.) Are you also like him or are you standing firm in your dedication and devotion to Jesus Christ?

199. PEOPLE RETURNING KINDNESS ARE RARE

In this dream, I was seen standing in a house with a far relative of mine. He was with his mother with whom I exchanged pleasantries, but when I started speaking to him, he just ignored me and walked away. As he walked away, I knew in my heart that he did it because someone had influenced him wrongly in to thinking that I had done some wrong to another person who was bad mouthing me and my family. After he walked away, I saw myself standing alone (in the dream) thinking about the many times that I had helped their family as a doctor. Not only him, but his parents and brother had asked for my help regarding their ailments several times in the past. Free consultations because they were relatives. His mother had several times asked for prayer regarding their family matters too.

The truth is very few people remember the kindness that we show them. Be it unbelievers or believers, very few people really care. We may help them in many ways, but they may not remember it. The best then is not to expect anything in return, for doing so may bring many hurts.

Joseph, son of Jacob, while in prison (Old Testament- Book of Genesis, Chapter 40) helped the cup bearer of the king by interpreting his dream and asked him to put in a good word for him to the king after he was released from prison, but he forgot the matter altogether.

Jesus Christ our Savior, who is the author and finisher of our faith was insulted and rejected by his own, though all he did was good. Luke writes to Theophilus,

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

Let's look to him then, for he is there with us as our role model, brother and friend, promising never to leave us nor forsake us.

200. AN E-MAIL TO REV. DAVID WILKERSON

Going through some of the e-mails I sent to people of dreams that I had seen regarding them, I found this from the year 2010.

April 7, 2010 - 8:45pm

Dear Mr. Wilkerson,

Hope you are doing well by God's Grace.

Please do pray for your health. I saw 2 dreams of you coming down with a stroke.

God bless you and family.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Johnson Cherian

A reply that I received from

WORLD CHALLENGE, INC. David Wilkerson Ministries went like this....

Apr 9, 2010, 11:56 PM

Thank you for your e-mail; a copy will be sent on to Reverend

Wilkerson. We appreciate you letting us know. There will be special prayer against this.

May the Lord bless you,

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Compared to the great heights that the Rev. Wilkerson reached, in him serving the Almighty, I consider myself of not much importance, yet God has no favorites it would seem, as he revealed to me twice in a night, a sickness coming to his beloved servant who lived in the USA, thousands of miles away, just to pray and avert the ailment from happening.

Remember, as a child of God or as a servant of God, someone somewhere is praying for you even though you are unaware of it. God has his intercessors placed at strategic places all over the world. You are precious to God. You are not alone in this difficult trek towards the Heavenly Canaan. God is with you all the way. So....

Be strong and of good courage; don't be afraid, neither be dismayed: for Yahweh your God is with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

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David Ray Wilkerson (May 19, 1931 – April 27, 2011) was an American Christian evangelist, best known for his book *The Cross and the Switchblade*. He was the founder of the addiction recovery program Teen Challenge, and founding pastor of the non-denominational Times Square Church in New York City. (Wikipedia)

AFTERWORD

From the age of 28, I have been continually praying to God, to fill me with the Holy Spirit and God has been answering my prayers. As God poured out the Holy Spirit on his disciples at Pentecost, he has been doing the same on his people since then and I am a recipient too. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are being given to believers in Jesus Christ even today. There are many who speak against the gifts, saying they are no longer active and that the gifts ended with the time of the Apostles, but these are false reports. Every gift of the Holy Spirit is still active and those who believe and pray to God, experience and see the glory of God manifested in their lives and in the lives of others.

Now there are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are various kinds of service, and the same Lord. 6 There are various kinds of workings, but the same God, who works all things in all. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the profit of all. For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit; to another faith, by the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healings, by the same Spirit; and to another workings of miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another discerning of spirits; to another different kinds of languages; and to another the interpretation of languages. But the one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing to each one separately as he desires. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members don't have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another, having gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us: if prophecy, let's prophesy according to the proportion of our faith; or service, let's give ourselves to service; or he who teaches, to his teaching; or he who exhorts, to his exhorting; he who gives, let him do it with generosity; he who rules, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:4-8)

Paul, the Apostle, exhorted the Church in Corinth,

Follow after love and earnestly desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. (1 Corinthians 14:1)

For long, I desired to speak in tongues. But I had to wait for 3 years before I received this gift from the Lord. Some believers do not persist in asking God, seeking God and knocking at heaven's doors, so they don't receive the gifts. Others are taught wrongly that gifts have ceased, so they do n't even pray for them. As God kept filling me with the Holy Spirit, many other gifts started manifesting in my life. The plethora of dreams are because of the anointing from God.

Jesus said, ***"He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, from within him will flow rivers of living water." (John 7:38)***

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, keep praying to God to fill you with the Holy Spirit. The anointing of the Holy Spirit will help you in living a strong Christian life. With the filling of the Holy Spirit will also come the qualities, fruit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Anointing is not a one-time experience, so believers should regularly pray to God to fill them afresh.

There are people who misuse the gifts and cause confusion; there are false apostles and deceitful workers too, so every believer in Jesus Christ should pray for the gift of distinguishing between spirits or discernment.

Do not love the gifts. Love the one who gives the gifts and that is God Almighty. Get in to a Father-son or Father-daughter relationship with him. He desires to walk with you. Are you ready for a new relationship? Call out to him today. The great "I AM" still lives.

I believe this book will be an eye opener to some of you; to some, it will be a breath of fresh life from the Lord; to others it may be intriguing; to still others a path to get in to a new relationship with their Creator. Whatever it be, I would like to hear from you.

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Wishing you all the best of Godly blessings through Jesus Christ.

Dr. Johnson Cherian

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET ACCEPTED GOD'S GIFT OF SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

HERE'S THE TRUTH FOR YOU

Life After Death

Death of a loved one is always a traumatic experience for most people. Memories of the past keeps flashing through the minds of the ones left behind to mourn the departure of the family member or friend who goes away from this world never to return and interact with them as before. Some deaths bring more grief than others. Sudden death, dying young and death from unnatural causes are all more painful for those related and left to mourn.

There are varied opinions regarding what happens after death. Some say that there is nothing beyond death for the human body; that is, it disintegrates when burnt or is buried. Others say, the dead are born in to another life with another form depending on the works they did while living, good works meriting better life forms and poor works meriting lesser life forms. Still others say the dead join the universe. But only a person who has experienced death (not a near death experience) and then comes back to speak concretely about the life there is after death can be trusted and his or her word can be taken for true. There is only one such whose words have stood the test of time and that is Jesus Christ, the son of God Almighty. After his resurrection from the dead, he told his disciple John, ***"Don't be afraid. I am the first and the last, and the Living one. I was dead, and behold, I am alive forever and ever. Amen. I have the keys of Death and of Hades."*** (Revelation 1:17, 18)

The Bible speaks of 2 deaths. The first death and the second death. Every person born in to this world has experienced or will experience the first death. [The exceptions to this, according to the Bible are 2 persons, Enoch and Elijah who were taken in to God's presence without tasting death; also according to the Bible, at the second coming of Jesus Christ, born again Christians who are alive then and are living a holy life will also be miraculously caught up in to God's presence without undergoing a bodily death.]

Every person born on earth has a fleshly body, a spirit and a soul. At the first death, the fleshly body dies, but the spirit and soul live forever. Though we cannot see our spirit and soul, they exist and they live on after our bodily death on earth.

Dr. Clarence Larkin uses three circles (Rightly Dividing The Word, page 86). The outer circle stands for the body of man, the middle circle for the soul, and the inner for the spirit. Dr. Larkin writes,

"In the outer circle the 'Body' is shown as touching the Material world through the five senses of 'Sight,' 'Smell,' 'Hearing,' 'Taste' and 'Touch.'

The Gates to the 'Soul' are 'Imagination,' 'Conscience,' 'Memory,' 'Reason' and the 'Affections.' The "Spirit" receives impressions of outward and material things through the soul. The spiritual faculties of the 'Spirit' are 'Faith,' 'Hope,' 'Reverence,' 'Prayer' and 'Worship.'

Regarding the first death, the Bible says, ***"Inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once, and after this, judgement..." (Hebrews 9:27)***

If there is judgment after death, there has to be life after death.

Once Jesus gave an example of this to his disciples and followers. He told them, ***"Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, living in luxury every day. A certain beggar, named Lazarus, was taken to his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Yes, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The beggar died, and he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died, and was buried. In Hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far off, and Lazarus at his bosom. He cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue! For I am in anguish in this flame.'***

"But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you, in your lifetime, received your good things, and Lazarus, in the same way, bad things. But here he is now comforted, and you are in anguish. Besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, that those who want to pass from here to you are not able, and that no one may cross over from there to us.' "He said, 'I ask you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house; for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, so they won't also come into this place of torment.'
"But Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.'
"He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'
"He said to him, 'If they don't listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if one rises from the dead.' " (Luke 16:19-31)

Abraham's side here is Paradise. Before the resurrection of Jesus Christ, this was where the righteous (spirit and soul) went to after their bodily death on earth. No one could enter heaven before Jesus died and was resurrected. But after Jesus' resurrection, all the righteous in paradise were taken to heaven by Jesus. The unrighteous were judged with eternal punishment in hell as we see in the above instance.

According to the Bible, at present, only those who have accepted the sin atoning work of Jesus Christ on the cross and are living a life pleasing to God according to the Word of God, the Bible, will inherit heaven. Those who rebel against God Almighty and his provision of salvation

through Jesus Christ will be judged with eternal judgment of hell fire.

The second death is the Lake of Fire of which we read in the book of Revelation in the Bible.

I saw a great white throne, and him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. There was found no place for them. I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and they opened books. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works. The sea gave up the dead who were in it. Death and Hell gave up the dead who were in them. They were judged, each one according to his works. Death and Hell were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. If anyone was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:11-15)

Dear friend, if you think that your good works are going to be rewarded with eternal life in heaven, you are mistaken. If that was the case, how many of your good works and for what period of time would be enough to please God?

The Bible says,

You were made alive when you were dead in transgressions and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the children of disobedience. We also all once lived amongst them in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. But God, being rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved...for by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, that no one would boast. (Ephesians 2:1-5, 8, 9)

Good works that you do will be rewarded by God, not with eternal life, but with rewards. Eternal life in heaven cannot be earned. The Gospel is simple. Jesus Christ, the righteous son of God, paid the price for your sins and unrighteousness by being crucified on the cross by his enemies and believing in his death and resurrection and living a life consecrated to him in obedience to the Word of God, the Bible is the path to eternal life.

Death will come when your time on earth is over. You can be sure of living eternally with God in heaven after that by believing in the words of Jesus Christ. He says,

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will still live, even if he dies." (John 11:25)

If you are not yet a part of the kingdom of heaven and not sure that you will inherit eternal life after your time on earth is over, but desire the same, you can pray this prayer....

Dear Father in Heaven,

I confess that I am a sinner and I know that I will perish in my sins if I do not accept your provision of salvation through Jesus Christ. I acknowledge that none of my good works can make me inherit eternal life. Forgive me all my sins and unrighteousness and cleanse me with the blood of Jesus Christ. I believe in my heart and confess with my mouth that Jesus is your son and He died on the cross at Calvary for my sins and that He was resurrected and ascended to heaven and sits at your right hand with all authority given to Him by you. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and let Him guide me through your Word to live a life, holy and pleasing to you.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

The triune God [God the Father, God the Son (Jesus) and The Holy Spirit] loves you. After you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, you must read the Word of God-The Bible and meditate on it. You must obey the apostolic doctrines that are mentioned in the New Testament of the Bible and live according to them. The Bible says you must be born again with water (the Word of God) and Spirit (the Holy Spirit of God) to enter the kingdom of God. You must take baptism in water by immersion after accepting Jesus as your Savior. By this you are fulfilling all righteousness, you are obeying Gods Word, you are publicly witnessing your faith in Jesus Christ and you are identifying yourself with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

To live a strong Christian life, you need the help of the Holy Spirit of God. Pray to God Almighty every day to fill you with His Holy Spirit; he is the Spirit of power, love and a sound mind. You must separate yourselves from idol worshippers and worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth. Regularly partake of the Holy Communion to proclaim the Lord's death till He comes again.

Jesus Christ says,

"Be faithful to death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10)

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